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Summer 2022

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The Village of La Grange Park

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President's Corner

Summer is finally here and I've enjoyed seeing so many people out and about, enjoying the many things that make La Grange Park a great place to call home.

Following last month's major storm event, I want to thank the Village employees who worked diligently to coordinate recovery efforts, clear debris, and remove damaged trees throughout the Village, particularly staff from Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, and LTACC 9-1-1 Dispatch Center. Their work, and the assistance of many community members supporting their neighbors, helped our Village bounce back quickly from this intense storm. We are also grateful to the Villages of La Grange and Bensenville for providing staff support from their Public Works departments. This additional help allowed us to complete our clean-up faster and gave us the opportunity to pay it forward and assist the Village of Broadview.



This edition of Rose Clippings includes a large feature on the Village's Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The Lead Service Line Replacement & Notification Act, which is the state's most significant unfunded mandate to date, seeks to remove all lead water services in a municipal water system. The Village anticipates as many as 3,000 lead services to be replaced within 17 years, and we need your help to complete a community-wide inventory. Please review this information carefully and visit the Village's website to learn more.

The summer newsletter also highlights the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget, which was approved in April. Each year, the budget process focuses on meeting a set of objectives aimed at helping the Village responsibly plan for the future. Our objectives are to leverage resources for improved quality of life for residents; continue to focus on financial sustainability; provide structure for the accountability of Village resources; seek greater capacity for infrastructure needs; and better meet service demands with enhanced support for all Village departments. You can always find the full budget document on the Village's website, under "Transparency."

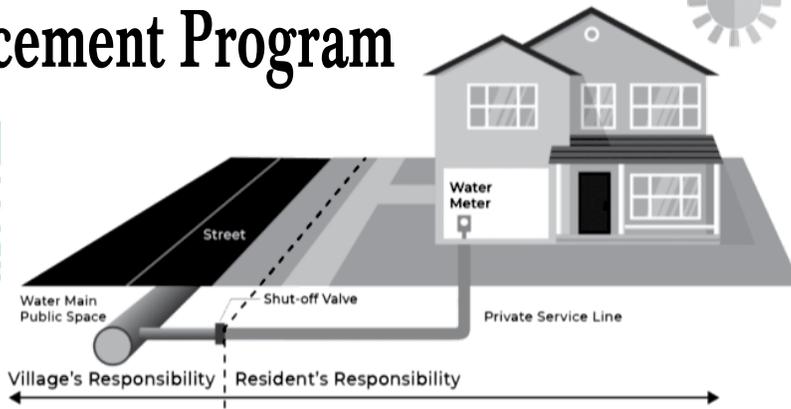
Finally, I want to mention that a lot of exciting activity is taking place in the Village's business districts this season. Hop District Community Brewing is now open on 31st Street, and construction is underway at Andy's Frozen Custard on La Grange Road. Plymouth Place is also moving forward with a significant redevelopment project, called "The Arboretum Villas at Plymouth Place." A series of "villa" buildings will replace the cottages at the rear of the property, providing 94 new independent living units, gardens and recreational areas, and stormwater management improvements. Demolition of the cottages began in June and we look forward to seeing this unique project become a reality in La Grange Park. Stay tuned for more updates on these projects, as well as the next steps for the Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan.

Have a great summer and, as always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

President James J. Discipio



Village Kicks Off Lead Service Line Replacement Program



The Village of La Grange Park is dedicated to providing our community with high-quality public services and safe drinking water. As part of this commitment, and in compliance with State of Illinois requirements, the Village began its Lead Service Line Replacement Program this spring to identify private lead service lines in our community and develop a strategic plan for their future replacement.

Although La Grange Park's water meets the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) lead level requirements, some of the pipes that connect older homes to the Village's water system are made from lead. Lead service lines are a health concern because they can be a source of lead in tap water. Please visit the Village's website for detailed information at www.lagrangepark.org/leadlinereplacement.

The Village Needs Your Help!

The Village's first step in the Program is identifying the total number of private lead service lines in the community. As of mid-July, the Village has mailed each home in the community at least one special postcard about the Program with instructions to either schedule a free, at-home survey or complete an online survey to identify your home's water service line material. **The Village is grateful for all of the households that have already responded.**

If you did not receive a postcard or misplaced yours, the Village requests that you now complete an online survey to identify your home's water service line material. You can scan the QR code above to complete the online survey for your property or visit www.lgpkwaterservicesurvey.com. If an inspector has already come to your home to determine your water service line material, you do not need to complete the survey.

