

# Rose CLIPPINGS

Spring 2017

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## President's Corner

Spring is just around the corner and for the Village that means it is budget season. Each year as Village staff and the Village Board prepare the budget, we strive to align the budget with the Village's priorities and the core services we provide. For the past several years, the Village's number one priority has been the paving of streets. As a result of the successful 2016 road referendum, the Village was able to complete \$2.6 million in paving last year (24 blocks). This year, the Village plans to pave \$3.5 million worth of streets. Paving is anticipated to begin in April. For the list of streets to be paved this year, please see page 5.

The long-term sustainability of the Village's budget has been a key focus area of the Village Board and staff for the last several years.



The Village Board recognizes that the Village needs to continue to diversify its revenue streams and consequently, has taken a renewed focus on economic development. For the past few years, the Village has been exploring the potential to implement Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Business Development Districts across the Village's commercial areas. In January, the Village Board established two TIF Districts generally referred to as the Village Market TIF and the 31st Street/Barnsdale TIF. These two TIF's will be in place for 23 years and over time, will provide a revenue base to reinvest within the District.

In March, the Village Board also established four Business Development Districts (BDD's) which cover all of the Village's commercial areas. BDD's, like TIF Districts, are a public financing tool used to promote redevelopment and reinvestment in public infrastructure, and fund other community-improvement projects. Through the BDD's an additional sales tax of 1% will be levied on retail goods within the District boundaries for 23 years. Certain sales are exempt, such as drugs, medicines, food, etc. With the implementation of the BDD's the Village's sales tax rate within the Districts will increase to 10% on July 1st. This brings our sales tax rate in-line with those of our surrounding communities. More information on the TIF Districts and BDD's, their potential benefits, and the process for establishing them can be found on the Village website.

On March 20th, the Village celebrated another milestone with the opening of the Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC). LTACC is a new consolidated dispatch center established jointly with the Villages of La Grange Park, La Grange, and Western Springs. For more information on LTACC and what it means for La Grange Park, please see page 2.

As you can see, the Village has been very busy this past winter. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my fellow Village Board members and to the Village staff for all their hard work to bring these important initiatives to fruition. It truly takes a Village!

Please take a few moments to read through this spring's edition of the Rose Clippings. You'll find useful information on state legislative issues, upcoming road construction, refuse rates, Village events and yard waste and brush collection. Please feel free to contact Village staff if you have any questions or concerns and as always, feel free to contact me at any time. Have a great spring everyone!

*President James F. Discipio*



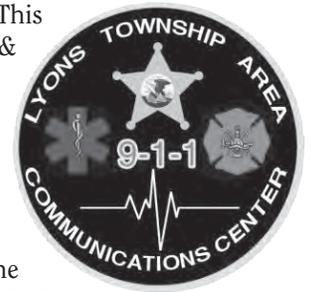
## Fire Safety Vehicle and Equipment Purchase Update



As a result of the successful fire apparatus referendum in 2016, the Village was able to proceed with the purchase of a new Quint Aerial Ladder Truck and new Ambulance. The new ladder truck will replace our existing 27 year old truck, and the new ambulance will replace our 17 year old ambulance. Bonds were issued last year to finance the equipment and both vehicles have now been ordered. The new ambulance is expected to be built and delivered by this coming August, and the new ladder truck is expected to be completed and delivered by December or January. The Fire Department and Village Officials would again like to extend our appreciation to residents for making these purchases a reality.

## New Consolidated Dispatch Center Opens

Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC) is now open for operation. This enhanced center will be offering the residents of LaGrange Park, Western Springs & La Grange quality services for Police, Fire & Medical Dispatching on a 24 hours / 7 days a week basis. Since the present La Grange Park Dispatchers have moved over to LTACC, the Village Lobby at the Village Hall will no longer be open 24 hours. The Village Hall, including the police window, will remain open from 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday. The main doors to the Village Hall (north side off of Woodlawn Ave) will remain unlocked for emergency access, a red call box maybe used for 24 hour assistance for police inquires or for 911 emergencies. Surveillance cameras have been installed throughout the Village Hall and will be routinely monitored by LTACC Dispatchers. Residents may contact LTACC for general police service questions at (708) 352-2151 (including approval for overnight parking) or the fire department non-emergency at (708) 354-0225. To leave a message after-hours for police department personnel you may contact (708) 352 -7711 and follow the prompts for further assistance. An after-hours drop box is also available for payment of water bills, tickets, etc. at the main entry to the Village Hall, near the red call box.



