

# Rose CLIPPINGS

Summer 2011

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*The Village of La Grange Park*

## President's Corner

Summertime is here. This time of year offers much for our residents – the Farmer's Market on Tuesdays, Music Under the Stars on Wednesday evenings at Memorial Park, as well as our Community Park District's second annual Jazz and Blues Festival on September 10th in Memorial Park. It is sure to be a fun filled summer for families.

On April 26, 2011, the Village Board approved the annual operating budget for the Village's fiscal year that began on May 1, 2011. As stewards of your public funds, the Board is cognizant of providing value for each dollar that is spent. As is the case for many municipalities, revenues for last fiscal year continued to decline and as a result, the 2011-12 Budget continues to focus on "core" services and activities. This means that the Village aligns those services that citizens expect with what we can afford as we continue to keep our community safe and maintain our Village's infrastructure. Total revenues in all funds are projected to be \$12,389,640 and total expenditures are projected to be \$12,843,179. Total expenditures in all funds are budgeted to increase approximately 24.2% due primarily to the addition of several capital projects.

Below you will find some highlights from the Village's budget. As the fiscal year progresses, the Village will remain vigilant and flexible to respond to circumstances beyond the Village's control. These circumstances could include continued weakness in the general economy and/or impacts from the State of Illinois as it works to address its financial issues.

### REVENUES

**General Revenues** – Revenues in the General Fund are expected to be slightly less than last year's budgeted revenues. The Village anticipates property tax revenue of \$3,100,000 in 11-12, an increase over what was received last year. The Village budget also anticipates that sales tax, state income tax, and revenues from permits will increase slightly. Revenues derived from telecommunications are expected to increase while utility taxes are expected to decline from the previous year.

**Water and Sewer Charges** – Water sales revenues are anticipated to remain constant in 11-12 and no rate increases are being considered at this time.

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

As residents may recall, last year's budget did not include any significant capital projects. This was done in order to better position the Village financially to ensure its ability to pay for future work that can no longer be postponed.

This year there are several capital projects in the works. The Village plans to resurface two blocks of Beach

Avenue from 31st Street south to Jackson. The Village received grant funding in the amount of \$192,000 to complete street paving for both Blanchan and Morgan from 31st Street to 30th. The Village has budgeted \$250,000 for sewer lining to extend the life of our existing sewer infrastructure, a proactive effort that can save substantial dollars in potential sewer replacement as a result of line failure. The Village has plans to replace the emergency generator at Village Hall, where the Village will receive \$150,000 in grant dollars toward the \$200,000 total price tag. Finally, the Village Budget includes work to be completed at the Public Works facility at Barnsdale Road. The facility is long overdue for certain structural and infrastructure improvements. While the project is budgeted, it is highly unlikely that any construction will take place this fiscal year. The Public Works facility budget includes \$450,000 in cumulative reserve, \$195,000 in the Water and Sewer Funds and state grant revenue in the amount of \$600,000. If the grant revenue does not materialize, the Village will not be in a financial position to move forward with partial reconstruction and will have to consider other options to address the structural deficiencies of the facility. The Village will be diligent in its evaluation of the enormity of the needs against any available federal or state grants in considering what improvements will be made.

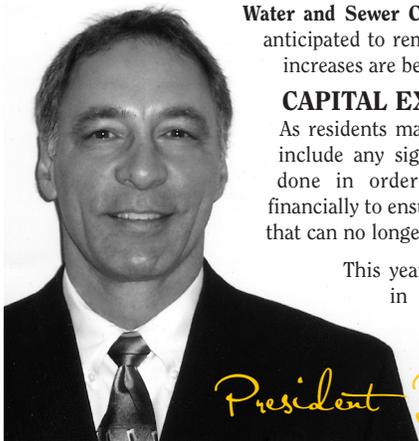
### Miscellaneous Programs and Services

During last year's budget process, the Village took a close look at a number of programs and made some tough budgetary cuts, which included the elimination of the Fall Festival, Rose Show, the Adopt-A-Cop Summer Camp, and National Night Out. The Village did not reintroduce these programs into the budget this year. This decision allows the Village to keep operating costs as low as possible as we navigate through the impacts of the recession.

