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Fall 2020

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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.

While the coronavirus pandemic has certainly changed how many of live, work and attend school day-to-day, there is still much that hasn't changed in the Village. As fall creeps in, the Village is wrapping up our construction season. Although initially planned to last only 3 years, the Village has been able to stretch the 2016 referendum dollars to a fifth year of road paving. Two alleys were paved this summer. In total, we have been able to repave approximately 11 miles of roadway. 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.



Phase One of the 31st Street/La Grange Road Water Main Replacement project is also coming to a close. Currently, only restoration work remains. Phase Two of the project, which will occur between Meadowcrest and La Grange Road, is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2021.

The Village continues to see activity in our TIF and Business Districts. This summer, the Village constructed an eight-stall public parking strip at the northwest corner of Beach Avenue and 31st Street. The new parking area features stamped red concrete which not only enhances the area aesthetically, but also makes

the spaces more visible to driver's searching for public parking. New landscaping, a trash receptacle and a new stop sign design will also be incorporated into the new parking area. Over time, as the Village begins to repave other on-street public parking spaces, they will also incorporate the same red stamped concrete design. This \$45,000 improvement project was funded through the 31st Street/Barnsdale TIF District.

The Village continues to focus on modernizing and improving our services and facilities. We are currently in the final phase 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. This is one of many technological improvements the Village has implemented in the past several years. Upgrades such as a new Village website, a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for dispatching emergency services, e-ticket software in police vehicles, new online payment and overnight parking software, and our recent admission to the GIS consortium all help ensure the Village is serving its residents in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

As you spend time this fall reflecting on all that you are thankful for and preparing for gatherings with family and friends, considering participating in one of the many revamped community events this season. The Village, Chamber of Commerce, Library and Community Park District have been working hard to modify and create fall and winter events that allow residents and families to gather together and enjoy the spirit of the season, while remaining safe. See the "Upcoming Events" section more details.

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



Village Hall Services

Village Hall hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. All visitors are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing both within and outside the building. Please note that no building permits will be issued over the counter. All building permit applications must be completed and dropped off in the Village Hall lobby.

Many Village services such as water bill and parking ticket payments, requests for overnight parking, building permit applications and others are available on the Village website. For resident convenience, a drop box for water bill and parking ticket payments is located outside of Village Hall.

Listen to Village Board Meetings Live

Prior to COVID-19, the Village filmed the monthly Village Board meetings, which were streamed live on YouTube. With the current remote meeting model, the Village now publishes the link to each Village Board Work Session and Village Board Meeting so residents are able to call in and listen to the meeting or participate during public comment. To view an upcoming Village Board agenda or find the meeting link, visit the Village website at www.lagrange.org, click on "Agendas and Meetings" and select the meeting from the list under "Village Board."

New Employees



The Village recently welcomed two new Fiscal Assistants with the Finance Department. Kelly Rafferty and Carol Marczuk are now assisting residents at the Village Hall front counter.



YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

Voter Registration

The last day to accept voter registration or transfers of registration for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election is October 6 by mail and October 18 online. Residents may register to vote in any of the following ways:

- Online at the Illinois State Board of Elections website www.elections.il.gov with your Driver's License or State I.D.
- In person at one of six Cook County locations www.cookcountyclerk.com/locations
- At Village Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Two pieces of identification are required, including one with your current address (photo ID's are not required)
- Voters may also register at any Early Polling Site immediately prior to voting (if you miss the opportunity by October 18).

Early Voting

Early voting will take place Monday, October 19, 2020 through Monday, November 2, 2020 at multiple locations throughout Cook County including Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513.

Additional information regarding Early Voting, Vote by Mail and a list of Early Voting sites are available on the County's website at www.cookcountyclerk.com or by calling 312-603-0906.

Vote by Mail

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may request a mail-in ballot online at the Cook County Clerk's Office (www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail)

Once your registration is verified and application processed, the County will send a paper ballot to the mailing address that you designate in your application. The deadline to apply, including email verification, is five days before an election (October 29, 2020). Applications for a mail ballot are also available at the Village Hall.

