

Tax increment financing to pay for downtown improvements

The Board of Trustees has voted to establish a tax increment financing district (TIF) in downtown Long Grove. Using this state legislature-created option, the Village could issue revenue bonds for infrastructure improvements in the Historic Business District and adjacent parcels (the B1 and B1A zoning districts).

Projects under consideration include those suggested by the TIF advisory board, composed of representatives of local public school, library and fire protection districts, and other taxing bodies that would be affected by the TIF. Among them are development of a deep well and downtown water distribution system, and burying overhead utility lines. Other possible projects include roadway improvements

needed to make several parcels more safely accessible, installation of bike/pedestrian paths, and constructing several “Streetscape” improvements called for in the new downtown Master Plan.

In approving the TIF district, the Board included several restrictions to protect the Village and individual residents. Foremost is ensuring that any bonds will be pledged for TIF projects only. Equally important, bonds will be secured only by the revenue generated through increased assessed valuations within the district and not General Obligation Bonds, which could create financial risk to the Village treasury.

Specific information about the new Long Grove TIF can be found on www.longgrove.net.

Frequently asked TIF questions

How does a TIF work?

Property taxes currently directed to all taxing bodies are frozen at the amount currently collected for the life of the TIF. The tax revenue that results from the *increased value* of new development and improvements goes to pay for public improvements within the TIF district.

What does this do to a resident’s taxes?

The TIF will not raise your taxes. Lake County’s tax cap limits the amount these bodies can collect and this is not affected by the TIF.

Why is a TIF being considered at this time?

Sales tax revenues from the downtown have been declining for the past ten years. In addition, fees from building permits continue to decline dramatically. Providing safety and aesthetic improvements in the downtown area, coupled with new retail opportunities, will enhance and secure this important funding source.



First Quarter 2008

Easy home composting

If you’re not already a convert, now is a good time to begin creating compost (organic fertilizer). Compost provides nutrients for your garden and lawn, reduces garbage accumulation in local landfills, and is a “feel-good” practice. It works for Mother Nature. It will work for you, too.

Composting requires a mix of materials that are high in nitrogen (grass clippings, weeds and leaves), materials high in carbon (vegetable and fruit scraps), and nutrients (coffee grounds, egg shells and shredded paper).

The **Earth Machine**, a user-friendly compost bin, is available for \$40 at the Village Hall. Please call ahead as the supply is limited.

For more information about composting and composting bins, visit the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County’s Web site: www.swalco.org.

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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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April 19-20...

Spring Clean-Up Weekend

Spring Clean-Up Weekend is a perfect time to take inventory of your property and the surrounding area and to dispose of litter that has accumulated over the winter. Put debris in trash bags (provided by you or the Village) and place them along the side of major thoroughfares throughout Long Grove. They will be picked up by Waste Management on April 22. Keep cans and bottles separate and include them with your recyclables.

Many homeowner associations

participate in Spring Clean-Up Weekend, and throughout the year, by organizing teams. In addition, some also participate in the Lake County Division of Transportation's "Adopt A Highway" program.

A long-time village tradition, Clean-Up Weekend provides an opportunity to make a personal contribution toward a cleaner environment and to show pride in the Long Grove community.

For more information, please call the Village at 847-634-9440.

For safe disposal of household chemical waste and electronics

...call 847-336-9340 or visit www.swalco.org.

Find out when and where the next SWALCO drop-off disposal opportunities are scheduled.

Saving rain for a sunny day

Save water, save fuel

A rain barrel beneath the downspout(s) might prove to be one of your best household investments, and an earth-friendly one at that!

Rain barrels not only capture and store storm run-off water, but during hot and often dry summer months they can help reduce demand on the shallow aquifer upon which most of us rely for our water supply. They also provide "naturally soft" water for indoor and outdoor plants.

The Soil and Water Conservation District of Lake County is

again offering rain barrels at a good price—just \$79 per 60-gallon barrel. Visit their Web site (www.lakeswcd.org) for descriptions of the barrels and accessories, then print out an order form.

As a special incentive, if you would like to save yourself a trip to Libertyville to pick up your barrel(s), mail or deliver your completed order form and check (payable to LCSWCD) to the Village Hall by Wednesday, April 2. Your barrel(s) will be available there sometime in May.

