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The Village of La Grange Park

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President's Corner

As we move into fall, I am immensely proud of the progress we've made as a Village over the summer. We have advanced priority capital projects, continued economic and community development activities, and found new ways to keep residents informed and engaged.

Significant progress was made this summer on the water main replacement project at 31st Street and La Grange Road. Through this project, we have been able to increase the capacity of our system and improve access to the main by relocating it under sidewalks and easements. As that project comes to a close, we turn our attention to other important capital projects getting underway, including roadway repaving and green intersection projects.

We know flooding affects everyone in this community, whether your household experiences backyard or basement flooding or you



encounter flooded streets that impact your ability to travel. Village officials and staff spent much of the summer listening to your experiences and concerns, engaging our legislators, and working with the Village's engineers to advance stormwater management project planning. We will continue to seek funding to close the gap for the Central Area Storm Sewer project and pursue other opportunities to address this critical issue. We've created a dedicated stormwater management webpage to keep you informed on the progress.

The Village continues to attract new businesses and promote development opportunities. Strive 4 Fitness is expanding at Plaza 31 and will be opening Level Up Café & Recovery. Level Up will complement the neighboring fitness facility by incorporating a café, recovery center, and retail store right next door. We are also pleased to welcome Dubak Electric to the Barnsdale Road industrial corridor, where they plan to open a new manufacturing facility in 2022. This project, located at 1201 Barnsdale, will bring 50 new jobs and an accredited workforce development program to La Grange Park. The project is supported by funding through the 31st Street/Barnsdale Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

The redevelopment of 1201 Barnsdale is one example of how the Village strategically applies local incentives to spur new development. The Village's responsibility is to be good stewards of public money and, in an effort to promote transparency, we are utilizing our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services to put more information about these development projects at your fingertips. Visit the Village's online map gallery to see how TIF and Business District funds are spent and to learn more about these projects.

If you're looking for ways to get involved and be part of the progress in La Grange Park, subscribe to the Village's weekly E-Briefs newsletter. We regularly share important project updates and publicize opportunities to attend meetings, provide input through surveys, and volunteer for community events. The Commercial Revitalization Committee recently resumed monthly meetings and welcomes the public to join the conversation and share ideas on how the Village can best support new and existing businesses and enhance the commercial areas in La Grange Park.

I hope to see you out and about this fall. While the pandemic continues to impact our daily routines and activities, there are many ways to safely celebrate the season in our community. See the "Upcoming Events" section for details on fall and winter events. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

President James F. Discipio



Vehicle Stickers and Dog Licenses

Current vehicle stickers and dog licenses expire on October 31, 2021. You are encouraged to renew your vehicle stickers and dog licenses online at www.lagrangepark.org. The Online Purchase PIN located on your renewal form is required to purchase online. All your renewal information will be pre-entered for you. You may also add or remove new vehicles or dogs.

Vehicle sticker and dog license forms may also be mailed or dropped off at the payment box located outside Village Hall. Please make any changes to your information and include both the top and bottom form with your payment.

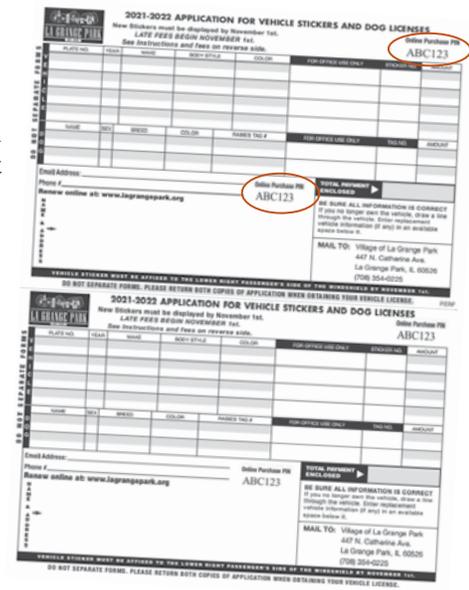
If you would prefer to purchase your vehicle stickers and dog licenses in person, Village Hall is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To qualify for the \$15 senior rate, you must be 65 or older by October 31. The senior rate is limited to one sticker per household. If you are a new senior this year, please mail or drop off your application with a copy of your driver's license or visit Village Hall.

