

Village studies capital projects

Long Grove's downtown is an important part of our village's image and it provides sales tax revenue which contributes to the Village budget. Several major projects are moving toward becoming realized in the next few years. Lake County plans to reconstruct Old McHenry Road through the downtown and a number of retail and commercial developments are in various stages of planning in and around the downtown shopping district. The availability of adequate water and other elements of infrastructure for these new developments is vital to ensure their successful integration.

The Village Board concluded that obtaining professional assistance now was prudent so that these developments could be coordinated and orchestrated. The study area essentially includes the B1 and B1A business districts, with some properties removed for practical purposes. Vacant land along Routes 83 and 53, as well as in the downtown "crossroads" area will be considered.

The studies include three major phases and will be completed with the coordinated efforts of a task force made up of Long Grove residents, Village staff, and local business people, the Village

engineer, and experienced development planners The Hitchcock Design Group.

The first phase includes creation of a Master Plan that will define priorities, approximate budgets, and schedules for new and re-development within the study area and an implementation strategy to provide a practical "roadmap" for the Village, County, and private land owners. This phase was formally launched on September 28, 2007 and is expected to be completed in January 2008.

The second phase will result in Public and Private Space Design Guidelines. This phase is planned to be ready in April 2008 and will include a review of existing ordinances and standards. The result will be a design manual that will help ensure that any construction will reflect the Village's design ethos.

A Wayfinding Sign program is the third phase in this project. In addition to a report, like the other two, this program will result in

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Fourth Quarter 2007

Enjoy the holidays in Long Grove

Our Historic Business District always takes on a special charm during the holiday season. It's a wonderful place for family celebrations, company parties and special events. Plan early and make reservations at one (or more) of our fine restaurants, or bring your family and friends to town for fun events.

Every weekend there are strolling musicians, horse-drawn carriage rides, Santa sightings, and more. For specific event dates and times, please visit www.longgroveonline.com.

Local wines, gourmet foods, custom art, decorating accessories, home furniture and furnishings, fashionable apparel and world-wide imports are all available here, and will most certainly

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Village Hall closed

Monday December 24

Tuesday December 25

Monday December 31

Tuesday January 1

NOTE: The master plan project is the task of the Capital Projects committee of the Village Board of Trustees, chaired by Trustee Ted Lazakis.

Season's greetings to all

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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Monthly meeting schedules

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

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8:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday

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7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday

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Comment

by *Maria Rodriguez, President*
Board of Trustees



As I write this, the weather is beginning to change and it will soon be Thanksgiving. This year I am particularly grateful. My time as Village President has allowed me to work closely with a number of truly wonderful volunteers and a dedicated paid staff. Noted Yale professor, H.E. Luccock once said, “No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.” Isn’t this true? It is not just many people working, but many people working *together*. We are about to embark on some ambitious changes in our village. The groundwork and preparations have been extensive. I am continually impressed by the time and devotion these individuals put in for the good of the community. It takes cautious but diligent work. These people have an appreciation for the “simplicity amid the progress” that has long been the flavor here. As we upgrade the infrastructure to meet the practical needs of our residents we don’t want to lose the historic character of our town. In the spirit of the Thanksgiving season, let me express my profound appreciation to all those involved in the various boards, committees and associations within Long Grove. Thank you for all of your hard work.

November 17 was the official kick-off for the Holiday Season in Long Grove. Many festivities are planned for our Historic Business District. As always, I encourage you to shop in our town, but more importantly, plan to be part of our community events. This edition of the *Bridge* is full of details as to where and when you can enjoy the fun. Those shared hometown memories can resonate within the family for a lifetime. I look forward to seeing you there.

The next edition of the *Bridge* will include the State of the Village—a detailed account of what has been accomplished in the past year and what is currently being worked on. In the meantime you have my sincere wishes for a happy holiday and hopes for a prosperous New Year.

Club news

For meeting dates, see “*Events & meetings...*” page 13.