The online survey will only take a few minutes and asks you to identify your home's water service line material and location in three easy steps. All you will need to determine the material type is a refrigerator magnet, screwdriver, and coin. Pipes can be made of lead, galvanized steel, copper, ductile iron, or brass. Depending upon survey results, your home may need to have an at-home inspection as well, but the Village will contact you separately if that is the case.

If you are unable to complete the online survey, or would prefer to schedule a free at-home inspection instead, please contact Hancock Engineering at 708-865-0300 for assistance.

Following completion of the lead service line inventory later this year, the Village will create a prioritized schedule to replace lead service lines and a funding strategy to pay for service line replacement. The Village intends to apply for significant state and/or federal funding to offset the cost of private lead service line replacement and will present information on next steps to the community during a public hearing in spring 2023.

The Village greatly appreciates your cooperation in making this project a success! Please sign-up for the Village's weekly E-Brief for timely program updates.

State of IL Lead Service Line Requirements

Your help in inventorying water service materials throughout our community is critical, as the Village is required by new State of Illinois law to identify:

- The **total** number of service lines connected to the community's water system
- The materials that **each** service line is constructed of
- The number of suspected lead service lines identified since the last inventory was submitted to the IEPA
- The number of suspected or known lead service lines replaced since the last inventory was submitted to IEPA

Once the survey is completed, the Village will develop a comprehensive Lead Service Line Replacement Plan that will be presented before the Board of Trustees for public comment. The Plan must:

- Account for the full replacement of lead service lines (partial replacements limited to the public right of way are prohibited)
- Prioritize replacements for water service to high-risk facilities such as preschools, day cares, playgrounds, hospitals, and clinics
- Follow a replacement schedule based on the total number of lead service lines reported in the inventory.

Learn more on the Village's website at www.lagrangepark.org/leadlinereplacement.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget Highlights

In April, the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget, which runs from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Guided by the policies, priorities, and goals of the Village Board, the budget is the single most important policy document produced by the Village each year. The budget is both a spending plan for the Village's financial resources and the legal authority for Village departments to spend the resources for public purposes. Through these resources, services are provided to meet the needs of our community.

The following is not an exhaustive list, but rather a selection of "highlights" from this year's budget. They are organized under four budget themes: **Technology, Proactive Planning, Capacity Building, and High Priority Needs.** The entire budget document can be found on the Village's website, under "Transparency."

Technology: Implement new technology for efficiency and enhanced services

- Continue use of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system
- Continue use of the Geographic Information System (GIS) system
- Implement an online water customer portal
- Implement new public safety technology

Proactive Planning: Develop a working plan to guide our efforts and address challenges

- Develop and implement a Lead Service Line Replacement Program
- Develop and implement a Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan
- Operationalize recently completed Village-wide plans, including the pavement condition assessment & tree inventory

Capacity Building: Invest in staff to meet new requirements and ensure responsiveness

- Create a new management position in Public Works
- Create a new intern position in Administration
- Provide consultant assistance for accounting in Finance
- Update paramedic/firefighter contract

High Priority Needs: Fund high priority needs to ensure effective public safety

- Support crime prevention and investigations
- Support information and technology security
- Purchase a new fire engine pumper
- Seek additional funding for the Central Area Sewer Separation Project

Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan

This spring, the Village conducted a community survey and hosted a public kickoff event for the Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan. Approximately 50 residents attended the meeting and 650 responses were collected through the online survey. In addition, approximately 100 "pins" were added to an online map identifying particular issues or challenges at and around Village Market. The next public meeting will be held in late summer or early fall to gather feedback on proposed design concepts and recommendations. For a summary of public input collected to date, visit the project webpage at www.lagrangepark.org/552/Streetscape-Improvement-Plan.

New Right-of-Way Cameras

This year's Police Department budget includes new intersection and right-of-way cameras. These cameras will provide the Police Department with another tool to aid investigators – they are not speed or red light cameras. Three cameras will cover the main intersections throughout town and two cameras will monitor park property. An additional automated license plate reader (LPR) was also budgeted.



