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Fall 2018

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*The Village of La Grange Park*

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## President's Corner

As the weather grows cooler and residents begin to gear up for the holiday season, it is time for the Village to begin planning for 2019.

Road construction has been on the mind of the Village and our residents for a number of years. Thanks to the successful referendum passed in 2016, over three million dollars of roadwork was completed again this summer. The Village also received two federal grants to assist with the paving of Harding Avenue and Sherwood Road. Due to these grants and construction costs coming in lower than anticipated, the Village completed all three years of planned road improvements for \$8.5 million, leaving an additional \$1.5 million available for a fourth year of paving. This will allow the Village to pave an additional 12-15 blocks not previously anticipated to be paved under the referendum. In total, approximately 10 miles of Village roadways will be repaved as a part of the road program.



The Village Board is continuing to expand our economic development efforts and has been working to identify potential improvements in our TIF and BDD Districts. The Commercial Revitalization Committee has been meeting regularly in each of the districts to identify potential streetscaping improvements that will improve area aesthetics, enhance pedestrian connectivity, usability and generally make our commercial areas more inviting and more enjoyable for residents and shoppers. The Village Board is also considering working

with our consultant, S.B. Freidman Development Partners, to undertake a market analysis for the Village Market. The market analysis would assist the Village in better understanding the potential for long-term redevelopment of Village Market and is the first step in creating a vision for the future of the shopping center. Stay tuned for more information on this process.

I invite you to join me and the Board of Trustees on November 1st for the annual State of the Village Address. I'll have the pleasure of presenting the Address alongside of each of our Village's Department Heads, the Community Park District and the Library District. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about what the Village and our community partners have accomplished over the past year and what is on the horizon. Following the State of the Village Address, Village staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

As you spend time this fall reflecting on all that you are thankful for and preparing for gatherings with family and friends, don't forget about the many community events that help us celebrate the season. Take advantage of the annual Community Clean-Up Day to help you get your home in order and ready for guests. Get extra use out of those Halloween costumes by participating in the La Grange Park Chamber Haunted Trolley Trick-or-Treat event and the Halloween Costume Party at the Community Park District Recreation Center. This December, join us for some hot chocolate and holiday caroling at the Village Tree Lighting ceremony or bring the entire family along to see Santa and enjoy holiday music and activities at the annual Holiday in the Park event. See inside for more details on each of these free, family-friendly events.

I hope to see you all out and about at various events this fall. Have a prosperous and joyous holiday season and, as always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

*President James F. Discipio*



## Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC)

The Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC) has been providing 9-1-1 dispatch services for the Villages of La Grange Park, La Grange and Western Springs. LTACC is located inside the La Grange Police Department at 304 West Burlington, La Grange. Please be aware that a new computerized over-night parking program (Frontline) will be operational soon for residents to enter their vehicles on a daily basis (up to four times in a 30 day period). If additional time is needed, it may be approved by a direct call to the Police Department during regular business hours (Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm). The daily call-in system for overnight parking approval will still be available. The direct phone number for LTACC is (708) 352-2059. In the event of an Emergency, please dial 9-1-1.



## Resident Satisfaction Refuse/Recycling Survey

The Village of La Grange Park, through a contract with Republic Services, provides weekly curbside refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection to single-family and two-family homes within the community. The Village's five year contract with Republic expires in March 2019, and the Village will soon be issuing a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new multi-year contract. The Village is seeking resident input on overall satisfaction with the current program in order to help shape and inform the Village Board's decision-making as it relates to the current program, and whether any changes or improvements should be considered as part of a new contract. If you have not yet done so, please take a few minutes to take our online survey and share your thoughts. The survey takes 3-5 minutes to complete, is confidential, and your comments will be given full consideration by the Village Board and staff. To take the survey, visit the Village website or go to: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/lgp\\_refusesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lgp_refusesurvey).

## New Electrical Aggregation Program

In July, the Village contracted with MC Squared Energy Services to procure electric supply in a municipal aggregation program for residents and small businesses. Under this program, residents and small businesses will pay exactly the ComEd rate and will enjoy the added benefit of 100% Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for the entire La Grange Park Green Aggregation Community, at zero added cost. The program is for a 36-month term starting with meter read dates in November 2018 and ending at meter read dates in November 2021. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Village Hall at (708) 354-0225. A FAQ sheet can be found at [www.lagrangepark.org/479/electricalaggregation](http://www.lagrangepark.org/479/electricalaggregation)



## Fall Leaf Removal Schedule

Residents are advised that the schedule below is only a guideline. The Public Works Department will do its best to adhere to this schedule, however in the event of an emergency, leaf pickup may be delayed. Should the schedule be delayed, every attempt will be made to get back on schedule as quickly as possible. During those times when the schedule is delayed, your patience and understanding are appreciated.