This year, as an alternative to mailing in ballots, drop boxes for mail-in ballots will be located at over 50 Early Voting sites beginning October 9 for some locations and October 19 for others. Voters can drop off their completed mail-in ballots from 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on weekends. Mail-in ballots will be collected on a daily basis and will be time stamped. Voters who applied for their mail-in ballot online will receive an email at the time their mail-in ballot is sent to them, as well as an email notifying them when the completed ballot has been received.

Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

The La Grange Park Fire Department urges residents to heed the messages from this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign. Fire Prevention Week was October 4-10.

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it has cooled.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stove top.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.



Fire Department Fire Prevention Week Activities

Unfortunately, the Fire Department was not able to host an Open House or visit schools this year due to the pandemic. There were though many ways that residents were able to participate in Fire Prevention Week and bring fire safety messages home to their family. Fire safety educational materials are being provided to schools in the Village for distribution to children in the Pre-K through 3rd grade. Please take time to review these with your children and family. The Fire Department shared educational messages throughout the week, for both children and adults, using social media and other electronic avenues. Please check the La Grange Park Fire Department Facebook page, and/or Village website, for these videos and messages. Lastly, there is a lot of good information available online. A great amount of information related to fire safety, and specifically this year's fire safety theme "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen", can be found at the National Fire Protection Association's website at www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week.

Do You Really Have Working Smoke Alarms?

Although nearly every resident knows the extreme importance of having working smoke alarms, the La Grange Park Fire Department continues to respond to various types of incidents in both houses and apartments within our Village where there are no working smoke alarms.

- Smoke alarms detect and alert people to a fire in the early stages.
- Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.

If your smoke alarms are battery powered, with removable batteries, please make sure to replace the battery with a fresh one at least once a year. Also, consider replacing these types of smoke alarms with 10-Year Alarms, which have a sealed battery that will last up to 10 years. In 2023, IL State Law will require all smoke alarms to be the 10-year type.



TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

Thursday, October 31st
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Guidelines

The CDC released alternative ways to participate in Halloween to protect communities from COVID-19. Consistent with the CDC and IDPH Guidelines, the Village suggests that residents consider modifying trick-or-treating by providing individually wrapped treats placed on a clean surface (folding table), picked up by families at a safe distance, like at the edge of a driveway or yard.

For more information on the guidelines for trick-or-treaters, parents and guardians and homeowners, visit the Villages website at www.lagrangepark.org.

Village Happenings

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

Drug Take Back Day

October 24th

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 24th? A permanent drop box is located in the Village Hall Lobby with drop off access during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As a friendly reminder, a face covering is required to enter the building.



Drive-Thru Halloween

October 30th

Participants will decorate their cars and/or trunks in advance and wear a costume that goes with their theme. Cars will pull through the Park District parking lot where they will pop open their trunks to show their Halloween spirit and creativity. Photos will be taken of each registered participant's display and will be posted for the community to vote on their favorite. The winner will receive recognition in the Fall 2021 brochure. Please call 708-354-4580 to or visit communityparkdistrict.org to register your vehicle. Fee is \$10 per car. This event is sponsored by the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce.

Spooky Shuffle 5K

October 31st

Join Strive 4 Fitness and the Community Park District in Memorial Park Halloween morning for a festive costumed fun run. This family friendly fitness event is designed with multiple, small heats to ensure safe physical distancing. We will be observing all IDPH and CDC recommendations. Face coverings are required in staging or spectator areas. Face coverings are not required during the run. There is a virtual option for participants that wish to complete the race on their own. This event is sponsored by American Family Insurance – Contact Agent Philip Wagler. For more information, or to register, call 708-354-4580 or visit www.communityparkdistrict.org

Smashing Pumpkins

November 7th

10:00 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. 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. This event is sponsored by the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission.