Please note that a convenience fee of 2.25% is charged for all credit card payments. These fees go to the payment processor and are not collected by the Village.

Please email finance@lagrangepark.org or call 708-354-0225 if you do not receive a renewal form or have any questions.

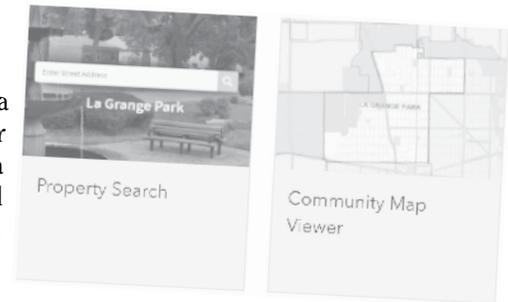
All residents who own a motor vehicle or any person having control or use of a motor vehicle owned by a resident of the Village must annually obtain a Village vehicle license for each motor vehicle used on any public street. A motor vehicle is any vehicle subject to the registration requirements of the Illinois Secretary of State. **Late fees apply starting November 1. Vehicles without a valid sticker may be ticketed.**



New Online Village Map Gallery

The Village invites residents, business owners, and visitors to explore a new interactive map gallery and property information portal on our website. Members of the public can search properties by address to find a wide range of Village-related data, like taxes, zoning classifications, school districts, and garbage collection schedules. In addition to activating various data layers, the online maps are equipped with handy measuring and drawing tools, so it's easy to measure the area of a property or the distance of your favorite jogging route. With the drawing tools, you can highlight a specific area, add text, and print.

All of this information is readily available through the Village's website – just click "Village Maps" on the homepage.



2021 Leaf Collection Schedule

Residents are advised that the schedule below is only a guideline. The Public Works Department will do its best to adhere to this timetable, however leaf pickup may be delayed in the event of an emergency. Every attempt will be made to get back on schedule as quickly as possible after a delay – your patience and understanding are appreciated!

West: All streets west of La Grange Road

Center: All streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

East: All streets east of the IHB railroad tracks

Leaves must be raked into the street gutter by 6:00 a.m. Monday of the collection week.

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

| WEST | CENTER | EAST |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| October 18th | October 25th | November 1st |
| November 8th | November 15th | November 22nd |
| Weather permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows: | | |
| November 29th | December 6th | December 13th |

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

Installation of working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home, condominium, or apartment is critical to your family's safety! Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can and will alert you to danger in the event of fire. A carbon monoxide alarm is the only way to know if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are present in your home. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas formed by the incomplete combustion of fuels.

What is your smoke alarm telling you?

A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay out. A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds most likely means the battery is low and must be replaced.

What is your carbon monoxide alarm telling you?

A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay out. A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds mostly likely means the battery is low and must be replaced.

Make sure everyone in your household understands these sounds and knows how to respond. Should you have any questions about your alarms, please feel free to call the La Grange Park Fire Prevention Bureau or Building Department at 708-354-0225.



Fire Prevention Week Activities

Unfortunately, the Fire Department will not host a formal Open House this year due to the pandemic, but will provide fire safety messages through other means. Please see the Fire Department's Facebook page for updated information about planned activities and fire safety messages. During Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9), residents are encouraged to conduct a fire drill at home and determine how they will respond if they are woken up in the middle of the night by a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm. More safety information can be found at the National Fire Protection Association's website.



Serve the Village of La Grange Park, Make A Difference

If you are interested in becoming a state-certified Paid-on-Call Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician for the La Grange Park Fire Department, then now is your chance! This part-time position does not require any previous fire or emergency medical experience. Applications are available at Village Hall or online at www.lagrangepark.org. Applicants must bring a completed application and photo ID to the mandatory orientation on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1. Contact Captain Steve Tullis at 708-218-7800 or stullis@lagrangepark.org for more information.



Capital Project Updates

31st Street/La Grange Road Water Main Improvement

A water main improvement project is underway along La Grange Road from Garfield Avenue to 31st Street and adjacent to 31st Street from La Grange Road to Meadowcrest Road. This project replaces a deteriorated 6" water main with a new 12" water main, as well as new water services, fire hydrants, and valves. The new water main will be located under sidewalk or public easement rather than under the pavement on 31st Street and La Grange Road. Construction is anticipated to continue through October.

