



**MAY 1, 2020**

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**A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT JAMES L. DISCIPIO**

Dear Residents,

As week six of the Governor's Stay at Home order winds down, I know many of you are growing increasingly anxious to resume your normal daily lives. The COVID-19 pandemic and the sacrifices we have had to make as a result, have not been easy for any us. Our first responders and essential workers go to work each day knowingly putting themselves at risk; business owners are struggling to keep afloat; furloughed and laid off employees worry about providing for their families; and those working from home juggle the stresses of teleworking while also teaching and caring for children. These sacrifices are real - but so are the lives being saved.

Each time you opt to stay home rather than make an unnecessary trip to a store; put on a mask when shopping; maintain your [social] distance from others; or practice proper hygiene; you help keep our community healthy. Taken on their own, each these actions seem small, but taken collectively, they help flatten the curve, reduce the spread of COVID-19 and most importantly, save lives.

As we move into the month of May and the weather warms, I encourage you to immerse yourself in the feelings of renewal and hope that spring brings. Take time to reconnect with family and friends and to appreciate the little things in life.

Each day we follow the Stay at Home order, we not only keep each other safe, but we get closer to the day when we can resume our normal activities. These are extraordinary times and La Grange Park is an extraordinary community - together, we will get through this.

Stay healthy,  
President James L. Discipio

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**BRUSH COLLECTION BEGINS NEXT WEEK**

The Village brush collection pick-up occurs the first Monday of a full week during each month (May through October). Brush must be at the curb by 7 a.m. A first sweep is conducted through the entire Village picking up the smaller piles of brush. Larger piles will be left for the end loader and

dump truck to pick-up.

Residents who missed brush pick-up or are outside of their scheduled weeks, LakeShore Recycling Systems will collect brush under the [Yard Waste program](#) if a yard waste sticker is affixed to each bundle. Brush and branches must be securely bundled with bio-degradable twine or rope. Each bundle must be no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Individual branches must be no larger than three inches in diameter. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bundle. Visit the [LakeShore Recycling website](#) for more information.

## **HYDRANT FLUSHING TO BEGIN**

The annual hydrant flushing program will begin on May 11, 2020. Crews will begin at Barnsdale and 31st working west to La Grange Road flushing in the center section (Barnsdale to La Grange Road). Flushing will only occur Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Hydrant flushing signs will be posted in the areas where crews are flushing.

## **LA GRANGE PARK LIBRARY UPDATE**

The staff at La Grange Park Public Library miss our patrons and we cannot wait to greet you again! It is you, our patrons, that bring such great purpose to our work. Enriching lives through a lifetime of learning is what we strive for daily. We have been working from home to bring you the best services possible during these uncertain times. Visit [www.lplibrary.org](http://www.lplibrary.org) to interact with us.

### *Children's Department*

More story times and other programs have been shared and will continue on our social media channels! Like or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and/or [Twitter](#) to stay informed. Every Friday there is a LIVE story time for children ages 3-5 years old at 10:00 a.m.!

- All virtual story times and programs are available on our [Children's YouTube Channel](#). Become a subscriber!
- Miss Rose teaches children how to make brownies in [Kid's Kitchen](#)! Take a moment to welcome her into your home, from her home.

## **DCEO ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES & OPERATIONS FAQ**

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has updated their [Essential Businesses & Operations FAQ](#), click here to review them .

## **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE DAILY FAQ**

The Governor's Office is collecting and responding to questions regarding the state's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. To read the latest edition of their daily FAQs, [click here](#).

## **TODAY'S NEWS RELEASES FROM ILLINOIS.GOV**

- [Public Health Officials Announce 3,137 New Cases of Coronavirus Disease](#)
- [IDFPR, Banks and Advocacy Groups Work Together to Provide Help in Cashing Stimulus Checks During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

## **CANCELED EVENTS**

- Community Volunteer Day (May 2)
- Race for 102 (May 2)
- Planning & Zoning Commission (May 19)
- Due to social distancing requirements the Village has suspended all garage/yard sales, block parties, craft and plant shows, and sidewalk sales (curbside pickup is allowed) through May 30.

## **ADDITIONAL FACE COVERING RESOURCES**

- The CDC has published instructions on how to wear, clean and make face coverings at home. [Click here to see the instructions.](#)
- No-sew masks with Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams. ( [video available here](#) ).
- No-sew face coverings ( [illustrated guide available here](#) ).
- Hand-sewn masks ( [illustrated guide available here](#) ).
- IDPH: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/mask-use>

## **ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESOURCES**

- [Village Coronavirus webpage](#)
- [CDC Recommendations Regarding Face Coverings](#)
- [State of Illinois Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response Website](#)
- Text "TALK" or "HABLAR" to 552020 for Mental Health Counseling
- Text "UNEMPLOYMENT", "FOOD", or "SHELTER" to 552020 for Assistance
- Call: 833-673-5669 for Help with COVID-19 Symptoms
- [IDPH Map of Confirmed COVID19 Cases by Zip Code](#)
- IDPH Hotline: 1-800-889-3931
- IDPH Email for Questions about COVID-19: [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov)
- IDPH Email for Info on State COVID Response: [Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov](mailto:Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov)
- [Hospital Resource Utilization Data](#)
- [Cook County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Surveillance Data](#) - Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Cook County Hotline: 708-633-3319
- Cook County Email: [COVID19@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:COVID19@cookcountyhhs.org)
- Cook County Alerts: Text "alertcook" to 888-777

*Events surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 have been changing rapidly. The Village is working to keep residents informed of what is happening in our community. Please understand the situation is fluid and policies and procedures may change with little notice.*

**Village of La Grange Park**