With autumn’s arrival we are reminded that the year is rounding the corner and coming to a close. It is a time to reflect upon the year’s progress and take stock of achievements so that we are invigorated for the new year to come. This year was indeed a year full of challenges, but it was also a year of progress.

For over a year, the Village has been in the process of rewriting its zoning code. The Village has embarked on a drafting process that includes a comprehensive review of our current code, a review of land utilization, and meetings with Village Staff, the Village Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Last spring, we held three public hearings to engage public input on the draft. In August, the ZBA forwarded its recommendations to the Village Board, which we will now review over the next few weeks. I am happy to report that this project is progressing toward its goal – a new zoning code that is predictable, consistent, user-friendly and incorporates modern development techniques.

Over the year the Village has made progress in its plan to address the structural deficiencies of the Public Works building. The Village attempted to secure stimulus and other grant funding to pay for a newly constructed green building. While the Village did manage to get some funding at the State level, the Village was unsuccessful at obtaining enough funding to substantially offset the cost of new construction. At this time, the Village has enlisted the services of an architecture firm that will provide two options for the Village to consider—repair or partial build at a price we can afford. Further, the Village recently learned that it is the recipient of a $100,000 Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant, which, in addition to the $500,000 in the State’s capital Bill, will help pay for the project.

One area of progress that cannot be overlooked is the hard work of our La Grange Park Business Association. This year they added a Shop Hop event to their list of activities. On December 3rd, they will partner with the Village for a Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting ceremony along 31st Street in an effort to promote the patronage of 31st Street Businesses. One event that our Village looks forward to each year is their Holiday in the Park to be held on December 10th at the Park District’s Recreation Center.

With all of us in this community working together – businesses, nonprofits, government and residents - we have built a worthwhile alliance that achieves progress for La Grange Park, even in these tough economic times.

Again, it is a privilege to serve as your President. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. My door is always open, my phone is always on. Thank you! Jim.
The Village's current three-year contract with Allied Waste expires in February of 2011. We are presently working with Allied to examine the current utilization of the program so that we may determine what changes should be made, if any. One method we are using to gather data as part of this process is a Residential Waste Collection Survey. The survey was included in the summer edition of Rose Clippings, which was distributed to every home in the Village. The survey was also posted on-line at the Village’s website. An online survey linked to the Village's website was also offered to residents as an option for providing feedback. The survey included just nine multiple choice questions. The Village received 184 survey responses, which translates to a 4.69% response rate. Detailed survey results are available at the Village’s website: www.lagrangepark.org. Significant findings of the survey are as follows:

- About half or 51% of respondents use less than one sticker for garbage pick-up each week.
- 88.2% of respondents use one sticker or less each week.
- Only 13.6% of respondents use a roll-out cart for garbage disposal.
- 44% of respondents use ten or more stickers for yard waste per year and about 21% of respondents use twenty or more.
- About 15% of respondents do not utilize Allied Waste for yard waste collection.
- Only one respondent of the 184 reported that they did not recycle.
- Most respondents (86%) understand the program requirements for approved containers (maximum capacity, weight, handles, etc.)

Yard Waste is not included in the Clean Up, but will be collected if properly prepared, stickered and set out on your regular collection day. If you would like to dispose of construction or demolition material, please contact Allied Waste at 345-7050 for a quotation. For information on options for the disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, please contact the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at (708) 453-9100. Unacceptable items will not be collected.

As you prepare for Clean Up Day, don’t forget that old computer and electronic equipment! Get rid of it for free! Bring it down to the Village’s Public Work’s Facility, located at 937 Barnsdale Road, on Saturday, October 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Village of La Grange Park Cool Village Commission and the West Cook Solid Waste Agency. Vintage Tech Recyclers will be handling all collected materials. Vintage Tech utilizes hard-drive wiping and destruction that has been approved and validated in compliance to the R2 (Responsible Recycler) certification. For more information, please call the Village at 708-354-0225.