### Looking Forward

On September 15th I look forward to the Village's second annual State of the Village Address. It is important that our community is involved in its government - and in light of the current financial climate, it is imperative that residents know what we were faced with as a Board. I welcome residents, local businesses and community partners to attend. The address will highlight some of the accomplishments we have made this year with regard to effective community responsiveness, the implementation of a new Zoning Code, improvements in Village Communications, the hard work of the Engineering and Capital Projects Committee in looking at flood mitigation options, and the fresh ideas resulting from the Commercial Revitalization Committee in retaining and attracting businesses while encouraging residents to shop locally whenever possible.

I would like to thank everyone on our staff as well the elected and appointed officials who work diligently in serving our community. We are blessed to have such caring professionals who ensure that our quality of life in La Grange Park continues to be the best ever. Thank you for putting your trust in me and the Board. Have a great summer, and again, I am always available to you.



*President James J. Discipio*



## Resident's Guide to Flooding Conditions

Large storms can at times create flooding concerns in portions of our Village. Although various projects have been undertaken by the Village over the years to reduce the impact of heavy rains, resident concerns over damage from the 2010 heavy rain storm have prompted Village officials and staff to take additional action. The Village's Engineering & Capital Projects Committee has been tasked with investigating various options to further improve how our Village infrastructure handles sewage and storm water flows. The Committee is made up of Village Trustees, and has been meeting regularly, supported by Village staff and engineers. One immediate result of these meetings is the development of a Resident's Guide to Flooding Conditions. The purpose of the Guide is to have information made available for residents on how to reduce and limit property damage in the event of flooding conditions.

### ***Know Your Flood Terms***

**Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

**Flash Flood Watch:** Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

**Flood Warning:** Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

**Flash Flood Warning:** A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground on foot immediately.

### ***Before a Flood – Safeguard Your Possessions***

Create a personal "flood file" containing information about all your possessions and keep it in a secure place, such as a safe deposit box or waterproof container. This file should have the following items:

- A copy of your insurance policies with your agent's contact information.
- Conduct a household inventory. For insurance purposes, be sure to keep a written and a visual (i.e. videotaped or photographed) record of all major household items and valuables, even those stored in basements, attics or garages. Create files that include serial numbers and store receipts for major appliances and electronics. Have jewelry and artwork appraised. These documents are critically important when filing insurance claims. For more information visit [www.knowyourstuff.org](http://www.knowyourstuff.org).
- Copies of all other critical documents, including finance records or receipts of major purchases.

### ***Prepare Your House***

- First make sure your sump pump is working and then install a battery-operated backup, in case of a power failure. Installing a water alarm will also let you know if water is accumulating in your basement.
- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts.
- Raise your electrical components (switches, sockets, circuit breakers, and wiring) at least 12 inches above your home's projected flood elevation.
- Place the furnace, water heater, washer, and dryer on cement blocks at least 12 inches above the projected flood elevation. Move furniture, valuables, and important documents to a safe place.
- Install "check valves" in sewer traps to prevent floodwater from backing up into the drains of your home
- Seal the walls in your basement with waterproofing compounds to avoid seepage

### ***Develop a Family Emergency Plan***

- Create a safety kit with drinking water, canned food, first aid, blankets, a radio, and a flashlight.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by the phone and teach family to dial 911.
- Plan and practice a flood evacuation route with your family. Know safe routes from home, work, and school that are on higher ground.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to be your emergency family contact.
- Have a plan to protect your pets.