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.

Vehicle Sticker and Dog License Renewals

Current vehicle stickers and dog licenses expire on October 31, 2022. New stickers and licenses may be purchased beginning September 1. Residents with multiple vehicles will receive a single renewal application. Residents are encouraged to renew their vehicle stickers and dog licenses online at lagrangepark.org starting September 1.



Reminder for Dog Owners

Summertime means more people are out walking their dogs! The Village encourages pet owners to review Chapter 92 of the Municipal Code entitled “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)



Live Fire Training at Plymouth Place

In May, the La Grange Park Fire Department hosted a two-day live fire training exercise using several cottages scheduled for demolition on the Plymouth Place property. The training was attended by 34 La Grange Park firefighters, along with several others from our surrounding communities. Thanks goes out to Plymouth Place residents and staff for their cooperation and use of the property, and to everyone who worked hard in planning the event and attended the training. Using actual fire in real structures is a critical part of the instruction for firefighters and it teaches them how to safely and effectively fight fires in a controlled setting under supervision.



Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 1, Fire Station 1

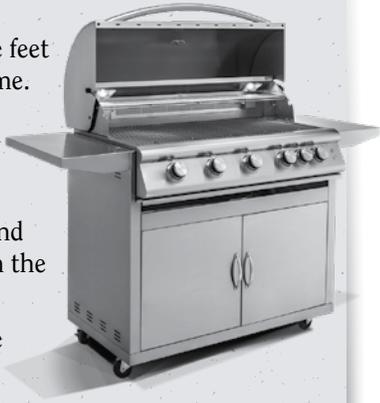
After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Fire Department plans to bring back its Annual Open House on Saturday, October 1. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this interactive and fun educational event. The Open House is usually held in October to correlate with Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week was started by the National Fire Protection Association in 1922 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, which will take place October 9 to 15.



Stay Safe This Summer!

Summer months mean grilling! Make sure your home is protected.

- Keep your grill at least three feet or more away from your home.
- Move the grill away from siding, decking, and other things that can catch fire.
- Keep your eye on children and pets to keep them away from the grill when it's hot.
- Keep watch on your grill the entire time you're cooking.
- Keep your grill clean so leftover grease and fat won't catch on fire.



Fire pits can bring comfort to your evenings, but only if used safely!

- Make sure the fire pit is at least 15 feet away from your house.
- Keep the fire pit away from other combustibles such as fencing and decking.
- Closely watch children when the fire pit is in use.
- Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out.
- Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.



Protect your family around pools and water!

- Teach children how to swim early.
- Adults need to stay with children when in or near the water.
- Maintain barriers, such as fences, self-closing and self-latching gates, and removable ladders.
- Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls, and toys after you get out of the pool.
- Use alarms for gates and doors, and motion alarms for the pool area.
- Install and use a lockable safety cover on your spa.
- Make sure any pool and spa you use has compliant drain covers.
- If a small child is suddenly missing, make the pool or spa one of the first places to look.

National Night Out

**Saturday, July 30
In-Person Celebration
at Memorial Park, Noon-9:00pm**

**Sunday, July 31
Golf Outing
at Flagg Creek, 2:00pm**

**Tuesday, August 2
National Night Out Parade, 6:00-8:00pm**



This year's National Night Out event will take place over three days. On Saturday, July 30, an all-day event will take place at Memorial Park, featuring live music starting at 1:00 p.m., local food establishments, a beer tent, and various vendor booths. On Sunday, July 31, the La Grange Park Police Department FOP Lodge #143 will host a golf outing at Flagg Creek to support the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run. And finally, on Tuesday, August 2, a 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!

Brush Collection Schedule

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:

July 5th • August 1st • September 5th • October 3rd

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.



Roadway Resurfacing

This summer, the Village plans undertake street resurfacing on 26th Street from Kemman Avenue to Maple Avenue. The project involves replacing deteriorated curb and gutter, grinding the existing pavement, patching poor sub-base in select areas, and installing new asphalt.

