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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 winter.

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, federal grant funding, and construction costs coming in lower than anticipated, the Village was able to complete a fourth year of paving work. The Village is nearing completion of \$1.5 million in additional paving work not initially anticipated as part of the referendum. In total, approximately 10 miles of Village roadways will have been repaved as part of the road program. The Village would like to once again thank residents for their support of the road bond referendum – it has made a huge difference in the way our residents and visitors experience La Grange Park.



The Village continues to focus on modernizing and improving our services and facilities. We are currently in the process of replacing the Village's financial software, which maintains not only the Village's financial records but also information related to building permits and water billing. The Village's current software system has been in place since the 1990s and although it has been updated over the years, it no longer meets the needs of the Village. This important project will be implemented over the next year and result in more efficient operations and improved online services for residents.

Those of you who have visited the Village Hall in recent months may have noticed that the lobby updates are now complete. In addition to fresh paint, new flooring and new signage, the lobby now features a drinking fountain with a water bottle refilling station and new restrooms with baby changing facilities. Free Wi-Fi is also available. We love it when residents stop in to see us and we look forward to seeing many of you soon.

I invite you to join me and the Board of Trustees on November 7th for the annual State of the Village Address. I'll have the pleasure of presenting the Address alongside each of Village's Department Heads, the Community Park District, the Library District and Chamber of Commerce. 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. Learn about how to keep your home and family safe by attending the annual Fire Department Open House. 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 J. Discipio



La Grange Park Fire Department Recruiting Additional Paid-on-Call Firefighters



Consider Helping out Your Neighbors and Community!

The La Grange Park Fire Department is asking residents to consider becoming a state certified Paid-on-Call Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician. This is a part-time/paid-on-call position and an excellent opportunity to serve. You do not need any previous fire or emergency medical experience, but you do need to have a desire and commitment to serve! Applicants need to be residents of the Village of La Grange Park, be eighteen (18) years of age at time of hire, possess a High School diploma and a current valid Illinois Driver's License, and submit to and successfully pass a background investigation, structured oral interview, physical ability test, medical exam, and drug screening. If you are interested, you will need to complete an employment application and attend a mandatory orientation session on Wednesday, November 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the La Grange Park Village Hall Community Room. Applications are available at the La Grange Park Village Hall or on the Village's website. If you have additional questions, please contact Fire Department Lieutenant Steve Tullis by email at stullis@lagrangepark.org. We hope to see you there!

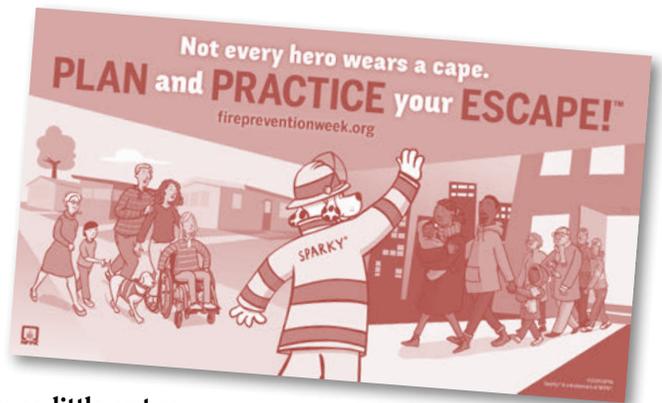
Fire Prevention Week October 6th - 12th

“Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!”

Why home escape planning and practice matters.

- Home escape planning and practice ensure that everyone knows what to do in a fire and is prepared to escape quickly and safely.
- Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds.
- When the smoke alarm sounds in a real fire, it's too late to start making a plan.

To learn more about the campaign “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!”, and for much more information about how to stay safe in your home from fire, visit NFPA's Web site at: www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week/About.



Annual Fire Department Open House October 12th

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.





HALLOWEEN

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.

Halloween Costume Party

**October 25th 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. (New extended time!)
Community Park District Recreation Center**

This event is free for the whole family and includes fun “carnival” games for younger children. At 5:30 p.m., enjoy a little family-friendly intrigue and suspense during our youth Mystery Theatre performance. We are proud to be a stop on the La Grange Park Haunted Trolley Tour and encourage families to drop by for a screaming good time on their trip! Sponsored by the Community Park District of La Grange Park.

