

Welcome to La Grange Park!

Whether you are a new or lifetime resident, we hope you find the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Guide useful as an overview of the services offered by the Village of La Grange Park. The guide also highlights the important ordinances to familiarize residents with local regulations.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding Village government or services, please consult the Village's website at www.lagrangepark.org or call (708) 354-0225.

Thank you for choosing La Grange Park!
We're glad you're here.

Village Hall Contact Information

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The Village of La Grange Park Municipal Guide



A Guide to Village Services and Regulations

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Village Staff Contact Information

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Building Department

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Fire Department

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 Non-emergency Administration: 708-354-0225
 Fire Alarm/Communications Center (servicing an alarm): 708-352-2151
 Non-emergency (outside of regular business hours): 708-352-2151

Police Department

Dan McCollum, Police Chief
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 Police Emergency: Dial 9-1-1
 Police Services (Non-Emergency): 708-352-2151
 Police Administration: 708-352-7711

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 After hours (Police Department Phone): 708 352-2151

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Village Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m.

Board of Police Commissioners

As Needed

Sustainability Commission*

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00p.m.

Emergency Telephone System Board

Meets as needed.

Plan Commission*

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Traffic, Safety, & Engineering*

2nd Wednesday at 7:00p.m.

Youth Commission

Monday before 2nd Tuesday at 7:00p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals*

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Although scheduled for fixed meeting times, these committees only meet when a specific purpose warrants a meeting.*

Village Committees & Commissions

The Village Board appoints residents to serve on standing commissions. The purpose of the commissions is to advise the Village Board on matters of public policy. The Commissions meet at the Village Hall on the dates and times as listed above. The public is invited to attend all commission meetings, though it is always advisable to phone Village Hall to confirm meeting times prior to attending.

If you are interested in serving on one of the Village's commissions, please complete the application located on the Village website and submit to President Dr. James L. Discipio, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois 60526.

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Police/Fire/Medical Emergencies	911
Police Non-Emergency	352-2151
Fire Non-Emergency	354-0225
Public Works	352-2922
Administrative Office	354-0225

Other Governmental Organizations

Community Park District, 920 Barnsdale	354-4580
La Grange Park Library, 555 N. La Grange Road	352-0100
La Grange Park Post Office, 701 E. 31st Street	354-4606
Proviso Township	449-4300

La Grange Park School Districts

School District #102	482-2400
School District #95	485-0606
Lyons Township H.S. District #204	579-6300
Riverside/Brookfield H.S. District #208	442-7500
Ogden Avenue School	482-2480
Forest Road School	482-2525
Brook-Park School	354-3740
Park Junior High School	482-2500
College of DuPage	(630) 942-2800

Utilities

NICOR Gas Customer Service	(888) 642-6748
AT&T Customer Service	(800) 288-2020
Comcast Cable Services	(866) 594-1234
ComEd Customer Service	(800) 334-7661
FirstEnergy	(866) 636-3749
Allied Waste Service	345-7050
JULIE	(800) 892-0123

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La Grange Park History

For most of its early history La Grange Park, formerly known as the Park, was a quiet farm community. While 1892 marks the incorporation of the village, the area's growth began some 45 years earlier. Between the period of 1845-1860, the first settlers of the area constructed homes on farms east of what is now La Grange Road. Gradually, the farmers sold off parts of their farmland for the newcomers to build homes. For the next 20 years, slow steady growth marked the area. More farms were subdivided and homes built. However, the town still remained a sleepy community.

The trouble of the Great Depression slowed the growth of the Village. Not until 1943 did modern La Grange Park start to take shape. In 1943 a planning committee was formed to beautify and modernize the Village. The committee presented a plan recommending the Village act to create parks and recreation areas, a central shopping district (Village Market), and to expand municipal buildings. The committee pushed for street lighting, expansion of the police and fire departments and new taxes to pay for these improvements.

Today La Grange Park has grown from a simple community into an established and affluent community. It encompasses: 24 acres of recreational land; six recreational parks; a modern library; five schools—three public and two parochial; convenient shopping; a post office; three churches; numerous clubs and organizations, and a mix of business and industry. The community provides professional government services and state-of-the-art equipment and infrastructure for its 13,579 residents. La Grange Park is a charismatic, independent community providing its residents with all the amenities of modern life while maintaining the tranquility of a bygone era.