ACCEPTABLE Items:
- Appliances
- Bulk Items (Bicycles, Fans, etc.)
- Carpet (Must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, & less than 30 lbs. in weight.)
- All Furniture

UNACCEPTABLE Items:
- Yard Waste
- Construction and Demolition debris
- Scrap Wood and Lumber
- Paint
- Concrete, Asphalt, Rocks, Bricks.
- Car Parts

- Tires
- Batteries
- Any type of fluid
- Ammunition
- Hazardous or Medical Waste
- Radioactive Materials
- Yard Waste
- No Fencing
- No Railroad Ties

ACCEPTABLE Items:
- Monitors/TV’s
- Laptops
- Printers
- Computers
- All computer parts
- Printers/Fax/Scanners
- DVD/Stereos/VCR’S
- Video Game Consoles
- Peripherals-
  - Mice/Keyboards
  - PDA/Cell Phones
  - MP3/IPods/etc
  - Phones
- Microwaves

SMALL CHARGE APPLIES (.15 per lbs):
- Typewriters
- Terminals
- Toaster Ovens
- Hair Dryers/Curling Irons
- UPS Batteries
- Electronic Tools
- Copiers

Residential Waste Survey Findings

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Fall Leaf Pick Up for 2010

Autumn leaves are falling! The Village is happy to continue its leaf collection program again this year. You can choose from either of two methods for disposing of your leaves.

Option One: The Village’s Leaf Collection Program

The Village collects leaves raked into the gutter beginning in mid-October through early December (weather permitting). Following are the rules for our program:

1. Please follow the collection schedule! While we try to remain flexible, the village allocates its financial and manpower resources to provide this program during a particular time period. We are unable to make exceptions for citizens who do not comply with the schedule. Please follow the schedule below.

Similar to last year, the Village is divided into three sections for leaf collection purposes. To help those residents who would prefer to not always be the first (or last) section to be collected, leaves are collected on an alternating schedule which this year begins with Section III.

Section I - all streets west of La Grange Road
Section II - all streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks
Section III - all streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.

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

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Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves in December.

2. Except for residences on La Grange Road, 31st Street, and Maple Road, all leaves should be raked into the gutter immediately adjacent to the curb (not the street). Leaves should not be placed in bags but loosely piled in the gutter in front of your home. Residents on La Grange Road, 31st Street, and Maple Avenue, however, are the exception and may bag their leaves and leave them on the parkway during their collection week – no stickers required. Residents on these streets also have the option of placing leaves on side streets.

3. Leaves must be out in the morning of the first date of your collection week. Because the condition of leaves (wet, dry, etc.), weather, and equipment breakdowns can all affect the speed of our collections, we cannot predict where we will start or stop our routes on any given day. To ensure that your leaves get picked up, they must be out by Monday morning.

4. Please rake your leaves into low piles. When our trucks hit high piles, they tend to scatter and flow back onto the parkway. Several small, low piles are preferable to a single pile stacked five-feet high.

5. Please be sure leaves are free of debris. To ensure the safety of our workers, please be sure your leaves are free of debris (wire, plastic, etc.).

6. Please be sure not to include brush with the leaves. Brush removal is a separate program that stops prior to the leaf removal program and begins again in the Spring each year.

Option Two: Yard Waste Collection

The other leaf disposal option is the yard waste collection program offered by our refuse hauler, Allied Waste. Residents may dispose of leaves on their regular refuse/recycling collection day through December 15. Leaves can be placed in a brown bag or a 32-gallon container. A yard waste sticker must be attached.

Leaf burning is prohibited in La Grange Park. Please use one of the above methods for disposing of your leaves. Do not park near piles of dry leaves. The heat of car mufflers can ignite the leaves and start a fire. Be safe and not sorry: avoid parking near leaf piles. The Village also urges residents to use caution while driving: Wet leaves, wet leaves, you will slide into trees. Drive Safe! Thanks for your cooperation!
Halloween Costume Party

Don't forget the Community Park District's Halloween Costume Party on Friday, October 29th, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center located at 1501 Barnsdale Road.

