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Fall 2022

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President's Corner

It's hard to believe that school has started and summer has come and gone. As always, many residents hosted neighborhood block parties as a way to build community, meet neighbors, and have fun this summer. In that same spirit, the Village's Police Department expanded its typical National Night Out activities this year to include a festival in Memorial Park. Thank you to the Village staff, Community Park District, Library District, Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, and many volunteers who organized and participated in this terrific event. I look forward to seeing you again during the upcoming fall and winter events taking place throughout our Village.

The previous edition of Rose Clippings included a large feature on the Village's Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The program began earlier this year as mandated by the State of Illinois Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act.



Through in-home inspections and online survey data, the Village has identified over 60% of private service line material in the community. We are grateful for your help in making this program a success! The Village will continue collecting remaining service line information before submitting an updated inventory to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) by April 2023. For assistance or to learn more about this program, contact Hancock Engineering or visit the Village's website.

Significant progress was made this summer on the Village's planning and development projects. Andy's Frozen Custard began construction of its new location on La Grange Road, and Plymouth Place anticipates breaking ground on "The Arboretum Villas" this fall. The Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan is in the final stages of development after a busy summer of stakeholder and community engagement. The Village met with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to review potential changes to La Grange Road and also hosted an open house to gather input from community members. Your feedback – by attending public meetings, completing surveys, and contacting the Village with your concerns – has been instrumental in creating a vision for the Village Market area. I am confident that the streetscape plan will provide us with the steps we need to enhance safety along the La Grange Road corridor and improve access to many of the Village's most popular amenities and destinations.

It's an exciting time in the Village of La Grange Park! In this edition of Rose Clippings, you'll find important tips from Fire Prevention Week, the 2022 leaf collection schedule, frequently asked questions about the library's building project, a variety of community events, and much more. If you're looking for ways to get involved and stay up to date on what's going on in our community, 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.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

President James F. Discipio



Join the Village of La Grange Park Fire Department

Are You Up To The Challenge?

Are you interested in serving your Village as a state certified Paid-On-Call Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician? The Fire Department is currently recruiting for part-time/paid-on-call positions, which do not require any previous fire or emergency medical experience. Applications are available at Village Hall or online at www.lagrangepark.org.

All applicants must attend a mandatory orientation session on Wednesday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m., where you will hear more about this great opportunity. The session will take place at the La Grange Park Fire Station No. 1/Village Hall Complex, located at 447 N. Catherine Avenue. All those attending must bring a completed employment application and a photo ID. Please contact Captain Steve Tullis at (708) 218-7800 or stullis@lagrangepark.org for questions or additional information.



Fire Prevention Week: October 2-8

Home Fire Escape Planning & Practice

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.

firepreventionweek.org

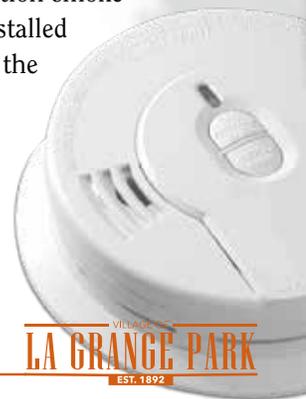
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Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms. Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection. For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.

Should you have any questions about escape planning or smoke alarms, please feel free to call the La Grange Park Division of Fire Prevention or Building Department at 708-354-0225.

- Next Page photo 1: Firefighters attend Memorial Day Weekend Ceremony in Memorial Park
photo 2: Firefighters assist with fighting garage fires in neighboring Brookfield in June
photo 3: Firefighters and children attend the Pet Parade in La Grange
photo 4: New doors were installed on the rear of Fire Station No. 1 in August



Public Works Welcomes New Staff Member



The Village is pleased to announce that Matt Decosola joined the Public Works Department in August. Matt is a recent graduate of Riverside-Brookfield High School, where he was a four-year wrestler and named all-conference in his senior year. Public Works runs in the family – His father is a Public Works employee for a local municipality. Matt is working to obtain his Illinois State Water Operators License and Arborist Certification within the next few years. Welcome to the team, Matt!



photo 1

2022 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 schedule, 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! Leaves must be raked into the street gutter by 6:00 a.m. Monday of the collection week.

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

WEST	CENTER	EAST
October 17th	October 24th	October 31st
November 7th	November 14th	November 21st
Weather permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows:		
November 28th	December 5th	December 12th

Road Paving Project

26th Street between Kemman and Maple

The Village Board recently approved a contract with M&J Asphalt to repave 26th Street between Kemman Avenue and Maple Avenue. This project will commence in mid-September and continue until the end of October. Work involved in this project includes milling (grinding) the top layer of asphalt off, removing and replacing sections of curb that has poor drainage, reconstructing drainage structures, patching poor areas of the road, and installing a new asphalt surface. The roadway will be closed to vehicle traffic for the duration of the project.



photo 2



photo 3



photo 4

Prepare for Fall & Winter Heating Hazards

Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries and third leading cause of home fire deaths. If you haven't done so yet, have a qualified heating contractor perform an annual cleaning and inspection for your furnace. If you have a fireplace, make sure to have a professional "chimney sweep" or qualified heating contractor to clean and inspect your chimney and firebox. Make sure guards such as glass or screens are in good shape, and keep combustibles away from the fireplace. When possible, avoid using space heaters. If you use them, don't use extension cords to power them. Make sure the heaters are plugged directly into receptacles and kept away from combustible materials such as furniture and bedding. Make sure you have at least one carbon monoxide (CO) alarm installed near or in all sleeping areas.