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Rain Barrels Available

Rain Barrels are a simple, efficient, low-cost method for homeowners to collect and recycle water. Rain barrels are simply large containers that capture rainwater at the end of your downspout.

It's estimated that during the hot summer months, the average homeowner uses 40 percent of the household water in the yard. Collecting the mineral rich & chlorine-free rain that falls on your roof can help your garden, houseplants, and reduce your water bill. Modern rain barrels are sealed, safe around children and insect resistant. A hose spigot on the front makes the captured rain water available. Keeping the rain that falls on our property utilized and not allowing it to run off, will help recharge the water supply and reduce the stress on our creeks and rivers. A quarter-inch of rain falling on the average home yields over 200 gallons of water. Using rain as a resource in rain gardens and Rain Barrels can have a dramatic impact on water quality in our rivers and streams and will help reduce flooding.

Rain barrels are available through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, and they can be purchased over the internet at:
www.mwrdd.org/irj/portal/anonymous/rainbarrel.

Resident Purchase Parkway Tree Program

If you would like to plant a tree in your parkway, the Department of Public Works will advise you through the process. The Director of Public Works will consult with the homeowner on the location, species and minimum size of the parkway tree. The homeowner is responsible for the cost and planting of the tree. Once planted, the tree will be maintained by the Village. The Village has contracted with Wilson Nurseries over the past 5 years to provide the Village with trees for its yearly tree planting program. For more information about Resident Tree Planting, contact the Public Works Director, Brendan McLaughlin, at 708-352-2922, ext. 100.

Flood Mitigation Efforts

In December 2010, the Engineering and Capital Projects Committee convened to take a close look at options available to mitigate the impacts of flooding on the Village. One immediate result of the Engineering & Capital Projects Committee meetings is the development of a Flood Response Incident Action Plan, which has been completed and will direct Village staff, including the Police and Fire Personnel in comprehensively responding to future flood events. To access the Resident's Guide to Flooding Conditions, visit www.lagrangepark.org.

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Public Works Department

The Public Works Department operates, maintains and repairs the basic infrastructure of the Village, which includes the maintenance of the public streets, sidewalks, public parkways, street lighting and our urban forest. The department is also responsible for ensuring the safe and reliable provision of potable water and the handling of sanitary, storm and combined sewers. Citizens are encouraged to report water main leaks, large potholes, hazardous tree limbs, street light outages or other unsafe conditions to the Village. The Department is on-call 24 hours every day for weather or other emergencies. For after hours assistance, please call the Police Department at (708) 352-2151 and they will contact the Public Works Department.

Sewers

Village sewers and drains are cleaned on a periodic basis and as specific needs develop. Property owners are responsible for maintenance of their sewer line to the Village sewer. Please keep grass clippings and other debris away from sewers and catch basins to prevent sewer blockage and flooding.

Water Repair Services

The Village only repairs water leaks in the Village's water main located in the parkway. Property owners are responsible for any leak or break in the service line from the main into the house. If the owner does not make the necessary repairs to their service line within ten days of notification by the Village, the water service will be disconnected. If necessary, the Village will repair the leak and bill the resident.

Free Mulch Delivery

Mulch is available throughout the year while supplies last. Public Works crews will deliver mulch to residents on Fridays, depending on availability. In order to request a delivery, please email mulch@lagrangepark.org or call Public Works at (708) 352-2922, and provide the following:

- Address
- Phone number
- Where on the driveway the mulch should be delivered (right side or left side as you are facing your home)
- ½ truck load or full truck load*

*A truck load is 3 cubic yards

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La Grange Park Demographics

Population

13,579 (U.S. Census 2010)

Location

16 miles west of Chicago's loop, in Cook County, Proviso Township.

Area

2.2 square miles; 1,536 acres; 38 miles of streets; 70 miles of sidewalks.

Schools

District 102: Forest Road School, Park Junior High
District 95: Brook-Park Elementary School;
Parochial: St. Louise De Marillac Catholic School and Nazareth Academy
Community college: College of DuPage, Triton

Parks

6 parks totaling 24 acres, which include:
Memorial, Yena, Robin Hood, Stone-Monroe,
Beach-Oak and Hanesworth Park.