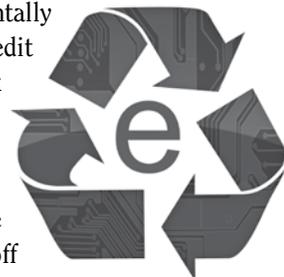
- East:** All streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.
- West:** All streets west of La Grange Road
- Center:** All streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

Leaves must be raked into the street gutter by 6:00 a.m. Monday of the collection week.

EAST	WEST	CENTER
October 8th	October 15th	October 22nd
October 29th	November 5th	November 12th
Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows:		
November 19th	November 26th	December 3rd

## E-Waste Recycling Options

A permanent electronics recycling center has been established at the Burr Ridge Public Works Building located at 451 Commerce Street in Burr Ridge. It is open Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The collection is sponsored by Eworks ESI. There is a charge for televisions, computer monitors and similar equipment. The fee for screens under 21 inches is \$25.00 and screens over 21 inches are \$35.00. Proceeds from this endeavor benefit the developmentally disabled. They accept cash and credit cards but not checks. Please check their website [www.eworksesi.org](http://www.eworksesi.org) or call (630) 407-6700 for items accepted or excluded and with any questions. The Village of La Grange Park will not be hosting a drop off event this year.





# Police Department Now Accepting Applications

The Department is presently accepting employment applications for the position of Police Officer through Friday, November 16th at 4:00 p.m. The following requirements are needed for the position:

- United States citizenship
- High school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of 60 hrs. of college credit from accredited college or university
- Valid driver's license
- At least 21 years of age by the application closing date and under 35 years of age as of the posting of the initial eligibility list, unless otherwise provided by 65 ILCS 5/10-2. 1-6
- No felony conviction
- Prefer binocular vision correctable to 20/20

Questions should be directed to Shelley Johnson, Secretary to the Chief of Police at (708) 352-7711 ext. 203

## Fire Prevention Week October 7-13, 2018

**Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.**

The La Grange Park Fire Department urges residents to heed the messages from this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign.

**LOOK:** Look for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

**LISTEN:** Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

**LEARN:** Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

To learn more about the campaign "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere", and for much more information about how to stay safe in your home from fire, visit NFPA's Web site at <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>.

## Fire Department Open House October 20th

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Fire Station #1 447 N. Catherine Avenue**

The La Grange Park Fire Department will be hosting an Open House to promote Fire Prevention Week. There will be many educational and family-oriented activities, including demonstrations on cooking fires, fire sprinklers, practicing fire escape planning, and fire truck rides. The public is invited to learn or refresh some valuable safety skills and knowledge, while having fun! Refreshments will be served.



# Happy Halloween

## Halloween Reminders

The Village encourages residents to exercise extra caution on Halloween evening while having fun. Young children should be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should walk, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk when available. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns where ornaments or furniture present dangers. Drivers are reminded to use extra caution when traveling through the neighborhoods.

## Annual Haunted Trolley Trick-or-Treat

4:00 pm. – 6:30 p.m.

**Village Market, 31st Street,  
CPD Recreation Center**

Celebrate Halloween with a safe and fun way to trick-or-treat and support your local businesses. Join hundreds of children and families for the sixth annual Haunted Trolley Trick or Treat. Trolleys will transport children and parents along 31st Street, the Village Market at the Park District offering free trick-or-treating. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

Wednesday, October 31st  
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



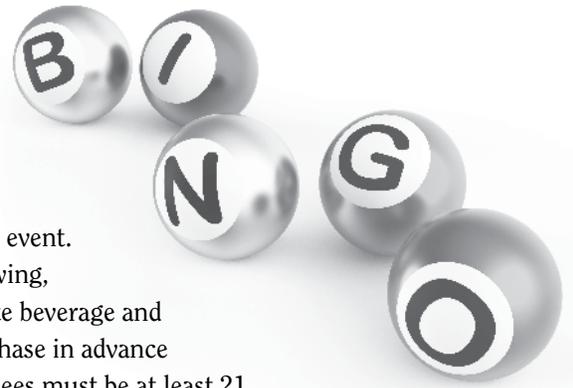
## Boo Bingo Fundraiser

October 12th

6:00 p.m.