State of the Village

*By Maria Rodriguez, President, Board of Trustees
Village of Long Grove*

Renovate the downtown. Keep the historic character but upgrade the infrastructure and add businesses that speak to the practical needs of our residents. I believe that this was the mandate when I was elected in 2005. As of this printing, the Village Board is about to consider for approval: (1) a downtown Master Plan, (2) a new development of practical stores and (3) a sound funding mechanism for the downtown renovation. This is the culmination of more than two years of diligent work. Before I get into the details, I want to publicly thank our volunteer elected and appointed officials, resident volunteers, and our Village staff who have spent so much extra time considering all of our options. It takes the collective thought and wisdom of all of the individuals involved in this process to ensure success with few unintended consequences.

Following are the details of last year's accomplishments and this year's goals.

The Long Grove Master Plan

We are no longer an antique selling mecca—so what are we? How can we maintain our historic charm yet meet the demanding needs of our changing demographic? We are in essence developing a brand. Three consultants were hired to work with a volunteer task force to develop a Master Plan. The plan offers design standards, a wayfinding system (better signs), market analysis and recommendations as to what the renovation of our downtown should include. The draft plan shows possibilities of another street running from Robert Parker Coffin Road, behind Fountain Square and across Old McHenry Road behind Red Oaks. That would put Enzo and Lucia's on a corner. It would improve traffic movement through the downtown. This also offers the possibility for new buildings to be built across that street (in

what is now a mall style parking lot). These buildings could be built to match the character of the existing buildings while meeting the needs of commercial entities that require a larger space than our historic buildings offer. We could have space to host a farmers' market. Burying overhead power lines and installing lighting so that it is safe to dine and shop into the evening are planned. The preliminary market analysis shows more than \$5 billion in annual retail expenditures within a 20-minute drive from Long Grove. If we could capture just a fraction of that, the Village could comfortably fund itself without having to tax our residents in the future. The draft plan is currently being reviewed by the task force and Plan Commission. Once adopted, we will post the final Master Plan on the Village Web site.

Commercial Development

The Village Board has approved the application for the Sunset Grove retail development at the corner of Aptakasic Road and Route 83. Sunset Foods is the anchor with a variety of other practical use retailers and restaurants as well. Much time and effort has gone into making sure that the corner offers a "sense of arrival" and complements the Historic Business District. You can plan on shopping in these stores in the spring of '09.

The Historic Business District

Lake County is finishing the final engineering on options for the intersection at Robert Parker Coffin and Old McHenry Roads. Construction on Old McHenry Road offers an opportunity to bury the power lines, improve drainage, add streetlights and water infrastructure if these projects are approved. We will make Lake County's findings public as soon as they are received.

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Water Availability

Many options are before us. A deep well system is being considered to service the commercial development on the east side of Route 83 as well as the bank property on the west. This system will be designed with the possibility of future connection for the Historic Business District and residential areas. We are also participating in a feasibility study to investigate the possibility of bringing Lake Michigan water to Long Grove through a connection at Zion. Please keep watching the papers and the Village Web site for updates.

Menards

Construction of the Menards store has begun at the corner of Old Route 53 and Lake Cook Road. They hope to be open for business by late fall of this year. When the Menards development was going through the permitting process, the property behind the site was purchased to be used for ball fields. On behalf of the Village, I want to thank former Village President Tony Dean and the trustees seated at the time. Thanks to their foresight, we will have three new soccer fields and will be able to share the cost of installation with the developer.

Finances

We have again received a “clean bill of health” from our auditors and the Village is on a sound financial footing. However, with building permit fees and sales tax revenue as our sole source of revenue, the 80% decline in permit fees this past year is concerning. It is imperative that we increase our sales tax revenue base to maintain our current “no Village property tax” policy. Final drafts of all financial documents are available for viewing on the Village Web site (www.longgrove.net).

Litigation

Long Grove is currently *not* involved in any active litigation. We were successful in our efforts to defend our zoning in both the Vision Church and the Montessori Peace School cases. The decisions in both cases are not reversible. Unfortunately, although

we felt we had a strong legal argument, we did not prevail in the case against Raintree. In an effort to strengthen our position in the future we have made comprehensive amendments to our zoning code and our impact fee agreements.