Businesses

More than 110 including banks, retail stores, restaurants, professional offices, manufacturing and service outlets

Communications

Newspapers

The Doings (weekly), The Suburban Life (bi-weekly), Chicago Tribune, and The Sun Times.

Website

www.lagrangepark.org

Cable

AT&T U-Verse: Channel 99
Comcast: Channel 6

Village Newsletter

Rose Clippings (quarterly)

Email Newsletter

E-Briefs (weekly)

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Government

The Village of La Grange Park operates under council/manager form of government. The President, Village Clerk, and six Village Trustees are elected at-large for four-year terms. The President and Board of Trustees hire a full-time Village Manager who is responsible for the administrative functions of the Village. In addition to the Village Manager, the President and Board of Trustees are assisted in their duties by a number of citizen committees.

Village Board Meetings

The Village Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The second meeting of the month is broadcast live. Agendas and minutes of Board meetings are posted on the Village website.

State of the Village Address

Each Fall, the Village President speaks to residents to reflect on the progress of the Village, as well as update residents on the current issues affecting the Village. The speech is held at Village Hall and residents are strongly encouraged to attend to provide feedback, or ask any questions of the Village Board and Staff.

Village Hall Hours

The Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Police Department is open 24 hours-a-day, 7 days a week. The Village has a full-time Public Works Department and a paid-on-call Fire Department.

La Grange Park Village Board and Department Heads

President

Dr. James Discipio

Village Treasurer

Chad Chevalier

Village Clerk

Amanda Seidel

Village Trustees

Scott Mesick

Patricia Rocco

Michael Sheehan

James Kucera

Mario Fotino

Robert Lautner

Village of La Grange Park Staff

Village Manager

Julia Cedillo

Assistant Village Manager

Emily Rodman

Police Chief

Daniel McCollum

Public Works Director

Brendan McLaughlin

Finance Director

Larry Noller

Fire & Building Director

Dean Maggos

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Police Department

The Village of LaGrange Park's Police Department is staffed by 27 full-time employees who have the responsibility to serve and protect the citizens of LaGrange Park. The Police Department is organized into three divisions: Administration, Support Services and Operations. These three divisions are headed by the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief and Commander, and help to provide efficient and effective law enforcement service to the residents of LaGrange Park.

The Police Department operates 24 hours a day to provide for the safety of our residents and their property. Officers on routine patrols are constantly on the alert for irregular activity and are ready to respond in emergencies.

Social Workers

The La Grange Park Police Department is assigned a social worker from Proviso Family Services Agency. The social worker is available at the Police Department to counsel or refer persons to the appropriate channels for help.

CodeRED

The Village of La Grange Park now offers residents "CodeRED" high-speed telephone emergency notification services. The CodeRED system gives the Village the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas for the entire Village at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour. The Village cautions residents that such systems are only as good as the telephone database supporting them. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called. The CodeRED system not only offers faster calling rates and improved message delivery, it also gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly to the system's telephone database. To sign up for CodeRed alerts, visit the Village's website at www.lagrangepark.org.

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Fire Department

The Fire Department is currently comprised of nearly 50 personnel operating out of two fire stations. Fire Station No. 1 is located in the municipal building at 447 N. Catherine Ave. and Station No. 2 is located at 1010 E. 31st St. The Fire Department is staffed predominantly by paid-on-call personnel who respond to the fire station from home for emergencies, along with full-time contracted paramedic/firefighters. Paid-on-call personnel are Village residents or otherwise work for the Fire Departments contract service. The Fire Chief is full-time, and also serves as the Director of the Village's Building Department and Director of Emergency Management. The Fire Department receives assistance from and shares resources with neighboring Fire Departments through automatic-aid agreements and its participation in MABAS, (the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), and other organizations.

The Fire Department responds to emergency medical calls, fires, vehicle crashes, and various other emergency and non-emergency situations.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Department has a Fire Prevention Bureau that conducts fire inspections of buildings in the Village, reviews building plans for fire protection and life safety, conducts fire drills and provides fire safety education to the public, among a number of other activities. Some of the educational programs include fire safety presentations at La Grange Park schools, discussing fire safety with senior groups and other community organizations, teaching CPR and providing tours of the fire stations. At the request of the homeowner, the Fire Prevention Bureau will also conduct a home fire inspection to help residents identify any possible hazards.