### ***During a Flood***

- Listen to a battery operated radio or tv for information
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.
- If water rises in your home before you evacuate, go to the top floor, attic, or roof. Take warm clothes, a flashlight and portable radio with you. Wait for help. Don't try to swim to safety.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels, canyons, and other areas known to flood suddenly. Flash floods can occur in these areas with or without such typical warnings as rain clouds or heavy rain.
- If you come in contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and disinfected water.

### ***If you must prepare to evacuate, you should do the following:***

- Secure your home and move essential items to an upper floor. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

### ***If you have to leave your home, remember these evacuation tips:***

- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Do not drive into flooded areas. Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling. A foot of water will float many vehicles and two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pick-ups.
- If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be quickly swept away.

## After a Flood

- If your home has suffered damage, call your insurance agent to file a claim.
- Check for structural damage before re-entering your home to avoid being trapped in a building collapse.
- Take photos of any floodwater in your home and save any damaged personal property.
- Make a list of damaged or lost items and include their purchase date and value with receipts, and place with the inventory you took prior to the flood. Some damaged items may require disposal, so keep photographs of these items.
- Keep power off until an electrician has inspected your system for safety.
- Boil water for drinking and food preparation until authorities tell you that your water supply is safe – listen for news reports to learn whether the community's water supply is safe to drink.
- Prevent mold by removing wet contents immediately.
- Wear gloves and boots to clean and disinfect. Wet items should be cleaned with a pine-oil cleanser and bleach, completely dried, and monitored for several days for any fungal growth and odors.
- In major floods, avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline, or raw sewage. Water may also be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Avoid moving water. Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Stay away from downed power lines, and report them to the power company.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Use extreme caution when entering buildings; there may be hidden damage, particularly in foundations.
- Service damaged septic tanks, cesspools, pits, and leaching systems as soon as possible. Damaged sewage systems are serious health hazards.

## Important Flood Contacts

Situation	Who to Call:
To report a flood emergency (vehicles stranded or public safety concern)	Call 9-1-1
To report a downed power line:	Call 9-1-1
To report street flooding:	Call Police Non-emergency: 708-352-2151
For a well-being check about a neighbor or resident:	Call Police Non-emergency: 708-352-2151
To report an electrical outage:	Call ComEd: 800-334-7661
To report telephone outage:	Call AT&T 800-244-4444 or your provider
To request a special pick-up, as a result of property or flood damage. In emergency flooding situations, the Village may arrange a special pick-up with the waste hauler; call Village Hall for more information.	Call Allied Waste: 708-345-7050  708-354-0225
Not sure who to call?	Call Police Non-emergency: 708-352-2151 or Village Hall at 708-354-0225

# Arbor Day

The 2011 Arbor Day Ceremony was held on Friday, April 29th at the northwest corner of 31st and Beach Avenue. The Village honored resident and business owner Roberta "Bobbi" Meyer for her untiring dedication to her nonprofit animal shelter, CatNap from the Heart. A Chanticleer Pear tree was planted in her honor on the northeast corner of 31st and Beach. Bobbi took over the animal shelter in 1997 and has turned the operation into a well known facility in the area for the adoption of cats, kittens, small mammals and birds. The shelter has grown and has been taking in and adopting out over 1,400 animals a year. She is also instrumental in training young volunteers from our community, many of whom have gone on to work in the animal field due to her guidance. She does it all for "free" taking no compensation from the shelter. Her passion is unsurpassed! Friends, family and members of the public attended the ceremony. In the coming weeks, an honorary plaque will be placed next to the pear tree commemorating Bobbi's contributions to the Village of La Grange Park.



## I Think I Shall Never See A Poem As Lovely As A Tree....

*Poem by Joyce Kilmer, 1886-1918*

**La Grange Park named Tree City USA for 24 consecutive years!**

You may recall reading about The Parkway Tree Planting Program in the 2010 Summer edition of Rose Clippings. This is a program where residents call Public Works if they want to buy a tree. Director Julius Hansen will discuss the species and the size required and he will meet with residents on-site if necessary. Once a tree is agreed upon, Director Hansen calls the nursery and gets the price which he then conveys to the resident. If the resident is in agreement they will give a check to the Village. Public Works then picks up the tree and plants it for the resident. Public Works will only plant in April or May and then again in September or October.

