

**** DROUGHT WARNING ****

We are in a drought situation and forecasts indicate a continuation for at least another week. **Please conserve our precious water supply** by restricting water usage outside and inside your homes.

RECAP OF THE JUNE 26 TOWN HALL MEETING

by Village President Maria Rodriguez

On June 26 we hosted the first of two scheduled Town Hall meetings in response to the comments and suggestions received through our village-wide survey. Over 150 residents attended to hear a brief presentation followed by a question and answer period. A PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation from the meeting has been posted to the Village website or can be viewed using this link:

<http://www.longgrove.net/Community Files/2012/Long Grove Town Hall Presentation 06262012.pdf>

Our presentation included a brief history of the village, highlighting the original Comprehensive Plan with subsequent amendments, milestone decisions made over the past 50+ years, and a summary of the current Long Grove Master Plan. Understanding the reasoning behind decisions made 50 years ago will help us to make decisions now for the next 50 years.

Village Manager Dave Lothspeich presented a brief overview of the Village budget, which offered a snapshot of where our revenue comes from and how the Village funds are spent. Of particular interest to those in attendance was a slide showing a sample tax bill and the comparison of village operations in Long Grove compared to neighboring villages. It is easy to forget that although residents pay high property taxes, none of those taxes go to the Village. By design, we have a very small budget and offer relatively few services. In reality, we are largely volunteer based; decisions made 50 years ago depended on volunteer involvement from members of the community.

Rachel Perkal, President of the economic development organization—the Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP)—spoke effectively about programs to incentivize new business in our Historic Business District along with exciting plans for the future and ideas for how you can be a part.

The recent passing of Andy Griffith prompted many articles and comments about why Mayberry struck a chord with so many viewers for so many years. It was the interaction between the different personalities that made up the community. Because of our volunteer needs, we have that small town feeling, the different personalities, and the necessity of working together. Have you ever noticed that the things that impose most on your life are the very things that add richness to your life? If you are not involved, you are cheating yourself. Get to know the merchants; get to know your neighbors, be involved in the discussions to decide our future.

Our next meeting on August 14 will cover some of our more pressing issues. As volunteers on the Village Board, we are acutely aware of the concerns facing our village. Some of the coming discussions will be difficult, requiring frank but respectful debate regarding the relevance of past decisions and important future concerns. You

are invited to be part of these discussions. This is our village; we are all in this together. I am confident that with respect and determination, together we can make decisions that will carry us successfully into the next 50 years. Be part of the solution.

Upcoming Town Hall Meeting
August 14
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Grove Country Club
3217 Route 53

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Many residents and business owners are aware that building permits are required for new construction or alterations to an existing residence or business. The best way to find out the types of projects that require a building permit is to visit our village website. The Long Grove website includes a list of some of the projects that require a building permit (i.e., additions/remodeling, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roofing, new windows, storage shed, new deck or patio, driveway resurfacing, sanitary sewer repairs, drainage/grading changes, exterior siding, etc.). Permits are required for most building projects to insure that the completed work complies with building and zoning codes. If you have any questions, please contact our Building Department at 847-634-9440 to confirm whether your proposed project requires a building permit.

Set out below are the projects started from January through June of this year:

Projects Started by Type	
2012	
Project Type	
Accessory Structure	3
Addition	4
Cell Equipment	1
Culvert	1
Deck	8
Demolition	1
Driveway	15
Electrical	2
Elevator	1
Exterior Alterations	2
Garage, Detached	1
Generator	12
Hardscape	12
Interior Alterations	12
Lawn Irrigation	2
Mechanical	2
New Commercial Building	1
New S.F. Residence	5
Plumbing	7
Re-roof	27
Septic	8
Sewer Repair	2
Sign	9
Sport Court	1
Stormwater Management	3
Swimming Pool, Inground	1
Temporary Trailer	1
Tree Removal	25
Water System, New	1
Total Projects Started Year-to-Date	170

One of the primary tasks of our committee is to review the existing building codes and implement changes that are cost effective and would improve upon existing products, means or methods that are part of the currently adopted building codes. One of the recent changes made in Long Grove is the use of PVC plastic for underground sanitary pipes in lieu of cast iron. This is not only more cost effective but PVC lasts longer and moves waste more efficiently.

Another focus on our agenda is to change the water supply system code from copper to CPVC. This change has already been adopted by the Illinois State Plumbing Code. With the pinhole problems that have been plaguing the copper pipes, this will be a more cost effective alternative and will also avoid problems down the road.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations and thanks to the three volunteers who have recently joined our commissions:

Mark Howard, member of the Architectural Commission
Jason Kupferschmid, secretary of the Plan Commission
Eric Styer, member of the Architectural Commission

Anyone interested in serving on one of Long Grove's commissions (architectural, conservancy, planning) should download the Volunteer Profile Form that may be found on our website, www.longgrove.net (home page, near the bottom—keep scrolling).

MAKING A BIG SPLASH

Wine Splash, located on Old McHenry Road, just north of the Crossroads adjacent to Towner Green, is a must-visit destination for our residents.

