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The Village of La Grange Park

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President's Corner

Spring is in the air! The weather is warming up and I'm energized by all of the activity happening throughout our Village.

The Village Board and staff have made great strides on several important initiatives recently to improve safety, infrastructure and accessibility in our community. Progress is being made on the Central Area Storm Sewer Separation Project, a critical initiative to install new storm sewers and provide flooding relief in the central area of the Village. Village staff is in the final stages of securing assistance through the Stormwater Partnership Program with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) to partially fund this long-term infrastructure project and help bring it to fruition.

Traffic safety improvements for La Grange Road are currently underway, with a community kickoff event scheduled for April 23 at the Library. The goal of this effort is to increase safety, accessibility and connectivity in this high traffic area of the Village.

I'm also pleased to share that the Village's Branding and Identity Plan, guided by the Commercial Revitalization Committee, was approved unanimously recently. This comprehensive plan introduces a new La Grange Park logo, signage and other components designed to improve navigation and establish a cohesive identity for our Village. Thank you to the many residents and community stakeholders who participated in community engagement activities, helping shape the vision for this plan. I am eager to see elements of this plan come to life around town as early as this summer!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Village departments for helping La Grange Park be a vibrant and safe place to live. Over the past few months, Public Works has been busy keeping our streets clear of snow and ice,

and repairing numerous water main breaks throughout the Village. I am very grateful for all of their efforts to maintain our infrastructure.

Thank you to the Police Department for their unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe. They are currently conducting a traffic safety enforcement campaign funded by a federal highway safety grant. This grant has enabled additional enforcement in the Village, allowing our police to target behaviors that contribute to crashes.

Our Administration and Finance Departments have been busy developing the next fiscal year budget and five-year spending plan. More details about these plans will be shared in future editions of Rose Clippings.

As spring nears, construction and home improvement projects are ramping up in our community, and I appreciate all of the efforts of our Building Department to ensure that these projects meet safety standards and building code requirements.

This year also marks a significant milestone for our Fire Department as they celebrate 125 years of service in La Grange Park. We look forward to celebrating their dedication to our community with various events and celebrations throughout the year.

This edition of Rose Clippings is chock-full of good information about Village events and programs so please read on for all of the information you need this spring. It's a great time to be in La Grange Park! As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

President James J. Discipio



Update on the Village’s Branding & Identity Plan

Progress continues on the Village’s Branding & Identity Plan with recent finalization of the new La Grange Park logo, unified visual standards for Village-branded materials and detailed designs for streetscape elements such as light poles, signage, banners and other street furnishings. The goal of this plan is to communicate a clear, strong and cohesive identity for the Village, enhance the Village’s sense of place, and improve navigation and accessibility within the Village.

Thank you to all of our residents and community members who shared feedback in the community engagement workshop and online survey last year. Your input about what makes La Grange Park unique guided this plan. We anticipate that these materials will begin rolling out this summer.



Village ADA Transition Plan Public Engagement Survey

The Village is in the process of creating an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for public sidewalks throughout our community. This plan will serve as a strategic roadmap for identifying and assessing barriers that currently impede accessibility on roads, sidewalks, crosswalks and other components of the public right-of-way. A critical element of the planning process is gathering feedback on the pedestrian routes and travel habits of our residents. We invite residents to participate by scanning the QR Code here, going to the Village’s website or visiting Village Hall to fill out the public engagement survey. Thank you for your help in making La Grange Park more accessible for everyone!

La Grange Road Traffic Safety Improvements Kickoff Event

Wednesday, April 23, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., La Grange Park Public Library, 555 N. La Grange Road

The Village is hosting a public event to kick off the La Grange Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project. This project, which was recommended in the Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan, aims to enhance safety, accessibility and connectivity along the corridor. Community input is a central part of the process, so we hope you will join us for this event to learn more about the project and share your questions and feedback. Please visit the Village’s website for more information about the proposed traffic safety improvements along La Grange Road.