Community Park District Fall Photo

Stop Scavenger Hunt Ends November 30th

This fall explore the parks of La Grange Park and support local businesses for your chance to win fun prizes! From October 1-November 30, themed photo spots will be set up in each park: Memorial, Robinhood, Hanesworth, Yena, Beach Oak and Stone Monroe. Take a photo at each location and tag the Community Park District on Facebook. Winners will be drawn at random through October and November. No registration is required. You must be a La Grange Park resident to be eligible for prizes. This event is sponsored by the Community Park District of La Grange Park.



Vehicle Stickers and Dog Tags Due October 31st

Due to COVID-19, Village vehicle sticker and dog tag due dates were extended to October 31st. Stickers with the July 31st, 2020 expiration date are valid until October 31st.

Vehicle stickers and dog licenses may be purchased or renewed online at www.lagrangepark.org. Credit card convenience fees are currently waived for vehicle stickers or dog licenses purchased online. You may also mail your renewal post card or application with a check or drop it off in the payment box located outside Village Hall.

Applications dropped off at Village Hall by October 31st, postmarked by October 31st or purchased online by October 31st will be considered on-time and will not be charged a late fee or be ticketed even though your sticker will not arrive until after the due date.

Please note that the \$15 senior rate for vehicle stickers is not available online. The senior rate is limited to one sticker per household. To qualify for the senior rate, you must be 65 or older by October 31st. Please mail or drop off your application with a copy of your driver's license.



2020 Leaf Collection 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.**

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

WEST	CENTER	EAST
October 19th	October 26th	November 2nd
November 9th	November 16th	November 13rd
Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows:		
November 30th	December 7th	December 14th



Winter Wonderland Walk

December 4th

Memorial Park

In lieu of the traditional tree lighting ceremony, the Village, Community Park District, Library, and local businesses are working together to develop a spectacular event that will knock your winter socks off! Please check the Village's website for more information.

2020 State of the Village Address

December 10th

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.



Phone Calls From Santa

December 16th

Ages 3-8 Years

'Tis the season to be jolly! Santa is ready to hear your child's Christmas wishes. Register online prior to December 14th. Once registered, click the link to access the Phone Calls from Santa Form. Please email Matt Crilly at mcrilly@communityparkdistrict.org or put it in the Park District drop box at 1501 Barnsdale Road. This event is 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:

- Approved A Resolution Committing Local Funds in the Amount of \$344,000 for the Submission of Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant Application
- Approved An Ordinance Amending the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code Regarding Vehicle Licenses and Animal Licenses
- Approved One Year Contract Extensions with Winkler Tree Service and A&B Landscape and Tree for Annual Tree Care, and to Authorize the Village President to Execute Necessary Documents
- Adopted a "Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code" for the Expenditure of \$467,500 in MFT Funds
- Approved A Resolution Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 for the Village of La Grange Park
- Approved and Authorize the Village President to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Design and Construction Engineering Services in an Amount of \$45,000.00 for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project
- 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 18, September 25, October 9, October 16, and October 23, 2020
- Approved A Resolution Authorizing Participation In The ComEd Green Region Program For The Village Butterfly Gardens Project
- Accepted the Proposal from Altorfer Caterpillar, in an Amount of \$131,580.00 and Authorized the Village President to Execute the Contract Document
- Approved A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental and Subrecipient Agreement for Coronavirus Relief Funds between County of Cook, Illinois and Village of La Grange Park (Subrecipient), Illinois
- Approved the Sustainability Commission's Pursuit of a SolSmart Designation for the Village of La Grange Park
- Authorized Staff to Purchase a New 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility (Police Patrol Package), for a Cost of \$33,039.00, from Currie Motors Fleet, in Frankfort, IL, Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #152 With a Not to Exceed Amount of \$41,000.00 to Cover the Equipment and Up-Fitting
- Approved the Membership Agreement for a Geographic Information System Consortium and a GIS Consortium Service Provider Contract with Municipal GIS Partners, Incorporated and Authorized the Village President to Execute all Required Documents
- Appointed Ms. Katie Beyer to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission to Fill a Term Expiring on September 1, 2021; and to Appoint Ms. Connie Anagnos, Ms. Audrey Topazian, Mr. Owen Myers, and Ms. Sophia Marczuk to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for Terms to Expire on September 1, 2022
- Declared a Proclamation Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention and Action Month

News from Your Community Park District

For information on upcoming Community Park District events, see the "Upcoming Events" Section.