Annual Haunted Trolley Trick or Treat

**October 25th 4:00 – 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 seventh 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

**Thursday, October 31st
3:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



New Employee

Forrest Tucker recently joined the Village as a part-time Fiscal Assistant with the Finance Department. Forrest previously worked for the Village as the coordinator for the Downspout Disconnection Program. His new role includes water bill processing and customer service. Please join us in welcoming back Forrest.

Interfaith Community Partners

Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, south Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 120 volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, hairdresser, bank, and church. Call ICP at 708-354-9328 to become a client or volunteer driver or visit their website at: interfaithcommunitypartners.org. Volunteer drivers needed!



Fall Leaf Removal Schedule

Residents are advised that the schedule below is only a guideline. The Public Work’s 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.

Leaves for each section will be collected on the following weeks:

WEST	CENTER	EAST
October 14th	October 21th	October 28th
November 4th	November 11th	November 18th
Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows:		
November 25th	December 2nd	December 9th



Upcoming Events

Please save the date for the following events. All activities are free unless otherwise noted.

Community Clean Up Day October 19th

The Village's annual Community Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 19th. The entire Village will be collected on this day. Acceptable items must be placed 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 – no heavier than 50 pounds each. Mattresses must be bagged. Five stickers in total will insure that all of the acceptable items placed on the curb will be picked up. Electronic items, yard waste and hazardous materials will not be accepted. Items placed in your regular LRS refuse cart will not be collected.

Smashing Pumpkins November 2nd

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.



Drug Take Back Day October 26th

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 or needles). 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 26th?

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.



2019 State of the Village Address November 7th

7:00 p.m.

Village Hall Board Room

Please join us for the 2019 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, La Grange Park Community Park District, and the Chamber of Commerce 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).

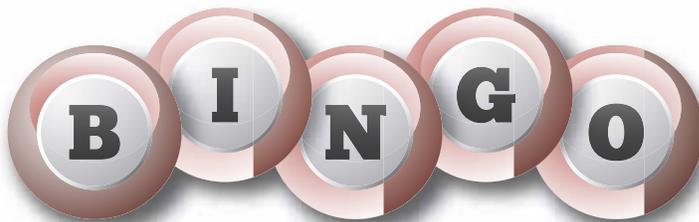
Bingo's Back!

November 15th

6:00 p.m.

LaGrange Park Public Library

Last year's bingo fundraiser was so much fun, we're going to do it again. We'll have prizes, snacks and a special gift for the first 25 folks who buy a ticket. Tickets are \$30 per person at the circulation desk. Doors open at 6:00, games begin at 6:30. Attendees must be 21 or over. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Public Library.



Community Park District



This past August, the Community Park District welcomed its new executive director, Jessica Cannaday. A certified park and recreation professional (CPRP), Jessica comes to La Grange Park from Oak Brook Park District, where she has managed the marketing, community engagement, and strategic planning

efforts since 2010. She welcomes residents to contact her with program ideas, suggestions, and feedback at jcannaday@communityparkdistrict.org.

Community Park District Footlight Players of La Grange Park Present: Frozen Jr!

The Community Park District of La Grange Park is proud to offer one of the most innovative and comprehensive youth drama programs in the Chicagoland area! Join us this season for our featured performance of Frozen Jr.

Performance Dates:

Friday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Ticket Presales begin December 2nd and prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students over 5. Kids under 5 are free. General admission only. (Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students at the door). For more information, visit www.communityparkdistrict.org.



Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 6th

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 of holiday cheer!

Holiday in the Park

December 14th

11:00a.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.



Santa Visits

December 17th

5:00 p.m.

Is your family on Santa's "Nice List?" He is making an early stop to the residents of La Grange Park and wants to wish your family a Merry Christmas! Fee is \$20. Space fills quickly, please register now at www.communityparkdistrict.org. Sponsored by the Community Park District of La Grange Park.

