

The Rose CLIPPINGS

Spring 2022

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The Village of La Grange Park

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President's Corner

Lots of exciting things are happening in La Grange Park. I am so proud of our residents, businesses, and local organizations for keeping everyone's health and safety a priority throughout the pandemic. Thankfully, we are in a much better place than we were two years ago. We anticipate a great year ahead with many community events, programs, and projects.

The Village is looking forward to welcoming several new businesses to 31st Street and the Village Market this year. Hop District Community Brewing, a new micro-brewery, will open its doors at 23 E. 31st Street in the spring. The owners have done an outstanding job designing and building this new brewery, and the taproom and outdoor patio are sure to become a staple in the community. Not far down the road at 1016 E. 31st Street, the owners of Happier Now Café & Market are also making progress on their new commercial space. Happier Now will offer casual dining and a selection of prepared meals to-go, as well as coffee, tea, and other beverages. Not only are these businesses great additions to

our town, but the owners are all La Grange Park residents. Thank you for bringing your talents home to our Village!

With much anticipation, Andy's Frozen Custard is planning to open a new location at the site of the former Original Pancake House at 531 N. La Grange Road. Andy's Frozen Custard is a national chain of frozen custard stores known for its "Made Fresh Hourly" custard, "Baked Fresh Daily" toppings, and seasonal treats. The development proposal went through a rigorous public process over several months to consider multiple special use permit and variation requests.



Andy's Frozen Custard is sure to be a popular destination, particularly given its proximity to Memorial Park, La Grange Park Public Library, and many of our residential neighborhoods.

With the addition of Andy's Frozen Custard to our community, it's timely that the Village is focusing on enhancing safety and improving accessibility of the entire Village Market area. In February, the Village Board approved the selection of Sam Schwartz for consultant services to develop a Streetscape Improvement Plan. This plan will present a vision and recommendations for public improvements that establish a safer, more inviting environment along La Grange Road and throughout the Village Market. The consultant team is already gathering data and surveying the existing conditions, and a public kickoff event will be held May 3rd at the Library. I encourage everyone to attend this event and complete the community survey to provide input on this important project. More information regarding the Streetscape Improvement Plan, including a link to the online survey and other opportunities to participate in community engagement, can be found on the Village's website and updates will be shared in E-Briefs.

In this edition of Rose Clippings, learn more about these projects, as well as the spring brush collection schedule, upcoming construction projects, a variety of community events, and much more. Thank you to the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce for sharing a special feature on employee appreciation. We are so lucky to have local businesses that value both their customers and employees. Let's continue to support them and each other in the true spirit of our La Grange Park community!

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

President James F. Discipio



Andy's Frozen Custard Coming to La Grange Park

Andy's Frozen Custard is planning to open a new location at 531 N. La Grange Road, just north of Phillip's Flowers. The Village Board approved the requested zoning variations and special use permits in February, after several public hearings and meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Andy's Frozen Custard is a national "quick-service" frozen dessert shop with drive-through and walk-up service windows. The project includes construction of a new building, new parking areas, and associated stormwater, landscaping, lighting, and signage improvements. Stay tuned for more information regarding construction and a grand opening event!



Commercial Properties Map

Looking to open or expand your business in La Grange Park? Check out the new "Available Commercial Properties Map," which was recently added to the Village's interactive map gallery. This map displays commercial properties within the Village that are for sale or lease and includes square footage, zoning, and contact information for each. Visit the Village's website and click "Village Maps" to view this new feature and the entire map gallery.

Fire Department Training



The I-294 Tri-State Tollway is undergoing a major renovation, including the removal of the Hinsdale Oasis. Recently, prior to demolition, firefighters from La Grange Park and neighboring communities were able to use the oasis for training. It provided a great experience for firefighters to practice search and rescue within a large commercial structure. During the training, firefighters used ropes to help guide their way through the building in order to search for victims and safely find their way back out.