## Village to Host 1st Citizen Police Academy

The 1st Police Citizen Academy will be conducted on Thursdays from April 27th – May 25th . The program will educate participants on the role of a La Grange Park Police Officer and expand their knowledge of local regulations and procedures. Some of the topics to be covered include: Mental Health Awareness, Special Event Programming, Personal & Public Safety, Patrol Operations, Investigations, etc. Enrollment for the first session is closed. If you were unable to enroll in the first session, a second session for the academy will be held on Thursdays beginning in September. Please contact academy coordinator – Officer Chris Dempsey at (708) 352-7711 ext. 270 for questions regarding the Citizen Policy Academy.



## New Business

YPV Distribution, Inc. - 825 26th Street

Please join us in welcoming YPV Distribution to La Grange Park. Previously located in Elk Grove, YPV Distribution offers a full range of packaging products, including rigid and flexible packaging, paper packaging, janitorial products and safety apparel. For more information, visit [www.ypvdist.com](http://www.ypvdist.com).



# Springfield Gridlock A Potential Threat to Local Revenues

As the State of Illinois enters its third year without a budget in place, protecting municipal revenues to ensure the continued delivery of vital services becomes even more crucial.

Some officials in Springfield are suggesting that villages and cities sacrifice their ability to pay for necessities like police and fire protection to bail out the State's decades of fiscal mismanagement. President Discipio and Village Trustees have joined municipal officials across the state to lobby legislators and the Governor's office to ensure that important programs such as the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), the municipal share of income tax receipts, are not cut.

There is some good news out of the Capitol as legislation has been introduced to ensure municipalities can continue to count on their fair share of key revenue sources. Most significant is House Bill 278, which would bring LGDF distributions to local communities back to a full 10 percent of income tax collections as originally intended.

Over the years, fund distributions have dropped to less than 8.5 percent, which means that the Village received approximately \$300,000 less in FY 2017 than it would have had the LGDF been at the full 10 percent.

House Bill 278 was approved by the House of Representatives in March, with the three legislators serving La Grange Park, Emmanuel "Chris" Welch (7th), LaShawn Ford (8th) and Mike Zalewski (23rd), voting in favor. The Illinois Senate is currently considering the measure.

Another important piece of legislation is House Bill 617. This legislation would mandate that Springfield automatically send funds earmarked to municipalities that the State collects, such as sales tax, Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and 9-1-1 monies, even in the absence of a State budget. House Bill 617, which has broad bi-partisan support, is sponsored by Representative Welch.

More information on these bills and other legislation affecting La Grange Park and municipalities across the state can be accessed by visiting [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).



# Village Welcomes New Building Official/ Deputy Building Commissioner

In January, the Village welcomed Patrick Boyle as our new Building Official/Deputy Building Commissioner. Patrick has nearly 14 years of experience in municipal building and inspectional services, including experience with property maintenance and code enforcement. He has served in such a role for several years in a nearby Chicago suburb. Please join us in welcoming Patrick to the Village.



# Retirement of Sergeant Tobias

On May 1, 2017 the Village will say farewell to Sergeant Ted Tobias. Sergeant Tobias will be retiring after over 33 years of quality service to the La Grange Park Community. He started his career in 1984 as a patrol officer before being promoted to Sergeant in the early 2000's. During his tenure with the Village he has touched many lives. We offer him our sincere thanks for his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in his retirement.



# New Refuse Pricing - Effective April 1

Under the Village's contract with Allied Waste/Republic Services, the minimum monthly refuse charge that appears on homeowners water bills will increase to \$5.63 (from \$5.41). The cost for refuse and yard waste stickers will increase to \$3.20 per sticker (from \$3.10). Both changes will be effective on April 1, 2017.

For those residents that participate in the twin totter program, the increases will be as follows:

- 65G refuse totter will increase to \$12.85 (from \$12.36)
- 95G refuse totter will increase to \$15.06 (from \$14.48)
- 65G Yard Waste Toter will increase to \$22.50 (from \$21.95)
- 95G Yard Waste Toter will increase to \$24.95 (from \$24.00)

Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall and local grocery and hardware stores. To get started with the Twin Toter program, contact Allied Waste/Republic Services directly at 708-345-7050.