This event is for children 8 years and under accompanied by an adult. Includes a “Wacky Dracula” show and carnival games.

Holiday in the Park

Mark your calendars for the 2010 La Grange Park Business Association’s Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 at the Community Park District located at 1501 Barnsdale Road. 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 – music, refreshments and a raffle. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event. For more information, email Amy at: amy@oasisforher.com.

Jazz & Blues Festival

In July, the Village partnered with the Community Park District for the first ever Jazz and Blues Festival, held at Memorial Park. The event received rave reviews where attendees were able to enjoy food, beverages and the fantastic sounds of Jazz throughout the evening. It was truly a fun event for all!

Stanley Cup on Display

Continuing the celebration of the Chicago Blackhawk’s NHL Championship Season, the Village was fortunate to host the Stanley Cup for a public viewing at Village Hall in September. The display lasted one and a half hours and it is believed that all 600 fans in line had the opportunity to view and have their photos taken with the trophy. The Stanley Cup viewing was made possible by Village resident Pawel Prylinkski, a Blackhawks employee who chose to share his day with the Cup with fellow La Grange Park residents.

Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting

This year the La Grange Park Business Association and the Village will partner for a combined Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting ceremony along 31st Street, to take place on Friday December 3rd. The walk will take patrons on a path that includes visits and treats from participating 31st Street businesses. The walk will culminate with holiday caroling and a tree lighting ceremony led by Village President, Jim Discipio. The Tree Lighting event will be held on 31st Street, across the street from Ace Hardware.

Be Safe this Halloween!

Halloween in La Grange Park is celebrated on October 31st, with “Trick or Treat” hours from late afternoon until 8 p.m. Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their guests and their children. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season and make it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you!

- Costumes should be fire proof; the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- For greater visibility during darkness, decorate costumes and sacks with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car’s headlights. Reflective tape is available in hardware and sporting goods stores.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, across lawns where ornaments or furniture present dangers.
- Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome. Children should not enter homes unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns and porches. Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from curtains and other furnishings that could be ignited.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they’ll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!
Public Safety Pension Referendum on November Ballot

La Grange Park residents will see a pension reform question on the upcoming general election in November. In August, the Village Board voted to approve the placement of an advisory referendum on public safety pension reform. The ballot question is advisory in nature and its intent is to spur the Illinois General Assembly to adopt meaningful reforms for public safety pensions (police, fire, county sheriffs). Earlier this year, the General Assembly did adopt reforms for state and municipal pensions except for police and fire. The result of the public safety pension referendum in November would have no binding or legal effect on the Village or the State of Illinois. However, it would serve to express the views of the voters of La Grange Park. The ballot question is general, broad, and is phrased as such:

“Shall the Illinois general Assembly and Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful public safety pension reform which will relieve the extensive burden on local taxpayers now that the General Assembly and Governor have reformed the pension systems for all other public employees?”

Draft Zoning Code

Progress continues with the development of the Village’s new Zoning Code. In August, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) wrapped up its review of the draft document and forwarded a red-lined copy of the draft with recommended changes to the Village Board. In an effort to provide an open and transparent government, the Village has posted the draft online at the Village’s website: www.lagrangepark.org. This fall, the Village Board will review those recommendations in one or more special meetings. Watch for the dates of these special meetings in the E-Briefs, on the Village’s website, and on the Village’s cable channel.

Fire Prevention Week October 3rd - 9th

The theme of Fire Prevention Week 2010 is “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!” This year’s campaign is designed to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to take the steps necessary to update and maintain their home smoke alarm protection. Many people are complacent about smoke alarms in their homes because they already have at least one, and feel adequately protected. Motivating residents to take the necessary steps toward greater home fire safety can be a challenge. This year’s campaign can serve as a powerful tool for motivating people to install smoke alarms, as needed, and to make sure they’re working and tested properly. To learn more about home fire prevention, visit www.nfpa.org.