The **Long Grove/Kildeer Benefit Bridge Group** plays in private homes at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday. For more information, please call Bobby O’Reilly at 847-566-1117.

The **Long Grove/Kildeer Garden Club** offers gardening programs, events, projects and field trips for all levels of gardeners. Meetings generally are held on the second Monday morning at the Reed-Turner Nature Center. For more information, please call Ivy at 847-800-5000.

New from Springfield...

Tax incentives for certain undeveloped privately-owned land

To preserve open space and natural resources, Illinois Senate Bill 17 provides property tax incentives for conservation management of undeveloped land. Qualifying property approved by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will be valued at 5% of fair market value. A minimum of five acres is required.

Recently signed into law by Gov. Blagojevitch, the new law became effective immediately.

The bill was drafted after the state had created the Wooded Land Assessment Task Force that studied the financial impact on landowners who were experiencing significant increases in assessments and property tax bills.

The new law establishes two additional divisions within the state Property Tax Code—

Buy a compost bin at the Village Hall

The Earth Machine, which holds about a cubic yard of compost material—a great natural additive to gardens—is the right size for a typical family. The cost, including tax, is \$40. Cash or checks only are accepted. To make sure one is available, please call the Village (847-634-9440).

Composting requires a mix of materials high in nitrogen (grass clippings and leaves) and materials high in carbon (vegetable and fruit peelings). An instruction booklet is included with The Earth Machine.

Conservation Stewardship and Wooded Acreage Assessment Transition. Provisions include:

- Landowners must submit a Conservation Stewardship Plan to the IDNR that specifies conservation and management practices designed to preserve and/or restore the land.

- Property eligible for preferential assessment includes woodlands, prairies, wetlands and other vacant and undeveloped land not used for any residential or commercial purposes.

For more information about this new state law, call 217-782-0244 or visit www.illinois.gov.

In brief...

■ **Heritage 5K/3K Run/Walk** wrap-up: According to the sponsoring Rotary Club of Long Grove, more than \$30,000 was raised for distribution to eight local charities. There were about 800 participants, 300 of whom were runners. A truly local event, an estimated 80% are residents of Long Grove, Buffalo Grove, Kildeer, Hawthorn Woods and Mundelein. The top Long Grove finishers, in their respective categories, were Juan Olmos and Maria Olmos.

■ Find out if your **indoor home improvement project** will need a Village **permit**. Please call Village Superintendent Bob Block (847-634-9440) *before* beginning any work.

■ **Party-time residential parking**. Please call the Village (847-634-9440) about a restricted roadside parking **permit** so your guests can be accommodated if there is no room in your driveway. (No permits are ever issued for parking along Checker, Cuba, Indian Creek, Long Grove, North Krueger, Oakwood, Old Hicks, Port Clinton, R. P. Coffin, and Schaeffer Roads.)

■ **Snowmobiling** is not allowed on public rights of way or on public property anywhere in Long Grove. Violators are subject to citations, and parents will be held responsible if their minor children are involved.

■ Optional, as always, the new 2008 Village **vehicle stickers** are available at the Village Hall. You may not believe this, but they cost only \$2!

■ **Blood** is always **in short supply** during the winter holiday season because donations drop off. The nearest LifeSource donation facility is in Mundelein at the Town Square Shopping Center, northeast corner of Routes 60 and 45—call 1-877-543-3768 to make an appointment. For more information, visit www.lifesource.org.

■ **Correction:** The recycling container article on page 6 of the last *Bridge* stated that you can obtain the 64-gallon wheeled bin for \$1 a month for 60 months. That is incorrect. It should have read "...\$1 per month indefinitely or \$60 to purchase." The Village regrets any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

Watch for the Emerald Ash Borer

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has expanded its Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine to include all or portions of the 18 northeastern-most counties of Illinois. This includes all of Lake County and Long Grove. Additionally, adjustments were made to the quarantine to further restrict movement of potentially-infested wood products during the EAB flight season.