Transition to Monthly Water Billing

Beginning in February 2025, the Village began transitioning to monthly water billing. Monthly billing is consistent with standard practices for utilities, making it easier for households to budget and to allow for earlier detection of water leakage. Please reference the schedule below for the transition to monthly billing based on residents’ current billing periods. No action is required by residents. However, the Village encourages residents who have not yet done so to sign up for paperless bills and online payments on the Village’s website. Those on autopay will continue to have their payment automatically deducted for each bill.

Account Number Begins	LAST QUARTERLY BILLING			FIRST MONTHLY BILLING		
	Billing Period	Bill Date	Due Date	Billing Period	Bill Date	Due Date
01	OCT 1, '24 - DEC 31, '24	JAN 15, '25	FEB 18, '25	JAN 1 - 31, 2025	FEB 19, '25	MAR 17, '25
02	NOV 1, '24 - JAN 31, '25	FEB 15, '25	MAR 17, '25	FEB 1 - 28, 2025	MAR 18, '25	APR 15, '25
03	DEC 1, '24 - FEB 28, '25	MAR 15, '25	APR 15, '25	MAR 1 - 31, 2025	APR 16, '25	MAY 15, '25

Proposed Construction Projects

Pending Village Board approval, the following construction projects are planned in 2025. Please refer to the Village’s website for ongoing construction updates.

- Road Paving – 300 to 400 Blocks of Park Road
- Water Main Replacement – Kings Court and Castle Circle



Brush Collection

Schedule and Reminders

The Village offers a free brush collection service once a 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 for all sections of the Village. Each street will have brush collected one time during the scheduled week. Brush pick-up weeks start on the following Mondays:

- May 5 • June 2 • July 7 • August 4 • September 1
- October 6 (last pick-up for the year)

New this year: The Village is implementing a tracking system to provide residents with live updates on brush collection progress throughout the Village. Residents will be able to receive updates on the Village’s website when brush collection begins in May. Once brush collection is completed for your street, crews will not return until the following month. If you miss a pick-up, please remove brush from the parkway and store until the next pick-up. Additionally, you can use yard waste bags and bundle brush, adding stickers for removal by LRS. Those who leave brush in the street on non-collection weeks may be ticketed.

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.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 1

Seasonal yard waste collection by LRS resumes during the first week of April. Yard waste consists of brush, grass clippings, leaves, plant materials, roots, and twigs. Residents can place these items in a stickered kraft bag or 35-gallon can.

Free Mulch!

As a result of brush collection, tree trimmings and tree removals throughout the Village this past year, the Department of Public Works is offering free mulch to residents on a first come, first served basis. Residents can request one full or half truck load of mulch per address. During the month of April, please complete the “Mulch Form” on the Village’s website under the “Residents” menu (preferred method) or fill out the request form on the back of this newsletter and return to Village Hall by Monday, April 28.

The Village will notify residents via email the week before their delivery date, and residents must confirm their delivery date by responding to the email. Mulch will be delivered in May, tentatively beginning on May 8 and May 9, until supply runs out. Public Works will be unable to answer delivery inquiries prior to Thursday, May 8.



Administrative Adjudication

Administrative adjudication is a process in which Village Municipal Code violations are adjudicated by a hearing officer rather than through the county judicial system. In 2024, the Village of La Grange Park entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of La Grange for the administration of a shared adjudication court system. This partnership between the two Villages provides a cost-effective and efficient means of handling local ordinance violations and a more accessible process for our residents.

Examples of matters subject to the Village’s administrative adjudication process include parking violations, non-moving vehicle code violations (e.g., cell phone violations, seat belt violations and vehicle equipment violations), zoning code violations, building and fire code violations, business violations, among others. For more information about administrative adjudication, please see the webpage on the Village’s website.

LRS Service Sticker Price Increase

The price of LRS service stickers for yard waste, extra garbage (outside of cart), bulk items and electronic waste will increase beginning on April 1, 2025 to \$4.06 per sticker. These stickers can be purchased at Village Hall and at selected Jewel locations (2128 S. Mannheim Road, Westchester and 507 E. Woodlawn Avenue, La Grange Park). For more information, please see the LRS brochure on the Village’s website.