National Night Out

Saturday, July 30, In-Person Celebration at Memorial Park

Sunday, July 31, Charity Golf Outing at Flagg Creek

Tuesday, August 2, Public Safety Parade

The La Grange Park Police Department is excited to announce plans for the 2022 National Night Out event! In 2021, the Village's program received top honors – #1 in the nation – among thousands of municipalities of similar size. On Saturday, July 30, from Noon – 9:00 p.m., an in-person event with entertainment, food, and attractions will take place at Memorial Park. On Sunday, July 31, the Police Department will host a charity golf outing at Flagg Creek benefiting Special Olympics and National Night Out. And finally, on Tuesday, August 2, a Public Safety/Neighbor Appreciation Parade will travel the streets of La Grange Park. For more information and updates, check the Village's website and social media accounts. We look forward to seeing the public come out and support another amazing year of National Night Out!

Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan

Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.,
La Grange Park Public Library

The Village is hosting a public event to kick off the Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan on Tuesday, May 3 at the La Grange Park Public Library. This plan will present a vision and recommendations for public improvements that establish a safer, more inviting environment along La Grange Road and throughout the Village Market area. Join us for a presentation, interactive mapping activity, and “site walk” (for those interested) between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the project team, learn about the planning process, and provide your feedback. Visit the Village’s website for more information and a link to complete the online community survey.

Construction Projects

The Village will undertake street resurfacing and construction of three “green” intersections this year.

26th Street Resurfacing Project *100% Motor Fuel Tax Funds*

Street resurfacing consists of removing and replacing deteriorated or poor drainage curb and gutter, and grinding and resurfacing the roadway. This project will extend along 26th Street from Kemman Avenue to Maple Avenue.

Monroe Avenue Permeable Paver Intersections *50% Village Funds, 50% Grant Funds*

The permeable pavement intersections, or “green infrastructure,” project consists of removing and replacing existing water mains, rehabilitating storm inlets, removing and replacing two feet of soil with crushed gravel and fine aggregate, and installing brick pavers. The project will take place along Monroe Avenue at Community Drive, Robinhood Lane, and Sherwood Road.

Outdoor Warning Sirens

As a reminder, the Village maintains two warning sirens that are designed to alert residents who are outdoors of tornado warnings. For alerts indoors, the best options for being notified of severe weather are to purchase a weather alert radio, tune in to local television or radio stations, or use weather warning apps designed for your smart phone. Additionally, the Village utilizes the Rave Alert/Smart911 system to send information during emergencies and other critical events. Residents must register, and should regularly update their information, at www.smart911.com.

If we are under a tornado warning, find safe shelter right away, such as a safe room, basement, or small interior room on the lowest level.

Reminder for Dog Owners

Springtime means more people are out walking their dogs! The Village encourages pet owners to review Chapter 92 of the Municipal Code titled “Animals” and practice responsible pet ownership. As a reminder:

- Pets must be on a leash when in the street, sidewalk, parkway, or other public areas within the Village (\$40 penalty)
- Owners may not permit their pets to go on the lawns of neighbors or other private property without permission from that property owner (\$25 penalty)
- Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets (\$50 penalty)

Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Village Hall Lobby

The La Grange Park Police Department in coordination with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host a National Drug Take Back Day. This program offers a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unwanted or expired medications. Please empty all drugs from their original containers, bottles, or blister packs and place in a sealed baggie for drop off. Only drugs in pill form will be accepted (no liquids). Can't make it to Village Hall on April 30? A permanent drop box is located in the lobby with drop off access during regular business hours.



Community Volunteer Day

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

The Village’s annual Community Volunteer Day will take place Saturday, May 14 at various locations throughout La Grange Park. Volunteers will provide assistance to older adults in the community who need help with outdoor “spring cleaning.” This day of service is a great opportunity for individuals, families, and organizations to support their neighbors and make a positive mark on the community. Visit the Village’s website to register for the event or to request volunteer assistance.

