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# Village News



## President's Message

You may notice a fresh new look for this newsletter - a sign of exciting things happening in our Village. After a year-long community planning process, I'm proud to share that our Branding & Identity Plan is coming to life throughout La Grange Park. Our new logo, signage, website, and this very newsletter now reflect the vibrancy and charm of our community.

This plan was created to establish a strong sense of place, create welcoming gateways, attract future investment and improve wayfinding throughout our Village. Working in partnership with Span Studio, we gathered invaluable input from residents, business owners and community members to ensure that our new identity truly represents who we are. At its core is a simple but meaningful statement: *La Grange Park is a village of vibrant voices surrounded by the natural beauty of six forest preserves. Our community of neighbors is warm, welcoming, and filled with personality.*

A special thank you to the Commercial Revitalization Committee for guiding this process, to Village staff for bringing it to life, and to each of you who shared your insights and ideas to make this vision possible.

These improvements are just one way in which we're making progress. The Village is actively working to improve safety, accessibility and connectivity along the La Grange Road corridor with a Phase 1 engineering study, supported by a \$175,000 Cook County grant. The Village's "Take 5" initiative is an effort to lower the speed limit on La Grange Road from 30 to 25 mph to enhance safety for pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists. We are also finalizing an ADA Transition Plan to identify and remove accessibility barriers, making our sidewalks and crossings safer for all.

A 31st Street Corridor Plan, supported by a \$180,000 Statewide Planning and Research Grant, is in the works to improve safety, accessibility, and the overall experience in this vital part of town. We also have plans to expand the public parking lot at Beach Avenue to better support the 31st Street/Barnsdale business district.

As you'll see in the Village budget highlights featured in this issue, we continue to invest in infrastructure - from water main replacements and road repairs to preparing for the Central Area Sewer Separation Project. Additionally, the new Lead Service Line Replacement Fee, effective May 1, will help fund the state-mandated replacement of lead pipes - a crucial step in ensuring safe drinking water for generations to come.

To better serve residents, we're also introducing SeeClickFix, a new service request platform that will make it easier to report and resolve concerns. And as La Grange Park continues to grow, we're thrilled to welcome new businesses like Jimmy's Bagels, preparing to open its first brick-and-mortar location at Plaza 31, and The Gardner School Daycare, bringing a new childcare facility at the corner of Sherwood Road and Oak Avenue, near Memorial Park.

None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of our Village Board, staff, businesses, and residents. La Grange Park is thriving thanks to the passion, collaboration and vision of this incredible community.

I'm excited for all that's ahead and grateful to be on this journey once again with you.

*President James F. Discipio*

## 31st Street Corridor Transportation Plan

This summer, the Village of La Grange Park will kick off the 31st Street Corridor Transportation Plan, a comprehensive planning effort focused on improving safety, accessibility, and the overall image of the 31st Street corridor. The plan will be informed by crash data, on-site roadway and intersection evaluations, and robust stakeholder outreach. It will identify key safety concerns, recommend mitigation strategies, and propose actionable improvements, including potential funding sources and implementation steps for priority projects. Streetscape enhancements—such as signage, landscaping, lighting, seating, public art, and other elements—will also be included to improve gateways, enhance wayfinding, and create a more welcoming, pedestrian-friendly environment.

The selected consultant will engage residents, business owners, and other stakeholders throughout the process to ensure the plan reflects community needs and priorities. Concept renderings and engineering analyses for key intersections will help visualize proposed improvements and assess their feasibility. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will also be closely involved to ensure all recommendations for 31st Street align with state standards and are feasible for implementation.

## Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Highlights

In April, the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget (effective May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026). The goal of this budget is to responsibly allocate resources to meet the Village's priorities while maintaining long-term financial sustainability. The theme of this year's budget - "Building on Progress: Strengthening Connections, Investing in Our Future" - reflects the Village's commitment to financial sustainability, infrastructure enhancements, community engagement, and long-term planning. It is centered around four key focus areas that guide strategic investments and service enhancements:

**Infrastructure and Investment:** Modernize essential systems, improve public facilities, and advance capital projects to enhance service delivery and improve quality of life for residents.