Every season Public Works takes orders and delivers free mulch to Village residents. This has become a very popular free program. There have been 236 loads delivered to residents equaling 633 cubic yards of mulch! Call 708-352-2922 for more information.

New in 2011 has been the Free Compost. This has also been a very successful program and Public Works is completely out of compost at this time. Not certain if there will be more during this season. Call Public Works to check for availability.



## Drive Now. Text Later... You Can't Do Both.

That's why the Illinois Tollway, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, Illinois Secretary of State and AAA Chicago are urging drivers to "Drive Now. Text Later." The statewide campaign is raising awareness of the dangers of texting while driving in an effort to reduce the number of cell phone-related accidents on Illinois roadways.

The vast majority of Consumer Reports' survey respondents – 90 percent – believe texting while driving is very dangerous. About half considered using a hand-held phone very dangerous. But while 60 percent said they are very concerned about distracted driving, almost a quarter of all respondents reported that it hasn't led them to reduce or stop such behavior.

In Illinois, preliminary 2010 data indicate that cell phone distractions, including texting, were the primary or secondary cause of more than 1,100 crashes

Nationally, nearly 5,500 people died in 2009 in distracted driving-related crashes and nearly half a million people were injured. An estimated 28 percent of all traffic crashes — about 1.6 million a year — are linked to motorists texting or talking on cell phones.

Unfortunately, texting while driving is a problem that isn't going away anytime soon, so getting others on board will make the roads safer for all of us. Please visit [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) to learn more about our campaign and how to avoid distracted driving.

**And, Drive Now. Text Later. You can't do both.**



## La Grange Park Police Needs Your Help!

The La Grange Park Police Department is attempting to put together a photo gallery of former Village Chiefs of Police. We are missing a number of photographs, and have one photo that we are unable to identify.

We are asking current and former residents help in this endeavor. If you have or know someone who might have old photos or think you know the identity of our mystery Chief, please contact Allyson Rackow at the police department (708-352-7711 ext. 203 or [arackow@lagrangepark.org](mailto:arackow@lagrangepark.org)). The unidentified photo and a list of missing photos follow:

*Thanks in advance for any help you can offer.*



### Unidentified:

This may be, based on the uniform & photo appearance, P.L. Hooker (21), James L. Henry (27), or E.L. McConaughy (31)

### Missing Photos:

Charles Smith – 1892  
T.W. Hoover – 1894  
Edward Colwell – 1897  
A.C. Wallen – 1898  
James Crawley – 1902  
H.C. Weseman – 1903  
Fred Meyer – 1907

Presley L. Hooker – 1915  
I.H. Gunkelman – 1916  
F.D. Troup – 1918  
C.E. Rolf – 1919  
P.L. Hooker – 1921  
James L. Henry – 1927  
Edward L. McConaughy – 1931  
Norman A. Korfist - 1953

## Acceptable Recycling Items

Now that many residents have taken advantage of the new Twin Toter program offered through Allied Waste, it might be a good time for a refresher about just what can be recycled. Suddenly you find yourself with a whole lot of additional room for recycling!

### Recycling Collection Guidelines

#### General Provisions

- There is no limit to the number of recycling containers you set out
- Stickers are not required
- Write your address on your container

#### Preparation of Materials

- Everything should be rinsed free of food w/caps removed
- Paper items should be separated from non-paper items
- Non-paper material may be mixed together
- Do not place recyclables in plastic grocery bags
- Flatten/cut/fold all corrugated boxes

Visit [www.republicil.com/LP](http://www.republicil.com/LP) to sign up for the Twin Toter program.