Go Green! Sign Up for Paperless Water Bills

Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive their water bills online. Visit www.lagrangepark.org and click on "Payment Center" and then "Pay Your Water Bill." The site offers payment by credit/debit cards and checking/savings accounts. If you register your account, you will have the option to sign up for paperless billing, enroll in auto pay, and pay by text. You will need your account number to register. A convenience fee of 2.25% is charged for credit card payments and \$0.50 for bank withdrawals. These fees go to the payment processor and are not collected by the Village. There is no charge if you sign up for automatic bank withdrawals.

Community Park District

Summer Day Camp

Make memories that last a lifetime! Children will have a ton of fun during this energy-filled summer camp. Our counselors create an environment that is encouraging for all campers. The Summer Camp program is designed for kids in grades K-5 and includes a half-day option and before and after care.

Camps will be held Monday through Friday, from June 6 to August 12, at the following times:

- Full Day Camp – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Half Day Camp – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Before Camp – 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- After Camp – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

7th Annual Veteran's Memorial Ceremony

Saturday, May 28, 11:00 a.m., Veteran's Memorial Plaza

This event includes a military salute presented by the Robert E. Coulter Jr., American Legion Post 1941, and a wreath presentation by Boy Scout Troop 111. The names of the veterans and active duty personnel that have been installed in our Plaza since last Memorial Day will be recognized. All are invited to attend.

Memorial Park Splash Pad Hours

The splash pad at Memorial Park will be open seven days per week beginning Memorial Day Weekend, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

FREE!! Wacky Wednesdays

Wednesdays in June, July, & August, 11:00 a.m. – Noon, Memorial Park Amphitheater

Spend some quality time with your little loved ones and enjoy free children's entertainment that is sure to put a smile on everyone's face. This series takes place on select Wednesdays from June through August. Participants should bring a blanket and water bottle, and groups are welcome! Check the Community Park District's website for the schedule of events, including "Juggling Funny Stories" and interactive children's music. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be moved to the covered Pavilion located on Oak Avenue near the Fitness Courts.

Music Under the Stars Concert Series

Concerts will be held Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Park Amphitheater. In the case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at Park Jr. High School, 333 N. Park Road. Please check our Weather Hotline (708-354-4580) after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the concert for updates.

Concert Schedule:

- June 22 – Jolly Ringwalds (80's Music)
- June 29 – West Suburban Concert Band (Concert Band)
- July 6 – Wild Daisy (Country)
- July 13 – Peach's Beach Party (Jimmy Buffet Beachcomber Band)
- July 20 – Evil Burrito (Cover Band)
- July 27 – Second Hand Soul (Motown, Funk & Soul)
- August 10 – Mr Blotto (Acoustic Show)

**No concert on August 3*



Brush Schedule 2022

The Village offers a free brush collection service once per month from May to October, starting on the first Monday of the month. Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday and pickup occurs throughout the week. Small piles are picked up during a first sweep and larger piles are collected later by an end loader and dump truck. Brush pickup weeks start on the following days:

**May 2nd • June 6th • July 5th
August 1st • September 5th
October 3rd (last pick up for the year)**

See the Village's website for guidelines on brush placement, size requirements, and other related information. Brush pickup is strictly for residents who have performed tree or brush work on their own property. Contractors working for homeowners are not allowed to use this service.

Lottery for Free Mulch

The Village utilizes a lottery system to select recipients for free mulch. The lottery drawing will be held on May 2, at which time all address entries will be randomly drawn and ordered. Only one entry is allowed per address. Approximately 30 mulch deliveries will be made each week, beginning May 5 and 6. Delivery notification will be sent via email and residents must confirm their delivery date by responding to the email. Deliveries are anticipated to continue through May and June, or until supply runs out.

To enter the lottery, complete the "Mulch Lottery Form" on the Village's website, under the "Residents" tab, or complete and drop off the enclosed form (see back page) at Village Hall by April 29. Phone calls will not be accepted.

Chamber of Commerce



Summer Wellness Fair

Saturday, June 25, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Memorial Park

The La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce is hosting a summer wellness event to showcase all of the wonderful things that make our Village the best place to live, work, and play. Join us at Memorial Park for this family-friendly, outdoor community event, where we will feature local businesses, provide fitness and athletic demonstrations, and much more!