## Consider Making a Change....

The table below will help you choose the most cost-effective solution for refuse and recycling for your household, based on your usage:

IF YOU THROW OUT...	THEN SELECT...
Less than one bag or can of garbage per week	Sticker program
One bag or can of garbage per week	65 Gallon Twin Toters
More than one bag or can of garbage per week	95 Gallon Twin Toters

## Monitor Your Water Usage

Residents occasionally contact the Village due to unusually high water bills. The high bill is often a result of leaking pipes, dripping faucets, or running toilets. A continually running toilet can waste up to 1,000 gallons of water a day and dripping faucets can also result in a large amount of lost water. Please frequently check your pipes, faucets and toilets for leaking or running water. Also, many water meters have a “low flow indicator,” which is a small dial on your meter that turns when water is moving through the meter. This dial should not be moving unless water is being used in your residence. Be proactive – monitor your water usage frequently to save yourself time and money and help conserve a valuable resource.



## Water & Sewer Rate Study

The Village is in the process of performing a comprehensive water and sewer rate study. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the long term operation and infrastructure needs of the Village's water and sewer systems and provide the Village Board with options that will provide the necessary funding. Look for more information on the Village's website later this spring.

## The Village Needs Your Help!

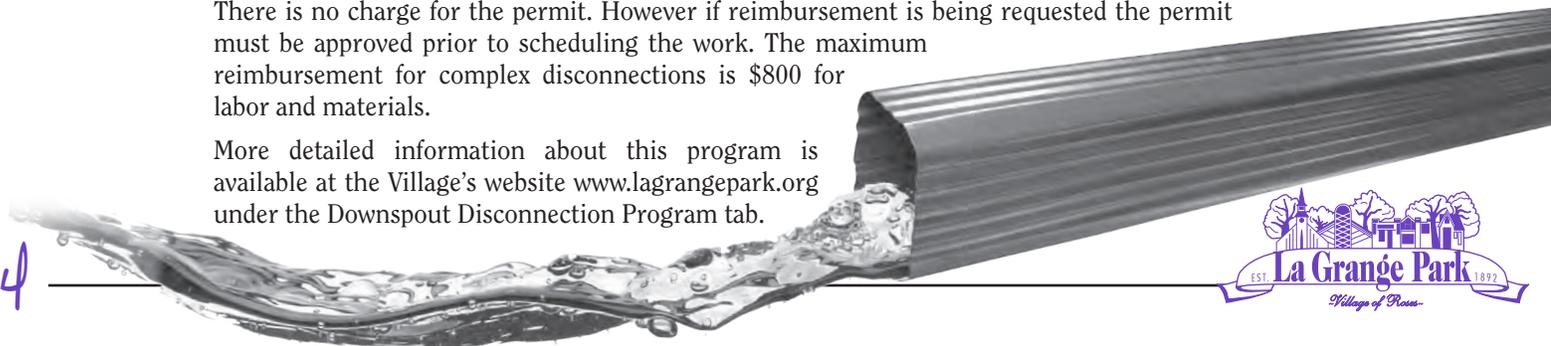
A mandatory downspout disconnection has been the law for several years in La Grange Park. All gutter downspouts must be disconnected from the combined sewer system at the point of sale of the home. This required disconnection is the responsibility of the seller of the home. The revised Village ordinance requires that all single family home disconnections must be completed by January 2019, regardless if the home is sold or not. The Downspout Disconnection Assistance Program provides incentives in the form of reimbursements to help owners meet the deadline. Many homeowners have already taken advantage of this program and received their reimbursements. Please keep in mind that funding is limited and reimbursements are on a first come first serve basis. We are not sure how long the State will continue to provide funding.

In order for the Village to maintain the grant that funds the Downspout Disconnection Assistance Program we must complete certain statistical milestones. These milestones are related to the number of confirmed homes that have disconnected their downspouts from our combined sewer system. This information can only be confirmed through home visits. If you have ordered free rain barrels, applied for reimbursements, received permits for complex disconnections or gutter replacement, then we have already visited your home. However, if you have disconnected your downspouts and do not fall into any of the previously mentioned categories, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Special Projects Coordinator Forrest Tucker at 708-354-0225, ext. 208 or email [forrest@lagrange.org](mailto:forrest@lagrange.org). Please include your address in your correspondence so that we may visit your home to confirm your disconnections. This information is vitally important to the Village and your fellow homeowners in fulfilling our grant requirements. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

If you have not applied for reimbursement and you purchased materials to disconnect your downspouts in 2015 or later and kept your original receipts, you are still eligible. All you need to do is complete a reimbursement application and attach the original receipts. Then drop them off or mail to the Village Hall attention (Forrest Tucker) Village of La Grange Park 447 N Catherine La Grange Park, Illinois 60526. Reimbursement applications are available at the Village Hall or the Village website under the Downspout Disconnection Program tab.