### Paper Materials

Newspaper  
Magazines  
Cardboard

### Non-Paper Materials

**Plastic**  
Plastic beverage containers  
Plastic plates/cups/utensils  
Plastic flower pots  
Laundry detergent  
Margarine tubs  
Shampoo & other personal care  
Health & beauty aid bottles  
Misc. dairy product containers  
Misc. condiment bottles

### Milk Cartons & Drink Boxes

Gable top milk & juice cartons  
Juice boxes

### Glass Containers

Bottles & jars only

### Metal Containers

Aluminum/Tin cans & foil  
Aluminum baking trays/pie tins  
Empty paint cans, lids off, must be scraped clean

### No Nos

No film plastic, plastic wrap or plastic bags  
No packing peanuts  
No motor oil, anti-freeze, pool chemicals, or other hazardous waste containers  
No plastic paint cans or buckets  
No gasoline cans  
No hazardous chemical cans  
No mirrors, ceramics or window glass accepted



# Village Market

Did you know that the Village Market was one of the very first shopping malls built in the United States? With an eye to the community around it, the Village Market has many architectural drawings on the table to update the mall's appearance. Nothing radical, just things that will refresh its street appeal. Watch for the changes as they evolve! A few of the simpler projects have already been completed. For one, the islands in the parking lots are now bursting with greenery. You may have also noticed the bold flowers on banners decorating the light posts in the mall. Their message is to build awareness of the "green" aspect of working, meeting and shopping in your own neighborhood. Two of the empty retail spaces also have colorful banners displaying similar messages. These banners include a directory of the many businesses, who are current tenants in the complex.

This summer, the market is overhauling the HVAC system to insure that tenants and customers are comfortable summer and winter. It is a big project – because it is a big complex. Did you know that The Village Market includes the Jewel store, Fifth Third Bank, Phillips Flowers and the currently available restaurant space on La Grange Road? In total, there are 36 businesses who call the Village Market home and there is space for more.

The Village Market wants residents to be aware of its newest tenants. They include: D'Dami Salon; since opening in February they have grown from 7 to 11 stylists. Dr. Joseph Hura brings the total health care businesses to 14, including Loyola Medical Center. The Village Potters offers classes and sales of handcrafted pottery (look for their beautiful display in the 335 North entrance). And, last but not least, we will have a new Family Video moving into the recently vacated Blockbuster store. We welcome them all! (*Contributing - Ann Wiegand-Kamal*).

## Welcome Family Video!



The Village extends a warm welcome to Family Video at the Village Market. Residents are encouraged to support the new addition by shopping local AND renting local with an anticipated store opening set for August 26th. Family Video brings to La Grange Park the following community involvement with their video and game rental business: free kids movies, free fitness and education movies, and free rentals for students with A's on their final report cards in the community. The store will offer thousands of movies that rent 2 for \$1.00 for five nights. Unlike their competitors, all New Releases are available day one!



# Farmer's Market New Location

The Farmer's Market sponsored by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has moved to a new location! It is in the parking lot of Mattone Restaurant located at 9 E. 31st Street, La Grange Park. The Market will take place every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., from May 24th through October 25th.