Haunted Trolley

Friday, October 28, 4:00-7:00pm

The La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to be bringing back the Haunted Trolley event! Join fellow members, neighbors, and friends in our Village on Friday, October 28 from 4:00-7:00 p.m., for this family-friendly night out. Trolleys will be shuttling up and down 31st Street with stops at all your favorite businesses to trick-or-treat. Mark your calendar and don't miss out on all the spooky fun! Get into the Halloween spirit and enjoy lots of tasty treats along the way! Follow our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LaGrangeParkBusinessAssociation) or reach out to Chamber President Sheri Sauer for more information about this event and the Chamber's services.

Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 29, 10:00am-2:00pm

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 note, only drugs in pill form will be accepted – no liquids). Please empty all drugs from their original containers, bottles, or blister packs and place in a sealed baggie for drop off. Can't make it October 29? A permanent drop box is located in the Village Hall Lobby with drop off access during regular business hours.



Smashing Pumpkin Event

Saturday, November 5, 10:00am-Noon

The Village's Sustainability Commission is hosting the Smashing Pumpkin Event again this year. Please dispose of your jack-o-lanterns on Saturday, November 5, anytime between 10:00 a.m. and noon at the Public Works facility at 937 Barnsdale Road. Last year, we collected 3.85 tons (7,700 pounds) and we need your help to smash the 2021 record at this year's event!



Community Park District

Scarecrow Decorating Contest

Join your neighbors for this fun community challenge and build your own scarecrow. Make yours 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. Display your scarecrow by October 17. Judging will take

place between October 18-23. Winners will be announced on October 28 and will be featured on our Fall 2023 brochure cover. You may pick up your scarecrow starter kit at the Recreation Center any time after October 3.

Campfire in the Park- Spooky Stories

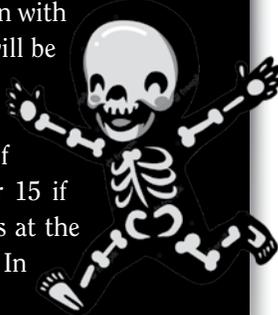
Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.

Make s'more friends! Spend the evening at Memorial Park roasting marshmallows and hearing Spooky stories from the La Grange Park Library. We will provide the standard s'more materials, but please feel welcome to bring any other ingredients you would like to add.

Spooky Shuffle 5K

Saturday, October 29, Starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Community Park District and Strive 4 Fitness are crafting a fiendishly fun 5K experience! The event will begin with an elite heat (runners only) at 9:00 a.m. There will be Spooky Sprint events for the kids! We will add later heats and youth sprints if spaces fill. Most importantly, there's a two-minute penalty if you don't have a costume! Register by October 15 if you want to receive a race shirt. This race starts at the Recreation Center and ends at Robinhood Park. In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled.



Santa Visits

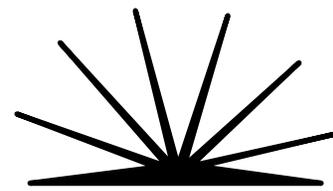
Tuesday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.

Santa is coming to La Grange Park, and he wants to make a stop at your home and wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Santa will set up a time for a visit (lasting approximately 10 minutes). Any gifts to be passed out must be given to Santa when he arrives or left on the front step prior to his arrival. An email will be sent home about a week before the visit giving you instructions. Spots fill up quickly. One family per visit. La Grange Park residents only.

Phone Calls from Santa

Wednesday, December 14,
Starting at 5:00 p.m.

'Tis the season to be jolly!! Santa is ready to hear your child's Christmas wishes. Pick up a form at the Park District office after November 29 and return it prior to December 9. La Grange Park residents only.



LA GRANGE PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

BUILDING PROJECT FAQs



Building Project FAQs

The La Grange Park Public Library is excited to be moving forward with our large-scale renovation in the fall of 2022 after delays due to supply chain issues, labor shortages, and final project funding determinations. Here are answers to some common questions from our community members.

Question: How is the library paying for the renovation project?

Answer: The library has budgeted carefully the last several years, which resulted in \$1.5 million in savings for building repairs. To cover the full cost of the project, the library issued alternate revenue bonds in September 2021. This does not increase taxes and we pay it off like any other loan over the course of 15 years.