The Community Park District Wants Your Input!

The Community Park District Board of Park Commissioners and staff are working on a comprehensive strategic planning process. We encourage you to watch your mail and email for survey information, follow us on Facebook to participate in polls, and check www.communityparkdistrict.org for the most up to date information. To participate in a focus group or in an advisory capacity, please email Jessica Cannaday, Executive Director at jcannaday@communityparkdistrict.org.

La Grange Park Parks Are Now Smoke Free

The Community Park District is committed to protecting and enhancing the overall health and well-being of our community. Whether indoors or outdoors, secondhand smoke is detrimental to public health and unsightly litter from smoking and vaping is harmful to the environment. Furthermore, seeing tobacco products used in public spaces can re-normalize smoking behaviors among youth. For these reasons, the Community Park District Board of Commissioners unanimously passed revisions to the General Use Policy and Personnel Policy banning all smoking and vaping at all La Grange Park facilities, parks, and properties.



Stay Connected

Want to be in the know in La Grange Park? Connect with us!

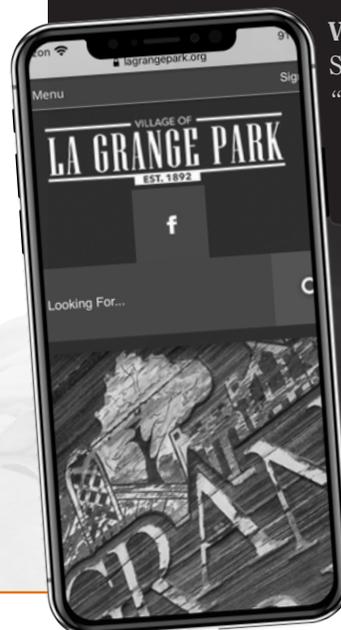
Village Website: www.lagrangepark.org

Sign up at www.lagrangepark.org under "How Do I...":

- Weekly E-Briefs Newsletter
- Weekly Public Safety Briefs Newsletter
- RAVE/Smart 911 Emergency Alerts

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Library News

All are welcome, and everyone is creative! Grades 4-12, show the community you believe this statement by entering our art contest! Create a piece of original art using one of the several mediums mentioned in our rules. All art should follow the theme - All All Welcome.

Important dates for the contest:

Submissions Accepted: October 1 - November 1

Public and Staff Voting: November 2-16

Winners Announced: November 17

Learn more about prizes and rules, complete the form, and send photos of your art on our website at lplibrary.org/art_contest until November 1, 2020.



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: *Al Fask & Keith Krysa (700 Block of Homestead)*

Grateful to have Al Fask and Keith Krysa as neighbors on the 700 block of Homestead. Al Fask supplied electricity and empathy during the recent flood. He also recently ran out to assist a severely shaken up girl after a car accident. Keith Krysa always calls or pops in to check on neighbors' well-being and to offer a helping hand. Thank You! Blessed!

- Vera Schultz

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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Don't Forget to Fall Back

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.



Vehicle Stickers & Dog Licenses Due October 31st

ResidentFeedback

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.

Please mail to: Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526. Email address: jcedillo@lagrangepark.org. If you would like a response, please include your name, mailing address, email address or daytime phone number.

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 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 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:

- Wednesday, November 11 - Veterans Day**
- Thursday & Friday, November 26-27 - Thanksgiving**
- Thursday & Friday, December 24-25 - Christmas**
- Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day**