New Lead Service Line Fee Effective May 1, 2025

The Village of La Grange Park is implementing a new fee to fund lead service line replacements in accordance with the State of Illinois’ Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (414 ILCS 5/17.12). This fee is essential to ensure the Village’s compliance with the state mandate aimed at protecting public health and improving water quality. Please note that this is an unfunded mandate and the new fee was established to balance the financial burden equitably among all Village water system users while ensuring compliance with the law. The following lead service line replacement rates will go into effect on May 1, 2025:

ACCOUNT	RATE
Single-family residential. Multi-family residential when each unit has a separate water meter and billing account.	\$8.40 per month
All other accounts	\$5.10 per month \$0.64 per 100 cubic feet of water

Sewer Backup Prevention Program



If you are concerned about flooding in your home, spring is a great time to make updates to prevent sewer backup problems. Through the Village’s Sewer Backup Prevention Program, funding is available to homeowners to help offset the costs for plumbing improvements. Get ahead of spring rain and protect your home from basement flooding from sewer backups. To learn more and apply for this program, visit the Village’s website or scan this QR Code.

Fire Department News



Last month, the Fire Department celebrated the retirement of paid-on-call firefighter and EMT, Mike Hughes. Since joining the department, Mike showed unwavering dedication to serving our community and has been an inspirational mentor to his fellow firefighters. Thank you, Mike, for your outstanding service and commitment to La Grange Park! Also, in recent months, four personnel successfully completed their initial Basic Operations Fire Academy training and all aspects of their probationary period. Congratulations to Firefighters Alex Kiessling, Christian Kiessling, Emma Ellison, and Daniel Griffin on their achievements!



Fire Department Celebrates 125th Anniversary

The La Grange Park Fire Department is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year! Established in 1900, our first Fire Department was comprised of 14 dedicated residents of La Grange Park. As part of this milestone, the Fire Department plans to recognize and celebrate this anniversary with events and more this year. Stay tuned for more information on the La Grange Park Fire Department and La Grange Park Fire History Facebook pages.



Meet New Police Records Clerk, Bernice Branch

Bernice Branch recently started as the Village's new Police Records Clerk. Bernice joins us from the Cook County Circuit Court with more than 33 years of experience and a wealth of knowledge. Bernice lives nearby in Countryside and says she is looking forward to using her experience in this new role. Welcome, Bernice!

Sustainability Commission

Reusable School Supply Project Collection Event

The Sustainability Commission will be holding its third annual Reusable School Supply Project collection event this year with collection and sorting taking place on Thursday, June 5 and pickup on Friday, June 6. Hundreds of boxes of lightly-used school supplies from area schools are boxed and distributed to under-resourced schools and education-related programs, preventing those materials from being sent to the landfill.

If you are interested in volunteering or know of a group that would benefit from school supplies, please contact Rick Radde at rradde@lagrangepark.org. Watch for updates in the Village's E-Briefs newsletter and on the Village of La Grange Park Sustainability Commission Facebook page.

Upcoming Sustainability Commission Events

Plan on making your spring Saturdays more sustainable by attending these open-to-all events:

- **Seed Exchange:** Saturday, April 12, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., La Grange Public Library
- **Electronics Recycling:** Monday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., La Grange Park Public Works
- **Shoe & Sandal Exchange:** Saturday, May 24, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., La Grange Public Library

Music Under the Stars Concert Series

Concerts will be 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.

Concert Schedule:

- June 25** – Paulie & the Shakers (Classic Rock)
- July 2** – West Suburban Concert Band (Concert Band)
- July 9** – The Jolly Ringwalds ('80s Pop)
- July 16** – Midsummer at Memorial
Starting at 5:00 p.m.;
Join us for music, food & fun!
- July 23** – Tropixplosian (Caribbean Rock)
- July 30** – The Wild Daisy (Country)



Community Park District

Yena Park Construction Has Begun!

We anticipate that the improvements at the north end of the park, including the multi-purpose courts, playground and pavilion will be completed by the spring of 2026. Work on the south end of the field includes a complete renovation of the athletic fields, and we anticipate re-opening the fields by spring of 2027.