- Continue implementing the state-mandated Lead Service Line Replacement Program
- Secure funding for the Central Area Storm Water Separation Project
- Update the Village's Water & Sewer Infrastructure Study
- Continue street maintenance program
- Improve Village facilities including Village Hall, Fire Station No. 2 and Public Works

**Community Connectivity:** Strengthen connections between neighborhoods, businesses, and public spaces while promoting accessibility and economic vitality.

- Advance engineering and corridor studies for La Grange Road and 31st Street
- Implement streetscape enhancements including lighting, signage and wayfinding elements
- Finalize ADA Transition Plan to remove accessibility barriers throughout the Village
- Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety through traffic calming measures on La Grange Road
- Expand parking in the 31st Street business district with newly acquired 1024 Newberry Avenue property

**Sustainability & Stewardship:** Maintain essential services, modernize operations, and preserve assets.

- Upgrade police, fire and EMS equipment
- Enhance emergency preparedness operations
- Hire necessary staff across departments to strengthen operations
- Maintain facility, technology and cybersecurity needs

**Neighborly Spirit & Progress:** Foster a vibrant, connected, and welcoming environment for residents, businesses and visitors.

- Invest in commercial revitalization
- Prioritize pedestrian and traffic safety
- Improve public parking and accessibility
- Gather community input for La Grange Road Traffic Safety Improvements
- Enhance resident issue resolution with new SeeClickFix digital platform
- Plan community celebration for La Grange Park Zip Code Day on June 5, 2026
- Continue collaboration with intergovernmental partner institutions
- Pursue grants and legislative action to secure funding for critical projects

The entire budget document can be found on the Village's website under "Transparency."

## 2025 Construction Projects

This year, the Village plans to replace water mains on Kings Court and Castle Circle, pending Village Board approval.

Road paving on the 300 and 400 blocks of Park Road is postponed to 2026 due to delays with IDOT reviews and Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant confirmation.

Please visit the Village's website for more information and regular updates on these projects.

## State of the Village

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the State of the Village Reception in May, and a special thanks to Plymouth Place for graciously hosting in their beautiful Thirty North space. It was wonderful to see so many residents and community members come together to reflect on our progress, celebrate our community, and look ahead at what's next.



Village officials and staff highlighted recent achievements and shared plans for the year ahead. The event also featured the debut of a short video introducing the Village's new branding, along with resident testimonials celebrating what makes La Grange Park a village of vibrant voices and a truly special place to call home. Please visit the Village's website to check out the branding video.

## La Grange Road Traffic Safety Improvements



The Village of La Grange Park is actively working to improve safety, accessibility, and mobility along La Grange Road through the La Grange Road Traffic Safety Improvements Project. Earlier this year, the Village launched a Phase I Preliminary Engineering Study—funded by a \$175,000 Invest in Cook grant—to develop design concepts that meet IDOT standards and incorporate community input. Residents shared feedback at a public open house in April and via an online survey. A follow-up public meeting is planned for September to present refined designs and continue the discussion.

A key component of this effort is the proposed speed limit reduction from 30 MPH to 25 MPH, part of the Village's "Take 5" initiative to enhance pedestrian safety and reduce the risk of severe crashes. This spring, Village officials met with IDOT and state legislators to advocate for this change, along with additional roadway design improvements. Community support is essential. Residents are encouraged to submit written comments in favor of "Take 5." Sharing personal stories or safety concerns can help demonstrate strong public backing and support safer streets along this vital corridor.



## Seasonal Watering Reminders

From May 15 through September 15, residents and businesses are reminded to conserve water and follow the Village's seasonal watering restrictions. Odd street addresses should water on odd numbered calendar days, and even street addresses should water on even calendar days.

Another way to conserve water is by using a rain barrel to capture rainwater from your roof to water your plants and lawn. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has discounted rain barrels available for purchase on their website: [mwr.d.org](http://mwr.d.org).