Building Code

Village Superintendent Bob Block and members of the Long Grove Fire Department have been reviewing and updating the Village’s building and fire codes. The updated building code is expected to be submitted soon to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Environment

The comfort stations and paths through Heron Creek Forest Preserve at the southwest corner of Old McHenry Road and Route 22 are nearly finished. It is beautiful. The Lake County Forest Preserve is in the process of purchasing two other large parcels in the vicinity. Many thanks to Commissioners Pam Newton and David Stolman, Lake County Forest Preserve President Bonnie Thompson Carter, and Director Tom Hahn for all of their hard work in securing this open space for Lake County. Heron Creek and the surrounding area will preserve sensitive wetlands and wildlife habitats. The land adjoins the Reed-Turner Nature Preserve. Paths going through these areas will connect to the village-wide pathway system which is in the process of a dramatic expansion. Look for more information as the new additions are approved and added to the Comprehensive Plan.

With this much change on the horizon, your help is needed. A couple of years from now, we will be enjoying all of these physical improvements. However, the construction needed to accomplish this ambitious plan will likely produce some inconvenience. Please show your support for this project by continuing to patronize our downtown businesses NOW, throughout the construction, and afterward.

Please feel free to email me at MDR4159@aol.com or call the Village Office at 847-634-9440. I welcome and need your input.

A remarkably safe community

Last year in Long Grove there were 1,015 incidents requiring the attention of Lake County Sheriff's police. Though this was a slight increase over the previous year's total, most of it was attributable to "miscellaneous," "traffic accidents" and other minor categories. Major crime has remained consistently low.

A serious offense

Mailbox bashing, always a problem, is a *federal offense* punishable by imprisonment and/or a stiff fine. Because it's so common, some people take the problem lightly, but postal and law enforcement authorities do not.

The penalty for bashing mailboxes, beyond that described, could last a lifetime because convictions for federal offenses cannot be expunged.

The seriousness of this offense must be impressed upon young people, who tend to be the principal culprits.

Outsmart raccoons

Garbage in rigid containers with secure lids placed at roadside on the morning it is to be picked up is unlikely to attract the attention of foraging, nocturnal raccoons.

These beasts are smart and inventive. But, we are smarter...?

Dial 911 (preferably from a land line) for any police, fire or medical emergency, regardless of how trivial you think it may seem.

Police Incident Reports Village of Long Grove

Category	2007	2006	2005	2004
Animal complaints	7	4	5	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Assault	4	7	7	6
Assist Other Agency	4	12	16	10
Automobile Theft	1	1	4	0
Battery	10	6	5	5
Burglary	15	21	7	17
Burglary to Auto	12	19	7	16
Cannabis	2	0	0	0
Controlled Substance	0	0	2	0
Criminal Damage to Property	40	54	52	53
Criminal Trespass	2	2	1	2
Death Investigations	11	7	14	7
Deceptive Practices (<i>bad checks, fraud</i>)	30	9	19	23
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	4	0
Domestic Incidents	48	42	47	42
Fire Investigations	6	4	3	4
Investigation of Open <i>Door/Window (Alarms)</i>	28	26	44	19
Landlord/Neighbor Problems	0	6	1	1
Liquor Violations	2	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Incidents	77	47	58	56
Missing Persons	12	5	7	6
Offenses Involving Juveniles	3	3	2	1
Rescue/Check on Well Being	13	0	0	2
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse/Assault	5	1	2	2
Suicide Attempts	1	3	7	2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	41	28	24	19
Telephone Harassment	12	4	10	20
Theft	30	30	37	47
Theft from vehicle	4	30	4	
Traffic Accidents	519	459	381	522
Traffic Complaints (<i>Abandoned autos, road hazards, towed vehicles</i>)	74	115	110	110
Unlawful use of weapon	0	0	1	1
Total	1,015	946	882	994

The historic Archer schoolhouse

by Kathy Carlson, Long Grove Historical Society

The one-room Archer Schoolhouse, built in 1849, has performed as a living museum since the late 1970s when the Long Grove Historical Society purchased and rescued it from an ignominious fate as a local farmer's tool and storage shed. In 1900, its original role had ended when a new school was built nearby. Soon to be restored and filled with antique furnishings, it was moved to the site it shares today with two other Society-rescued structures—the Ruth Barn and Drexler Tavern, a.k.a. the Village Hall. Located close to the school are an authentic woodshed and “privy.”

