



Daily COVID-19 Briefing

March 25, 2020

A Note from Village President James L. Discipio

Dear Residents,

As we close out the fourth day of Governor Pritzker's Stay At Home order , I am overwhelmed with pride for how the residents of La Grange Park are pulling together to help each other through this time. The creativity, outreach and support you are showing each other is truly incredible.

I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to our Village staff who continue to report to work each day. From our Police, Fire and EMS personnel, to our Public Works, Building, Finance and Administrative staff - all of them are working diligently around the clock to stay up-to-date on what is happening with the pandemic and to ensure residents remain protected and informed. Their willingness to serve is particularly evident during times of crisis and the community is fortunate to have them looking out for us.

There are great number of people who are still reporting to work and putting themselves at risk each day so that daily life can continue as normally as possible. I greatly appreciate all the healthcare workers, store clerks, delivery people, refuse haulers, truck drivers, restaurant employees, and others who are working hard each day. Please remember to thank them when you see them.

Please continue to follow the Governor's stay at home guidelines. Do what you can to slow the curve and above all else, stay safe.

President James L. Discipio

General Updates

Events surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 have been changing rapidly over the past several days. The Village is working to keep residents informed of what is happening in our community. Please understand the situation is fluid and policies and procedures may change with little notice.

VILLAGE RESOURCES

The Village has several resources available for residents. Click the links below for more information.

[Food, Household Essentials & Takeout Resources](#)

[Village Emergency Alert System](#)

[COVID-19 Information & Cook County/IDPH Contact Information](#)

OLDER ADULT OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Village has been reaching out via telephone to older adults in our community to check in and see how they are doing as part of our new Older Adult Outreach program. If you know of someone who is at home alone and could use a check in, please email info@lagrangepark.org with their name and telephone number, or call Village Hall at (708) 354-0225 and ask for Forrest.

A NOTE FROM THE LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

As the world and community adjusts, we will adapt for you. You can count on us to be a committed community partner while we work to engage you in new ways and bring the library to you virtually. We look forward to welcoming you back to our facility in the future.

Following are some of the ways to connect with the La Grange Park Public Library:

- Digital library cards for new users are here! New users can sign up at: <https://www.lplibrary.org/covid-19-updates>
- Reach us while we're closed! Call (833)577-5283 from 1-5 pm on weekdays for assistance from our staff members. Leave us a voicemail outside of those hours and we'll get back to you.
- Staff members are regularly checking our email at info@lplibrary.com to help with your questions.
- Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/lagrangeparklibrary for ongoing recommendations and announcements.

OUT OF TOILET PAPER? DON'T FLUSH IT

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village of La Grange Park wants to advise residents against flushing wipes that are sold as "flushable" down the toilet. Flushing these wipes that are labeled flushable or biodegradable, or paper towels, down the toilet can lead to sewer backups and in-home plumbing issues. Wipes can snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and grease, and create a "ball" that will grow to eventually plug the pipe. The wipes get drawn into sewer lift station and wastewater treatment plant pumps where they can clog or damage the pumps. Municipalities must manually clear out the pumps or remove the clogs. If you must use something other than toilet paper, please bag it and dispose of it with your refuse.

WAS YOUR POWER SHUT OFF? COMED SAYS CALL THEM.

ComEd will work with residents whose service was disconnected prior to [the company's March 13 suspension of service disconnections](#) to have service restored and help ensure access to safe and healthy environments. ComEd customers who have had their electric service disconnected for a non-safety issue should contact ComEd at 800-334-7661, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., so that we can work to try to have power reconnected safely. As part of this process, ComEd Customer Care representatives are ready to work with residents on a case-by-case basis to help them identify assistance programs that can supplement bill payment to help ensure service remains on after this pandemic. ComEd's highest priority is the safety of its customers, employees and contractors.

Assistance Options Available

Any resident who is struggling to pay their energy bill should contact ComEd as soon as possible at 800-334-7661 or visit [ComEd.com/CARE](#), for financial assistance programs and flexible payment options. These offerings can help reduce budget strain for eligible customers, particularly during this time when some customers face unforeseen circumstances.

TODAY'S NEWS RELEASES FROM ILLINOIS.GOV

[Public Health Officials Announce 330 New Cases of Coronavirus Disease](#)

VILLAGE HALL

Village offices remain closed to walk-in traffic but staff remains in the office and ready to assist residents. Please call (708) 354-0225, email info@LaGrangePark.org, or visit the Village website at www.lagrangepark.org.

PUBLIC EVENTS

The following Village events have been canceled:

- April Youth Commission Meeting (April 13)
- Citizen's Police Academy (April 18 - May 30)
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (April 21)
- National Drug Take-Back Day (April 25)
- Community Clean-Up Day (May 2)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

State of Illinois COVID-19 website at www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus

The Cook County Health Department at www.cookcountypublichealth.org

The Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov

The Illinois Department of Public Health at www.dph.illinois.gov