Emergency Medical Services

The Fire Department provides emergency advanced life support service (paramedics) to anyone in need within the Village. Two full-time paramedics staff our Village ambulance regularly and are assisted by our paid-on-call emergency medical technicians. Emergency medical personnel train continuously to maintain their certifications and operate under the direction of the Loyola Hospital Emergency Medical System. Residents will receive a bill for services, but that should not discourage residents from requesting the ambulance for true emergencies. In most circumstances, insurance or other medical coverage will pay all or part of the cost. Residents should be aware that the ambulance is intended for emergencies only, and cannot provide non-emergency transportation for doctor's appointments, etc. That type of service is available through commercial sources.

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Many other government services and programs are offered to La Grange Park residents through the Community Park District of La Grange Park, the La Grange Park Library, as well as the La Grange Park Post Office Branch. Below is information on the contact information, hours and programs of these government agencies.

La Grange Park Library



The purpose of the La Grange Park Library is "to connect you to your personal growth and development; reading, viewing, and listening enjoyment; and 21st century technology." The Library Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. at 555 N. La Grange Road.

Please call (708) 352-0100 or visit the Library's website for the most up-to-date program and event information: www.lplibrary.org

Community Park District of La Grange Park



The mission of the Community Park District is to "encourage a healthy life style by providing appropriate parks and facilities, affordable, accessible, and meaningful recreational and instructional programs and services." The Park

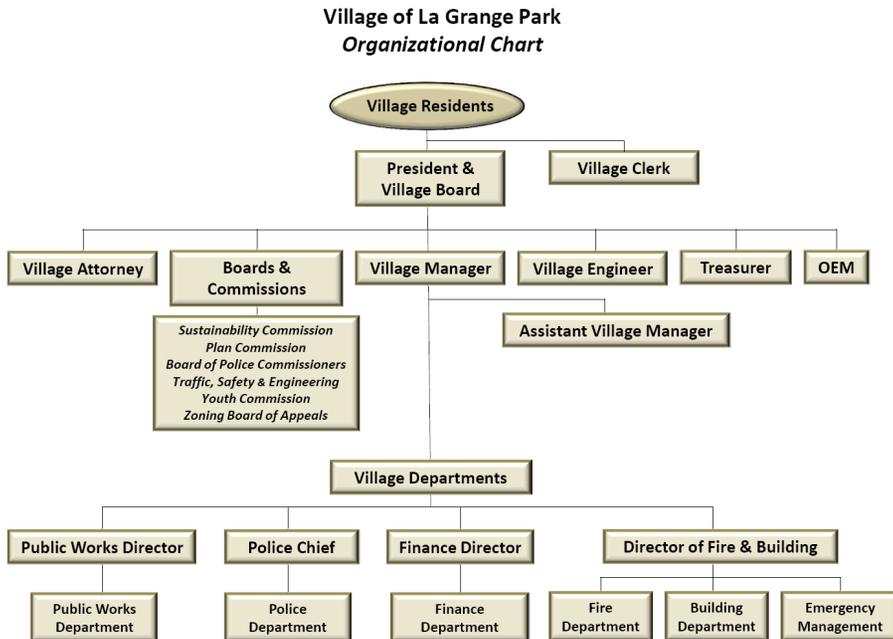
District Board of Commissioners meets the second Monday of each month in room 101 at 6:30p.m. at 1501 Barnsdale Avenue-Room 101.

Please call the Park District at (708) 354-4580 or visit their website at www.cpdlagrangepark.com for information on programs and events.

La Grange Park Post Office

The La Grange Park Branch of the United States Postal Service offers a variety of shipping options in addition to Passport services and Post Office boxes. The Branch's hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm and Saturday, 8:30am—12:00pm. Passport services are Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm. The La Grange Park Post Office is located at 701 E. 31st Street.

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General Fund Revenue

The largest source of operating revenue for the Village of La Grange Park is derived from real estate tax, which represents approximately 40% of general fund revenues. The three other main sources of revenue for the Village are state income tax, utility tax, and sales tax. These revenues are used to finance the operations of our Police, Fire, Public Works, Administration, and Building departments.