With the recent identification of the EAB in two more counties, we should be especially watchful for the new pest throughout northern Illinois, as it has been found in several northeastern Illinois communities in the past year. But it affects only ash trees, unlike the devastating Asian Longhorn Beetle which had infested more than 10 types of common shade trees.

What we, as individuals, can do to help limit the spread of the pest is to use only local firewood and not bring in firewood or other ash wood products from infested areas or from a long distance. If camping in an infested area, leave unused firewood there. If buying ash firewood, be sure of its source.

Human transport is believed to be the main cause of the borer's spread because it does not move rapidly on its own.

Areas where the borer has been identified are officially quarantined to restrict the movement of wood, wood products and the borer itself. You can observe the

restriction voluntarily to help prevent the spread when in non-quarantined areas as well.

What to look for

The Emerald Ash Borer is difficult to detect in newly infested trees. Signs of infestation include the presence of metallic-green beetles about half the diameter of a penny on or around ash trees, and thinning and yellowing leaves. Created by adult beetles leaving the sapwood, BB-size D-shaped exit holes can be seen in the bark of the trunk, branches and shoots growing from the base of the tree. No other insect does this. Evaluating wood or trees for these exit holes prior to cutting is important as it is one of the signs of infestation. Peeling back the bark may also give an indication of trails and borer larvae because it lays eggs in the bark. When they hatch, they tunnel under the bark, creating shallow serpentine

The public library can come to you!

Twice a month, Extension Services staff of the Vernon Area Public Library deliver materials to homebound library district residents who can borrow large-print books, videos, DVDs, CDs, audio

trails, and start feeding on the sapwood of the tree.

Often, damage is not noticed until it is too late for effective treatment. As a preventive measure, homeowners should make sure the trees in their yard are of many species to guard against loss from any type of pest that may attack individual species.

To learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer, call the University of Illinois (U. of I.) Extension's Lake County office at 847-223-8627, or visit www.mortonarb.org. Other good sites are the Illinois Department of Agriculture's www.agr.state.il.us/eab, and the U. of I. blog at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/cook/blogs/eb104/index.html>.

To report an EAB sighting

If you suspect that a tree has been infested, please get in touch with the Lake County Extension office right away.

books, cassettes and cassette players.

For more information about services available for those who are unable to visit the library in person, please call 847-634-3650.

Winter Storm Resource Center

www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/winter/around.htm

- Illinois road conditions
- Traffic and road conditions in the Midwest

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Home security depends on—us!

Police can help

Protecting our homes and belongings should be a 24/7 habit, especially at holiday time. That responsibility cannot rest solely with Sheriff's deputies who patrol Long Grove.

Whether or not you are at home, keep the garage doors closed and locked at all times. If your vehicle is parked in the driveway, lock it when you leave it. Make sure valuables that might tempt a potential thief are out of sight.

If your home is equipped with an electronic security alarm system, make sure everyone in your household understands how to arm and disarm it. (To maximize its protective capability, your security alarm system should include a wireless back-up to eliminate its "weak link.")

When you plan to be away for a few hours or days, leave several lights on, or connect them to timers that will turn them on and off at intervals. Do the same with the television in the family room. Leave on a radio tuned to a talk-only station.

If you're going to be away for several days or longer, suspend delivery of your newspaper and mail. In season, arrange for your

driveway and walkways to be cleared of snow, or your lawn to be mowed as if you were at home.

In short, make your house look occupied.

As a further precaution, call the Sheriff's Communication Division (847-549-5200) and request that a deputy, during his or her regular patrol, check the outside perimeter of your house. In event of evidence of a break-in, property damage, suspicious circumstances, or even delivery packages left at the front door, a key holder would be notified

Police incidents here

For two thirds of 2007, the number of police incident reports seems to be heading toward a significantly lower annual total than in recent years. And, again, traffic-related incidents account for more than half. Also, in the case of several categories, residents themselves could do more to make their homes and vehicles safer by closing and locking the garage even when they are at home, and by locking their vehicle(s) when parked in the driveway. And by concealing from view anything of value in the vehicle.