In October of 1922, President Harding initiated the first Fire Prevention Week in remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire of October 1871. As such, during this time of the year, the La Grange Park Fire Department reminds you that with fire safety education, and a little extra caution, preventing home fires and many serious burn injuries is within your power. You can make a difference!

Fire Department Open House

The annual Fire Department Open House will be Sunday, October 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Station #1 (447 North Catherine Avenue). This year’s open house will feature a number of interactive activities designed to educate children and adults alike about fire safety. As in past years, there will also be fire truck rides. Please join us for the fun!

Fire Chief Completes Executive Fire Officer Program

The Village’s Fire Chief, Dean Maggos recently completed the necessary requirements to graduate from The Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP). This renowned program is an initiative of the United States Fire Administration/National Fire Academy designed to enhance professional development through a unique series of four graduate and upper-division-baccalaureate equivalent courses. The EFOP spans a 4-year period with 4 core courses. The program enhances executive-level knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for proactive organizations and encourages the value of lifelong learning within the profession. Congratulations to Chief Maggos on this outstanding achievement.
The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of June, July, and August:

- Approved Ordinance Granting a Variation at 1414 Scotdale Road (Public Hearing No. 2010-01)
- Authorized Execution of an Electricity Supply Contract
- Appointments to various Boards and Commissions
- Authorized the use of Grant Money to Co-Host the Jazz and Blues Festival in Partnership with the Community Park District
- Approved Resolution Authorizing the Village to Participate in the Justice Assistance Grant (J.A.G.) Program
- Authorized the Purchase of Three (3) Panasonic Notebook Computers & Required Docking Stations
- Approved IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code
- Approved Resolution for Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax
- Approved Ordinance for Prevailing Wage Rate
- Approved Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Antennae at 1515 West Ogden Ave. on Property - Commonly Known as Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse (Public Hearing No. 2010-02)
- Approved Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit to Clara Luke to Operate an Animal Grooming Business at the Shopping Center Located at 716 E. 31st Street (Public Hearing No. 2010-03)
- Approved Payment of Cleveland Avenue Resurfacing (Plote Construction)
- Approved Resolution Authorizing a Case Study Evaluation of Police Department and Fire Department Services Delivery, and Cooperative Opportunities with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus between the Villages of LaGrange, La Grange Park, and Western Springs
- Approved a Resolution Accepting a Proposal for 2010 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program (United Septic, Inc.)
- Approved Resolution Accepting a Proposal for 2010 Sidewalk Slab-Jacking Program (AAA Concrete Raising Co.)
- Approved a Resolution Accepting a Proposal for 2010 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program (Schroeder & Schroder)
- Approved a Resolution for Public Safety Pension Reform
- Authorized the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of La Grange Park and Legat Architects (Public Works Garage)

Welcome New Village Employees

The Village recently welcomed two new employees, both 911 Dispatchers in the Police Department. Jim Moldenhauer comes to us from the City of Naperville where he worked as a 911 Dispatcher. Jim previously worked as a police intern and then as a part-time dispatcher for the Village of La Grange Park while he completed his studies at Illinois State University. Ann Marie Granado DeStefano comes to us from the Village of Hinsdale where she worked as a 911 Dispatcher for 20 years.

Police Department Receives JAG Grant

The Village has been notified by the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council of a grant award to our Police Department in the amount of $69,505 in stimulus grant funds. The funds require no matching monies from the Village. The funds will be used to provide a year-long school pedestrian traffic safety program, equip crossing guards with additional safety signs and vest, and to purchase a new speed monitor and recorder, two neighborhood speed signs and a new police vehicle.