Building Department

The Building Department of La Grange Park's primary responsibility is to provide for the safety of all persons and structures within our Village. This is accomplished through the application and enforcement of Village Building Codes.

Hours of Construction

Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Weekends and holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(Holidays include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day)

Any violation of this schedule may result in a ticket and/or fine.

Building Department Help Guides

Thinking of starting a project? The Village has various Help Guides to help get you started which can be accessed on the Building Department's page on the Village website. The Department provides Help Guides related to numerous construction projects, including: driveways, swimming pools, fences, interior remodels, furnace and air-conditioning systems, as well as decks, sheds and garages. Remember to get all your questions answered *before* you begin work!

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Administration Department & Finance Department

The Administration and Finance Departments serve the Village Board and the other departments within the Village. These departments are also usually the first point of contact in the Village to residents, businesses, or others seeking information about the Village.

The Finance Department is responsible for a number of activities ranging from customer service to accounting. Department activities include: budget preparation, investing Village funds, insurance, accounting, water and sewer billing, payroll, and vendor payments.

Water and Sewer Billing

The Village issues quarterly combined water and sewer bills that may be paid online via the Village website or at Village Hall. For current rates, please visit the Village website. If you plan to move from your residence, please phone the Village Hall at 708-354-0225 so we can take a final reading of the water meter on the date of closing.

Financial Information

The Village maintains a rolling Five Year Financial Plan that helps guide long-term planning and budgeting decisions. The Five Year Financial Plan is used in conjunction with the annual operating budget to plan for revenues and govern expenditures. The Village's fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30.

Village Budget

The Village financial budget consists of seven (7) funds which receive revenues from various sources: General Fund, Water Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Sewer Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Emergency Phone Fund and Debt Service Fund. The revenues for each fund, with the exception of the General Fund, have constraints on how they can be used according to fund type. For example, revenues for the Motor Fuel Tax fund are received from gasoline sales tax via the State of Illinois and must be expended on street and sidewalk repairs. However, most Village expenditures derive funding from the General Fund.

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This section contains highlights of the Village Code to address commonly asked questions. To see the complete Village Code or Building Codes, stop by Village Hall, or visit www.lagrangepark.org.

Animals

- Animals shall be constrained by a leash or other means when not on the property of the owner.
- It is unlawful to allow any animal to defecate on private or public property without collecting the by-product
- Dogs are required to be licensed by the Village. The annual license is due at the same time as the vehicle stickers, by July 31st of each year.
- Every owner of a cat or dog four months or older must have their animal inoculated with the rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian as required by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
- More information regarding pet ownership in the Village can be found in the *Guide to Responsible Dog Ownership*; available at Village Hall or on the Village's website.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Each year, the first Friday in December, the Village kicks off the holiday season with an annual lighting of a tree at Memorial Park. The ceremony includes presentation of the colors by local boys scouts, caroling and hot chocolate. More information on this event is included in the Fall Edition of the Rose Clippings and on the Village website.

Arbor Day Celebration

La Grange Park has been designated a "Tree City USA" for the past 25 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In keeping with our status as a "Tree City," the Village celebrates Arbor Day each year by planting a tree in memory or in honor of a special person or group that has made a positive contribution to the community, or whose achievements deserve special recognition. Nominations are accepted year-round and nomination forms can be found on the Village's website.

Bicycle Registration

All bicycles operated in the Village should be registered. Bicycles will be inspected by Police Department prior to the issuance of a registration number. A sticker will be placed in a visible location on the bicycle. Bicycles may be registered at any time free of charge. Bicycle riders must obey the same rules of the road as do motor vehicles. The wearing of bicycle helmets is strongly recommended.

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Block Parties

The Village encourages block parties as a way to build community spirit, meet neighbors and have fun. Block parties are permitted on all local streets, with the exception of the those blocks that are located on, or intersect with County and State roads. Block party requests must be submitted at least 10 days in advance. Police and Fire personnel visits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Village will provide barricades for the street; residents are responsible for the placement and removal of the barricades during the event. Visit the Village website to submit your request online.