Some incidents—perhaps most—cannot be guarded against no matter how many police patrols we may have.

Conclusion: All things considered, Long Grove continues to be a remarkably safe community in which to live.

Dial 9-1-1

...for any police, fire or medical emergency, regardless of how trivial you think it may seem. *Let the dispatcher decide.* That's why s/he's there.

immediately and an investigation would begin.

NOTE: Make sure the Sheriff's Patrol Division is aware of the person whom you have designated as your house key holder during your absence.

For information about how to start a Neighborhood Watch program, call 847-360-5830.

Animal Complaints	2
Arson	0
Assault	0
Assist Other Agency	2
Automobile Theft	0
Battery	6
Burglary	9
Burglary to Auto	5
Cannabis	2
Controlled Substance	0
Criminal Damage to Property	18
Criminal Trespass	1
Death Investigation	2
Deceptive Practice	18
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Incidents	18
Fire Investigations	2
Investigation of Open Door/Window (Alarms)	12
Landlord or Tenant Problems	0
Liquor Violations	0
Miscellaneous Incidents	48
Missing Persons	10
Offenses Involving Juveniles	3
Rescue/Check on Well Being	7
Robbery	0
Sexual Offenses (Abuse/Assault)	1
Suicide Attempts	0
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/ Circumstances	24
Telephone Harassment	5
Theft	21
Theft from Vehicle	1
Traffic Accidents	213
Traffic Complaints (Abandoned Autos, Road Hazards, Towed Vehicles)	29
Unlawful Use of Weapon	0
Total	460

Is your number up?

Could emergency services personnel spot your address quickly and easily? Is it readable in the dark, or anytime?

Who will clear local roads this winter—and when?

That will depend on who maintains them. If you live on a private road, plowing is probably done by your homeowner association's private contractor. If you're on a state highway, IDOT will clear it. Some roads are the responsibility of the Lake County Department of Transportation, others your township.

The Village contracts with a private contractor for plowing Village-maintained roads.

The plowing schedule to be followed will be virtually the same as that of public works departments in other municipalities. Because all roads can't be cleared at the same time, there is a priority schedule:

1. Major intersections are cleared first.
2. Primary collector streets are plowed enough to allow two-way traffic to pass safely. If necessary, they'll be kept clear by repeated plowing.
3. Feeder streets, cul de sacs, and dead ends are plowed last, in that order.

Related considerations

If you have placed decorative rocks and/or other sturdy objects near the edge of the public roadway out front, please remove them at once. They are not on your property, but on the public right-of-way. If such items are too close to the pavement the blade of a rapidly passing snowplow could strike them. If that were to happen, the damaged blade might have to be taken out of service for repair, delaying the overall road plowing schedule. And you might receive a bill for the repair.

When clearing snow from your driveway, whether it's done by a private plowing service or you do it yourself, snow should not be pushed or dumped across the street. Doing this could create a narrowed pavement width at that location, making it dangerous for opposing traffic to pass safely. Keep it on your side.

Pile the snow on both sides of the driveway, but not so high that you can't see traffic approaching from either direction as you prepare to pull out.

And clear the approach to your mailbox for the convenience of your mail carrier.

The Bridge Editorial policy

The target mailing date for every issue is toward the middle of the second month of each calendar quarter. So that a consistent and reasonably predictable publication schedule can be maintained, deadlines for submitting content material must be honored. Those for publication year 2008:

Issue	Editorial deadline	Mailing date
First quarter	January 7	February 18
Second quarter	April 7	May 19
Third quarter	July 7	August 18
Fourth quarter	October 6	November 13

When submitting material for publication

- E-mails are preferred. If hard copy is submitted, it should be typed double-spaced on plain 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
- Send to bemused5119@aol.com. After Subject: state For the Long Grove Bridge. Alternative: mail to or drop off at the Village Hall, c/o Bridge Editor.
- Material should be kept to 250 words or less (equivalent of one double-spaced typewritten sheet), not including artwork and/or photos.
- Original artwork/photo prints or digital photos on disk should accompany.
- Name of submitting organization, name and phone number or e-mail address of contact person, and date material submitted must be included.

