

# The *Rose* CLIPPINGS

Village of Roses

Fall 2012

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## *The Village of La Grange Park*

### President's Corner



Road. The existing 6" water main that runs under the sidewalk from Brewster to Oak will be replaced by 10" main. The project will be completed in two segments. The first segment runs from Brewster to Woodlawn and the second segment starts at Woodlawn and ends at Oak. Once the project is completed, residents will benefit from improved water flows available for fire protection and the reduced risk of water main breaks due to aging infrastructure, which can impact traffic on La Grange Road. The project is funded in large part by grants the Village has received from the Army Corps of Engineers. Construction of the project is slated to begin in the spring of 2013.

The Village Commercial Revitalization Committee has been busy working on a new Commercial Revitalization Action Plan, which outlines strategies and objectives for the Village's current and future economic development efforts. Earlier this month, Village staff attended the International Council of Shopping Centers Chicago Deal-Making Conference in Chicago and spent time marketing the Village's vacant commercial and industrial spaces to national real estate firms and businesses looking to expand in the Chicagoland market. The Village has developed marketing materials to help promote the community to new businesses and has also developed a new Business Resource Guide to provide key information on Village regulations and useful resources to businesses in one handy document. All of these new marketing materials will soon be available on the Village's website. I would like to give special thanks to Trustee Topps and his committee, and Emily Rodman, Assistant Village Manager for their diligence with this committee. They have the expertise to bring our community to new heights with our commercial revitalization.

As you spend time this fall reflecting on all that you are thankful for, remember that it's important to be good stewards of our community and the environment. Clean out old and unwanted items and donate them to local charities. If they are not in a condition suitable for donation, take advantage of the Village's Community Clean-Up Day on Thursday, October 18th. See page 5 for more details on what will be accepted. The Village's Cool Village Commission invites you to recycle your old electronic equipment that is no longer permitted in Illinois landfills by dropping them off at the E-Waste recycling event on Saturday, October 20th. While you're there, you can also pick up a rain barrel or compost bin at a discounted rate. Please see page 5 for more information on this event.

I would be remiss if I closed this message without a reminder to our residents to come out and celebrate the winter festivities with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Chamber Chili Cook-Off, scheduled for December 7th, along with Holiday in the Park, Saturday, December 15th. I wish you a prosperous and joyous holiday season. It is my ongoing privilege to serve you as Village President. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

*President James J. Discipio*

The changing leaves on the trees are an annual symbol of the changing of the seasons from summer to fall. Autumn in La Grange Park is perhaps the most beautiful time of year in the community, as block after block of our tree lined streets change from green to luscious yellows, reds and browns. Halloween will soon be here, and parents and children can get extra use out of their Halloween costumes by participating in the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce "Haunted Trolley Trick-or-Treat" on October 26th. See page 4 for more details on the event. Community trick-or-treating will take place on October 31st from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and I urge parents to review the Halloween safety tips contained on page 4.

The Fall season is always a busy time of year for the Village and this year is no exception. Recently, all of the interior lighting fixtures in the Public Works Facility were upgraded to more efficient fixtures and all of the exterior fixtures were replaced. This approximately \$12,500 project was over 90% paid for with

grant funds, resulting in a more efficient and safe facility at a nominal cost to the Village. The facility is still in need of significant structural and mechanical improvements and progress on the Public Works Garage Renovation Project continues. The Village recently released a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the \$1 million renovation of the existing building. Renovations will include removing all hazardous materials from the building, cleaning up the former gun range in the basement of the building, replacing all windows, upgrading existing mechanical systems and stabilizing and enhancing the existing façade. Approximately half of the project will be funded by grants the Village has received from the State.

The Village is also preparing for a significant water main replacement project along La Grange



## Municipal Aggregation Update Switch-Over Occured in September



The Village signed an energy contract with First Energy Solutions to provide electrical power to residents and small businesses at a lower rate than ComEd currently provides (4.93 per kw hour). For those residents and small businesses who qualify for the program and who have not opted-out, the switch-over to First Energy occurred during the month of September. Residents should begin to see

savings on their October electric bills. To calculate your monthly and annual savings under the La Grange Park program, visit [www.MyComEdBill.com](http://www.MyComEdBill.com). Residents who opted-out of the program but have changed their mind and would like to join, should call First Energy Solutions directly at 866-636-3749 to inquire about how to join the program. Still have questions? Contact the Village at (708) 354-0225.

## New Employees at Village Hall

We would like to introduce four new staff members, and our new Village Treasurer. On behalf of the Village Board and Staff, we look forward to working with each of them, and we wish them continued success here at the Village.



### POLICE OFFICER

Timothy Griffin began his duties as a probationary police officer in mid-September. He comes to the Village with experience as a Berkeley, Illinois part-time police officer, and has already attended 400 hours of police training. Tim holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois. He will be completing the Field Training and Evaluation program over the next few months. We are happy to welcome Tim as the newest member of the Village staff, and we wish him the best of luck in La Grange Park.



### ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Deanne Curelo has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Concordia University in River Forest, IL. She has worked as a local substitute teacher in Berwyn, Addison and Oak Brook school districts, and she previously worked as the head counselor for the Village of Oak Brook summer camp program. Deanne lives in Brookfield and graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School. Staff wishes Deanne continued success at the Village. Don't forget to welcome Deanne next time you stop by Village Hall!



### PUBLIC WORKS - MAINTENANCE WORKER I

Casey Scheunemann was promoted from a part - time, seasonal position with the Public Works Department to a full - time, Maintenance Worker I position in August 2012. Casey has worked for the Village for the past five years. He began working for the Village during his undergraduate career at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, IA, and he's eager to become a full-time member of the Public Works team. Previously, he worked for the Village of Brookfield's Public Works Department. Casey is a graduate of Lyons Township High School, and he is very excited to pursue a career in public works with the Village of La Grange Park.



### COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION INTERN

Katie Hosso is a life-long La Grange Park resident who is working towards her associate's degree at the College of DuPage. Her goal is to graduate in the spring of 2013, and transfer to the University of Illinois at Chicago where she is interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in marketing. Katie has worked at Oasis Women's Fitness and Spa for the past five years, and during her time at the Village she will be working on a number of economic development projects. Katie is a very motivated and hard-working individual, and we are excited to welcome her to the Village of La Grange Park.

### VILLAGE TREASURER

Chad Chevalier is the Director of SEC Reporting and Global Lead and IFRS Conversion for the Sara Lee Corporation. He is a member of the Illinois CPA Society and the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts. Chad also holds a BBA, with majors in Accounting and History from the University of Notre Dame. We are proud to welcome Mr. Chevalier on the Village Board, and we know he will do his best to serve residents and the community.



# Fall Leaf Pick Up for 2012

**A**utumn 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 II.

**Section I (West) - all streets west of La Grange Road**

**Section II (Central) - all streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks**

**Section III (East) - all streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.**

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

SECTION II (Central)	SECTION III (East)	SECTION I (West)
October 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> – October 26 <sup>th</sup>	October 29 <sup>th</sup> – November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
November 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	November 19 <sup>th</sup> – November 21 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves in December.</b>		
November 26 <sup>th</sup> – November 30 <sup>th</sup>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup> – December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 10 <sup>th</sup> – December 14 <sup>th</sup>

*Please be aware that the above time schedule 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.*

- 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 – Last Day to be Confirmed

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 1. 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!

## Be Safe This Halloween

**H**alloween in La Grange Park is celebrated on October 31st, with "Trick or Treat" hours from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their guests and their children. Following safety tips can help you to have an enjoyable Halloween season for you and your family!



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, or across lawns where ornaments or furniture present dangers.



Drivers should also be more aware of children and their guardians who may be walking in the street or by driveways. Drive below the posted speed limit, and do not use any electronic devices while driving on Halloween night.



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 landings and 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.



Vandalism and animal abuse are not tolerated in La Grange Park. Halloween should be a day of playful fun, but always remember to be respectful and courteous to your neighbors.

As always, please report any suspicious activity to the La Grange Park Police. For non-emergencies during regular Village business hours, please contact (708) 354-0225. For after hours, please call (708) 352-2151. In the event of an emergency, call 911.

## Haunted Trolley Trick or Treat - October 26th

**T**he La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first ever Haunted Trolley Trick or Treat Event. This free event will be held Friday, October 26th from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Parents and children are invited to hop on a trolley at one of several locations, including the La Grange Park Community Park District Facility, the Village Market, and locations along 31st Street. The trolleys will travel along a designated route dropping patrons at specified stops so that children can trick-or-treat amongst the various businesses or sip hot chocolate at Fire Station #2. For those wishing to participate in the Community Park District's Costume Party, hop a trolley back to the Park District after the event to continue the fun with games, a magician and more! Contact the Chamber at (708) 354-4205 for more information.

## Chili Cook-Off & Tree Lighting Ceremony December 7th

**T**he La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce and the Village will partner for a combined Chili Cook-Off and Tree Lighting ceremony at the Village Market to take place on Friday December 7th. Come join in the fun and taste a variety of chilis made by your friends and neighbors. Kick off the holiday season by watching the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Memorial Park, led Village President, Jim Discipio. Come on out for some holiday cheer and celebration!



## Holiday In The Park December 15th

**M**ark your calendars for the 2012 La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce's Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 15 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 - including music, and refreshments. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event.



# Community Clean Up Day - October 18th

Mark your calendars for the Village's annual Community Clean Up Day, which will take place on October 18th. Single-family residences in La Grange Park will receive a one-time clean up service on the regularly scheduled collection day. Clean-Up Day cannot be rescheduled so don't miss out! (Four stickers in total will insure that all of the acceptable items placed on the curb will be picked up). If you choose not to participate, your trash will be handled as a regular pick up. Acceptable items must be placed next to your regular refuse on the curb by 6:00 a.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. Stickers can be purchased at Village Hall for \$2.80 each.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appliances</li> <li>Bulk Items (Bicycles, Fans)</li> <li>Carpet (Must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, and less than 30 lbs. in weight.)</li> <li>All Furniture</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yard Waste</li> <li>Any type of fluid</li> <li>Construction and Demolition Debris</li> <li>Ammunition</li> <li>Scrap Wood and Lumber</li> <li>Hazardous or Medical Waste</li> <li>Paint</li> <li>Radioactive Materials</li> <li>Concrete, Asphalt, Rocks, Bricks.</li> <li>Yard waste</li> <li>Car Parts, Tires</li> <li>Fencing</li> <li>Batteries</li> <li>Railroad Ties</li> </ul>

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.