All single family homeowners whose downspouts are connected to the combined sewer system are eligible for reimbursement. Simple disconnections are eligible for 100% reimbursement up to \$100 for materials only. All that is required is a completed reimbursement application with the original receipts attached. More complex disconnections that involve gutter work, downspout relocation, rain gardens or bio-swales require a Program Permit. There is no charge for the permit. However if reimbursement is being requested the permit must be approved prior to scheduling the work. The maximum reimbursement for complex disconnections is \$800 for labor and materials.

More detailed information about this program is available at the Village's website [www.lagrange.org](http://www.lagrange.org) under the Downspout Disconnection Program tab.



# Upcoming Road Paving Projects

The Village will be completing over three million dollars in paving projects this year. Two contracts have been awarded to complete streets using the bond funds. A third contract will be bid out by the Illinois Department of Transportation to complete the resurfacing of Harding from Brainard to Kemman. That scope of work includes upgrading the sidewalks at the corners to meet the Americans with Disabilities requirements. That project will be awarded in early August with completion occurring by Thanksgiving.

The bond funded projects are scheduled to start in April.

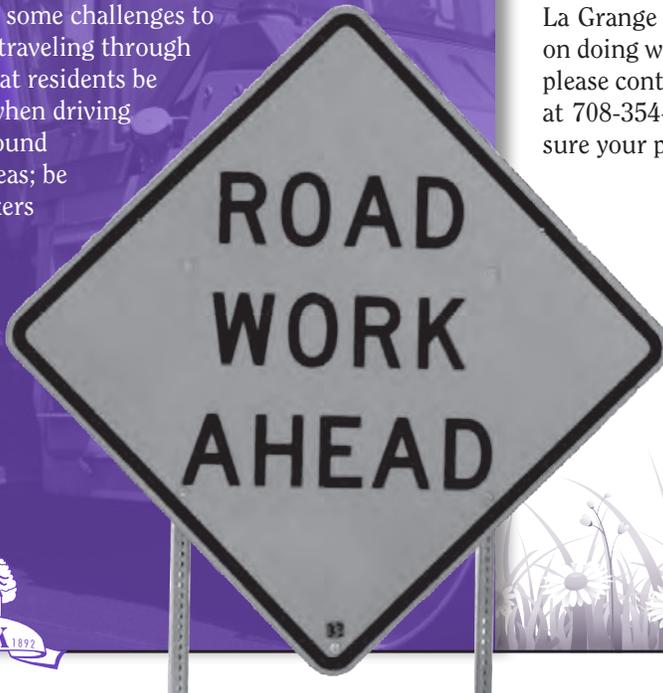
Davis Concrete will be the General Contractor for the following streets:

- Richmond from Edgewood to Dover
- Brainard from Richmond to southern limits
- Oak from Dover to Park
- Park from Harding to Oak
- Harding from Edgewood to Brainard
- Stone from Harding to northern limits
- Waiola from Jackson to northern limits
- Spring from Monroe to northern limits
- There will also be curb replacement on Sherwood from Oak to Homestead. Paving will occur next year through an IDOT contract.

K-Five Construction will be the General Contractor for the following streets:

- Barnsdale Road from 31st Street to southern limits
- Robinhood from 30th to Community
- Scottdale – all blocks
- Deerpath – all blocks
- Stonegate – all blocks

While it is exciting to have such a significant amount of road construction underway, it may also pose some challenges to residents while traveling through town. We ask that residents be extra cautious when driving through and around construction areas; be mindful of workers and equipment; and exercise patience when you experience delays or re-routing.



# Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement

Most residents of La Grange Park live here for a variety of reasons. One of those reasons is the appearance of the Village. In order to maintain that appearance, we need your help.

There are a number of Village ordinances that relate to keeping up the appearance of La Grange Park, many which apply to private property. The Village employs a small staff who follow-up on complaints and survey the Village when possible for compliance with property maintenance issues. Such issues include things like damaged structures, severely peeling paint, “abandoned” vehicles, and the like.

Unfortunately, not all issues are easily identified, or can be resolved quickly. Also, Village staff alone cannot correct all conditions immediately. If there is anything on your own property that you note may need attention; we ask that you please do what you can to correct it, as your resources allow. If you have a concern with a neighboring property, we ask that you work with your neighbor to resolve it. Together with your help, we can maintain the Village of La Grange Park as a beautiful place to live.