La Grange Park Public Library

Support the La Grange Park Public Library at their fall fundraising event. Tickets will include 10 rounds of Bingo, free entry into a prize drawing, appetizers, and more! Grab your friends and a bottle of your favorite beverage and enjoy a night of fun for a great cause. Tickets are available for purchase in advance at the library circulation desk for \$25/person or \$40/couple. Attendees must be at least 21.



## Community Clean Up Day

October 18th

During Regular Refuse Pick-Up

Single-family residences in La Grange Park will receive a one-time clean up service on the regularly scheduled collection day. Acceptable items must be placed next to your regular refuse on the curb by 6:00 a.m. Items other than furniture, large bulk items and appliances must be placed in bags, cans and/or boxes, not larger than 35 gallons or heavier than 50 pounds each. Four stickers in total will ensure that all of the acceptable items placed on the curb will be picked up. If you choose not to participate, your trash will be handled as a regular pick up. For more information, visit the Village's website.

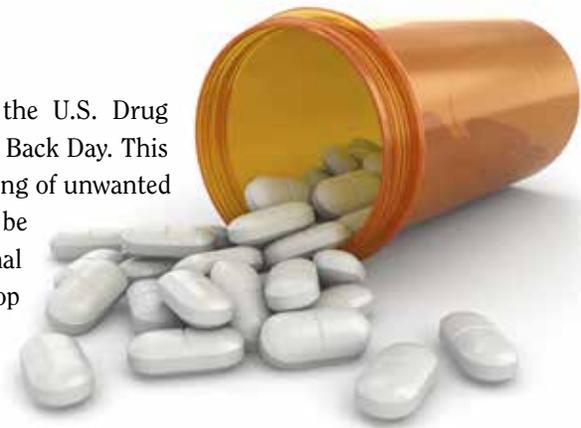
## Drug Take Back Day

October 27th

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Village Hall Lobby

The La Grange Park Police Department in coordination with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host a National Drug Take Back Day. This program offers a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unwanted or expired medications (please note, only drugs in pill form will be accepted – no liquids). Please empty all drugs from their original containers, bottles, or blister packs and place in a sealed baggie for drop off. Can't make it October 27th? A permanent drop box is located in the Village Hall Lobby with drop off access during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## 2018 State of the Village Address

November 1st

7:00 p.m.

Village Hall Board Room

Please join us for the 2018 State of the Village Address. Village President Dr. Jim Discipio and the directors of each of the Village Departments, along with representatives from the La Grange Park Public Library and La Grange Park Community Park District will provide residents with an update on the Village budget, achievements over the past year and upcoming infrastructure and economic development projects. The State of the Village Address will also be televised live on the Village's Cable Channels – Channel 6 (Comcast customers) and Channel 99 (AT&T U-Verse customers).



# Smashing Pumpkins

**November 3rd**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Public Works Facility, 937 Barnsdale Road**

Retire your Jack-o-Lantern and other live pumpkin decor in an environmentally friendly way by dropping them off at La Grange Park's Pumpkin Recycling Event. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission, this event will collect live pumpkins and then transport them to an area farm for composting. Why compost pumpkins? By composting we don't waste the nutrients and water in our retired Jack-O-Lanterns. Instead they are returned to the soil where they will nourish new plant life. In landfills decaying pumpkins produce methane gas, which is not good for the atmosphere.



# Recycle Your Used Cooking Oil

**November 24th**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**La Grange Park Fire Station #1, 447 N. Catherine Avenue**

Bring used liquid cooking oil in a milk jug or bucket for recycling into fuel. Residents will take home their containers. No motor oil will be accepted. Cooking oil sticks to sewer pipes, causing clogs and breaks that are costly for homeowners and cities to fix. Also, grease can interfere with water treatment at our sanitary facilities.



# Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

**December 7th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Memorial Park (southwest corner near Panera)**

Join us for the annual lighting of the trees at Memorial Park. Village President Dr. Jim Discipio will lead the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The festivities include a performance by the Park Junior High Forte Singers, presentation of the colors by Local Boy Scout Pack 66, hot chocolate, caroling, and lots holiday cheer!



# Holiday in the Park

**December 8th**

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**CPD Recreation Center**

Don't miss this local favorite where kids get to visit with Santa, make holiday crafts, decorate cookies, and play games. There will be lots of entertainment for grownups too - including music, and refreshments. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce.



# Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of: June, July, and August:

- Approved an Ordinance Granting a Certain Variation for 303 E. 31st Street (Public Hearing No. 2018-05).
- Remanded the Application for a Map Amendment to Rezone Certain Properties Along La Grange Road (Public Hearing No. 2018-04) back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the purpose of considering rezoning only those properties in the Map Amendment Application which are currently two-family dwellings to the R-2 Two Family Residence District.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the Reinstatement of a Redevelopment Agreement for the Redevelopment of 1015 and 1017 E. 31st Street.
- Rescinded the May 8, 2018 appointment of Brian Lisek to the Traffic, Safety and Engineering Committee (as it was made in error) and appointed Matt Huffman to same for a term to expire in May 2020.
- Adopted An Ordinance Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rates for Construction Work in Cook County.
- Authorized the Village Manager to execute an Agreement between the Village of La Grange Park and Hancock Engineering for Construction Engineering Services for the Sherwood Road Resurfacing Project, in an amount not to exceed \$36,500, to be spent during the FY18/19 Fiscal Year.
- Authored Payment of \$17,395.00 to Suburban Tree Consortium.
- Accepted the lowest responsible bid from M & J Asphalt in an amount of \$74,690.00 for completion of asphalt overlay patching.
- Adopted an Ordinance Declaring 150 Water Meters as Surplus.
- Approved a One Year Contract Extension with Globe Construction Inc. for Concrete Restoration Services.
- Approved Sebis Direct to provide utility bill print and mailing services and authorized the Village Manager to sign an agreement.
- Approved a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget.
- Adopted a Resolution Approving the Amended Mutual Aid Agreement for the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System.
- Authorized the Village President to execute a Retention Agreement with Edelson PC to represent the Village in its investigation into, and the potential litigation of, the Opioid Matter.
- Approved an Ordinance Providing for the Regulation of and Application for Small Wireless Facilities.
- Approved an Ordinance Amending Title IX and Title XI of the La Grange Park Municipal Code Regulating Small Cell Wireless Facilities and Telecommunications.
- Granted an Exception to the nuisance regulations contained in Section 93.04C.5 (as amended) of the Village Municipal Code, for the purpose of allowing Nazareth Academy to operate their sound system until 10:00 p.m. on August 24th, September 14th, October 5th, October 12th and for a potential playoff game on a date to be determined.
- Authorized the Hiring of a Part-Time Fire Inspector.
- Authorized payment to Suburban General in the amount of \$6,500.00.
- Approved a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget.
- Proclamation – National Night Out – Tuesday, August 7, 2018.
- Approved an Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit for Outdoor Dining for 9 E. 31st Street – Mattone Restaurant Case #2018-06.
- Approved a Master Power Supply Agreement with MC Squared to provide Full Requirements Electricity Supply and Related Services for the Village's Electric Aggregation Program and authorized the Village President to execute the necessary documents.
- Approve A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Execution of An Agreement for Alarm Monitoring and Receiving System Equipment and Services (Johnson Controls Security Solutions LLC, Formerly Known as Tyco Integrated security LLC).
- Renewed the 2016 contract with Rainbow Farm Enterprises, Inc. for the disposal of leaves in the amount of \$32.50 per bucket, based on 18 Buckets Invoiced per Truck Load, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$35,000, and (2) authorized the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents.
- Awarded a contract to Patriot Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$33,703.26 and authorized the Village Manager to execute any necessary contract documents.
- Approved a Resolution Adopting, and Authorizing Execution of, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the Village of La Grange Park.
- Authorized the Village Manager to award a contract for water tower repairs in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
- Appointed Mr. Fintan McDermott to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for a term to expire on September 1, 2019; and appointed Mr. Timothy Sands, Mr. Ryan McAllister, and Mr. Jakub Myers to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for terms to expire on September 1, 2020. Motion (2) To Reappoint Julia Reven, Evie Anagnos, and Clark Anderson to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for terms to expire on September 1, 2020.

## Community Park District

Contact the Community Park District for more information on these events or go to [www.communityparkdistrict.org](http://www.communityparkdistrict.org) for more information. If you have any questions, please call (708) 354-4580. Winter/Spring Brochure mailed out week of November 19th.