## Vacation Watch Service

If you plan to be out of town and your home will be vacant for an extended period, police officers will visit your home to ensure it is secure and even alert you via email of our extra patrol. So have peace of mind while enjoying your family vacation. To register your home for a Vacation Watch, visit the La Grange Park PD Frontline website.

## Overnight Parking Registration

With so many residents welcoming friends and family to our community during the summer, the Village would like to remind residents that while vehicles are not allowed to park on the street overnight (between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.), you may request up to four overnight parking permissions per vehicle within any 30-day period. These requests can be made on the Village's website or by calling the Police Department at 708-352-7711.



## Brush Collection Program with New Live Tracker!

The Village's brush collection program is underway with an exciting update: residents can now track brush pickup progress in real-time during collection weeks (the first full week of each month, May to October). Visit the Village's Brush Collection webpage for the tracker (active during collection weeks), brush placement guidelines, size requirements and other related information.

Below is the brush collection schedule for the remainder of the year. Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. A first sweep is conducted, picking up the smaller piles of brush, and larger piles are left for the end loader and dump truck to pick up.

- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6 (last pick-up for the year)

## Fall Leaf Removal Schedule Now Updated

Since leaves have been falling later in the year, the Village has adjusted the leaf removal schedule for 2025, shifting the first week of collection from October (as in past years) to November. This change ensures collection aligns better with seasonal conditions. Please see the dates below and visit the Village's website for full details, including guidelines and enforcement reminders.

- West – November 3, November 24
- Center – November 10, December 1
- East – November 17, December 8

## Fall Clean-Up Day Save the Date

Saturday, October 11, beginning at 6:00 a.m.

Every October, the Village's waste hauler provides a clean-up day in which residents may dispose of an unlimited amount of refuse, including large items, for a total of five refuse stickers. See the Village's website for more information and a list of acceptable items.



## Vehicle Stickers Go On Sale on September 1

Current vehicle stickers and dog tags expire October 31, 2025. Starting September 1, renewals can be completed online, by mail, via the payment box outside Village Hall, or in person during business hours. Renewal forms - including an Online Purchase PIN - will be sent later in the summer. New residents should visit Village Hall or the Village's website to apply.

Questions? Email [finance@lagrangepark.org](mailto:finance@lagrangepark.org) or call 708-354-0225. License fees help maintain our roads, so mark your calendar and renew beginning September 1!

# Public Safety



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## National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5

5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Denning Park

4903 Willow Springs Road  
La Grange

The Village of La Grange Park will partake in National Night Out with the Village of La Grange and the La Grange Police Department once again this year. The event will take place on August 5 at Denning Park in La Grange. Join us for a family-friendly event with food, face painting and live music. Follow the La Grange Park Police Department on social media for further details.

## Fire Department Candidates Graduate Basic Operations Fire Academy

This past May, four new Fire Department Candidates graduated from the Basic Operations Fire Academy through the College of DuPage - Javier Moyzis, Veronica Gussie, Patrick Cavanaugh, and Finnegan Buckley. We wish them luck as they continue with additional training and look forward to their dedication in serving our Village.



## Fire Department Staffing Plan Updates

On June 2, the Fire Department implemented a new daytime weekday staffing program with five personnel staffing Fire Station No. 1 on weekdays. While the Department remains primarily supported by a paid-on-call system with very dedicated personnel, this enhancement helps address daytime coverage gaps, manage higher call volumes, and provide faster emergency response when needed.



## CONGRATULATIONS Mike Hughes on Retirement FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In February, the Fire Department hosted a retirement celebration for firefighter and EMT, Mike Hughes. Since joining the department as a paid-on-call firefighter in 2014, Mike has shown unwavering dedication to serving our community and has been an inspirational mentor to his fellow firefighters. He and his wife Starla have called La Grange Park home for over 30 years. Thank you, Mike, for your outstanding service and commitment to La Grange Park!

## Village Welcomes New Police Officers

The Village recently welcomed Makenzie Cozza and Cesar Pinto to the Police Department. They are currently enrolled in Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage, undergoing the necessary training to become police officers.