The *Bridge* editorial staff reserves the right to edit or rewrite submitted material, and regrets that all material cannot be accepted. Rejections will be explained upon request.

Safe disposal of chemical waste and electronic equipment

Household chemical products can be safely disposed of during the winter at the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County's facility in Gurnee by appointment only. Mobile drop-off locations throughout the county will resume next spring.

Household chemicals

...include oil-base paint, solvents, motor oil, antifreeze, pool and lawn chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, prescription and OTC medications and supplements, and more.

Latex paint can be discarded as trash after being solidified by

adding shredded newspapers or kitty litter.

Household electronics

...include personal computers, monitors, keyboards, scanners, printers, PDA organizers, cell phones, televisions, stereos, cameras, and small household appliances. They can be dropped off at

Village of Wauconda Public Works Facility

302 Slocum Lake Road

Monday-Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Wauconda Township

505 W. Bonner Road

1st Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

For more information, please call 847-336-9340 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, or visit www.swalco.org.

Those %& folks next door...!

Please try to resolve your differences peacefully between yourselves. This will make for a more harmonious neighborhood and keep local government out of residents' private lives.

Holidays—

be different than what you would find at a chain store or mall. And for when the kids are out of school, sign them up for a hands-on activity at one of our artisan shops.

Long Grove gift certificates

Available for purchase year 'round at the Visitors Information Center (adjoining Enzo & Lucia's Ristorante), gift certificates in any amount can be redeemed at participating Historic Business District shops or restaurants. Many local businesses also issue their own certificates or gift cards.

For more information, please call (847-634-0888) or visit the Visitor's Information Center.

Never follow closely behind a snowplow. The driver can't see you.

Historical Society news & notes

The Long Grove Historical Society office and museum occupy a restored 19th century farmhouse, located on the south side of Stempel Municipal Parking Lot (west of Old McHenry Road and south of R. P. Coffin Road) downtown. Board meetings, to which the public is invited, are held monthly, September through June, on the third Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. The phone number is 847-634-6155.

The **Society was formed in 1974** initially to save the historic Drexler Tavern, then located at the southwest corner of Route 53 and Old Hicks Road. It would otherwise have been demolished by the property owner. The structure now houses the Village offices.

The Society subsequently has been able to collect numerous artifacts, and save and restore the Archer one-room school, Ruth Barn, and the 1850s farmhouse.

New Society members are always welcome. **Tax-deductible annual dues** are \$30/Individual, \$50/Family and \$100/Sustaining. Please send your check, payable to the Long Grove Historical Society, to Angie Underwood, 4436 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047.

You might find the **perfect holiday gift** at the Information Center downtown, located behind Enzo & Lucia's Ristorante. Items for sale include a beautiful throw illustrated with depictions of historical Long Grove buildings; *Long Grove Lore and Legend*, an interesting coffee-table book authored by village residents Barbara Turner and the late Virginia Park; and a large suitable-for-framing print of Long Grove's famous covered bridge by the late Thomas Hoyne. For more information, please call Laurie Borawski at 847-949-5264.

February 5 election

Are you registered to vote?

If you haven't changed your name or address since the last time you voted, you're still registered and need not read on. However, if you did change your name and/or address since the last time you voted, you will need to register again in order to be able to vote on February 5. If you've never been registered at all, you will have to register for the first time.

The last day to register for the February 5 election is 27 days before—on or about January 9. Registration reopens on the second day following an election.

You can register at the Ela Township office (847-438-7823), 99 E. Main Street, Lake Zurich; or the Vernon Township Administrative Center (847-634-4600), northwest corner of Main Street and Port Clinton Road in Buffalo Grove.