If you see a condition that may be in violation of village code, which can't be resolved, please then feel free to contact our Building Department at 708-354-0225.



## Spring Projects

### Do You Need A Permit?

Now that the weather is getting warmer, many residents will begin spring home improvement projects. Many projects, such as installing patios and fences, require Village permits, which help to ensure the projects meet Village codes. In-turn, these Village codes and permits help to ensure minimum construction and other standards are met, overall keeping the Village of La Grange Park a nice looking and safe place to live. If you plan on doing work this spring and are not sure if a permit is required, please contact the Village of La Grange Park Building Department at 708-354-0225. We would be happy to work with you to make sure your project goes smoothly and safely.



## No Mulch Available This Year

Due to a fire at the Village's brush pile last year, the Village does not have mulch available this year.



## 2017 Yard Waste & Brush Collection Program

Spring is here! It's time for baseball, golf, backyard barbecues and of course, yard work! Just as a reminder, the Village has two programs to help you keep your yards looking beautiful:

The **Yard Waste Program** is available through our waste hauler, Republic Services. Republic Services will accept yard waste with a yard waste sticker from April through early December. All containers and bundles should be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Thursday. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bag or bundle. If you use a can, please loop the sticker around one of its handles. Yard waste is collected either in heavy-duty paper bags or smaller garbage cans. To be used for yard waste, garbage cans must have two handles, be no larger than 35 gallons, and be marked for yard waste. The "Yard Waste" marking must be visible from the street. "Yard Waste" decals are available at Village Hall. Cans or bags should weigh no more than fifty pounds. Oversize cans are the largest cause of injury to garbage truck drivers. When you purchase a garbage can, please verify its size. Oversized cans will not be emptied.

Republic Services collects bundled brush along with other yard waste. Brush and branches must be securely bundled with bio-degradable twine or rope. Each bundle must be no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Individual branches must be no larger than three inches in diameter. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bundle. Please call the Village of La Grange Park at 354-0225 or Allied Waste Customer Service at 708-345-7050 if you have any questions.

### BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Village will conduct a pickup during the following week of each month as follows:

• May 1st • June 5th • July 3rd • August 7th • September 4th • October 2nd (last pick for the year)

Through the program, Village Public Works crews pick up tree branches and brush debris that are stacked in neat piles on the parkway. If you miss putting your brush out by the first Monday of the month, the yard waste can be packaged for the Village's waste hauler, Republic Services, to pick up. Brush and branches must be securely bundled with bio-degradable twine or rope. Each bundle must be no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Individual branches must be no larger than three inches in diameter. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bundle.

### Guidelines for the Brush Collection Program

- Brush must be stacked neatly on the parkway, piled no more than 4-feet high, with the butt end facing the curb. *Please be sure that brush is not piled in such a way that interferes with motorist or pedestrian visibility.*
- In narrow parkways, if brush extends onto the sidewalk, the brush may be piled parallel to the curb.
- Brush must be no longer than 6-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter.
- Logs must be cut into small, manageable pieces, and should be kept separate from brush.
- Stumps and root balls will not be picked up. They should be removed from trees or bushes.

Brush pickup is strictly for residents who have performed tree or brush work on their own property. If no evidence exists that work has been performed on the property, the Village reserves the right to charge the resident for this service. The brush will not be picked up until a check for payment of services is received, and our work schedule permits.

Contractors working for homeowners are NOT allowed to use this service, since we are not able to handle the quantity of brush that they produce. If evidence exists or contractors are seen by our Village workers placing tree or brush debris at the curb, the Village will charge the resident for removal of the tree/brush debris.



# Community *Park District*

## Calendar of Events

- Medieval Times Trip – *Wednesday, June 7*
- Zip Line Chicago – *Wednesday, June 21*
- Lake Geneva Cruise/Luncheon – *Tuesday, June 27*
- Cantigny Park Trip – *Thursday, July 13*
- La Grange Park 125th Anniversary Celebration – *Saturday, July 15*
- White Sox Game – *Tuesday, July 18*
- Volo Museum Trip – *Tuesday, July 18*
- Summer in the City Tour – *Tuesday, July 25*
- Cubs Game – *Monday, August 28*



## Music Under the Stars Concert Series Schedule

Music Under the Stars is a series of weekly concerts that take place during the summer. Concerts are held outdoors at the Memorial Park Amphitheater, the corner of Woodlawn and LaGrange Rd. Concerts are held on Wednesday nights, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm (please note the new time). In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be moved to Park Jr. High, 333 N. Park Road, La Grange Park. Visit the CPD website, Facebook Page or call for any changes due to weather.