Setting foot in the school is like taking a step backward in time. Graduated-size desks, with shorter ones in front, accommodated the first through eighth grade students who attended. An antique wind-up wall clock, kerosene lamp, and water pail and dipper are among the period furnishings, and a work-

ing potbelly stove warms the room on chilly days when the schoolhouse is again alive with children.

The Society uses the schoolhouse and adjoining Ruth Barn to acquaint children with what life was like during the second half of the 19th century, when Long Grove was becoming a prosperous farming community. But before their adventure can be scheduled, students must first study a unit on pioneers. Visiting the Archer Schoolhouse and Ruth Barn helps bring history to life for them.

Usually, we have third grade students, but that depends on when the pioneer unit is being studied. Last fall we had a special small group of middle school students and 30 French foreign exchange students. (It seems that the television program “Little House on the Prairie” is very popular in France.)

This Society-sponsored program is not limited to District 96 students. Any school district, and private school, qualifies.



Plaque at right of entrance gives “thumbnail” history.

The opportunity is available in the fall and spring. How many schools take advantage of it depends on when study of the pioneer unit is scheduled. Last spring four schools sent enough children for 12 classes, and the previous fall seven schools sent enough for 27 classes. Because of the size of the room, classes are limited to 25 students. So, during the 2006-2007 school term, 975 children experienced what school—and life—were like when their great grandparents were children.

Upon arrival, students are greeted by a docent (teacher) who is attired in period costume. They spend an hour at the school and another at the Ruth Barn. During recess, between the school and barn sessions, the children are introduced to old-fashioned fun like sack races and “blind man’s bluff.”

The first half hour in the school the students and docent discuss the physical differences between the Archer Schoolhouse and their present school. A typical day in the life of a pioneer child might also be discussed, along with the length of the school year, how children got to school, and the responsibilities they had before leaving for

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The restored Archer Schoolhouse, woodshed (center), and modestly screened outhouse (right).

Tornado season

Though spring and summer generally are considered the tornado season here, they can occur at any time of year. Would you know what to do or where to go in the event of a tornado touching down in your area?

Make a plan now so you and your family would be prepared in the event of a tornado. Have an emergency supply kit assembled and check it at least once a year. Include a flashlight with extra batteries, a portable radio, easy-open canned goods, bottled water, a pair of shoes or rain boots for each family member if possible, and cash/credit cards. Everyone should know where the emergency kit is located. At least once a year, have a tornado drill. This will help ensure that everyone knows what to do and where to go during a tornado. Designate a meeting place if you and your family members should become separated.

If a tornado is imminent

Try to get to a safe place. At home, go to the basement (and take shelter under something sturdy), storm cellar or lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an inte-

A tornado WATCH

means that tornadoes may develop. Atmospheric conditions are right for that to happen.

A tornado WARNING

means that a tornado actually has been sighted in the general area. Take cover immediately.

A smile you can hear!

When you call or visit the Village Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., it is likely that you will speak with Julie Bauer. Hers is one of the two friendly voices that answer the Village phone. She is also one of the very pleasant ladies whom Village Hall visitors first encounter.

A part-time employee, Julie also opens mail, schedules building inspections, and assists Administrative Assistant Sherry Shlagman.

A Cary resident, she and her husband, Paul, among other things enjoy fishing and family activities. Her own special pleasure is taking brisk walks with her black Labrador retriever, Duchess. She is also a keen student of good health and nutrition. The Bauer household includes two sons, age 17 and 21, and a 16-year-old daughter.

Reflecting upon what she likes

rior room on the lowest level or crawl under a sturdy item of furniture. Keep away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls.

When not at home, stay out of structures with wide-span roof systems, such as an auditorium, shopping mall or gymnasium.