Building Permits

Permits are required for new construction, remodeling, additions, sheds, decks, pools, sprinkling systems, garages, roofs, fences, porches, water heater replacement, furnace and or air conditioning install or replacement. The list of items shown requiring a building permit may not contain all items and the Building Department should always be contacted first prior to starting any project to inquire about permits. Among various other codes and ordinances from the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, La Grange Park has adopted the building codes enumerated in the corresponding chart.

Village of La Grange Park Adopted Building Codes
1998 International One and Two Family Dwelling Code
1999 NFPA National Electric Code
1999 BOCA National Building Code
1998 International Mechanical Code
2004 IDPH Illinois Plumbing Code
1996 BOCA National Property Maintenance Code
1999 BOCA National Fire Prevention Code
2000 NFPA Life Safety Code
2002 NFPA National Fire Codes
2012 International Energy Conservation Code

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Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

During holiday weeks, the collection schedule for the entire week will be moved back one day starting on the holiday. For example, if Independence Day is on Tuesday, Tuesday's pickup will be Wednesday, Wednesday's pickup will be Thursday, Thursday's will be Friday, and Friday's will be Saturday. The next week, the regular schedule will resume. For the purpose of garbage collection the following will be considered holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas Day.

Electronic Recycling Events

As of January 1, 2012, Illinois residents may no longer dispose of their electronics in landfills; these items must be recycled. The Village organizes an E-Waste Recycling Event, typically the third Saturday in October, where residents may drop off their e-waste items for free. Village staff will also notify residents periodically of e-waste recycling events taking place in surrounding communities via the Village website and E-Briefs.

Brush Pickup

La Grange Park operates a brush collection program to assist residents in removing large branches and brush debris. Brush pickup begins the first full week of May and continues through the first full week of October. Brush is collected on streets running north and south, except for those residents not abutting on a north-south street. Brush must be on the parkway no later than 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of collection week. Landscape waste other than brush will not be accepted during brush pickup.

Leaf Pickup

The Village of La Grange Park collects leaves raked into the street starting in October and continuing into December, as weather permits. The community is divided into three sections, with the sections collected on alternating weeks. Depending on weather, leaf pickup generally is conducted from the third week of October through the first week of December.

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Refuse and Recycling Services

Refuse and Recycling Services

The Village's contracted refuse hauler is Allied Waste. The Village's residential waste program provides for the following:

- Refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m.
- One universal sticker may be used for refuse and landscape waste. Waste stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall, the La Grange Park Jewel-Osco, and various other local businesses.
- Refuse should be set out in no larger than 35-gallon containers weighing no more than 50 pounds. Each container must have one waste sticker attached.
- Recycling is free. Recycling bins may be purchased at Village Hall. There is no limit to the number of bins you may have.
- Allied Waste will collect yard waste (i.e. - grass clippings, leaves, prunings, brush, etc.) if placed at the curb on collection day in a container not to exceed 35-gallons or biodegradable bag with a waste sticker attached (April 1—November). A "Yard Waste Only" label must be affixed to the can designating it for yard waste.
- Backdoor Service: For an additional fee, residents may contract with Allied Waste to collect garbage at their backdoors, not at the curb.
- Oversized Items: Allied Waste will pick up oversized items such as furniture or appliances if two waste stickers are attached. However, residents should call Customer Service (708-345-7050) in advance to arrange a pickup.

Twin Toter Program

Allied Waste also offers the Twin Toter Program, which includes one 65 or 96 gallon roll-out toter for waste and one for recycling . Residents may contact Allied Waste at (708) 345-7050 or Village Hall at (708) 354-0225 to get started with the Twin Toter program. Please see the Village website for a list of options and pricing.

Community Clean-Up Day

Each October, Allied Waste offers a one-time clean up for single-family residences. Four stickers in total will insure that all of the acceptable items placed on the curb will be picked up. Acceptable items include: appliances, bulk items, carpet (must be cut down to four feet), furniture, couches and chairs. These items must be placed next to your regular refuse on the curb by 6:00a.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.

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Community Volunteering Weekend

Each April, the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission sponsors a Community Volunteering Weekend. Residents in need of assistance with minor outdoor clean-up tasks are asked to register with the Village and a team of 4-5 Youth Commission members and community volunteers will provide assistance for a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday morning. There is no cost for residents to participate. Residents must supply all necessary tools, including rakes, trash bags, buckets, etc. Only minor clean-up tasks will be tackled, which may include raking, pulling weeds, cleaning gutters, cleaning window wells, etc. For more information on receiving assistance or on how to volunteer, call Village Hall at (708) 354-0225.