## Be Considerate of Your Neighbors

The Village would like to remind residents to be considerate of your neighbors and to follow all Village regulations related to garbage and waste removal. Village regulations do not permit residents to place waste on the curb any earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before your scheduled pickup. All waste containers should be removed from the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the day after pickup. Violators may be fined by the Village.

## E-Waste Recycling Day - October 20th

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 20th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from Vintage Tech Recyclers, Village staff and community volunteers will be on hand to accept electronic items that as of January 1, 2012, are banned from Illinois landfills. Items that will be accepted include: tvs, computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, scanners, fax machines, VCRs/DVD players, gaming systems, MP3 players and cameras. 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.



# Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of March, April, and May:

- Approved a Resolution Authorizing Execution of Power Supply Agreement Between the Village of La Grange Park and First Energy to Provide Full-Requirements Electricity Supply and related Services For the Village's Electrical Aggregation Program
- Ordinance Approving Fire Sprinkler Variation Request for 1126, 1128, and 1130 Maple Avenue
- Ordinance Approving Prevailing Wage Rates for Construction Work in Cook County
- Approved the Purchase of Two Police Vehicles from Currie Motors in Frankfort in the Amount of \$50,232
- Approved the Purchase of Four Street Light Poles
- Ordinance Approving the Amendment of the La Grange Park Municipal Code as Amended (Public Parking Lot Regulations)
- Approved the Letter of Intent to Participate as the Non-Federal Partner and the Self-Certification of Financial Capability (South LaGrange Road Water Main Replacement Grant)
- Approved a Motion to Accept the Schematic Design Deliverable and Direct the PW Garage Committee to Further Develop Project Cost Estimates and Next Steps
- Approved Modifications to the Village's Municipal Code (language of Section 114.022 be deleted and language added to Section 93.04.C.5)
- Approved Ordinance Approving Noise Restriction Exception - St. Louise de Marillac Carnival / Summerfest
- Approved the Purchase of Ten Mobile Radios, 25 Portable Radios and Necessary Accessories in the amount of \$26,158.00
- Authorized Village Manager to Approve the Purchase for Replacement, Servicing and Disposal of 32 Battery Jars for the Chloride UPS from Protech Services of Lake Bluff, IL in the amount of \$5,137.00.
- Authorized Village Manager to Executive Partnership Agreement (Department of the Army - South LaGrange Road Water Main Replacement Grant)
- Approved an Open Purchase Order, not to exceed a total amount of \$40,000, with HD Supply Waterworks for the Purchase of Fire Hydrant Modification Kits or new Fire Hydrants
- Approved a Motion to Direct Staff to frame a work program for a whole sale renovation to the existing Public Works Garage
- Approved a Motion to Prepare a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals for a design-build contractor to partner with the Village in completing the renovation.
- Approved the Village of La Grange Park's Participation in the Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program and Authorized the Village President to Sign the Resolution Required for Participation
- Approved Resolution Approving Rebate Agreement with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO) and Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICE), for the Upgrade of the Water Plan and Public Works Garage Interior Lighting Project
- Authorized Village Manager to Execute an Agreement with Twin Supplies for the Labor and Materials Required to Perform Lighting Upgrades at the Water Plan and the Public Works Garage Areas
- Appointment & Re-appointment of Members to the Youth Commission
- Proclamation National Assisted Living Week 2012 (September 9 - 15)

# State of the Village

## November 1st

Mark your calendars for the 2012 State of the Village Address, which will be held on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 pm. Village President Jim Discipio will provide residents with an update on the Village budget, achievements over the past year and upcoming infrastructure and economic development projects. The State of the Village Address will also be televised live on the Village's Cable Channel - Channel 6.



## NEW! Pay Village Parking Citations Online or Over the Phone

Residents are now able to pay their parking and compliance citations by credit card online or over the phone. A new web link has been added to the Village's webpage located on the right-hand side (blue square PAY NOW icon). Anyone wishing to pay by credit card should be advised to access this link or call 1-888-604-7888. These options are available 24 hours a day. There is a small service charge for these payments, collected by the service provider.

## Don't Forget to Fall Back

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.





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**RESIDENT FEEDBACK**

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: [jcedillo@lagrangepark.org](mailto: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](mailto:jcedillo@lagrangepark.org) and type "sign me up!"

## VILLAGE *HALL*

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.

## VILLAGE *HOLIDAYS*

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

- Monday, November 12 – Veteran's Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving
- Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25 – Christmas
- Tuesday, January 1 – New Years Day