If you are caught outdoors with no shelter, seek a low area like a ditch, ravine, or even a swale, and lie flat.

In a vehicle, stop and get out and get well away from it immediately. Seek shelter in a building or a low spot. Do *not* seek shelter under an overpass or bridge.



about her job, this chronically cheerful woman emphasized “the people with whom I come in contact, both on the phone and in person,” and the variety of work she does. Her “people person” qualities are obvious.

Julie Bauer is one of the neat-to-meet ladies employed at our Village Hall.

After the tornado passes

If you are with your family, try to find out how everyone is. Check for injuries.

Stay away from power lines. And, because of the danger of leaking natural gas, do not light a candle or ignite matches or lighters.

Take photos of any damage to your property and belongings to back up insurance claims.

While tornadoes can be devastating, being prepared and knowing what to do during and after a tornado will help to keep you and your family safe.

In brief...

- The new 2008 Village **vehicle stickers** are available at the Village Hall. They are *optional* and cost only \$2!
- 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.
- **Temporary on-street 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.)
- **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.

Schoolhouse—

school and after returning home. Also discussed is how discipline was imposed on unruly children.

During the second half hour the children “time travel” back to the year 1849 for a hands-on introduction to what school was like then. Using slates and chalk they practice arithmetic and printing and cursive. They clear their slates with imitation lambskin erasers. A spelling bee is held and students read aloud from the *McGuffey Reader*.

After recess, the children’s next hour is spent in the Ruth Barn, which arrived at its present location behind the Village Hall in 1976. Small, it is a granary barn for storing corn or wheat. There, the docent tells the children how early pioneer families traveled

from New England to settle in what would become Long Grove. (Several came by water, through the Great Lakes.) Photographs taken in the early 1900s show what it was like in Long Grove at the time. There are several period implements in the barn, including a forge donated by the Umbdenstocks, a family of local blacksmiths.

The last part of the barn hour is a visit to the adjoining herb garden, where its importance to the pioneer family is discussed. Maintained by the Long Grove/Kildeer Garden Club, it is divided into sections: Medicinal, Cooking, Fragrance, Dyeing and Cutting.

I always give my class “homework.” When they hear that word, the children’s faces register shock. Their assignment is to sit down with their grandparents if possible

Saturday, April 5 **Flaming Flapjacks Pancake Breakfast**

8:30 a.m.-noon
Long Grove Fire Department
1165 Old McHenry Road

\$5 per person
Kids under 3—free

Special entertainment
for youngsters

50/50 raffle and
silent auction
for adults

For details, please call
Diane at 847-322-4937.

and, if they are especially fortunate, their great grandparents, and ask about the school they attended and what life was like when they were children. If their grandparents live elsewhere, they can communicate by old fashioned “snail mail” or by e-mail. This is a timelessly effective way to bridge the gap between generations.

The Long Grove Historical Society is always in need of volunteer docents for its ongoing Archer School/Ruth Barn program. An interest in this time period and a desire to teach are the only requirements. Retirees—retired teachers especially, as well as moms, dads and grandparents are welcome. Period costumes and training are provided.

For more information, please call the Society at 847-634-6155, or me, at 847-726-1503.

Village Officials

(Updated February 2008)

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Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
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New Year brings new directions

by John Maguire, Community Development Director

While our business community endures a challenging economy, the Long Grove Business & Community Partners is working to reinvent downtown Long Grove and to make it more attractive to shoppers from both near and far.

The Visitors Information Center, behind Enzo & Lucia's Ristorante and adjoining the Archer Parking Lot, has been renovated and is now more welcoming and efficient. Local business information, directions to and news about Long Grove are available. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

Market analysis from Business Districts Inc. is steering us toward attracting more local visitors on a regular basis. Within a 15-minute drive of downtown Long Grove are a quarter of a million people, most of whose households have better than average buying power. This population will be targeted by our Marketing Committee. Direct mail and cable TV advertising is being added to our marketing mix which already includes newspapers, magazines, radio and travel media.

Infrastructure improvements in the Historic Business District were identified as a priority more than 10 years ago, and we're finally beginning to see some realistic movement to make them happen.