*Come out and show your support!*

# Reasons to Shop Local

## Shop in La Grange Park!

- 1. Builds A Strong Local Economy** – Local businesses employ a wide array of supporting services. They hire architects, designers, cabinet shops, sign makers and contractors for construction. Opportunities grow for local accountants, insurance brokers, computer consultants, attorneys, advertising agencies and others to help run it. Local retailers and distributors also carry a higher percentage of locally-made goods than the chains, creating more jobs for local producers.
- 2. Ensuring Choice and Diversity** – Retailers sift through competing goods and services to find those that appeal to their customers. Even though a single local shop may have a smaller selection than a big chain outlet, a multiplicity of independent retailers creates great diversity.
- 3. Maintaining Community Character** – When asked to name a favorite restaurant, cafe, or shop, we almost always cite a unique local business. We embrace the idea of distinctive businesses with local character, but often forget their survival depends on our patronage.
- 4. Community Partnership** – Local owners with much of their life savings invested in their businesses have a natural interest in the long-term health of the community. Community-based businesses are essential to charitable endeavors, frequently serving on local boards, and supporting a variety of causes.
- 5. Bringing Dollars Back to the Community** – According to Civic Economics, \$68 of every \$100 spent at a locally-owned business stays in the local economy. Further, La Grange Park has a 1% Sales Tax rate, so every purchase made in La Grange Park helps support services for La Grange Park residents, businesses and organizations. And remember...shopping local is environmentally friendly, too – it creates less traffic and pollution.

# Cool Village Commission

The group, which began its work in 2010, has already made headway! In 2010, the CVC hosted the Village's first ever electronics recycling event. Over 400 cars passed through and the Village collected over 42 thousand pounds of electronics. The CVC will host a second event on Saturday, October 15th. In April of this year, the CVC partnered with the Police Department to participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Drug Take Back Day at Village Hall. The Police Dept. provided intake services for 4.5 hours and collected five (5) large boxes of prescription drugs. The CVC provided residents with educational materials on the benefits of keeping prescription drugs out of the water stream. Also provided were educational materials on the availability of purchasing green electricity through green power suppliers. Finally, at the 2011 La Grange Park Business Association Bike Fest, the CVC provided onsite demonstrations for composting, rain barrels, and provided residents with a map of bike racks throughout the Village to encourage the alternative means for local transportation.

The Cool Village Commissions meets monthly at Village Hall. Upcoming Meetings are July 18th and August 22nd at 7:00m p.m. and are open to the public.

## Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of March, April and May:

- Ordinance Approving Extending IPBC Participation for Three (3) Additional Years
- Resolution Approving Contract for Residential Collection and Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste
- Approve the Purchase of Five (5) Digital In-Car Video Recording Systems from AMR Digital Corporation of Woodridge in the amount of \$27,225.00 (covered by the Community-Oriented Police Service Grant)
- Ordinance Approving Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property of the Village of La Grange Park
- Resolution Approving Proposal for Paramedic/Firefighter Services for 2011 through 2014 as Submitted by Public Safety Services, Inc. (PSSI)
- Granted Temporary Use Permit to Jewel (portable greenhouse)
- Approval of Engineering Work for Sewer Line
- Authorized Village Manager to Execute a Contract for Services with Cagwood Consulting
- Resolution Approving FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget Amendments
- Approval of Five Year Plan FY 2011/12 – 2015/16
- Resolution Approving FY 2011-2012 COLA and Pay Plan
- Resolution Approving FY 2011-2012 Operating Budget
- Ordinance Granting a Variation at 1633 Robinhood (Public Hearing No. 2011-01)
- Proclamation – Arbor Day 2011
- Resolution Opposing Reduction of State Collected Revenues Due Municipalities
- IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code
- Authorize the Village President to Execute a Separate "Construction Engineering Services Agreement" for the amount of \$92,000 for the 2011 Beach Avenue Paving Project
- Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of one GMC 3500HD Regular Cab & Chassis as specified from Coffman Truck Sales Inc. for a total amount of \$31,610.71
- Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of La Grange Park
- Approval of IDOT Obligation Retirement Resolution (MFT)
- Resolution Approving Amending Pay Plan and Schedule of Authorized Positions for FY 2011-2012
- Proclamation – Building Safety Month
- Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

## Community Park District of La Grange Park

For more information about Park District programs, please call the Community Park District directly at 708-354-4580.