Road Paving Project

The street resurfacing project for Meadowcrest Road and Woodside Avenue, between 29th Street and 31st Street, began in September. The Village received a Community Development Block Grant to fund half of the project costs. Construction is anticipated to continue through October.



Drug Take Back Day Saturday, October 23

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The La Grange Park Police Department in coordination with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host a National Drug Take Back Day on October 23, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Village Hall. This program offers a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing unwanted or expired medications. Please empty all drugs from their original containers, bottles, or blister packs and place in a sealed bag. Only drugs in pill form will be accepted – no liquids. Can't make it to Village Hall on October 23? A permanent drop box is located in the lobby with drop off access during regular business hours. As a friendly reminder, a face covering is required to enter the building.



Smashing Pumpkins Saturday, November 6

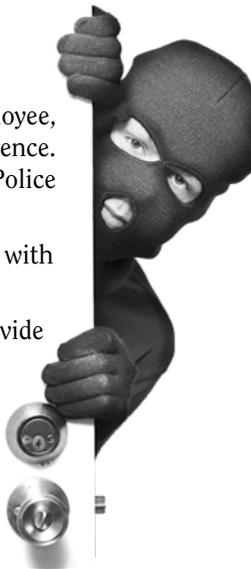
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Retire your Jack-o-Lantern and other live pumpkin decor in an environmentally friendly way by dropping them off at La Grange Park's Pumpkin Recycling Event. Live pumpkins will be collected at the Public Works Facility at 937 Barnsdale Road and then transported to an area farm for composting. Why compost pumpkins? By composting we don't waste the nutrients and water in our retired Jack-o-Lanterns. Instead they are returned to the soil where they will nourish new plant life. Decaying pumpkins in landfills produce methane gas, which is not good for the atmosphere. This event is sponsored by the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission.

Safety Tips for Preventing Ruse Burglaries

A ruse burglary occurs when an individual, often claiming to be a utility worker or government employee, distracts a homeowner by luring them outside of their home or to an isolated room within the residence. Another individual then enters the home to remove cash, jewelry, or other items of value. The Police Department would like to remind residents of these ruse burglary prevention tips:

- 1) Never allow anyone inside your home without a scheduled appointment and never exit your home with an unscheduled visitor.
- 2) If an individual claims to be affiliated with a utility company or local government, ask them to provide identification. Tell them you will verify any work to be conducted in the area with the police. If the work is legit, they will be happy to speak with an officer.
- 3) If you are working in your yard, make sure to keep all exterior doors locked. Keep a house key in your pocket; don't leave it in plain sight.
- 4) Be a good neighbor. If you observe suspicious activity around a neighbor's home, contact the Police Department at 708-352-7711 or simply call 9-1-1.



La Grange Park Public Library

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Get ready for a spooky good time! The library will be hosting its very first Trunk or Treat! Dress up in your Halloween costume and head to our parking lot for music, tricks, and treats. For safety, we ask patrons to wait their turn in line and follow the signs through the lot. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please plan to park on the street or walk to the event, as the parking lot will be closed. All ages with caregiver. No registration required.

Cal: The Library Canine

Comic #3 was recently released online at lplibrary.org/cal-the-library-canine. Previous releases are also available through this same link. Take a photo with Cal at the Trunk or Treat event, as he will be there in spirit as a life-sized, Halloween-themed cutout.



Building Project News

The September Edition of Building Project News was recently posted! Read it at lplibrary.org/building-project. A small quantity of print newsletters will be available at the library.

La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce

New Neighbor Baskets

The La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce has been warmly welcoming our newest residents to the Village with wonderful "new neighbor" baskets! Packages include an assortment of goodies and coupons to many of the incredible small businesses that we love around town. La Grange Park is truly the best place to call home!



Community Park District Scarecrow Decorating Contest

Join your neighbors for this fun community challenge and build your own scarecrow. Make your scarecrow scary or funny, silly or ridiculous – this is your chance to express yourself! The contest is open to everyone but you must register in order to compete and to pick up your scarecrow starter kit to jump start your creativity. Fee is \$15. Pick up your scarecrow starter kit at the Recreation Center and display your scarecrow by October 18. Winners will win a \$100 gift card and be featured on the Fall 2022 brochure cover.