Makenzie recently graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University where she studied English and political science. She enjoys walking her pug, Zoe, and is trained in Krav Maga self defense. Cesar is a Brookfield resident and loves visiting Andy's Custard and Panera in La Grange Park. He is trained in Jiu Jitsu and most recently worked as a radio programmer for a Motorola distributor. Welcome to the team, Makenzie and Cesar!

## E-Bike & E-Scooter Safety

Electric bicycles and scooters provide a fun and efficient way to travel, but it's important to be aware of the rules that come with them. The state of Illinois defines an e-bike as an electrically-assisted bicycle with a motor of less than 750 watts. Illinois law has some restrictions to follow when operating an e-bike:

- Class 3 electric bicycles (pedal-assist only, with a motor that stops at 28 mph) may only be operated by individuals 16 years or older. Those under 16 may ride only as passengers.

- E-bikes are prohibited on sidewalks but are permitted on marked bike paths, bike lanes, and the right lane of roadways.

It's also important to note that e-motorcycles and e-scooters are not classified as e-bikes. Riding an e-motorcycle on sidewalks violates the Illinois Vehicle Code.

# Building & Inspectional Services

## Navigating the Permit Process

As home improvement projects heat up this summer, the Village would like to remind residents to check if a permit is required before starting a project. If unsure, contact the Building Department at 708-354-0225 or email [building@lagrangepark.org](mailto:building@lagrangepark.org).

### Key Steps for Getting a Permit

- **Confirm permit requirements** – Review the permit exception list (available on the Village's website by clicking on the Permit Center) to verify if your project requires a permit.
- **Prepare your application** – Permit packets outline required documentation (also available on the Village's website).
- **Submit your application** – Most permits are reviewed within 2 to 3 weeks. (Express permits may be approved in as little as 3 business days.)

Please feel free to email any questions or concerns regarding your permit submittal to [building@lagrangepark.org](mailto:building@lagrangepark.org).

### Express Permits

Certain projects qualify for expedited approval within 72 hours, including:

- Roof repairs and replacements
- Water heater replacements
- Window and door installations
- Siding, soffit, fascia, gutters and downspouts
- Residential furnace and air conditioner replacements
- Sewer repairs
- HVAC replacement

### Fees and Reviews

- Fees vary based on project type. Some require a Reimbursement of Fees (ROF) deposit, which covers review costs and reinspection fees.
- Plan reviews typically take 10 to 15 business days, but may vary based on workload.
- Missing paperwork or payments will delay processing.

### A Few Other Reminders from the Building Department...

- **Parkways** – Parkways are the property of the Village. Private planting of trees and shrubs, and other landscape modifications in the parkway areas is strictly prohibited.
- **Moving & Storage Containers** – Large storage containers are only allowed on resident property for 72 hours.
- **Backyard Drainage Improvements** – If you have issues with flooding in your backyard, please contact the Village before you implement solutions such as regrading the lawn, French drains or using rain gardens to improve water flow and prevent pooling. Installing these types of solutions can sometimes lead to other issues with surrounding properties and sewers.
- **Snipe/Yard Signs** – The installation or posting of any type of sign in the public right-of-way and/or attached to objects like trees, poles, or fences is strictly prohibited.
- **Dumpsters** – A permit is not required for dumpsters, but the Village requires lighted barricades on both ends of the dumpster when placed in the street to ensure vehicle and pedestrian safety. A citation will be issued for noncompliance.

# Community Partner Updates



We were thrilled to bring back one of our beloved events, the Run for the Roses 5K, this past May! We had beautiful weather and a great turnout on race day. It was truly a wonderful way to spend a Sunday morning in the community and we are grateful for the many local businesses that supported via generous sponsorships: Carla Thomas Med Spa, Central Federal Savings, Community Park District, Complete Rehabilitation, D'Dami Salon, Elizabeth McManus, FYZICAL La Grange, Hop District, La Grange Pointe and Mattone Restaurant.