1150 Meadowcrest Acquisition Will Be Completed in April of 2025

The Village Church property will be maintained as public open space for our community in perpetuity. The Park District will begin making tree and landscaping improvements this year focused on providing passive recreational opportunities. We are very thankful for the cooperation of the Village Church and the support of our community for this incredible project. This is the first time the District has been able to preserve greenspace in La Grange Park since the acquisition of Hanesworth Park in 1978!



Recreation Center Expansion

Yes! The Park District is moving forward with the expansion of 1501 Barnsdale Road and we will break ground this fall. Our community will have access to expanded recreational space, including an indoor walking track by the winter of 2026. Please watch our website for updates on the construction schedule. Due to the nature of the project, we anticipate limited interruption to our existing operations while the work is being completed.

Memorial Park Splash Pad Hours

We're currently evaluating usage trends and the cost of operating the Splash Pad to ensure the best experience for our community. Please check our website for the latest updates on hours of operation. Thank you for your understanding as we work to provide optimal access while balancing resources.

FREE! Wacky Wednesdays

June 18, July 9 and July 30 at 11:00 a.m., and July 16 at 5:00 p.m., Memorial Park Pavilion

Join us for this free children's event.

Get Fit at Memorial Park's Fitness Courts!

Did you know that the fitness courts at Memorial Park are open to the public and perfect for all fitness levels? Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned athlete, the court features easy-to-follow instructions right on the equipment, making it simple to jump right in. Take advantage of this free, outdoor space to boost your health and fitness—no membership required! Head to Memorial Park today and start your fitness journey!



Community Volunteer Day Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.

The Village's annual Community Volunteer Day will take place on May 10 at various locations throughout La Grange Park. Volunteers will assist 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.



Run for the Roses 5K

Sunday, May 18, 8:00 a.m.,
Forest Road School, 901 Forest Road

Neighborhood events are just one of the ways the Chamber supports our local businesses and helps build community. This spring, we are thrilled to bring back the Run for the Roses 5K to our community. To register, visit www.lagrangeparkchamber.org or use the QR code.



Contact Chamber President, Sheri Sauer, to learn about sponsorship/volunteer opportunities or with any questions (708-372-2579, lgpchamberofcommerce@gmail.com). Please visit www.lagrangeparkchamber.org to find a listing of all our Chamber members, sign up for our newsletter and more!

Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. to 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 unwanted or expired medications (please note that 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 on April 26? A permanent drop box is located in the Village Hall Lobby with drop off access during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

La Grange Park Public Library

Save the Date for our Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday, June 14, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar now. You won't want to miss this awesome party in our parking lot! Look out for more information about the party and other anniversary events in the mail this spring. We can't wait to join you in this celebration a half century in the making!

LA GRANGE PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Summer Reading Program: Bug Your Library

Sunday, June 1 to Thursday, July 31

49 years ago, the Library had its very first summer reading program: **Bug Your Library**. This summer, in honor of the Library's 50th anniversary, we're going to have a blast from the past and once again celebrate our many-legged friends.



Sign up and log your hours using the Beanstack website or app. If you have already used Beanstack, just use your previous login information and make sure all your details are up to date! Help us reach our community reading goal of 400,000 minutes.