FREE Community Campfire

Yena Park, Thursday, October 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Make s'more friends! Our first Community Campfire invites community members to experience their park by firelight. Spend the evening at Yena Park roasting marshmallows and getting to know your neighbors. We will provide the standard s'more materials, but please feel welcome to bring any other ingredients you'd like to add. Park District staff will be on location to hand out supplies. All ages welcome.

Spooky Shuffle 5K

Saturday, October 30, 8:00 a.m.

Join Strive 4 Fitness and the Community Park District at Memorial Park for a festive fun run! This family-friendly fitness event is designed with multiple, small heats to ensure safe physical distancing. There will be Spooky Sprint events for the kids! Most importantly... there's a two-minute penalty if you don't have a costume! Register by October 15 to receive a race shirt. In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled.

Phone Calls from Santa

Wednesday, December 15,
Starting at 5:00 p.m.

This is the season to be jolly! Santa is ready to hear your child's Christmas wishes. Register online by December 10. Once registered, click the link to access the Phone Calls from Santa Form. Please return the form via email to Zak Kerby (zkerby@communityparkdistrict.org) or put it in the Park District drop box at 1501 Barnsdale Road. This event is limited to La Grange Park residents.



Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of: June, July & August:

- Approved A Resolution of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area
- Authorized All Information Services (AIS) to Complete Network Improvements and Programming and the Installation of Cabling Equipment in the Total Amount of \$35,661 to Support a New Voice Over Internet Protocol Telephone Solution
- Approved The Formal Proposal and Five Year Lease Agreement with Spectrum VoIP and Authorized the Village Manager To Execute the Necessary Contract Documents
- Approved and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Construction Engineering Services in the Amount of \$77,800 for the La Grange Road Water Main Replacement Program – Phase 2
- Accepted the Lowest Bid from Suburban General Construction, Inc. in The Amount of \$684,827 and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute the Necessary Contract Documents
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- Granted an Exception to the Nuisance Regulations Contained in Section 93.04.C.5 (as amended) of the Village Municipal Code, for the Purpose of Allowing Nazareth Academy to Operate Their Sound System Until 10:00 p.m. on August 27, September 24, October 8, October 15, and October 22, 2021
- Approved Payment of a Core and Main Invoice in the Amount of \$20,150
- Adopted A "Resolution For Maintenance Of Streets And Highways By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code" For The Expenditure Of \$448,974 In MFT Funds
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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 neighborly touches that make living in La Grange Park special. If you know a Good Neighbor, fill out the enclosed form and send it to Village Hall. Help us share the efforts of good neighbors with the entire community.

Leah Vaughn, 1100 block of Homestead Road

Leah is not only a good neighbor, she is a great friend. While I was home recovering from surgery, Leah offered to help me, as most single moms do. Though busy with her and her son's schedule, Leah stopped and carried half a month's worth of groceries up two flights of stairs in the rain for me and my son. She has also picked up or dropped off my son at school when I was ill. Lastly, during vacation, Leah and her son would pick up our mail and water the plants for us. Leah Vaughn is an awesome Homestead Road neighbor!

- Clarissa Mercado

Ruth and Ron Hursh, 500 block of Edgewood Avenue

Ruth and Ron have been our neighbors since we moved to La Grange Park from another state 12 years ago. They welcomed us and were instrumental in making us feel at home here. They organized get-togethers, invited us to join clubs that they are involved in, and kept us abreast of local events to enjoy together. When we travel, it is like having an extension of our family next door to look out for the house and water our plants, and Ron always offers his workshop, tools, expertise, and help in all DIY projects. We couldn't ask for more wonderful neighbors.

- Linda and Scott Saacke

Good Neighbor Nomination Form

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

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

Why are they a Good Neighbor to you? _____

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Don't Forget to Fall Back

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.



Vehicle Stickers & Dog Licenses Due October 31st

ResidentFeedback

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.

Please mail to: Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526. Email address: 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 and type "sign me up!"

VillageHall

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 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:

Thursday, November 11 - Veterans Day
Thursday & Friday, November 25-26 - Thanksgiving
Friday, December 24 & Monday, December 27 - Christmas
Friday, December 31 - New Year's Day