Village Board Highlights

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

- Approved A Resolution Of The Village Of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois Approving The Appropriation Of Funds From The 31st Street/ Barnsdale Redevelopment Project Area Special Tax Allocation Fund
- Approved A Resolution Of The Village Of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois Approving The Appropriation Of Funds From The Village Market Redevelopment Project Area Special Tax Allocation Fund
- Authorized Payment To Unique Plumbing Company In The Amount Of \$42,797.50 For Emergency Water Main Repairs
- Approved A Contract With Unique Plumbing Company In A “Not To Exceed” Amount Of \$100,000.00 For The Sewer Point Repair Program & Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Contract Documents
- Approved A Contract With Denler, Inc. In A “Not to Exceed” Amount Of \$24,500.00 For The 2021/2022 Village Wide Crack Sealing Program & Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Contract Documents
- Approved A Contract With Sewertech, LLC In A “Not To Exceed” Amount Of \$50,000.00 For The 2021/2022 Sewer Cleaning And Televising Program And Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Contract Documents
- Proclamation Recognizing the Garden Club of La Grange Park on Their 90th Anniversary
- Recognized Paid On Call Firefighters: Lou Galvez And Colin McManus In A Swearing In Ceremony
- Recognized Paid On Call Firefighters: Lou Galvez, Colin McManus, And Matt Holmes In A Pinning Ceremony
- Approved An Ordinance Amending Chapter 154 Of Title XV Of The La Grange Park Municipal Code To Update The Rainfall Data From Bulletin 70 To Bulletin 75
- Approved A Temporary Use Permit For Jewel-Osco To Allow For The Construction Of A 1,560 Square Foot Temporary Structure For Seasonal Retail Sales; To Be Occupied On or After March 25, 2022 And To Be Removed No Later Than June 25, 2022
- Approved A Resolution Authorizing Revised Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement
- Approved A Resolution Requesting The Designation Of 26th Street From Kemman Avenue To Maple Avenue As A Minor Collector
- Approved A Professional Engineering Services Agreement With Hancock Engineering For The Lead Service Line Replacement Program In A “Not To Exceed” Amount Of \$246,330.00 And Authorize The Village Manager To Sign The Necessary Documents
- Held A Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Budget FY2022-2023
- Recognized Probationary Police Officers, Christopher Cooper and Robert Weber In A Swearing In Ceremony
- Approved Travel Expenses In The Amount Of \$747.10 For Attending The IML Lobby Day In Springfield, Illinois
- Approved Payment Of A “Not To Exceed” Amount of \$28,000.00 To St. Aubin Nursery And Landscape For The Purchase And Planting Of Parkway Trees
- Approved The Change Order And Contract Increase With Copenhaver Construction, Inc. In The Amount Of \$74,484.00 For The Permeable Paver Intersection Improvements
- Moved To Elect The Standard Allowance Revenue Loss Option For The Village’s Use Of Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Adopted An Ordinance Approving An Economic Incentive Agreement By And Between The Village Of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois And Happier Now, LLC
- Proclamation – 2022 National Telecommunicators Week (April 10-16)
- Proclamation – 2022 Drinking Water Week (May 1-7)
- Proclamation – 2022 National Public Works Week (May 15-21)
- Recognized of the Community Park District of La Grange Park on their Achievement of Winning the Illinois Park & Recreation Association’s Outstanding Park & Facility of the Year
- Approved A Resolution Approving Pay Plan And Schedule Of Authorized Positions For Fiscal Year 2022/23
- Approved A Resolution Amending The Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget
- Approved A Resolution Approving FY 22/23 Operating Budget, and Approved the Five Year Plan FY 22/23 – 26/27
- Accepted A Recruitment Proposal From GovHR USA, dated May 5, 2022 For The Recruitment Of A New Director of Finance, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$22,500, And Authorize The Village Manager To Execute The Same
- Authorized Staff To Purchase A New 2022 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD For A Cost Of \$33,526.00, From Kunes Country Ford Of Antioch, IL Through The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #191 With A Not To Exceed Amount Of \$38,500.00 to Cover The Equipment And Up Fitting
- Approved And Authorize The Village Manager To Execute Agreements Between The Village Of La Grange Park And Edwin Hancock Engineering For Design And Construction Engineering Services In An Amount of \$46,000.00 For The 26th Street Resurfacing Project
- Approve Payment To BS&A Software For Annual Maintenance And Support In The Amount Of \$22,182.00
- Proclamation – 2022 National Police Week (May 15 – 21st)
- Adopted A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Verbatim Records of Closed Meetings
- Approved An Employee Leasing Agreement With GovTemps USA For The Assignment of Daniel Wiersma For The Interim Finance Director And Acting Treasurer Position
- Approved A Resolution Appointing An IMRF Authorized Agent
- Approved An Increase “Not To Exceed” Amount To \$15,000.00 With A&B Landscaping And Tree Service, Inc. For Stump Removals And Restorations
- Approved An Ordinance Designating Village Depository And Financial Institutions And Authorized Signers For The Village Of La Grange Park And (2) To Approve Fifth Third Bank Multi-Product Resolution
- Appointed Interim Finance Director Dan Wiersma As Acting Village Treasurer, Effective May 24, 2022
- Appointed Caroline Nash Domagalski As The Planning & Zoning Chairperson.
- Reappointed Steve May, Chmn., Paul Graham, Matt Huffman, Keith Krysa, Eric Johnson, Ryan Vokac, and Brian Sok To The Traffic Safety & Engineering Committee For A 2-Year Term Expiring In 2024
- Reappointed Mary Hayes to the Board of Police Commissioners for a new 3-year term expiring in 2025
- Michael Sabella To the Police Pension Board For A New 2-year Term Expiring In 2024
- Reappointed Kelly Burns, Krista Grimm, Kathy Johnson, Joe Marino, David Mrazek and Donna Twickler (Chairwoman) To the Sustainability Commission For A New 3-year Term Expiring In 2025