The team of Jennifer Moodhe and Shelly Simon has created a wonderful environment for us to enjoy a wine or two with friends and also to learn about wine and vineyards, some of which do not produce for a mass market.

A selection of five wines by the glass is available every day (closed Tuesday). Offerings on a recent visit included a red Sangria, an Italian Pinot Grigio, a California Chardonnay, a French Rosé, and a Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon. Half-pours are also available—love the concept!

Strictly in the interest of research, a member of your editorial team purchased a Chilean Sauvignon Blanc (Rayun) that was wonderful with halibut. Next up is an Italian white (Verdicchio, akin to a Pinot/Sauvignon blend) that demands to be shared—the bottle is so beautifully sculpted!

Saturdays are tasting days at Wine Splash (in addition to the daily “open” selections). Thursdays will feature craft beer tastings. Food pairings include a cheese and sausage platter; additional small bites will be available. An introductory Wine 101 seminar will be announced on the website, www.winesplash.com.

Wine Splash (847/383-6386) opens at 11:00 every day except Tuesday. Jennifer and Shelly will be pouring until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; until 7:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays; and until 6:00 on Sundays.

ODDS AND ENDS

Historical Society News

The Long Grove Historical Society recently uncovered a tool which dates to the first settlers in this area. Read about it on their website:

www.LongGroveHistory.org/toolDiscovery.

Long Grove Park District Classes

The Long Grove Park District is offering Young Rembrandt's drawing classes for ages 3.5 thru 12 using a variety of art media for these lessons. There is a new drawing class for parent/child that would be a fun activity to do together. Sweet Whimsy will once again be holding the popular Cookie Caper class. The participants will venture into town to look for the missing rolling pin. They will return to Sweet Whimsy to help Chef Josh bake up some cookies and decorate their tasty treats.

It is not too late to sign up your child for some soccer or golf lessons which start on August 4. Check our website at www.longgroveparkdistrict.com for additional information on these and other fun and entertaining classes.

Electronics Event

Ela Township will host an electronics recycling event, Saturday, July 28 at Knox Park, 1111 E. Route 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information go to the SWALCO website at www.swalco.org.

Veterans Pig Roast and Concert

The Village Tavern of Long Grove is hosting its third annual pig roast and free concert for our veterans and active military families on Sunday, July 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. This event is open to the general public, and we invite everyone to come and support our veterans and their families and express our gratitude for their service.

Activities planned for the day include fun games for the kids, three terrific bands - The Wind Gypsies, Rhythmbone, and New Odyssey - and delicious food including roast pig, grilled brats and hotdogs.

Last year 175 veterans attended this event; we hope to double that number this year.

There are several ways you can be a part of this meaningful event: sponsor a veterans table for \$200; show your support by purchasing a raffle ticket. "Operation Air Lift" through VFW 5151, will be accepting cards and letters of appreciation, as well as items to be included in care packages that will be sent to our troops serving abroad.

Come join us in honoring our veterans. We look forward to seeing you at The Tavern!

Chip & Mary Ann Ullrich

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Long Grove Fine Art & Wine Festival

The Long Grove Fine Art & Wine Festival will be held on August 18 and 19 in the recently expanded and landscaped Archer Municipal Lot near Fountain Square.

More than 90 juried artists will display and sell paintings, photography, sculpture, jewelry and more. In addition to the artwork available for purchase at the fair, many of the artists take commissions and will create one-of-a-kind pieces for art enthusiasts. Original works have a wide price range, ensuring something for everyone.

Live music and great food all day Saturday and Sunday will add to the enjoyment of this annual event. For additional details including the artist directory and food offerings, visit the festival website at www.longgroveartfest.com.

Kudos to Our Firefighters

The Village would like to extend a thank you to our Long Grove firefighters who have worked especially hard during these past few weeks. Their efforts controlling and extinguishing fires caused by a combination of drought conditions and fireworks on the 4th of July were extraordinary - no loss of life or homes.

Redesigning the Website

The Village of Long Grove is soliciting proposals from web design firms for the redesign and maintenance of the Village website. If you or someone you know is interested in submitting a proposal, please call or e-mail the Village at 847-634-9440 or sshlagman@longgrove.net and ask to be placed on the list to receive an RFP packet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

August 1 7 pm Village Hall

CPR/AED Class

August 2 6 pm—10 pm Long Grove Fire Dept.
Call Katie at 847-634-3143 1165 Old McHenry Road
\$15 *In-District Residents* \$30 *Out-of-District Residents*



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

August 5 8 am - 1 pm Parking Lot next to Village Tavern
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com



LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL CONCERT

August 5 4 pm - 6 pm *Vance Gilbert*
Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Archer Parking Lot)
Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads
www.lgamc.org

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals
August 7 7 pm Village Hall



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August 12 4 pm - 6 pm *The Special Consensus
Bluegrass Band*

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Architectural Commission

August 20 7 pm Village Hall



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LONG GROVE PARK DISTRICT

Check out the website at www.longgroveparkdistrict.com
for schedule of summer classes/programs.