

## VILLAGE TOWN HALL MEETING

Residents are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Village of Long Grove Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 26 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The Town Hall Meeting is being held by the Village Board as a follow-up to address questions and concerns raised by Residents through the Village-wide survey. The meeting will be an opportunity to hear the results of the Village-wide survey and the Village's efforts to address these items. Items to be discussed include: Property Taxes; Village Services; Village Finances; IL Route 53 Extension; Historic Downtown, etc. The Village will make a brief presentation to be followed by an opportunity for Residents to participate in a question and answer forum. Your efforts to make the time to attend this important meeting are greatly appreciated.

## ROUTE 53 UPDATE

*by Village President Maria Rodriguez*

The northern extension of Rt. 53 remains an emotional issue. However, in April 2009, 76% of the Lake County voters supported the further extension of the road in an advisory referendum (43% of Long Grove voters supported the expansion). That referendum prompted the establishment of an advisory board with representation from a wide variety of interests, both pro-build and anti-build alike, to thoroughly discuss the benefits and consequences and make a recommendation putting an end to the debate. I was appointed to the Council as a representative of the Stormwater Commission of Lake County.

This article is meant to state the facts and dispel any rumors about the recent recommendation for the Northern extension of Rt. 53 by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council. First of all, this is just a recommendation by an advisory committee, the Tollway Board still has final authority to build or not build the road.

After nine months of serious discussion, workshops, and presentations from experts in the transportation and environmental fields, Blue Ribbon Advisory Council approved a 170 page document that detailed a criteria that would have to be met if the road were built. You can watch a video of the workshops and meetings on the Tollway website. The final draft of the recommendation will also be posted as soon as it is complete, which should be very soon.

Some highlights from the recommendation are as follows:

**Environmental concerns:** The road should be a limited access boulevard that is two lanes in each direction with a recommended speed of 45 miles per hour (see the video of the workshop for discussion as to why this is the optimal speed to consistently move traffic). The boulevard nature of the road allows it to easily meander around sensitive wetland or conservation areas. The impact will be significantly less than a six lane superhighway running through these areas with little respect for the landscape or natural drainage.

The character of the road will change to accommodate the surrounding environmental challenges as it winds north through Lake County. In some areas the road will be depressed with berms on either side to address sound issues; other areas will see the road elevated above the surrounding wetlands or north and south lanes split to go around sensitive areas (especially the area just south of Rt. 22).

**Financial concerns:** The report recommended a variety of ways to potentially close the two billion dollar funding gap; these ideas were presented as a list of nearly 20 different potential options. Suggested options range from accelerating the construction schedule, to a funding mix of value capture agreements and possibly adding tolls to the current Rt. 53 expressway. Lake County businesses, and ultimately residents, will be responsible for a portion of the cost; however, we recommended that the cost should be shared throughout the system.

In the end, I can tell you that the discussion and recommendation process was well done and a fine example of how our process is supposed to work. Years ago, discussions were about a six lane superhighway that surely would have changed the character of our village. The recommended road is meant to move the traffic with much less environmental impact. The Tollway has not approved the construction of the road but you should know that there is a great deal of support for some sort of road. As soon as the final recommendation is released, we will post it on our website. We will also stay very involved in the discussions about the final details should the road be approved and try to communicate relevant information as it is determined.

### **PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MAKES A NEW CONNECTION**

Earlier this Spring, the Village Pathways Committee was pleased to be able to make a small extension to the trailway system. Thanks to a cooperative effort between the Village, the Long Grove Park District, and an easement granted over private property, a walking trail was cleared through a wooded area connecting the existing walking path in Stonehaven to Willowbrook Road.

Village Pathways signposts have been placed at the entrances to both sides of this trail. Long View Meadow and the neighborhoods of Oak Hills, Stonehaven, Skycrest, and Willowbrook are connected through this pathway system. Enter on Oak Grove Road via the pedestrian underpass at Route 83 or on Stonehaven Drive on either side of the road south of Indian Creek.

One goal of the Pathways Committee is to create a connecting east-west walking trail through the Village, linking Longview Meadow and Reed-Turner Woodland. This new extension is a major stride in the right direction, and further trail extensions will be possible with cooperation between new property developers and easements granted by private residents. Working together, we can share our neighborhoods with each other

and provide more residents the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful woodlands, prairies, wetlands, creeks and natural areas that make Long Grove such a treasure.

