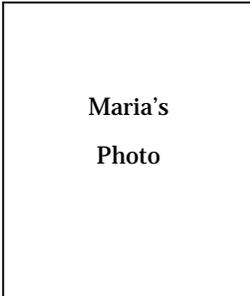




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by *Maria Rodriguez*
 President, Board of Trustees



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The holiday season is here and with it comes the hustle and bustle of preparing for the holiday. From meal preparations to finding the right present for everyone on your gift list, shopping in Long Grove can be the answer to all your holiday needs. This issue of the *Bridge* is meant to showcase what Long Grove has to offer – the expected and loved stores that you remember as well as a wide variety of exciting new retailers. With the economy taking a downward turn and with renovations taking place in the downtown area, it is more important than ever to support the businesses in our village.

Boutique clothing, gourmet foods, furniture, and unusual gifts are among a wide selection of products sold in Long Grove. Art galleries, restaurants, spas, and stores with an international flair all beckon residents and visitors alike to come and shop. From the quaintness of the downtown to the tranquil setting of Long Grove Commons, to the high energy of Route 83, there is something for everyone.

If you have not shopped in Long Grove in awhile, you may be surprised at the changes taking place. The physical renovation of the downtown has begun; the approach to the covered bridge has been beautifully redefined with pavers and granite surround. Phase 1 of the Archer parking lot is nearing completion. Phase 2, which is scheduled to be finished in the spring, will include a new road, four new building pads and completion of the parking lot. A plan for Old McHenry Road, including the four-way stop, is in final review with the county.

These upgrades to the infrastructure of the Historic Business District, additional parking at Long Grove Commons and improvements along Route 83 will create a more

inviting and comfortable environment. The projected opening of Menards in January 2009 and the Sunset Grove project will also help to promote our village, encouraging restaurants and retailers to open up shop in our lovely community.

As you may know, the Village of Long Grove is funded primarily through sales tax revenue and building permit fees; Long Grove residents do not pay a Village property tax. Therefore, when residents shop and dine in Long Grove, they help to maintain our current No Property Tax status; encouraging others to spend their holiday dollars in Long Grove will benefit you as a resident, too.

I strongly urge you to patronize our local businesses at this important time. With your support, our future looks bright.

Best wishes for a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Village Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays

Christmas
 Thursday and Friday
 December 25 and December 26

New Year's
 Thursday and Friday
 January 1 and January 2

Have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Seasons Greetings

The *Bridge* is published four times a year by the Village of Long Grove as a public information service for residents.

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Village Board

8:00 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Plan Commission

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8:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday

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7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday

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Safe and Secure

The holiday season is a busy time of year with more than the usual demands on your time. To help keep you safe as you rush from place to place, keep these important tips in mind:

Holiday Shopping

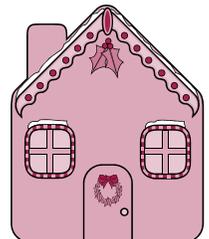
- ★ Remember to park in well-lighted areas at night.
- ★ Put your shopping bags in your trunk and lock your car.
- ★ Don't carry large amounts of cash and the money you do carry should be kept in a front pocket rather than in a purse or wallet.
- ★ If you must carry a purse, make sure it has a strap that can go over the shoulder and be held under the arm, to make it more difficult for a purse snatcher to grab. Wallets should go in the inside pocket of your jacket.
- ★ Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard should you become separated.
- ★ Make photocopies of your credit cards and leave the copies in a safe place at home.

Home

- ★ Lock your windows and doors even if you're away for a short time
- ★ Turn your outdoor lights on
- ★ If you have a security system, TURN IT ON before you leave home
- ★ Use timers to switch your lights and radios on and off. This will make your home look occupied.
- ★ Do not display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.

On Vacation

- ★ Stop mail and newspaper deliveries
- ★ Arrange for a neighbor to watch your home
- ★ Contact the Lake County Sheriff's office (non-emergency number 847-549-5200) and ask them to patrol the area



Planning to Run for Office?