Question: The building is only 30 years old. Why do you need to fix it already?

Answer: Thirty years seems like a short amount of time, but in reality a lot goes wrong after several decades! The exterior issues we will address cover water infiltration, safety concerns, energy efficiency, and general wear and tear. For a more detailed explanation of the building issues, visit our website at lplibrary.org/building-project to view the Water Infiltration Investigation Study or the Facility Plan.

Question: Will the library expand services for children?

Answer: As budget allows, our children's department will have major upgrades, such as an expanded activity room, a new family restroom and lactation space, upgraded shelving and displays, and a new preschool play area.

Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of June, July and August.

- Recognized Trustee Amanda Seidel for Her Service To The Village Of La Grange Park And Wished Her the Best Of Luck On New Endeavors
- Recognized the Chomko Family, Winners of the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission's Video Contest: "How Can We Reduce Waste in La Grange Park"
- Approved An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of La Grange Park and the Community Park District of La Grange Park and Approved An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of La Grange Park and the La Grange Park Public Library District
- Approved One-Year Contract Extensions With A&B Landscape And Tree Service, Inc. For Tree Removals And Stump Grinding, And Authorized The Village Manger To Execute Necessary Documents
- Adopted A Resolution For Improvement Under The Illinois Highway Code For The Expenditure Of \$403,000.00 In MFT Funds
- Approved An Ordinance Granting A Variation To Peter B. And Deborah A. Stojic To Decrease The Rear Setback Of The Garage From 3' to 0.27' And Decrease The Interior Side Setback Of The Garage From 5' to 0.32' at 409 N. Spring Avenue
- Approved An Ordinance Amending Title IX, Chapter 95 Of The La Grange Park Municipal Code Regulating Trees And Shrubs
- Authorized The Village of La Grange Park To Enter Into An Agreement With All Information Services, Inc. (AIS) For the Purchase, Installation And Implementation Of Security Cameras Throughout The Police Department, Public Works Complex, Water Tower And Village Hall Complex With A Not To Exceed Amount Of \$29,600 And Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Necessary Documents
- Approved Payment In A "Not To Exceed" Amount Of \$45,000.00 To A&B Landscape and Tree Service, Inc. For Emergency Storm Damage Assistance
- Appointed Juan Silva To Serve As Village Trustee For The Remaining Term Expiring In 2023
- Appointed Mark Cohen and Katie Conway To The Sustainability Commission, Each To Serve The Remainder Of A 3-Year Term Expiring In May 2025; and Appointed Stefania Campo To The Planning & Zoning Commission, To Serve A 5-Year Term Expiring In May 2027
- Invited La Grange Area Historical Society President Katherine Padgett to Present Information About the Society
- Recognized Department of Public Works Promotions: John Jandak to the Position of Public Works Supervisor and Larry Leonard to the Position of Public Works Foreman
- Approved and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Design and Construction Engineering Services in the Amount of \$8,000.00 for the 2022/2023 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project
- Approved and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Design and Construction Engineering Services in the Amount of \$16,000.00 for the 2022/2023 Sewer Lining Project
- Approved and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Design and Construction Engineering Services in the Amount of \$18,000.00 for the 2022/2023 Sewer Repair Project
- Approved and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Design and Construction Engineering Services in the Amount of \$9,900.00 for the 2022 MFT Pavement Patching Project
- Authorized the Village of La Grange Park to Enter Into An Agreement With AXON Enterprises, Inc. For the Purchase, Installation and Implementation of BWCs and Fleet III In Car Cameras for the Police Department, With A Not To Exceed Amount Of \$195,956.76 Over A 5 Year Period With The First Payment Not Being Made Until The Equipment Is Delivered and Installed And Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Necessary Documents
- Amended the Annual Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates for 2022 and Cancel the Village Board of Trustees Work Session Meeting for August 9, 2022
- Approved A Resolution Waiving The Competitive Bidding/ Purchasing Process And Accepting A Proposal For The Purchase Of A Fire Engine, For The Amount Of \$582,000; And Authorized Additional Expenditures Up To \$18,000 For Any Necessary Change Orders Or Related Equipment
- Issued a Proclamation Titled 2022 National Suicide Prevention & Action Month, Which Was Presented to Hope For The Day Representative, Bev Schwartz
- Recognized David Mrazek on His Retirement from the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission
- 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 A Sound System Until 10:30 p.m. on August 26, September 2, September 9, September 16, and September 30, 2022
- Accepted The Lowest Bid From M&J Asphalt Company, Inc. In The Amount Of \$422,564.00 And Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Necessary Contract Documents
- Adopted A Resolution For Improvement Under The Illinois Highway Code For The Expenditure Of An Additional \$66,000.00 In MFT Funds

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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

Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

- Friday, November 11 - Veteran's Day**
- Thursday & Friday, November 24-25 - Thanksgiving**
- Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26 - Christmas**
- Monday, January 2 - New Year's Day**