A local walking group known as the "Grove Trotters" regularly hits the neighborhood trails and forest preserves in Long Grove over the summer months. If you would like information on how to join an upcoming walk, or to find out more about the Village pathway system, contact trustee Angie Underwood at [angie@aunder.com](mailto:angie@aunder.com).

### **POP-UP ART SHOW**

There's a new gallery in Long Grove and it highlights the visual creations of local artists! Situated at 224 Coffin Road in the building previously known as the Tuscan Kitchen (between M. Belle's Pies and Fountain Square), this gallery shows the works of members of the newly formed Long Grove Artists Guild. The Guild is comprised of a group of fourteen local artists and membership is open to other artists in the community. Watercolor, mixed media, charcoal, oil, acrylic and metal sculpture are some of the media used in these works, which reflect a wide range of subject matter.

The Long Grove Artists Guild gallery is open for exhibition only Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Originally opened as a Pop-Up Art Show during Chocolate Fest, the gallery is now a permanent adjunct to the Long Grove Arts & Music Council. The gallery will change displays every few weeks and will be open every weekend and all three days of the Fests.

Please stop by to view the art your friends and neighbors create! Such local luminaries as Ed Acuna, Dona Blunt, Georgia Cawley, Barbara English, Astrid Hasley, Mitch and Susie Levin, Alice Morse, Roshel Rivellino, Rhonda Popko, Marie Roth, Liz Schrenk, Tony Stencil and Grace Velez are currently exhibiting their work. The show is free and open to the public. If you'd like more information about the exhibits or would like to join, please email [georgiart@comcast.net](mailto:georgiart@comcast.net).

### **SWEET OR SAVORY, IT'S ALL IN THE CRUST, MY DEAR!**

And the owners of **M. Belle's Pie Shop and Café** are so correct! This isn't your typical pie shop. Andrew Mansour, co-owner with Cliff Mulnix of Long Grove's new café in downtown Long Grove, describes the laborious process of making their signature pie crusts in small batches by hand, then filling them with fresh fruit from local sources. The result is a perfectly light and flaky-textured pie amply filled with wholesome fruit (and occasionally additional decadent ingredients such as chocolate or cream).

For Strawberry Fest, the culinary team will be serving up freshly cooked strawberries over banana cream, strawberry-margarita, and strawberry-covered chocolate cream

pies. Add that to their other signature pies—including combos such as peach and triple berry or cherry-raspberry—and you'll be challenged to purchase just one!

So, what's the café part? Before you bite into your fruit pie, you might want to avail yourself of some other healthy food groups by having lunch first. Luncheon is served from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the menu changes biweekly. Consider a savory veggie lunch pie, creative chicken salads, a stacked veggie and cheese torte, or soup and a sandwich. After 4:00 on weekdays and all day on weekends, thin-crust pizza is also available—after all, pizza is a pie!

Closed Mondays, M. Belle's (847-634-BAKE) is open from 11:00 until 8:00 six days a week. The café is located at Apple Haus Square and outdoor dining is available. For further information, visit their website at <http://mbellespies.com/>.

## **ODDS & ENDS**

### *Power is Out - Who Do I Call?*

When your power goes out, you need to call Commonwealth Edison at (800) Edison-1. It is important that each household do this - not just a couple of your neighbors. Commonwealth Edison does not automatically know when the power at your house is out. You need to tell them. Commonwealth Edison estimates the size and location of the outage area based on the volume of calls that come in to this number. While you may get a busy signal, keep trying. It is important to contact and report the outage directly to Commonwealth Edison in this manner. While the Village is concerned about outages, calling us will not solve your immediate outage problem. Report the outage directly to Commonwealth Edison by calling (800) Edison-1 or visit their website at <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/service-request>.

### *Long Grove 8th Grader Donates Artwork for a Worthy Cause*

To read the inspiring story of how local resident Mira Sethi is using her talents to benefit others, please click on the link below:  
<http://buffalogrove.patch.com/articles/long-grove-8th-grader-donates-artwork-for-a-good-cause>

### *Garden Walk*

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club is holding their annual Garden Walk on Monday, July 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Four notable area gardens will be open for the club's popular driving garden tour, followed by an elegant boxed lunch. Wander through a combination of unique perennial, annual, and native garden designs. Advanced reservations are required and the cost is \$25 (\$20 without lunch).

The tour will begin with check-in at the Reed-Turner Nature Center (3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove), where a map and directions will be distributed. This is an open, *Rain or Shine* event, welcome to all who are interested; car pooling is encouraged.