Phone Calls from Santa

December 18th

Calls begin at 5:00 p.m.

'Tis the season to be jolly! Santa is making calls to hear your child's last-minute Christmas wishes. To register, please pick up a form at the Community Park District and return it prior to December 17th. Santa will start making calls beginning at 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Community Park District of La Grange Park.

Village Board Highlights

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

- Appointed Bill Withrow to the Sustainability Commission to Serve a Three Year Term Expiring in May, 2022
- Approved An Ordinance Approving A Second Amendment to 1201 Barnsdale Agreement Between the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois and 1201 Barnsdale, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting Certain Variations for 340 N. Spring (Public Hearing No. 2019-01)
- Approved and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Engineering Services in an Amount Not to Exceed, as Follows: (1) \$33,400 for Design and Construction Engineering – 2019 Alley Reconstruction Project (2) \$5,300 for Design and Construction Engineering – 2019 Beach Off Street Parking Project
- Appointed Meghan Kooi to Serve As Village Clerk for the Remaining Term that Expires 2021
- Accepted the Invoice from Core & Main in the Amount of \$19,110.00 and Authorized the Village Manager to Sign the Purchase Requisition
- Granted an Exception to the Nuisance Regulations Contained in Section 93.04.C.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 September 6th, September 13th, September 27th, October 4th, and for a Potential Playoff Game on November 1st, 2019
- Authorized Staff to Purchase a New 2020 Ford Interceptor Utility (Police Patrol Package), for a cost of \$32,947.00, from Currie Motors Fleet in Frankfort, IL, Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #152 and Increased the Overall Budgeted Amount to Not Exceed \$40,000.00 to Cover the Equipment and Up-Fitting
- Accepted the Service Estimate from Standard Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute the Contract Documents
- Adopted a “Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code” for the Expenditure of \$306,000 in MFT funds
- Accepted the Proposal From Superior Road Striping, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$19,5000 and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute the Contract Document
- Approved An Ordinance Designating Village Depository and Financial Institutions and Authorized Signers and Approved an Account Resolutions Certificate for Treasury Management Services for Fifth Third Bank
- Approved the Purchase and Installation of an Exchange Server from All Information Services (AIS) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$29,350
- Approved an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of La Grange Park
- Authorized Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric Company for the Purchase and Installation of a Street Light Pole on 31st Street in the Amount of \$19,737.82
- Proclamation – National Night Out 2019
- Approved the Purchase and Installation of Necessary Equipment for the FiberGoLive Project from All Information Services (AIS) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000
- Approved An Ordinance Amending Chapter 118 of the La Grange Park Municipal Code Regulating Tobacco, E-Cigarettes and Related Products
- Proclamation Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention and Action Month
- Proclamation Honoring Coach Ralph White
- Authorized Staff to Accept the Agreement Between Lexipol and the La Grange Park Police Department and Authorized the Chief of Police to Execute the Agreement Document
- Authorized Staff to Purchase Two (2) Wausau Snowplows from Lindco Equipment Sales for \$25, 794.00
- Approved the Purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Software from BS&A Software Inc. for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$278,250 and Authorized the Village Manager to Sign the Required Contracts and Approved the Purchase of the Required Server and Installation Costs from All Information Services, Inc. for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$35,000
- Approved An Ordinance Amending Title XI of the La Grange Park Municipal Code Amending Chapter 117 and Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments
- Approved an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of La Grange Park
- Appointed new Ms. Charlotte Sands to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for a term to expire on September 1, 2021; and Ms. Sophia Lazarski to fill an unexpired term for one year to expire on September 1, 2020. Reappointed Jakub Myers, William Aikens, and Jackson Chadash to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for terms to expire on September 1, 2021

Don't Forget to Fall Back

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2019. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.



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Stay connected with Village news and community happenings, subscribe to E-Briefs, the Village's weekly electronic newsletter. Send an email to jcedillo@lagrangepark.org and type "sign me up!"

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

Just a reminder that Village offices will be closed on the following days in observance of following holidays:

- Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day**
- Thursday & Friday, November 28-29 - Thanksgiving**
- Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24-25 - Christmas**
- Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day**