Important Local Safety News Delivered to Your Inbox



Please join the Village's weekly Public Safety Briefs to receive various types of community alerts and safety tidbits that can keep you and your family safe and well. Send an email to bbaum@lagrangepark.org to subscribe.

La Grange Park Public Library



Keep Reading This Summer!

Summer might be the best time to read! There's nothing better than enjoying a book outside. Grab your library card and check out some new titles! If you or a family member don't have a library card, it takes just a few minutes to apply at our Circulation Desk. Residents can also visit the services page on our website, lplibrary.org/services, and fill out a quick form. For those who prefer online convenience, you'll enjoy access to apps such as Hoopla, Libby, and Axis 360. With your library card and these apps, you can have a book at your fingertips in a couple minutes. Our librarians are always here to help you choose a title or navigate any of our services!

Community Park District

Music Under the Stars Concert Series

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Memorial Park Amphitheater

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)



Wacky Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., Memorial Park Amphitheater

July 13 – Mr. Steve "The Master Facilitator of Fun"
Music, Magic & Ballooning

July 20 – Lenny Zieben – Music for New People
Children's Singer

August 17 – Miss Angie
Children's Music

Picnic in the Park

Friday, July 29, 10:00 a.m., Memorial Park

Friday, August 12, 10:00 a.m., Beach Oak Park

Caregivers and children from birth and up are invited to join a member of the La Grange Park Library for a fun story time at one of our beautiful parks!

Check out all our upcoming programs at www.communityparkdistrict.org or call 708-354-4580.



Read Home Chicago!

Our Summer Reading program will make reading even more fun this summer! You can participate by visiting lplibrary.org reading and following the prompts. Learn about our social media challenge for a chance to win a family membership to the Museum of Science and Industry (valued at \$195) on Facebook, Instagram, and in our weekly newsletter.



The Chamber is always on the lookout for engaging ways to promote local commerce and foster a vibrant, energetic business climate in La Grange Park! Neighborhood events are just one way we support our local businesses and build a sense of community. Save the date for our upcoming events for the rest of 2022:

- July 13 - Music Under the Stars (half sponsor)
- August 2 - National Night Out
- September (exact date TBA) - Beer + Bocce
- October 6 - Annual Dinner
- October 28 - Haunted Trolley
- December (exact date TBA) - Holiday Event

Another way we support our members is through marketing their endeavors and planning events that contribute to their success. Recently, we took part in Hop District Community Brewing's grand opening event. We were thrilled to welcome them to La Grange Park at their ribbon cutting ceremony in May. Cheers to many great years ahead as our Village's very first brewery!

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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.

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? _____

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

Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:
Monday, September 5 - Labor Day