Local Employee Appreciation

Good employees are truly the most valuable asset of a successful business! For National Employee Appreciation Day, the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce shared photos and messages of thanks on the Chamber's Facebook page.



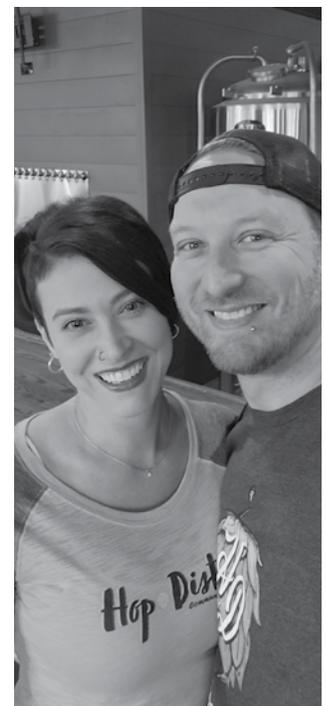
"Hitzeman Funeral Home would like to honor our wonderful employees for their continued hard work and dedication. We are grateful to have such an amazing team to work with daily!" *Pictured: Hitzeman family and staff*



"We are so thankful for the whole team at Catnap! What a great group of dedicated and caring individuals!" *Pictured: Robin, Charlotte, Dr. Chrissy, Yadira, Naila, and Jade*



"We love our staff at Ino's Tacos – they're all hard working, responsible, and welcoming, and always bring their fun positive energy to work." *Pictured: Genevieve, Lindsey, and John*



"We're so excited for the amazing team we are building at Hop District Community Brewing – opening very soon at 23 E. 31st Street!" *Pictured: Owners Jim and Shayne*

Village Board Highlights

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

- Recognized Fire Fighter Joe Palicka on His Retirement
- Introduced Special Guest, Representative La Shawn Ford
- Approved An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property
- Approved a One-Year Contract Between the Village of La Grange Park and Winkler's Tree Service for Tree Trimming in the Amount of \$46,000 and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Necessary Documents
- Accepted the Bid Proposal from Visu-Sewer of Illinois in the Amount of \$95,195.00 and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute the Contract Documents
- Adopted an Ordinance Approving an Economic Incentive Agreement By and Between The Village Of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois and Level Up Café & Recovery, LLC
- Issued a Proclamation Recognizing the Achievements of the Nazareth Academy 2021 Girls Volleyball Team
- Authorized and Directed the Village Manager to Execute a Contract Addendum with Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc.
- Approved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36, Section 36.01 of the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code, Increasing Ambulance Service Fees
- 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 Area And Business District, Happier Now Café
- Approved The Payment Of \$20,400.00 To Village Of Romeoville Fire Academy For Tuition Payment For Six Fire Department Candidates To Attend The Basic Operations Fire Academy
- Approved An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale, Trade-In, Or Disposal Of Surplus
- Approved An Ordinance Approving A Plat of Subdivision For 515 And 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For A Drive-Through Facility for 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For Outdoor Dining For 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Variation For Accessory Structure Height For The Patio Canopy For 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Variation For Accessory Structure Height For The Drive-Through Canopy For 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Variation For Menu Board Signs For 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Variation For Directional Signs For 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Variation For Wall Signs For 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Variation For Exterior Lighting Height For The Patio Canopy For 531 N. La Grange Road – Andy's Frozen Custard Stores, LLC
- Approved An Ordinance Granting Approval Of A PUD Preliminary Plan and Special Use for 315 N. La Grange Road – Plymouth Place, Inc.