Petition packets are available at the Village Hall, as well as the Lake County Clerk's Office in Waukegan, for residents interested in running for trustee, Village Clerk or Village President. Each office is a four-year term. Nomination petitions can be filed at the Village Hall between January 20, 2009 and January 26, 2009. For questions, please call the Village Office at 847-634-9440 and ask for Village Clerk Karen Schultheis or call the Lake County Clerk at 847-377-2309 and ask for Elections Official Cindy Pagano.

Free firewood is available at the Reed-Turner Woodland parking area for individual home use only. Cut in fireplace length, hardwood logs must be split for burning. Please call (847-6438-4743) first to make sure a supply is available.



SHOP LONG GROVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



We recently asked our merchants for targeted suggestions for gift-giving this season. Below is just a sampling of their responses.



For Him

For the guy who enjoys the outdoors, consider a Carhartt waterproof jacket at **Cutler Workwear** along Route 83. What could be better than a cool beer on a hot day—a cool beer served in Pilsner beer glasses found at **Mangel Gifts** located in the Historic Business District; walk over to **Long Grove Soap & Candle** for a “Man Can” filled with men’s body care products; for a comfortable pair of shoes head to **Dakota Expressions** and purchase a pair of Minnetonka moccasins (his feet will thank you); what man can resist Civil War memorabilia or antique knives found at the **Emporium**; if bronze is his metal of choice consider the “Self-Made Man” bronze sculpture found at the **Studio of Long Grove**; for the sports enthusiast, visit the **Country House** for Cubs, Sox and Bears collectibles; and for the man who dreams of the “good old days,” pick up some clever nostalgic signs at **Nifty 50’s**.



For Her

Women love the unique handbags, sweaters, scarves and jackets sold at **Lucy & Ethel’s/Nifty 50’s**; to warm her on those cold winter days, drop by Inca’s and choose from a wide selection of magnificent alpaca sweaters and capes; don’t forget about those Carhartt Sherpa lined vests at **Cutler Workwear**; for “Mor mor” (Grandmother) embroidered T-shirts at **Viking Treasures** make a terrific gift; the Painted Pony line can be found at **The Keeping Room**; Minnetonka moccasins at **Dakota Expressions** will keep her tootsies warm; beads, baubles, bows and other accessories can be found at **Cleo’s**; before the day is done, be sure to visit **Olivia’s Past, Trio and Prairie Smoke**.



Especially for Kids

Stroll over to **Within Reach**, home to those adorable plush animals known as Webkinz or for a keepsake check out the personalized room signs and banks. At **Mangel Gifts** a complete line of “Klutz” activity books can be found – a perfect gift for those long winter days when the kids have nothing to do. “Bah, humbug!” old Scrooge exclaimed; but what is a humbug? Head over to the newest shop in the Historic Business District, **The Humbug Shop at Mill Pond**, meet that mischievous little fellow, Humbug, and view worldwide exclusive Humbug gifts. There is nothing like a good children’s book and where else can they be found but at the **Country House** which carries an impressive collection of books.



Let’s Eat

Stomach’s growling, feet are aching—time to take a break from shopping and stop for some sustenance at **The Village Tavern**, **Timmie’s Sandwich Shop** or any of the other resident-friendly restaurants in Long Grove.



For the Critters

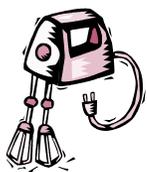
Back on the trail with a full stomach and renewed energy, head over to **The Dog House** to sniff out that perfect holiday ensemble for Fido or Fluffy; for a special dog treat, visit **Long Grove Popcorn Shoppe** and pick up a tin of dog biscuits; pamper pets with one-of-a-kind dog or cat pillows available at **Mangel Gifts**; and for those fine feathered friends purchase a new bird feeder at **The Fairy Garden** or **Geimer Greenhouses**.





Go Green

For the environmentally conscious, stop by **Long Grove Soap & Candle** for pure soy candles. **Mangel Gifts** carries cutting boards made from recycled wine bottles; plants help to clean the air and at **Geimer Greenhouses** cactus dish gardens are a splendid choice; for the fashion-minded, **Casa Brazil** offers recycled hats and bags; to add sparkle to the holiday table check out **Fire & Light** recycled glass tableware at **Trillium**; and to help carry groceries (or presents) visit **The Keeping Room** for foldable shopping sacks by Envirosak.