## Future Events

Be sure to save the date for more fantastic Chamber events to come in the months ahead:

**Chili Cook-Off**  
Thursday, September 18

**Haunted Trolley**  
Friday, October 24

**Cookie Walk**  
Saturday, November 29

Contact Chamber President, Sheri Sauer, to learn more about membership or with any questions: 708-372-2579, [lgpchamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:lgpchamberofcommerce@gmail.com)  
Follow our Facebook page to stay updated: [www.facebook.com/LaGrangeParkBusinessAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/LaGrangeParkBusinessAssociation)



## Park Projects Updates

Exciting improvements are underway throughout our parks! Thanks to a \$600,000 Open Space and Land Acquisition (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Community Park District is moving forward with a \$1.2 million full renovation of Yena Park. At 1150 Meadowcrest, we are developing plans for a new park with support from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant. We have also begun the permitting process with the Village for the expansion of the Recreation Center at 1501 Barnsdale Road!

Our Board continues to evaluate and prioritize maintenance projects across our other park locations to ensure all community spaces remain safe, welcoming, and well-maintained. Stay informed by visiting our website and following us on social media for the latest updates and announcements.

## Wednesdays Are Wonderful at Memorial Park!

Join us on Wednesdays at Memorial Park for family fun all summer long. Activities include:

### Music Under the Stars Concert Series

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Memorial Park Amphitheater. In case of inclement weather, we will have a rain date for all shows.

July 9 – The Jolly Ringwalds (80s & 90s Cover Band)

July 16 – El Rando Band (Cover Band)

July 23 – Tropixplosian (Caribbean Rock)

July 30 – The Wild Daisies (Country) – co-sponsored by the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce and the Village of La Grange Park

### Wacky Wednesdays

Select Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., Memorial Park Pavilion

July 9 – Scribble Monster (Music & Play)

July 16 – Miss Angie (Children's Music), starting at 5:00 p.m.

### Midsummer at Memorial

Wednesday, July 16 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The fun begins at the Oak Street Pavilion with our Kids Music Series – Wacky Wednesday with Miss Angie, followed by Music Under the Stars with the El Rando Band at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy delicious food from Happier Now, play Bags with Hop District, enjoy crafts and games with Ready Teddy teachers. Be sure to stop by and connect with the La Grange Park Public Library, Village of La Grange Park, and other community partners joining in the fun! It's an evening you won't want to miss packed with music, laughter, and summer magic. Visit the Community Park District's website for more details.

### Splash Into Summer!

The Memorial Park Splash Pad will be open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

### Ready Teddy Preschool

Did you know the Community Park District offers a progressive learning preschool program with classroom instruction starting at age 1.5? Ready Teddy Preschool not only provides an outstanding curriculum designed to help children develop socially and academically following the Illinois State Standards for Early Learning, we also offer exciting Enrichment programs and Before and After Care!

### NEW THIS YEAR - Friday Learn and Play (Ages 1.5 to 2 years)

This is a teacher-led experience with full parent participation that provides a nurturing environment that helps your child develop a life-long love of learning. Early introduction to teachers and the classroom environment has shown to ease transition and separation anxiety for preschool.



## Bug Your Library Summer Reading Program Through July 31, 2025

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. You still have time to complete the program! Babies and toddlers read one hour (or four books); Kids in grades Pre-K to 6 read six hours; teens read six hours; and adults read 12 hours. Log all your reading and complete eight activities to receive a free book, a coupon for a free treat from Andy's, and a chance to win some amazing prizes! Everything you do earns you a ticket to be placed into a drawing for a prize basket of your choosing. Sign up and log your hours using the Beanstack website or app.



## Explore More Illinois and Museum Adventure Pass

Next time you're deciding what to do with your friends or family, make sure to visit our services page ([lplibrary.org/services](http://lplibrary.org/services)) to find links to Explore More Illinois and Museum Adventure Pass. Both offer discounted or free admission to many museums and cultural attractions in the area and throughout Illinois. You'll be surprised what you can get with your library card!