- June 28** **West Suburban Concert Band** *Concert Band*  
Sponsored by Plymouth Place
- July 5** **Spoken Four** *Cover Band*  
Sponsored by Planning Resources, Inc. & Kee Construction, LLC
- July 12** **1976 Band** *70's Rock and Roll*
- July 19** **Johnny Russler & Beach Bum Band**  
*Caribbean & Island Band*  
Sponsored by First National Bank of Brookfield
- July 26** **Soda** *Cover Band-Classic Rock, Motown, 80's New Wave, Disco, Hip-Hop, Reggae, Alternative*  
Sponsored by Kid's First & RS Masonry Restoration Inc.
- August 2** **Nick Lynch Band** *Country*  
Sponsored by First National Bank of Brookfield & Bluders Tree Service
- August 9** **The Sting Rays** *Oldies-50's, 60's, 70's*  
Sponsored by Paul's Pizza & La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce
- August 16** **Cadillac Groove** *Blues, Funk, Soul Rock and R&B*  
Sponsored by Loyola Medical

## Memorial Park Improvements

### Letter from the Executive Director

It has been a long road to finally having a groundbreaking ceremony for the Memorial Park improvements. In April 2014, the District received an Open Space and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in the amount of \$400,000. The District hired an architect to complete the construction plans. In February 2015, the District started the project by demolishing the old shelter house. A couple of weeks later, in March 2015, the District received word from the IDNR that all OSLAD grants had been "frozen" until further notice and that all construction must be halted. This "freeze" lasted until August 2016 when the grant funds were finally released. The District had to change architects as the previous architect had moved out of the state. Plans needed to be updated to keep the costs within a budget as material and labor costs increased between 12-18% during the grant "freeze".

Some of the improvements you will see include: a new picnic shelter with restrooms, additional pieces and rearrangement of the playground, a spray pad water play feature, a water and sand play feature, redesign of the tennis court fencing, a bocce ball court, fitness equipment, improvements to the walking trail, a new gazebo and new landscaping. We estimate that substantial completion will be June 30, 2017, just in time for the Village's 125th Birthday Celebration on July 15th being hosted in Memorial Park. The total estimated cost of this project, including all design and permit fees, is approximately \$1 million.

Planning Resources, Inc. is the project architect/contract administrator. Builders Land is the general contractor for building of the picnic shelter. Kee Construction is the general contractor for the remainder of the site improvements.

The project status will be updated on our website, [www.communityparkdistrict.org](http://www.communityparkdistrict.org), which will include a recorded time lapse video of the construction site. More detailed information can be obtained by calling the office at (708) 354-4580.

Please excuse our mess of the park and be careful around the construction areas. Soon we will have an improved park of which the residents can be proud. Thank you for your patience!

*Aleks Briedis*  
Executive Director



**Village of La Grange Park  
125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
Donation Form**

Contact: Deanne Curelo  
Email: [dcurelo@lagrangepark.org](mailto:dcurelo@lagrangepark.org)  
Phone: 708-354-0225 ext. 102

**Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am pleased to support the Village of La Grange Park Anniversary Celebration by providing a donation in the following amount:

- \$5.00     \$10.00     \$25.00  
 \$50.00     \$100.00     Other Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Please note that any donation made is not tax deductible \*\*\***

***On behalf of the La Grange Park Anniversary Committee, we thank you for your support.  
Please enclose this page with your check. Checks should be made out to the Village of La Grange Park  
and mailed to 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526***

# Celebrating 125 Years

The development of La Grange Park has been 125 years in the making, which is why we use a very special word to describe it, Quasquicentennial. And a special word deserves special events to celebrate it. That is why the Quasquicentennial Committee has planned a multitude of events to celebrate the families that have been instrumental in building our community. Each event has been designed to bring residents closer to their neighbors and community with opportunities from learning about the town's history to picnicking with neighbors at the soon to be newly improved Memorial Park. So don't miss your chance to be a part of this once in a life time celebration. For more information, please visit our website at [www.lagrangepark.org](http://www.lagrangepark.org).