Village Board Highlights

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

- Approved Change Order #1 From F.H. Paschen For \$4,500 And Authorized The Village Manager To Execute The Necessary Documents.
- Authorized The Village Of La Grange Park To Enter Into An Agreement With The State Of Illinois, Illinois Department Of Transportation Accepting A Grant In The Amount Of \$82,186.64 And Authorized The Police Chief To Execute The Necessary Documents.
- Approved An Increase Of \$11,000.00 With A&B Landscaping And Tree Service, Inc., For Tree Removal And Stump Grinding.
- Accepted The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024.
- Approved Village President Jim Discipio's Appointment Of The Law Firm Of Klein, Thorpe And Jenkins, Ltd., And Its Attorneys, To Serve As Village Attorney And Village Prosecutor And To Perform Other Legal Services On Behalf Of The Village Of La Grange Park Pursuant To Section 31.005 (Appointing Authority Designated), Section 31.070 (Village Attorney; Employment, Compensation) And Section 31.086 (Village Prosecutor; Appointment) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Village Of La Grange Park, Illinois. (Attorney Michael T. Jurusik Of Klein, Thorpe And Jenkins, Ltd. Will Serve As Lead Village Attorney And Attorney Carmen A. Forte Of Klein, Thorpe And Jenkins, Ltd. Will Serve As Lead Village Prosecutor).
- Authorized The Approval And Execution By The Village Manager Of An Engagement Letter Dated December 5, 2024, From The Law Firm Of Klein, Thorpe And Jenkins, Ltd. Relative To The Performance Of Village Attorney Services, Village Prosecutor Services, And Such Other Legal Services As Directed By The La Grange Park Village Board And The Village Manager.
- Approved An Ordinance Amending Chapter 112 (Alcoholic Beverages) Of Title XI (Business Regulations) Of The La Grange Park Municipal Code To Define "Spirits," To Establish A New Class I Liquor License, To Provide For One Authorized Class I License, And To Decrease The Total Number Of Authorized Class A And Class B Licenses From Seven To Six.
- Approved A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A First Addendum To The Agreement Between The Village Of La Grange Park And All Information Services, Inc. For Information Technology (IT) Support Services.
- Directed Staff To Develop An Easement Agreement With The Community Park District Of La Grange Park For Construction Access And Maintenance For Improvements Located In Public Right-Of-Way Adjacent To William G. Yena Park.
- Approved A Resolution Authorizing The Approval And Execution Of A Vendor Agreement For The Purchase Of A New Type I Ford/Horton Model 623F-I Ambulance, For The Cost Of \$371,557.00, From Foster Coach Sales, Inc., Of Sterling, IL, Through The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.
- Approved An Ordinance Approving Change Order Number 1 With Davis Concrete Construction Company For The Excavation Of Bedrock As Part Of The 2024 MWRD Green Alley Project And Authorized The Expenditure Of Village Funds And 31st Street And Barnsdale TIF District Funds In The Amount Of \$13,372.17 To Pay For Such Work.
- Approved Change Order #2 With Nardulli Concrete, Inc. In The Amount Of \$4,500.00 For Tree And Stump Removals For The Park Road Improvement Project And Authorized The Expenditure Of Village Funds To Pay for the Work.
- Approved An Ordinance Approving Change Order #2 With Unique Plumbing Company For The Installation Of A Class D Patch As Part Of The Edgewood/Richmond Water Main Project And Authorized The Expenditure Of Village Funds In The Amount Of \$3,933.77 To Pay For Such Work.
- Approved A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Amendment To Employment Agreement To Be Entered Into With Village Manager Julia A. Cedillo.
- Approved A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of The First Addendum To The Agreement With Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP For Public Affairs Representation (Village Lobbyist).
- Read A Proclamation Commemorating The Sesquicentennial Of The Village Of Riverside, Illinois.
- Approved A Resolution Ratifying The Approval Of Invoices Issued By Villa Park Office Equipment For The Purchase Of Certain Office Equipment For Use In Village Hall And Authorizing The Expenditure Of Village General Corporate Funds To Pay The Invoices.
- Approved The Purchase Of Additional Furniture For The Village Manager's Office And The Fire Services Offices, With A Total Cost Not To Exceed \$15,000.
- Approved A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Training Participation Agreement Between The Village Of La Grange Park And Adventist Midwest Health D/B/A UChicago Medicine AdventHealth – La Grange Hospital Regarding Conduct Of Training Exercises.
- Approved A Waiver Of The Competitive Bidding Process And Awarded A "Not To Exceed" Amount Of \$35,000.00 For Leak Detection And Pinpoint Services With Associated Technical Services.
- Approved An Amended Vendor Proposal For An "Not To Exceed" Amount Of \$24,000.00 With Safe Step, LLC For Sidewalk Grinding Work (Change Order #1 To Original Vendor Proposal).
- Approved A Resolution Approving A Letter Of Agreement With Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc. For Furnishing Of Phase 1 Professional Engineering Services For The La Grange Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project In La Grange Park, Illinois, And For The Appropriation And Expenditure Of Village Market Tax Increment Financing District Funds To Pay For The Services.
- Approved An Ordinance Designating Depositories And Investment Institutions And Authorized Signers For The Village Of La Grange Park.
- Viewed A Presentation On The Central Area Storm Sewer Project Update.
- Approved A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of The State Of Illinois Contract For 2025 Salt Purchase With Morton Salt, Inc.
- Approved A Resolution Confirming The Intent Of The Village Of La Grange Park To Construct The Central Area Sewer Separation Project, To Accept Four Million Dollars In Funding From the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Of Greater Chicago As Part Of The Stormwater Partnership Program, To Issue Sewerage Revenue Bonds Or General Obligation (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) Bonds And To Appropriate Other Village Funding Sources To Pay For The Project.