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## Stay Connected

### Communication Tools for Residents

There are several ways to stay connected in the Village of La Grange Park. Visit the Village's website to sign up for the following:

- Weekly E-Briefs Newsletter – Includes vital information on Village initiatives, as well news, services and events
- Public Safety Briefs - Provides timely information on criminal activity occurring within the Village or its vicinity & important tips on keeping your family and your property safe
- Rave Smart 911 – For emergency updates
- Facebook – [Facebook.com/LaGrangePark](https://www.facebook.com/LaGrangePark)

## Transparency Commitment

The Village is dedicated to open and accessible governance, ensuring residents have easy access to important public information.

- Agendas, minutes, and recordings of Village Board meetings are available on the Village website, providing insight into local decision-making.
- On the Transparency Portal, residents can review audits, budgets, financial plans and treasurer's reports, offering insight into the Village's fiscal responsibility. Additionally, the portal includes lobbying disclosures, police commission regulations, and current requests for proposals (RFPs) to keep the community informed about ongoing initiatives.

By maintaining this level of transparency, La Grange Park aims to foster trust and engagement, empowering residents to stay informed and involved in local governance. If you would like to attend Village Board and Committee meetings, please see the Village meeting schedule below.

## Village Meeting Schedule

### Sustainability Commission Meeting

First Monday of the month

### Village Board Work Session Meeting

Second Tuesday of the month

### Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Third Tuesday of the month

### Village Board Meeting

Fourth Tuesday of the month

## Village Holidays

Village offices will be closed for Labor Day on  
**Monday, September 2.**

## Good Neighbor Corner

### Several neighbors on the 1500 block of Harrison

I would like to nominate many of my neighbors for recognition in the Good Neighbor Corner of the Village newsletter. Just before the new year began, I fell in my home and broke my left leg in two places, requiring surgery and two months of no weight bearing, no activities and no driving. To complicate matters just a bit my wife was forced to travel out of town for a family emergency partway through the two months. Many of my neighbors stepped up during these two months of convalescence to help out where needed. Among them are: Mike and Kate Brennan who loaned me a walker for use around the house. Martin and Therese Broerman who loaned me marbles to use in my follow up physical therapy. Rick and Jackie Mead who cleared snow from my walk and driveway, brought food and rolled my trash and recycling bins to the curb and back. John McNett who cleared snow from my driveway and brought food. Hector Everista who helped me up the stairs and into my house the day I returned home from surgery. Josh and Annie Bertels and their children who cleared snow from my driveway. Steve Prodanich who cleared snow from my walk. Dan and Laura Gaede who brought food. Joe and Lucy Stastny who brought food on several occasions, disassembled and packed away my vintage holiday Lionel train setup and assisted in taking down and packing away all the Christmas decorations. Many other neighbors offered to run errands, grocery shop or help where needed but there simply wasn't enough work to go around. My wife and I are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful neighborhood among such wonderful neighbors. God bless all of them. - **Nominated by Patrick Golden**

### Beach Avenue Butterfly Habitat Gardeners

A group of neighbors on Beach Ave has helped not only our community, but our planet by creating a monarch butterfly sanctuary in the corner parkway spaces on 29th and Beach. I have learned that monarchs have become endangered and that even a few feet of milkweed and other host plants can help them tremendously. In response to this, our neighborhood gardeners have created a lovely space with host plants that benefit monarchs and other species. They even included educational signs to inform passers-by of the importance of saving monarchs! Some of the corner neighbors have kindly assisted by watering young plants so the gardeners don't have to haul heavy water buckets. It is so encouraging to see neighbors all pitch in to help the environment. Their effort is already having an impact, my family and I have observed adult monarchs and caterpillars frequenting this beautiful site! Thank you, gardeners, for saving monarchs and beautifying our community! - **Nominated by Kait Roelofs**

### Owen Myers

For the second year now, I have had the pleasure to work with Owen Myers on La Grange Park's annual Community Volunteer Day. Owen is a 17-year old junior in high school who selflessly contributes his time and effort to help our Village's seniors by clearing and preparing their yards and gardens. This act of compassion and decency by such a young man is truly unique. Our senior neighbors, including me, greatly appreciate Owen's kindness and friendly demeanor. Owen's efforts are setting an example for all volunteers. Well done, Owen! - **Nominated by Matthew Schmitt**