To register

■ You must be a United States citizen.

■ You must be at least 18 years old by the next election. (A 17-year old can register as long as her/his birthday will be on or before the next election.)

■ If you weren't born in the U.S., you will need to know the court, city and state where, and the date on which, you were naturalized.

■ You must have lived in the voting precinct for at least 30 days prior to the next election.

■ You must provide two forms of identification, one showing your full legal name and current address.

For more information, please call the Lake County Clerk's office at 847-377-2400, or visit www.co.lake.il.us/cntyckl.

Absentee voting

For information about absentee voting, who may vote, various convenient programs, and anything else pertaining to the coming election, including voter registration, call the Lake County Clerk's office at...

847-377-2406

Seasonal home safety checklist

To improve your chances of surviving the cold months, here are some considerations. It's easy to forget about them, but they do need attention. All require maintenance of some kind—on equipment, ourselves and our attitudes.

Fireplace/chimney inspection

Before your first burn of the new season, or before the next one, have the inside surface of your chimney inspected for creosote build-up and also to make sure there are no loose mortar or bricks in the flue. If there are, have repairs made so sparks stay within the chimney and do not escape into the attic or roof system. Have the creosote removed; it's a very serious fire hazard.

Radon gas

Make sure levels of radon in your basement are safe. A naturally occurring gas which is associated with the slow development of certain kinds of cancer in some individuals, radon enters homes through floor grates and cracks in basement walls and floors. Low-cost radon detection devices are available at hardware stores.

Natural gas/oil-burning furnace and water heater inspection

Make sure no carbon monoxide (CO₂) is escaping.

Smoke/CO₂ detector batteries

As of January 1, 2007, it is required by law in the state of Illinois that all dwelling units must be equipped with at least one carbon monoxide alarm and one smoke alarm within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping. Every single-family residence must have an approved smoke detector on each level. When you set your clocks back on November 4, did you install fresh batteries in all of your detectors?

Parking in a fire lane is always illegal, even with your flashing hazard lights on.

Capital projects—

detailed construction documents which will be used to obtain bids for the envisioned publicly funded signage as well as providing standards for private signage. This phase should be complete in May 2008.

The projects that are being reviewed will have an enormous impact on Long Grove for years to come. The goal of the task force is to provide an open, creative, and organized process that will result in practical recommendations. Opinions and ideas from all of the affected stakeholders are being sought, and there will be several opportunities to see the results of the studies before final recommendations are provided. Please check the Village Web site (www.longgrove.net) for a link to get more information as we progress.

Christmas tree disposal

Waste Management will accept clean, decoration-free Christmas trees on your regular service day through January 14.

If you like the idea of your tree being chipped and recycled as mulch or trail covering, you can drop it off at certain Lake County forest preserves anytime between December 26 and February 1. The location most convenient for Long Grove residents is Half Day Preserve. The entrance is on Milwaukee Avenue at the second traffic light north of Route 22.

A traditional “old Long Grove” shop



If your taste in home décor runs to classical European-style elegance, you will enjoy a visit to **Amers Gallery** on R. P. Coffin Road downtown, just east of the covered bridge. The shop offers a tantalizing selection of imported reproduction-antique furniture and furnishings, original oil paintings, museum-quality frames, and accessories, accents and mirrors. (Other paintings, also available for purchase, are on special-dis-

This service is for residential Christmas trees only. No truckloads or commercial vendor leftovers will be accepted.

For more information, please call the County Forest Preserve District at 847-367-6640.

432 R. P. Coffin Road
847-955-1967
www.amersgallery.com

play loan to the Long Grove Café where they add to the “old country” ambience of that popular place.)

Proprietor Marc Botbol, who emigrated from France a quarter century ago, opened his Long Grove shop in 2001. He is in partnership with his brother who operates a similar establishment in Alexandria, Virginia. “In our blood,” he explained, “it was the family business when we were growing up.”

Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Across the Board

The following actions have been taken by the Village Board of Trustees and other official Village committees since publication of the last *Bridge*. For more information and/or to obtain copies of meeting minutes, please visit the Village Web site—www.longgrove.net, call 847-634-9440, or stop in at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

Board of Trustees

Ordinances

2007-O-13 amends the Village Code regarding construction fencing.

2007-O-14 amends Titles 7 and 12 (Fee Schedule) of the Village Code regarding right-of-way utility construction permit fees.

2007-O-15 grants a variation for the construction of a garage at 3535 Oak Hill Lane.

2007-O-16 amends the Village Code regarding fences.

Resolutions

2007-R-21 authorizes the reduction of a letter of credit for Northwest Partners for the Long Grove Commons shopping center.

2007-R-22 approves and authorizes execution of the third amendment to the agreement for sewage disposal between the Village and Lake County.

2007-R-23 conditionally supports mass transit funding and reform.

Special events approved

Classic Car and Bicycle Show on August 12, 2007.

Department 56 Swap & Sell on October 13, 2007.

Oktoberfest on October 13, 2007.

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

Public Hearing Consideration of a petition for variation of the side yard set-back requirement within the R-1 District from the required 50 feet to 27 feet for the construction of an addition (garage) to an existing structure for property located at 3535 Oak Hill Lane, submitted by Brad Melliere. Approval recommended.

Public Hearing Consideration of a proposal for various amendments to the Village Code, Title 5, Zoning Regulations, including without limitation

modifications to the maximum floor area, building height and other regulations within the Village of Long Grove. Hearing continued.

Architectural Board

Consideration of elevations, landscaping, and a site plan for a commercial structure at 7107 Route 83, within the B-2 Business District, submitted by Daniel Lesus Architects, Inc. Landscape plan approved. Additional information requested on elevations. Continued.

Consideration of a lighting plan for Kildeer Countryside School, 3100 Old McHenry Road, submitted by Arcon Architects. Approved.

Consideration of a request for subdivision identification signs for the Eleanora Estates Subdivision located off Indian Creek Road, submitted by Richard Eterno on behalf of the Eleanora Estates Homeowners Association. Approved.

Consideration of a request for the addition of awnings to the Village Tavern, 135 Old McHenry Road, submitted by Charles Ullrich. Approved.

Consideration of a request for awnings for Eggspierence, 3970 Route 22 (Building 8) within the Long Grove Commons B-2 PUD District, submitted by Jerry Lamb. Approved.

Consideration of a replacement subdivision sign for Creekside Subdivision, Creekside Drive and Indian Creek Road, submitted by Bobbie O'Reilly, president, Creekside HOA. Approved.

Consideration of a request for signage for Earth & Spirit, 323 Old McHenry Road within the B-1 Historic Business District, submitted by Nick Seva and Jody Fischer. Approved.

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

CSCC 07-04 Consideration of a request to reduce the buffer yard to less than 20 feet from a Conservancy District boundary for new-house con-

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In Retrospect...

by Gwen Berg
Long Grove Historical Society



The Long Grove Fire Protection District

Until 1929, when the District was formed, fire fighting here was simply a matter of neighbor helping neighbor. William Umbdenstock donated the site of the first fire station near the intersection of Old McHenry Road and what is now Robert Parker Coffin Road (formerly Long Grove Road). The second station was a two-story brick building with an upstairs apartment right under the siren. It was replaced in 1960 by a one-story structure at the northeast corner of Old McHenry and Coffin Roads downtown, which now houses shops. The current station was built in 1982.

Volunteers—the first firefighters, received no pay, but later 25¢ was paid for attending a practice night. By 1962, \$1.00 was paid each time a volunteer responded to a fire call.

In 1940, a change in the Illinois state statutes enabled fire protection districts to levy a real estate tax. Until then, the Long Grove firefighters had to raise their own operating funds through donations and tickets sold to the annual fall dance. Held in October at the fire station, the popular annual event was well attended by politicians, area firefighters, and

village residents. (The trucks were moved into the street so the live band and dancers could use the bays.)