For the Cooks

Explore the nooks and crannies of **Farm-side Country Store and Winery** to discover a wide selection of delectable foods; kitchen gadgets are a cook's best friend and can be found at **Country House**; looking for something extra special as a stocking stuffer, why not head to **Potpourri** for recipe cards? For international flavors, stroll over to **Viking Treasures** for books and DVDs by famed Scandinavian chefs; at the **Olive Tap Gourmet Market** paella kits are all the rage; and for a bit of whimsy, check out the Guy Buffett "waiters" prints at **The Studio of Long Grove**.



Hostess Gifts

Invited to a holiday party and don't want to arrive empty-handed, bring a bottle of wine from **Glunz Winery**; or drop by **Long Grove Confectionery** or the **Apple Haus** and choose from a variety of delicious foods, desserts or candies. For that special hostess gift, visit **Amers** for wine bottle stoppers, **Potpourri** for or **Fairy Garden** to order a floral centerpiece.



Gift Certificates

Who wouldn't enjoy receiving a gift certificate? **Long Grove Hair Studio**, **Geimer Greenhouses**, **Long Grove Audiology**, and the **Village Tavern** all offer gift certificates; purchase a generic **Historic Business District Gift Certificate** available at the Information Center.

Holiday Activities

SANTA

1 pm—3 pm December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21

Breakfast with Santa at Seasons Restaurant (Reservations required)
9 am December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21

Lunch with Santa at The Village Tavern (Reservations required)
11 am & December 22
1:30 pm

Nutcracker Tea at Seasons Restaurant (Reservations required)
2 pm December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

Dickens Dinner at Seasons Restaurant (Reservations required)
5:30 pm & December 17, 18, 19
7:30 pm

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Noon—4 pm December 7, 14, 21

Hersey High School Dickens Carolers

1—2 pm December 6, 7, 20, 21

Lake Zurich High School Bare Voices a cappella Choir

2 pm December 6

Stevenson High School Carolers

1—3 pm December 7

Compass Carolers

1—3 pm December 21

"The Jingle Singers" Holiday Music

1—3 pm December 13

Chamber Music at Timmy's Sandwiches & Ice Cream

'til 8 pm December 5, 12, 19, 26

LIVE MUSIC at Beans & Leaves

Merv Collins

6—8 pm December 5

2—4 pm December 14

Back Porch Moon

2—4 pm December 6, 21

Tom Bradfish

2—4 pm December 7

Thomas Swenson/Ellise Steglinski

3—5 pm December 13, 20, 27

Steve Kreines

6—8 pm December 19

Jimmy Liggett

3—5 pm December 28

LIVE MUSIC at Mangels

Bill Robinson "King of the Dulcimer" and Friends

10 am—5 pm December 6, 7, 13, 14

Roaring 20's Party at the Village Tavern

Speakeasy

5 pm December 6

R.J. Express

6:30 pm December 6



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Monthly Meeting Schedule
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8:00 p.m., 1st Monday
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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO...

Reed Turner Woodland
Nature Center
(3849 Old McHenry Road)

Sunday December 14th
1:00—3:00 p.m.

To help make the holiday season a little brighter
for a child in need, please bring a wrapped gift.
Your donation is much appreciated.



Historical Society News & Notes

For an unusual holiday gift, consider purchasing one of the lovely items offered by the Historical Society such as a book about the history of Long Grove entitled, *Long Grove Lore and Legend*, written by village residents Barbara Turner and the late Virginia Park; or perhaps a print by the late Thomas Hoyne depicting Long Grove's famous covered bridge; or maybe the perfect gift is a beautiful throw depicting historical Long Grove buildings. For more information, call Laurie Borawski at 847-949-5264.



Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

There will be no refuse or recycling collection on Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1. The refuse schedule for those two weeks is as follows: Thursday pick-up will be on Friday, December 26 and Friday, January 2; Friday pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, December 27 and Saturday, January 3.

Holiday Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be picked up by Waste Management on your regular pick up day beginning January 5 and ending January 16. Please be sure your tree is free of all decorations and should not be placed in a bag, otherwise it will be taken as trash. Trees that are free of decorations will be recycled.



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