We're Looking for Good Neighbors!

The Good Neighbor Corner is a regular newsletter feature highlighting the good news in our community. The Village is always looking for those friendly folks, good deeds and neighborly touches that make living in La Grange Park special. If you know a Good Neighbor, please email Sandy Bakalich (sbakalich@lagrangepark.org) or stop by Village Hall with your nomination. Help us share the efforts of good neighbors with the entire community.

Jim and Rosann Grahovac

From the day we moved to La Grange Park in 2001, Jim and Rosann were the perfect neighbors. Both of them were always willing to lend a helping hand. Our sidewalk and driveway were often cleared of the snow by either or both of them, before we were even up for the day. Whether it's cutting our lawn, collecting our mail, taking out our garbage, or keeping an eye on our house; when we vacationed we always knew we could count on them and never worried. During the personal ups and downs of 23+ years, they were always there for us. Amazing neighbors like the Grahovacs are hard to find. We moved to Florida in September 2024 but wish we could have squeezed Jim and Rosann into our moving Pod so they could be our neighbors down here. - *Nominated by George and Kathy Curtis*

La Grange Park Department of Public Works

We would like to nominate the La Grange Park Public Works for Good Neighbor. We live on Finsbury Lane and we had two water main breaks so far this winter. The Public Works crew was out immediately, working all through the night, in the freezing cold, to fix the issues. We felt so bad for them because it was the middle of the night and it was our coldest temperatures this winter. They fixed both problems (on two different occasions) and kept us updated with the water boil order and when it was lifted. – *Nominated by The Joyce Family*

The Malepedes

My neighbors have been taking out/bringing in my garbage cans for over a year and a half. What a blessing the Malepede's are. – *Nominated by Mary Voldan*

Sue Wilson

Sue sits in her front yard and knows everyone walking down the street, with dogs or otherwise. She invites them to sit and talk. We all love her. – *Nominated by Carol Hoppe*

Mark and Julie Gies

We are sincerely grateful to Mark and Julie Gies of Harding Woods, our wonderful and caring neighbors. Prior to a Sunday afternoon in February, we had never made their acquaintance. On that day, we received a panicked phone call from our daughter. While driving her car on Jackson Avenue, the front axle on her car broke in half unexpectedly and without warning. We were a few hours from home. While we were on the phone with her, Mark and Julie saw what was happening just outside their front door. They quickly assisted our frightened daughter, talked to us on the phone and helped her call a tow truck. They stayed with her until her Uncle Mike arrived to take her and her dog home. Uncle Mike later told me that he was amazed by the concern he saw by all those in the neighborhood. In addition to Mark and Julie, he said that many people stopped to offer their help - people walking, biking, driving by. We are both grateful and proud to be a part of the La Grange Park community! – *Nominated by Patti and Tom DeStefani*

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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Village *Holidays*

Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:
Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day
Friday, July 4 - Independence Day

Important Local Safety News

Delivered Right to Your Inbox

Please join our weekly Public Safety Briefs with information about various types of community alerts or safety tidbits that can keep you and your family safe and well. If interested, send an email to bbaum@lagrangepark.org to be placed on the list.

Reminder to Dog Owners

As more residents are out walking dogs in the spring, 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)

MULCH FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL (Important) _____

CIRCLE AMOUNT REQUESTING: Half 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 Monday, April 28 to: VILLAGE HALL, 447 N. Catherine Avenue
ONLY ONE (1) REQUEST PER HOUSEHOLD