- Approved A Resolution Authorizing The Village Manager To Execute An Agreement With Andres Medical Billing, Ltd., For Ambulance Billing Services
- Accepted The Price From Midwest Meter For \$45,900 To Purchase Two Fire Assembly Meters For Bethlehem Woods And Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Necessary Documents
- Accepted The Price From Core And Main For Two Sensus Omni C Meters For Bethlehem Woods And Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Necessary Documents
- Authorized And Directed The Village Manager To Execute A Contract With Sam Schwartz For Consultant Services To Develop A Streetscape Improvement Plan For The Village Market In The Amount Of \$70,710, Plus An Additional 10% Contingency

La Grange Park Public Library

Summer Reading Theme & Celebration

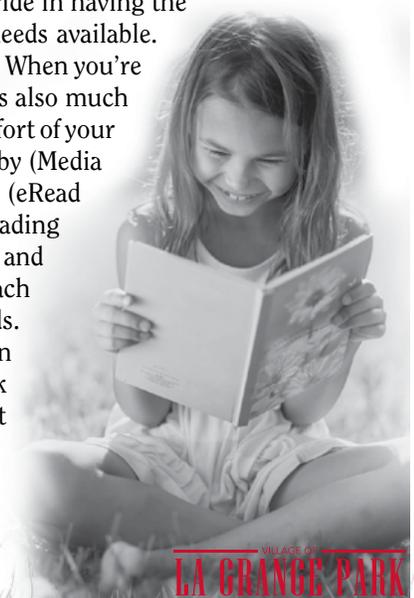


The theme of this year's summer reading program is Read Home Chicago! La Grange Park is a neighbor to one of the greatest cities in the world, with so much to offer. There will be Chicago-themed programs, activities, and resources for all ages. Registration for the program will be open from June 1 to July 31.

Participants will track their progress by maintaining reading logs online and will earn prizes for various achievements. The Library will share more information for this all-ages summer reading program in mid-May via our website at lplibrary.org. And mark your calendars for an end-of-summer celebration the evening of Friday, August 5 in our parking lot! There will be plenty of fun, Chicago-themed surprises in store.

Summer Reading Lists

Does your child have summer reading assignments? Make sure to check with us! We take pride in having the resources our community needs available. All you need is a library card! When you're a library card holder, there is also much you can access from the comfort of your home. Apps like Hoopla, Libby (Media OnDemand), and Axis 360 (eRead Illinois) make downloading digital resources simple and quick. Find the links to each at lplibrary.org/downloads. Need a library card? Come in and visit our circulation desk or sign up electronically at lplibrary.org/services.



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.

Jason & Ann Brown, and Crystal & Carl Strickler (Kemman Avenue)

My husband and I have both had surgery – mine was expected, and my husband had emergency surgery four weeks after me. Our neighbors to the north and south stepped up to help us out! They have taken us under their wings, from dropping off meals and goodies to taking care of our snow. Their kindness started before our health issues. They are always there to help us with whatever we need. So grateful for their love and care! – *Nominated by Janice Greenewald*

Rachel & Steve Hong (Scotdale Road)

I am a senior citizen and no longer able to do things due to several health issues. When I needed someone to get me a 40-pound bag of Ice Melt and sprinkle it around my driveway and paths, Rachel and Steve were right there. Whenever I need help lifting heavy items from the store and carrying them into my house they are always willing to help. Steve always volunteers to help shovel my snow and Rachel always helps me with any internet questions. I am truly blessed and so grateful to the two of them! – *Nominated by Bonnie Koll*

The Savic Family (Beach Avenue)

I am nominating the Savic family of Beach Avenue for offering to help out with an ill family member if needed, helping move heavy furniture being discarded out to the curb, and snow blowing the front sidewalk for other neighbors during the cold season. Even if you are a former ice skater, not scared of being out in the freezing cold once in a while, it is still nice to walk outside with a shovel and note that some kind person has already cleared your front sidewalk. All the neighbors (and mail carrier, too, no doubt) greatly appreciate the neighborly kindness, especially during the chilly season. – *Nominated by Angela Rose*

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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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

Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

MULCH LOTTERY FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL (Important) _____

CIRCLE AMOUNT REQUESTING: ½ Truck Full Truck

½ truck load equals approximately 1.5 cubic yards • 1 full truck load equals approximately 3 cubic yards

Generally, one cubic yard will cover a 6-foot x 9-foot area

RETURN by April 29 to: VILLAGE HALL, 447 N. Catherine Avenue
ONLY ONE (1) REQUEST PER HOUSEHOLD