**Halloween Costume Party**

October 26th

**Casino Night**

November 16th

**Lake Geneva**

**Santa Cruise & Dinner**

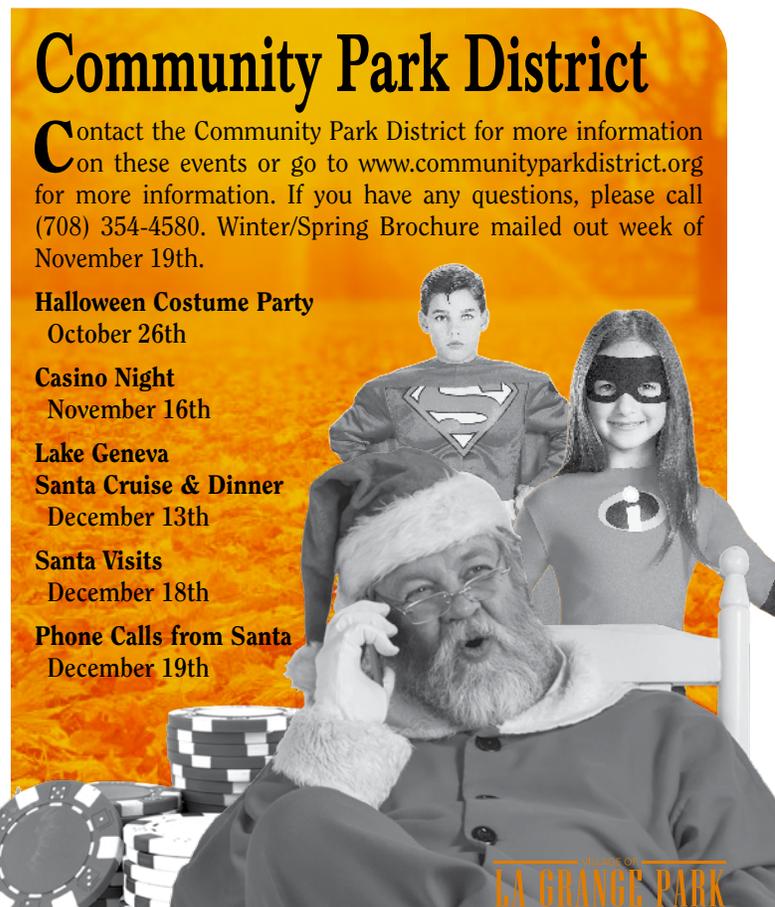
December 13th

**Santa Visits**

December 18th

**Phone Calls from Santa**

December 19th



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# Time is Running Out to Disconnect Your Downspouts!

Village ordinance requires that all single family home downspouts be disconnected from the Village's combined sewer system by January 1, 2019. Residents not in compliance will be fined.

## Financial Assistance Available

The Downspout Disconnection Assistance Program provides incentives in the form of reimbursements to help owners meet the deadline. Many homeowners have already taken advantage of this program and received their reimbursements. Funding is limited and reimbursements are on a first come first serve basis. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, disconnection must be completed by October 31, 2018.

All single family homeowners whose downspouts are connected to the combined sewer system that disconnected in 2015 or later are eligible for reimbursement. Simple disconnections are eligible for 100% reimbursement up to \$100 for materials only. All that is required is a completed reimbursement application with the original receipts attached. You can drop them off or mail to the Village Hall:

Attention: Forrest Tucker, Village of La Grange Park, 447 N Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526

## 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.

**Nominating:** *Sabrina & Carl Mott/Shari Vojvodich & Jen Piscioti (from the 1400 block of Maple)*

When I fractured my pelvic bone, I appreciated the thoughtfulness and caring of these neighbors, who took care of me when I got home with cooked meals, seeing that I made all doctor appointments, and helping me with inside and outside of the house chores that I was not able to do. Words can never express my appreciation for all they have done and I certainly hope I have the opportunity in the future to repay them in the same manner. – *Nominated by Janet Miskus*

**Nominating:** *Kinda Karalis (1120 Alima) and Alina Dimas (1112 Alima Terrace)*

During a recent illness, I was unable to care for my pets, my house and/or cook. Kinda Karalis and Alina Dimas, with help from their family members, cooked, cleaned, did laundry, took care of pets, took out garbage, brought food, provided company and went above and beyond what neighbors usually do. I'm so blessed and thankful for them. I never want to leave my block! Other neighbors also offered help. Great People, Good Friends - *Nominated by Patricia Mough*

**Nominating:** *Jeff & Allison Chorley (725 Homestead)*

We have lived next door to the Chorley's for over 25 years. You couldn't ask for better neighbors. This past year my husband had heart surgery & not once did I have to worry about snow removal. They are always there for us when we need them. They are the best neighbors and friends!! And Allison is an amazing cook! - *Keith & Patricia Krysa*

## Good Neighbor Nomination Form

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

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

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

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

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## Don't Forget to Fall Back

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.



## Wi-Fi Available at Village Hall

Free Wi-Fi is available at Village Hall during regular business hours. Residents and community groups visiting Village Hall have the ability to access the free Wi-Fi by requesting the guest password from a staff member.



## VillageHall

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.

## VillageHolidays

The Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

**Monday, November 12 - Veteran's Day**  
**Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving**  
**Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25 - Christmas**  
**Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day**