Our Promotions Committee has delegated management of the three major downtown festivals to a pro-

fessional events firm called Star Events. New site plans, attractions, vendors and music will significantly improve the quality and ef-

fectiveness of the fests, while "freshening" them for those who come regularly.

For the latest information about downtown Long Grove and special events, please call 847-634-0888 or visit www.longgroveonline.com.

New in town

These new sources and resources have opened recently in Long Grove. Please acquaint yourself with them and recommend them to others.

Historic Business District

Casa Brasil, 249 R. P. Coffin Road, 847-793-0013

www.casabrasilonline.com

10-5 Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 Sunday-Monday

Art, food, books, music, boutique imports from Brazil

Earth & Spirit, 323 Old McHenry Road (above Dakota Expressions), 847-634-8250

10-5 Monday-Thursday, 10-6 Friday-Saturday, 11-5 Sunday

Products for body, mind and spirit well-being...tools and space for meditation.

Dr. Robin Kroll Counseling Services, 149 Old McHenry Road, 847-778-9322 • Individual psychotherapy, biofeedback training
Hours by appointment

Timmy's Sandwiches & Ice Cream, 132 Old McHenry Road, 847-883-8930

10-5 Tuesday-Saturday, 12:30-5 Sunday, catering & delivery available.

Tasty sandwiches & soup, ice cream bar, freshly baked desserts

Gil Skoczek, Insurance & Financial Services, 847-821-8914

In the Hotel Shops, across from The Village Tavern

Long Grove Commons

(Northwest corner, Route 22 & Old McHenry Road)

Eggspereience, 3970 Route 22, 847-550-0771, 6-4 daily

A good way to begin your day...a good place for your mid-day meal

Red Cottage Salon & Spa, 3974 Route 22, 847-550-1230

www.red-cottagesalon.com

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Monday & Friday 9-5, Tuesday 9-7, Wednesday-Thursday 9-8,

Saturday 8-4, Sunday 9-3

Sit down, carry out, pick up. "We cook it slow. You get it fast."

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In Retrospect...

by Gwen Berg
Long Grove Historical Society



Long Grove business more than a century ago

The following, edited due to space limitation, appeared in a special holiday edition of the *Lake County Independent* on December 30, 1898.

“Long Grove...is one of the most prosperous country villages in the State. This is a natural business center. Extensive wagon and blacksmithing shops do a thriving business, and numerous small industries flourish.

“Long Grove has a fine school and the religious advantages are of the highest order. The farming community...is remarkably rich, and the thrifty German farmers who settled here taught their children the value of permanent improvements, fine stock and intelligent agricultural methods.

“There is no better location for a creamery* in the State than in Long Grove. The products are so superior that the butter is chiefly sold in New York City and the cheese finds a ready market in Chicago.

“Mr. William Zimmer is one of the best known and most popular gentlemen in the southern part of this township and his place** at Long Grove is noted for the high class of refreshments (wine and liquors) served and purest goods in his line, and his establishment is conveniently located for the local trade as well as the traveling patronage at all seasons. A feature in his es-

tablishment which appeals to many is the fine pool table, which is kept in the best possible condition.

“Among the business men of high standing in the southern portion of Lake County we must mention Mr. John Zimmer, the well known wagon manufacturer of Long Grove. His shop is fully equipped for the manufacturer and repair of all classes of vehicles. His son, John N., is training in every department of the wagon making trade. Mr. Zimmer’s wife and daughter conduct the hotel and restaurant at Long Grove in a manner highly acceptable to the traveling public.

“Victor and Albert Sauer have been in business here for many years and are enjoying a very satisfactory trade. Their store*** is filled with carefully selected stock of dry goods, boots, shoes, hats, caps, groceries and all goods usually found in a first class general store. The Long Grove post office is located in their store and it is presided over by Mr. Victor Sauer in a capable and efficient manner.

“The enterprise conducted by Louis Bollenbach is deserving of special mention in this work on ac-

count of the superior excellence he turns out and the high reputation he enjoys as a workman and a citizen. He conducts a wagon manufactory, a blacksmith horseshoeing and repair shop. Special attention is given to plow and shovel repair and he manufactures all classes of carriages, buggies and wagons plus the sale of every description of agricultural implements.