Security Reminder from the Police Department

The La Grange Park Police Department encourages residents to be mindful of important security measures to be taken in neighborhoods, homes and automobiles. Residents must be diligent in locking up cars, garages, and residences. Do not leave laptops, cell phones and other expensive equipment in your automobile which would be visible to the passerby. Be sure to report any suspicious behavior or people in your neighborhood. The non-emergency phone number to the Police Department is 708-352-2151 and call 911 in an emergency.

Apply for FEMA Assistance Deadline is October 18

Residents and business owners who sustained losses as a result of the severe storms in July may apply for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). It is important that all residents complete the FEMA assistance process if they were impacted by the severe storms. The application deadline is October 18.

Don’t Forget to Fall Back!

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2010. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.
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.

Good Neighbor Excerpts:

Nominating: Tony & Lisa Kaliterna, Jeff & Debbie Hamera, and Mike & Pat Carroll
Three years ago my daughter and I moved from our home in Riverside to La Grange Park with a totally different family lifestyle change. New to the neighborhood and total strangers to our neighbors, each of the above listed families (there are more to be mentioned but I will keep it short) welcomed us with open arms. Over the course of the past three years, each of these very special people has stepped up to the plate when we were in need; be it a flooded basement, furnace issues in the cold of the night, moving a large piece of furniture or helping trim a tree. As the saying goes, “When life throws you lemons, make lemonade!” The neighbors of Alima Terrace have assisted us in making the sweetest lemonade there ever will be, and we will be forever grateful for the warmhearted kindnesses shared by our La Grange Park neighbors.
– Nancy Moravecek

Nominating: Carla Thorpe
My wife Caroline and I enthusiastically second the Good Neighbor Nomination of Carla Thorpe that appeared in the Summer Edition of Rose Clippings. Carla has been a considerate altruistic neighbor of ours here at Bethlehem Woods Retirement Community. She has brought us flowers and plants from the Presbyterian Church in La Grange, and also homemade cookies and other things. She has stopped by for cordial visits, and at the hospital, and we have had many friendly phone conversations with her. At the Presbyterian Church she is a Deacon and choir member. Like Frank Boker, the original nominator, I am a World War II Veteran (U.S. Army) and member of the La Grange Post of the American Legion, and provided dental treatment for residents in the area for 50 years. My wife Caroline is a former Cossitt School teacher. – Dr. Edgar D. (Ted) Gifford, D.D.S.

Nominating: Anita and Gunther Brucha
The Bruchas have always been wonderful neighbors. The most recent example of their kindness was after the big storm on June 18. Our large Bradford Pear tree was knocked down by the strong winds. We were out and came home to find the destruction. It had fallen on the drive and against the front door. Guenther had cut up enough branches that we could get in. He also helped us saw up the tree and he got out the stump! He said it was good cardio.
– Mary & Lawrence (“Reg”) Potter

Nominating: John & Nancy Voyles
John & Nancy have helped us in many ways since my husband’s death. John materializes, as if by magic, when I need an extra hand or when my son and I don’t know how to do something that my husband always did. He has fixed my son’s bike, helped shovel snow, taught us many home maintenance skills. They are both always willing to help. We couldn’t have made it without them and we feel very lucky to have such wonderful neighbors.
– Linda Preston

Nominating: Neighbors on Beach Ave. (north of 31st St.), Henrietta & Sue
Our neighbors helped welcome our baby girl. We appreciate all the warm wishes, attention, and beautiful gifts that were given to our Evangelina. We are very happy that our daughter will be growing up in such a wonderful neighborhood.
– Denise & Michael Gonzalez

Good Neighbor Nomination Form

Your Name: ____________________________________________________________

Your Address: __________________________________________________________

Please provide the name and address of the person/group you are nominating:

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Why are they a Good Neighbor to you?
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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.

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Please mail to: Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526. Email address: bproczko@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!”

RESIDENT FEEDBACK

VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

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.

Just a reminder that Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

Monday, November 8 – Veteran’s Day
Thursday, November 25 & 26 – Thanksgiving
Friday, December 24 & 27 – Christmas