### Music Under the Stars

Wednesday Evenings 7:30-9:00pm

Memorial Park

July 6 – Guittarra Azul (Rumba, Latin)

July 13 – Who Has Talent?  
(Local Artist – Talent Finalists)

July 20 – Rick Lindy & The Wild Ones  
(60's & 70's Rock)

July 27 – Pamela Rose/City Country  
(Contemporary Country Classics)

August 3rd – Mr. Blotto (Variety Band)

August 10th – Lisa Rene (80's rock)

August 17th – Od Tapo Imi (Caribbean/Beach Party)

### We would like to thank all of our 2011 sponsors:

- First National Bank of Brookfield
- La Grange Park Business Association
- Paul's Pizza & Hot Dogs
- Hitzeman Funeral Home
- MB Financial Bank La Grange Park
- Windy City Hot Dogs

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### 2nd Annual Jazz and Blues Festival

September 10th, 2011. 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Memorial Park

Featuring Harry Garner Band and Breeze

– other artists to be announced.

UPCOMING EVENTS



# We're Looking for Good Neighbors!

The Good Neighbor Corner is a regular newsletter feature highlighting the *good* news in our community. In order to praise the efforts of local residents, organizations and businesses, *we need your help!* We're looking for those friendly folks, good deeds, and special neighborly touches that make living in La Grange Park special.

If you know a Good Neighbor, fill out the form below and send it to Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine. Help us share the efforts of good neighbors with the entire community.

## Good Neighbor Excerpts:

### Nominating: Tom & Mary Ellen Nehmzow

There are few things better than coming home from work knowing you need to shovel your drive-way and walks, then finding they have already been snow-blown. Or, you've been on vacation for a week and you come home to a nicely cut lawn. From Tom sharing his wisdom about getting rid of grubs and carpenter bees, to Mary Ellen showing the kids (and letting them) water the flowers. Tim and Mary Ellen have exemplified they are truly the best neighbors anyone could have. And a great big thanks for welcoming Lisa and three rowdy boys into your home for an hour or longer the time they got locked out of our house. We are a very fortunate family to be living right next to Tom and Mary Ellen.

– Jeffrey "JJ" Pleviak

when they see me pull up. I have yet in my many years encountered such a charitable & loving family & I feel very blessed that they moved next door to me. I love all of them & I am very grateful for all the extra things they do for me. Especially this winter after the storm. They shoveled my walk & 3-5 feet of drifts. – Elizabeth Wilk

### Nominating: Tom Chyna

Our neighbor, Tom, is always helping us in different ways, from plowing our snow, to helping lay our ceramic tile floor, to mention a couple. Well, this past winter, our furnace started acting up and, again, Tom to the rescue. When we were attempting to install a new part after work one evening, we were having trouble and might not have had heat that night. At 9:30 p.m., we called Tom once again. He looked at the problem, and it was nothing we could resolve that night. He offered to take time out of his schedule the next day and get another part we needed. When I got home from work the part was in a bag, hanging on our door. We were able to install the part and get our heat on. Thank you for going out of your way once again, Tom. You're always there when we need you! – Jim & Kathe Heetel

### Nominating: Sam and Jill Cuba and Family

Sam, Jill & family are the best neighbors I have EVER had. They shovel my driveway & walk during the winter. They rake my leaves in the fall. Jill puts her extra seed on my lawn when she is doing her own. They share their dinners with me on occasion. The kids help me unload my car & carry heavy objects like cases of water & pop

## Good Neighbor Nomination Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the name and address of the person/group you are nominating:

Why are they a Good Neighbor to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESIDENT FEEDBACK**

Please use this section to give us your comments, suggestions, questions, problems or compliments. If you have something on your mind . . . let us know! Just jot it down and send it to us.

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**VILLAGE HALL**

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**LOST & FOUND**

From time to time the Village of La Grange Park maintains a gathering of lost and found items. To reclaim any items left behind at Village Hall, call 708-354-0225, ext. 102.

**VILLAGE HOLIDAYS**

Just a reminder that Village offices will be closed for the following holiday:

**Monday, September 5 – Labor Day**