“We now write of the oldest merchant in Southern Lake County, Mr. Charles Stempel, who has by years of intelligent effort built up a large and profitable business as well as a reputation for sterling integrity and honorable dealing not exceeded by any man hereabouts. Mr. Stempel’s establishment**** is a notable one, even in a county where large and well filled stores are common. He carries an extensive and varied stock of general merchandise and farm supplies. He was for over forty years postmaster at Long Grove and at the time of his retirement was the oldest postmaster in point of continuous service in the State. *The Independent* is glad of this opportunity to testify for the sterling worth of this pioneer merchant and honored citizen.”

It might be assumed that the preceding descriptions enjoyed the hearty approval of their respective subjects.

* Across from the Mill Pond Shoppes
** Now The Village Tavern
*** Now Farmside Grocery and Winery
**** Now The Olive Tap

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-16 amends the Village Code regarding fences.

2007-O-17 sets time and place for a public hearing on the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District and the designation of a redevelopment project area.

2007-O-18 further amends the Village Code regarding impact fees.

2007-O-19 adopts tax levy for SSA #2 – Long Grove Commons.

2007-O-20 adopts tax levy for SSA #3 – Historic Downtown Business District.

Resolutions

2007-R-24 accepts the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.

2007-R-25 expresses official intent concerning establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District.

2007-R-26 approves release of the Letter of Credit for Prairie Trails Subdivision Valenti.

2007-R-27 grants approval for the installation and maintenance of a fence on property at 3253 Route 53.

2007-R-28 authorizes the reduction of the Letters of Credit for Ravenna East for Concord at Ravenna, LLC (Lennar Homes).

2007-R-29 approves and authorizes the execution of a Transferee Assumption Agreement between Concord at Ravenna, LLC, and Heeney-Cole Properties, LLC, for conveyance of the Ravenna East One, Lots 13-31 parcel.

2007-R-30 conditionally supports the widening of Route 22 between Quentin Road and Route 83 within the Village of Long Grove.

2007-R-32 authorizes the reduction of a Letter of Credit for Northwest Partners for the Long Grove Commons shopping center.

2007-R-33 approves and authorizes an extension of the term of the contract for refuse collection and disposal, and collection of recyclables and landscape waste for delivery to permitted and/or approved facilities.

2008-R-01 grants a waiver from the 120-day waiting period for issuance of a demolition permit (4287 Hilltop).

2008-R-02 supports acquisition of certain land in Long Grove by the Lake County Forest Preserve District.

2008-R-03 reappoints Tobin Fraley as Long Grove Arts Commissioner.

2008-R-04 approves the appointment of director and alternate representatives to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO).

2008-R-05 approves an elevator safety program agreement with the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

2008-R-06 authorizes reduction of the letter of credit for Eastgate Estates Subdivision for Fidelity Wes of Eastgate, Inc.

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

Approved 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.

Approved with conditions an applications submitted by Sunset Grove, LLC, for: a text amendment to the Village Zoning Code to, among other changes, create a new HR-1 Highway Retail District; an amendment of the zoning map to rezone property from R-2 to HR-1 and OS-P Districts; a special-use permit authorizing the development of a planned unit development and all necessary departures and/or variances as part of the planned unit development

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process, which departures and/or variances may relate to, without limitation, buffer yard, landscaping, screening, yard and setback, signage, lighting, conservancy district, impervious surface area, and parking requirements; a special-use permit authorizing the proposed planned unit development in a lowland conservancy district; a special-use permit authorizing a man-made structure in the OS-P District; a preliminary planned unit development plat; and such other additional relief as may be necessary or appropriate under the Village Zoning Code.

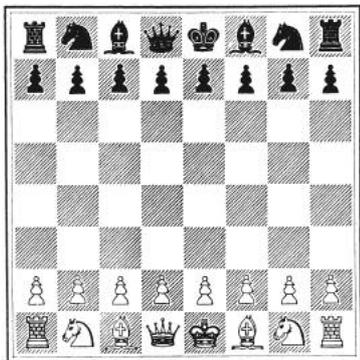
Approved a petition for variations of the front yard set-back requirement from the required 75 feet to 63 feet and a side yard set-back requirement (north side) from the required 40 feet to 32 feet within the R-2 District for the construction of an addition to an existing single-family dwelling on property at 2564 Lincoln Avenue, submitted by Joe and Karen Fobbe.

