



May 6, 2020

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED

As a reminder, the Governor's Executive Order 2020-32 prohibits all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit unless its to engage in essential activities as defined by the Order. All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, and country clubs or social clubs shall be closed to the public. To read the full order, [click here](#).

ALLEY PAVING UNDERWAY

The Village awarded the 2020 Alley Paving Contract to Triggs Construction, Inc. The alleys adjacent to 31st Street between Raymond and Ostrander and Ostrander and Alima Terrace will be reconstructed with newly installed concrete. Construction on the project began this week and the project is anticipated to be complete within 30-45 days.

VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES NEW FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The Village Board approved the new fiscal year Budget, which began on May 1. It includes a number of revisions made in anticipation of fiscal impacts related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The revisions are both structural and procedural and intended to prepare the Village for greater financial resiliency. It includes reductions to both revenues and expenditures but maintains capital work planned for the coming year, including the resurfacing of Meadowcrest (at Garfield), water main replacement along 31st Street, new public parking spaces on Beach (north of 31st Street), sewer lining, new financial software and a new phone system. The budget also includes a number of technology upgrades to support more streamlined services. These include new e-ticketing within the police squads, a new electronic policy and training platform (Lexipol), new scheduling software and the implementation of Geographical Information Systems for asset management. The Village was able to take advantage of some cost savings resulting from Countryside's Police Department joining the consolidated dispatch center (LTACC) we share with La Grange and Western Springs.

The approved budget includes the suspension of any increases to the Water and Sewer Rates for one year. This will provide some financial relief to residents, although it will likely prolong the completion of future water main projects. Along with the approval of the Budget, the Village postponed the renewal deadline for Village Vehicle Stickers until October 31, 2020. Dog tag

renewal licenses will also coincide with this timeline. Finally, to remain agile to changing fiscal conditions, the Village will engage in a three-month Budget review and thereafter as deemed necessary. To view the approved Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget, [click here](#).

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLE DOORS

The La Grange Park Police Department is investigating five criminal trespass to motor vehicles that occurred in the early morning hours on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. The vehicle burglaries took place in the 800 block of Kensington and 1400 and 1500 blocks of Deerpath and Scotdale. Only one of the vehicles had miscellaneous items of little value taken. All of the vehicles had been left unlocked. To read the full press release, [click here](#).

The most effective ways for residents to prevent car burglaries and vehicle thefts is to keep all vehicle doors and windows closed and locked at all times.

LIBRARY UPDATE

- The library book drop will be open for returns of **La Grange Park Library items** beginning at 10:00 a.m. on May 18th. We encourage you to keep items from other libraries as delivery between libraries is still suspended.
- Stay tuned for an announcement next week about home delivery of library materials! You can begin placing holds on La Grange Park items only in the [online catalog](#).

COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT UPDATES

Support our Community's 2020 Graduates

The Community Park District would like to invite everyone to support our community's 2020 graduates by participating in Ready Teddy's Virtual School Spirit Day on Friday, May 8. Parents, students, family, and friends - Please wear your favorite school apparel or colors and post a picture along with a message of support for this year's graduates on www.facebook.com/communityparkdistrict. Whether it's preschool, kindergarten, 8th grade, high school, college or beyond, let's celebrate these incredible milestones together!

Summer Programming

To ensure the safety and well-being of our community, the Community Park District is currently evaluating summer programming options that adhere to Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois public health plan. Please watch your inboxes, social media, and www.communityparkdistrict.org for upcoming surveys. If you are in need of summer childcare, interested in virtual programming, or have other ideas, please do not hesitate to email Executive Director Jessica Cannaday at jcannaday@communityparkdistrict.org. We will be providing a comprehensive update on our summer programming plan in the coming weeks.

TODAY'S NEWS RELEASES FROM ILLINOIS.GOV

- [Public Health Officials Announce 2,270 New Cases of Coronavirus Disease](#)

CANCELED EVENTS

- 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

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 COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code](#)
- IDPH Hotline: 1-800-889-3931
- IDPH Email for Questions about COVID-19: dph.sick@illiois.gov
- IDPH Email for Info on State COVID Response: Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov
- [DCEO Essential Business FAQ Document](#)
- [Governor's Office Daily FAQ's - Latest Edition](#)
- [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
- 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