In the early days of the Long Grove Rural Fire Protection District, its phone was in the Village Tavern and the siren was activated by a Tavern employee. When a call was received, certain firefighters were told the location of the fire. Each in turn had a list of others to call.

Upon receiving an emergency summons, the volunteer firefighter threw on some clothes while his wife flung open the garage door, dragged his coat and helmet from the trunk to the passenger seat in the car, and set his boots at the back door of the house so they could be put on in passing.

Paramedics became part of the emergency response team in 1975. Now virtually all suburban fire districts and departments are staffed by cross-trained firefighter/paramedics. Throughout their careers, they participate in continuing education classes and advanced training sessions.

Until 1990, the Long Grove fire station was unmanned. When a call came in, the drivers first had to go to the station to get the trucks, then rush to the fire. As the

local population continued to grow and emergency calls increased commensurately, it became necessary to have round-the-clock staffing. Firefighter/paramedics now work 24-hour shifts with 48 hours off.

The first Long Grove Fire Protection District fire truck was a Model A Ford. The second, a 1929 Diamond T. Today, the District's emergency fleet consists of two mobile intensive care units, a pumper/squad vehicle, pumper/3,000-gallon tanker, pumper, brush truck and utility vehicle, specially equipped chief's and deputy chief's cars, a command vehicle, and an inflatable rescue boat. As this area has evolved from rural to suburban, the nature of emergencies has evolved too. The Long Grove Fire Protection District is equipped and trained to respond to virtually all kinds of emergency situations.

Long Grove has no fire hydrants, or at least not the conventional kind. In certain locations there are dry hydrants. Permanently installed near retention and other ponds, water can be drawn when a pumper truck is hooked up to the hydrant. Water also can be pumped from private

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Santa will visit on Sunday, December 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Reed-Turner Nature Center. Please bring a wrapped gift to brighten the holiday for a less fortunate child. (Indicate if it is for a boy or girl, and what age.) We will also appreciate your donation of canned goods that we can pass along to local food pantries.

An **automated external defibrillator (AED)** has been **installed** in the Nature Center. Three Park District commissioners and the secretary have received instruction and been certified by the Long Grove Fire Department in how to administer both the AED and CPR. The device can be used on an infant, child or adult. Easy to operate, when activated it calmly guides the user with voice instructions.

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 first to make sure a supply is available.

Problem dogs

Long Grove, like municipalities everywhere, and Lake County have ordinances designed to guard against dogs running at large. Yet the problem persists.

In the past, the Village advised

complaining residents to call the County animal control warden. Now, if you have a neighborhood dog problem, call the Village (847-634-9440). Staff will refer it to the Sheriff's Office, which *will* follow up.

If it is determined that circumstances warrant, the offending dog (not its fault!) will be removed from its home and be placed a significant distance away with a new owner.

Across the Board—

struction at 4529 North Krueger Road (Lot 68, White Oaks Estates Subdivision), submitted by Roman Wolinski. Dismissed, as plans were modified to conform to the buffer yard requirement.

CSCC 07-05 Consideration of a request to remove unwanted plant material (maintenance) in a Conservancy District drainage swale on property at 6228 Blue Spruce.

In Retrospect—

swimming pools. Tanker trucks from Long Grove and, if necessary, nearby fire departments, can deliver water to a fire.

Today's up-to-date Long Grove Fire Protection District is very different from the rural fire department of nearly eight decades ago.

Events & meetings at a glance

December		January		February	
3	Park District Board 8:00 p.m. Reed-Turner Nature Center	2	Long Grove/Kildeer Benefit Bridge Group, 9:30 a.m. 847-566-1117	4	Park District Board 8:00 p.m., Reed-Turner Nature Center
4	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, 8:00 p.m.*	3	CPR/AED class, 6-10 p.m. Long Grove Fire Dept. \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143	5	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, 8:00 p.m.*
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