Continued to March 18 a proposal for potential amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Appendix J, the B-1A Subarea Plan, including without limitation modifications to the study area as identified therein, within the Village. The B-1A study area, generally includes the downtown areas of the Village as well as property along Route 83, as defined in the Comprehensive Plan and potentially including architectural and design considerations.

Architectural Board approved

Awnings for Eggsperience, 3970 Route 22.

Replacement subdivision identification sign for The Creekside Subdivision.



Signage for Casa Brasil Inc., 249 R. P. Coffin Road.

Signage for Angarola Stained Glass, 344 Old McHenry Road.

Signage for Earth & Spirit, 323 Old McHenry Road.

Signage for Bella Photography Studio, 407 Robert Parker Coffin Road.

Signage for Smokin' T's Barbecue Restaurant, 3976 Route 22.

Signage for Timmy's Sandwiches & Ice Cream, 132 Old McHenry Road.

Signage for Red Cottage Salon & Spa, 3974 Route 22.

Signage for Dr. Robin Kroll Counseling Services, 149 Old McHenry Road.

Elevations for residences on Lots 4 & 5 within the Eastgate PUD.

Plans and Plats for landscaping, lighting, signage and elevations as part of an application submitted by Sunset Grove, LLC, for an amendment of the zoning map to rezone property from R-2 to HR-1 and OS-P Districts; a special-use permit authorizing the development of a planned unit development.

Continued to March 24, 2008 Elevations for the Long Grove Promenade, Route 83 and R. P. Coffin Road, submitted by Monarch Design Company.

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

Dismissed CSCC 07-05, a request to remove unwanted plant material in a conservancy district/drainage swale for property at 6228 Blue Spruce Court (Lot 46 Highland Pines PUD).

It's our move

...if we want to make it. The Village officially has offered to make space available in the Village Hall meeting room for local chess players.

To express your enthusiasm for this opportunity, please contact Bob Jenkins at 847-634-6220 or bemused5119@aol.com. State "Long Grove chess" in the subject line and provide your name, best time for you to play, phone number or e-mail or street address, and age if you're under 16.

If enough interest is demonstrated, time and other details will be forthcoming.

Events & meetings at a glance

April	May	June
1 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, 8:00 p.m.*	2-4 Chocolate Fest, Historic Business District	2 Long Grove Park District Board, 8:00 p.m. Reed-Turner Nature Center
2 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.*	5 Long Grove Park District Board, 8:00 p.m., Reed-Turner Nature Center	3 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, 8:00 p.m.*
2 Long Grove/Kildeer Benefit Bridge Group, 9:30 a.m. 847-566-1117	6 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, 8:00 p.m.*	3 First Aid class, 6-10 p.m. Long Grove Fire Dept. \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143
3 CPR/AED class, 6-10 p.m. Long Grove Fire Dept. \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143	7 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.*	4 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.*
5 Flaming Flapjacks Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. – noon Fire station downtown \$5, kids under 3 free	6 Long Grove/Kildeer Benefit Bridge Group, 9:30 a.m. 847-566-1117	5 CPR/AED class, 6-10 p.m. Long Grove Fire Dept. \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143
7 Long Grove Park District Board, 8:00 p.m. Reed-Turner Nature Center	8 CPR/AED class, 6-10 p.m. Long Grove Fire Dept. \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143	10 Village Board, 8:00 p.m.*
8 Village Board, 8:00 p.m.*	12 Architectural Board 7:00 p.m.*	16 Architectural Board 7:00 p.m.*
14 Long Grove/Kildeer Garden Club Potluck Soup Luncheon. RSVP & details, Ivy at 847-800-5000	13 Village Board, 8:00 p.m.*	16 Long Grove Fire Protection District Board, 7:00 p.m. Fire station
16 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.*	15 Countryside Fire Protection District Board, 7:30 p.m. 600 N. Deerpath Drive Vernon Hills	18 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.*
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* Held at Village Hall

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