## Learn the History of Your Home

Join the La Grange Park Library for their wonderful quarterly series on the history of La Grange Park. Next up in this exciting series is Brick by Brick, Tracing Your Home's History, being presented on Thursday, April 13th at the La Grange Park Library. "If walls could talk... Was your home moved, damaged by fire or enlarged to accommodate a growing family? Tina Beard will provide strategies for researching the history of your home by using government records, newspapers, phone directories, maps and other resources. Every home tells a story, what does yours say?" Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

Unable to attend this informative event, but still want to find out more about your house? Stop by the La Grange Historical Society (444 S. La Grange). They have a house file on every home in La Grange Park regardless of their age. While there, be sure to check out their exhibit on La Grange Park, which is open to the public. To set up an appointment to view your home file or to find out the museum hours, please visit the La Grange Historical website: [www.lagrangehistory.org](http://www.lagrangehistory.org)

Once you have the history of your home, come input it into our interactive map. The Quasquicentennial Committee is developing an interactive map as a means to share the wonderful history of our town but we need your help gathering the information. Consider setting aside 5 minutes of your day to complete a short survey, available on the Village's website, and share what you know about the homes or businesses in La Grange Park.

## Memorialize Your Family as Part of La Grange Park

If history isn't your thing, don't worry the Quasquicentennial has more than enough events to keep you involved. To appeal to the artists' in town, the committee has developed a family art project. To participate in this project you don't need a lot of talent, just a lot of love. All you have to do is select, click, and submit your favorite family image. Whether it is a black and white photograph of your grandparents or a picture of a recent family outing or a drawing your child made of you; we want it. Once you submit your image it will then be transposed onto a ceramic tile which will be set in mortar on a wall in the Village Hall, surrounded by mosaic pieces that the local schools have design. The full mosaic will be unveiled November 17th. The cost to participate is minimal: tiles range from \$12.50, \$17.50, to \$22.50. Deadline for submission is April 30th or until tiles sell out. Be sure to view the Village's anniversary page for more information about ordering or contact [dcurelo@lagrangepark.org](mailto:dcurelo@lagrangepark.org). Sample tiles are on display at the Village Hall for viewing.

## Come Celebrate With Us!

And don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, July 15th. The Community Park District and the Village have partnered together to throw a Village-wide birthday party. We invite you to grab your picnic blankets and baskets and come join us at the newly renovated Memorial Park for food, crafts and activities, and of course, live music. From noon to five bring the youngsters and enjoy a variety of free attractions and entertainment. There will be several inflatable attractions, including a 28' jumbo slide, as well as food trucks and a beer truck. At 5:00 p.m., join us at the amphitheater for a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the new improvements at Memorial Park, eat some birthday cake and view the special gift the seniors of Plymouth Place are giving the Village. Afterwards, find a cozy spot on the grass and finish the evening by listening to some great music with friends and family.

All of these great activities are being brought to you by the generous donations of local businesses, vendors, and residents. We are half way to our goal and need your help to reach it. If you have not done so already, please consider making a donation to the anniversary fund. The more funding we receive, the more events we are able to offer. For example, the Quasquicentennial Committee would like to offer a historical tour, however there is not enough funding for one yet. If you would like to do your part to contribute to the festivities, consider making a donation and encourage your neighbors and local businesses to do so as well. To make a donation, please fill out the below form and mail it along with a check to the address noted or donate via PayPal by visiting the homepage of the Village website ([www.lagrangepark.org](http://www.lagrangepark.org)) and clicking on the link to the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

## Sponsors

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# Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of December, January and February:

- Approved the Village of La Grange Park Personnel Manual, as amended.
- Purchased a new Type 1 Ford/Horton model 623 Ambulance, for the cost of \$222,147.00, from Foster Coach Sales, Inc., of Sterling, IL, through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.
- Approved the purchase of a new Power Pro XT Stretcher and Power Load System from Stryker Corporation, for a cost of \$46,353.60.
- Approved a one year contract extension with A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for tree and stump removals, and with Winkler's Tree Service, Inc. for general tree maintenance and emergency tree work, and
- Authorized the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents.
- Authorized the Village Manager to execute an agreement between the Village of La Grange Park and Hancock Engineering for Professional Design Engineering Services for the Harding Avenue Resurfacing Project, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000, to be spent during the FY16/17 budget; and an agreement between the Village of La Grange Park and Hancock Engineering for Design and Construction Engineering Services for the 2017 Street Paving Program, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for design engineering fees to be spent during the FY16/17 budget, and \$258,000 for construction engineering fees to be spent during the FY17/18 budget.
- Increased authorized spending for leaf removal from \$30,000.00 to \$31,590.00, and approving payment of Invoice 34428 to Rainbow Farm Enterprises in the amount of \$7,605.00.
- Approved the use of PayPal for payment processing.
- Welcomed New Building Official Patrick Boyle
- Swore in Probationary Police Officer Frank Slabenak
- Approved a "Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 Public Employee Division and the Village of La Grange Park".
- Authorized the following: Pursuant to 30 ILCS 525, utilize the Cooperative Job Order Contract which has been awarded to F.H Paschen; and authorized the Village Manager to sign the necessary documents to enter into an agreement with F.H. Paschen for construction services to reconfigure the north entrance of the Village Hall.
- Approved the purchase of a new Pierce Manufacturing Ascendant 107' Quint Aerial Ladder, on an Enforcer Chassis, from Global Emergency Products, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program, for a cost of \$918,800.00.
- Authorized participation in the WEX Government Fleet Card Program and authorizing the Village Manager or her designee to execute the necessary documents to participate in the program.
- Adopted an ordinance declaring 54 water meters which were replaced during the 2016 Commercial Water Meter Replacement Project and 17 Residential meters as surplus.
- Engaged Baxter and Woodman to perform a water and sewer rate study in the not to exceed amount of \$29,500 and authorize the Village Manager to execute an agreement.
- Approved a "Resolution Adopting a Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy in Accordance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act".
- Approved a banking services agreement and collateral agreement with MB Financial Bank.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the 31st Street/Barnsdale Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing Eligibility Study and Redevelopment Plan and Project.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Designating the Proposed 31st Street/Barnsdale Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the 31st Street/Barnsdale Redevelopment Project Area.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Approving the Village Market Redevelopment Project Area Tax Increment Financing Eligibility Study and Redevelopment Plan and Project.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Designating the Proposed Village Market Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Village Market Redevelopment Project Area.
- Approved the payment of \$11,582.00 to Health Endeavors, SC, of Lombard, IL, for this fiscal year's annual Occupational Medical Evaluations.
- Accepted Alternate 1 bid from National Power Rodding Corporation in the amount of \$48,817.50, plus a ten percent contingency should additional locations for cleaning/televising become identified this fiscal year; and (2) authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract documents.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, to Set a Date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed Village Market Business District.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, to Set a Date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed 31st Street/North La Grange Road Business District.
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, to Set a Date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed 31st Street/Maple Avenue Business District.
- Adopted An Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, to Set a Date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed 31st Street/Barnsdale Business District.
- Approved a Resolution Authorizing the Withdrawal from a Governmental Self-Insurance Sub-Pool and Membership in Another Governmental Self-Insurance Sub-Pool and Requesting the Approval of the Board of Directors of the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC).
- Approved a Resolution to allow the Village Manager to execute a Certain Agreement with Public Safety Services, Inc. to provide Paramedic/Firefighter personnel from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$1,598,858.00.
- Approved a one year contract extension with Globe Construction Inc. for concrete restoration services at a cost not to exceed the total amount budgeted for the annual Sidewalk Program in the FY17-18 Budget; and authorizing the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents.
- Approved an Ordinance Amending the "La Grange Park Municipal Code" as amended.
- Awarded a contract to K-Five Construction Corporation for Contract #1 (North Section), in the amount of \$1,295,985.59 plus a five percent contingency for unforeseen conditions; and Davis Concrete Construction Co. for Contract #2 (West Section), in the amount of \$1,290,387.75 plus a five percent contingency for unforeseen conditions.

## Library Update

### Brick by Brick: Tracing Your Home's History

*Thursday, April 13, 7 pm*

If walls could talk... Was your home moved, damaged by fire or enlarged to accommodate a growing family? Tina Beard will provide strategies for researching the history of your home by using government records, newspapers, phone directories, maps and other resources. Every home tells a story, what does yours say? Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

### Digital Conversion Equipment

Do you have precious family memories that you'd like to preserve digitally? The library now has equipment that converts VHS and audiotapes, slides and film negatives, and vinyl records to DVD or computers files. The equipment is housed on the second floor near the reference desk. Stop in, take a look, and relive some happy memories.

### Colección en Español

The library recently acquired a small but growing collection of Spanish language materials for adults. Whether you're a native speaker or a student of Spanish, there is something for everyone. Come browse the cookbooks, biographies, repair manuals, and more.





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**VillageHall**

**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.

**VillageHolidays**

The Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

**Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day**

The Police and Fire Department will remain open