E-Briefs

The E-Briefs is a weekly electronic newsletter the Village sends every Friday. Subscribers receive information on Village, Park District and Library news, along with a guide to activities and events happening in and around the community. Occasionally, special E-Brief notices are sent out to keep residents up-to-date on important Village news or weather related emergencies. To sign-up for E-briefs, visit the Village website.

Parking Restrictions

- Vehicles may not park on any street within the Village between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Parking on the sidewalk or parkway is prohibited.
- Parking is prohibited on any street when two (2) or more inches of snow is expected to fall.

Prescription Drug Drop Box

Residents may safely dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals (including liquids) by depositing them in the Prescription Drug Drop Box available in the lobby of Village Hall. Needles or sharps cannot be accepted and must be disposed of as required by law. There is no charge for disposing of unwanted pharmaceuticals and the service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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Public Transportation

La Grange Park residents who commute on public transportation have access to three Metra BNSF stations. These stations include La Grange Road and Stone Avenue located in neighboring La Grange and the Congress Park station located in Brookfield. For information on station locations and service schedules, please visit Metra's website at www.metrarail.com. La Grange Park is also served by Pace bus routes 330 and 304. For information on Pace's suburban bus service, visit www.pacebus.com.

Rose Clippings

The Rose Clippings is the quarterly newsletter prepared by the Village that is sent to all households in La Grange Park. The is mailed each January, April, July and October and includes important information on Village activities, regulations and events. Additional copies of the newsletter are available at Village Hall.

Sirens

The sirens atop of the Village Hall and Fire Station #2 are used for tornado warnings. The siren will sound at a very high pitch for about three minutes. **The siren is tested the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.** When you hear the tornado siren at any other time, you should seek cover immediately and turn on your radio or television for weather bulletins. The Village does not give an "all clear" alarm.

Solicitors

- Solicitors must receive a permit before soliciting door-to-door or on public property, and are allowed to solicit in the Village between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- The Village may not impose restrictions on the kind and types of solicitations that are allowed. Unless fraudulent or illegal acts are involved, soliciting may not be prohibited by the Village according to Federal law.
- If a resident does not want any solicitors to come to their door, a card or sign should be posted at the door stating "No Solicitors Allowed." A sign prohibits all solicitations. Such signs are available to residents free of charge at the Village Hall. If a solicitor stops, the resident should call the Police Department.
- A resident who allows solicitors to come into their home should ask the solicitors for identification and a solicitor's permit issued by the Village's Police Department. If a solicitor does not have identification or a permit, please call the Police Department.

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Snow Removal

Residents are not permitted to remove snow from their driveways into the street. Doing so makes it difficult for Public Works crews to keep streets clear for emergency vehicles and other motorists.

Speed Limit

- The speed limit on Village streets is 25 m.p.h. unless posted otherwise
- The speed limit in alleys is 10 m.p.h.
- The speed limit in school zones is 20 m.p.h. on school days when children are present.

Vehicle Stickers

Every resident must purchase a Village vehicle sticker for each vehicle they own and use in the Village. This includes leased or company-owned vehicles, even though they may be registered elsewhere. Vehicles owned by new residents and newly purchased vehicles must be registered within 60 days of purchase or 60 days after receipt of license plates. Residents must have license plates in order to purchase a vehicle sticker. Vehicle stickers must be purchased by **July 31** each year. Stickers may be purchased at the Village Hall during regular business hours or at the Police Station during other hours. Licenses purchased after the July deadline will cost 50% more for the first 30 days of the delinquency, plus an additional fee after August 31, which will include an additional fee if paid after September 30.

Voter Registration

Residents may register to vote at the Village Hall during regular business hours or at the La Grange Park Public Library. If you have recently moved, remember to transfer your voter registration. Citizens of the United States who are at least 18 years of age and who have resided at their present address for 30 days or more prior to an election are eligible to vote. Residents may also register through the Cook County Clerk's website at www.cookcountyclerk.com.