Money raised from this event will help support local student internships at the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center, as well as benefit the landscaping & maintenance of this beautiful public acreage. The remainder of funds will go to other local charities.

For required reservations and further information, please call Gerri at 847/550-6292.

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club offers many fun gardening-related activities for new or long-standing gardeners of all levels.

### *Neighbors and Newcomers of Long Grove and Kildeer*

Looking for something fun to do? Would you like to meet your neighbors? The Neighbors and Newcomers of Long Grove and Kildeer Club may be the group for you. The club's purpose is to promote friendship and to extend a friendly hand to all newcomers by introducing them to others and starting them on a new social life in the community. Membership is open to all residents of Long Grove and Kildeer. Popular activities include book clubs, bridge, gourmet groups, wine tastings, progressive dinners and holiday parties. To learn more, call 847-438-3658.

### *Park District Summer Classes*

The Long Grove Park District Recreation Department summer classes will be starting soon. Please take a moment to check our website for the variety of activities being offered for your family this summer.

Chess lessons are held at Reed-Turner Woodland with daytime and evening classes. If your child likes photography and wants to learn more about their camera, make sure they don't miss our Photo Safari class on June 19 or June 21. The batters will be up at Lemmon Hill starting June 16 for some t-ball games. For the artists in your family, there is a variety of Young Rembrandt's art classes being offered at Reed-Turner Woodland. Check us out at [www.longgroveparkdistrict.com](http://www.longgroveparkdistrict.com) or give us a call at 847-438-4743. If we are not available, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

### *A Friendly Game of Bridge*

Would you like to play a friendly game of bridge on Wednesday mornings? The Long Grove/Kildeer Benefit Bridge Club is always looking for substitutes or partnerships. Beginner to very experienced. For more information, call Bobbie O'Reilly, 847-275-5050.

### *Heritage Run*

The Rotary Club of Long Grove has announced that September 8 will be the date for this year's Heritage 5K Run and 3K Walk/Pancake Breakfast in downtown Long Grove.

This year marks the 15th occurrence of the annual event. As in the past, 100% of the net proceeds will go to area 501C3 charities.

If you represent an area 501C3 charity and want to get involved, email the Club's charity coordinator, Dave Greulich, at [dgreulich@foresitewireless.com](mailto:dgreulich@foresitewireless.com). For more information on how to walk, run or eat at the event, visit <http://www.RotaryRace.org>.

### *CVS Offers Late Evening Shopping*

Got milk? Out of cat food? Need cough medicine? Having Cheetos withdrawal? Long Grove's **CVS Pharmacy** at Sunset Grove is open until 10:00 p.m. every day, so there is no need to leave town for your late-night "necessaries." The prescription section of the pharmacy closes at 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, but is also open until 10:00 p.m. during the week.

Most of us remember the days when you couldn't buy a carton of milk or an aspirin anywhere in the village—now we can shop late-night!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JUNE/JULY



### **LONG GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2nd ANNUAL AUCTION**

**June 21**            7 pm                            Village Tavern  
For more information call Marie Borg - 847-438-7656 or  
HS President Laurie Borawski - 847-949-5264



### **STRAWBERRY FEST**

**June 22-24**        10 am - 6 pm                    Downtown Long Grove  
For more information go to [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com)



### **TOWN HALL MEETING**

**June 26**            7 pm - 8:30 pm                Royal Country Club  
3219 Route 53



### **LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL CHILDREN'S EVENT**

**June 30**            2 pm                                *Sean Masterson*  
Master Magician

Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Fountain Square)  
Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads  
[www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)



### **LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET**

**July 1**                8 am - 1 pm                    Parking Lot next to Village Tavern  
For more information go to [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com)



### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**July 4 Village Hall Closed**



**LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET**

**July 8** 8 am - 1 pm Parking Lot next to Village Tavern  
For more information go to [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com)



**LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL CONCERT**

**July 8** 4 pm - 6 pm *Occidental Gypsy*  
Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Fountain Square)  
Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads  
[www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)



**LONG GROVE-KILDEER GARDEN CLUB  
GARDEN WALK**

**See local gardens in bloom and enjoy a box lunch**

**July 9** 9:30 am starts at Reed-Turner Nature Center  
3849 Old McHenry Road

Reservations required: call Gerri at 847-550-6292

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**July 10** 7 pm Village Hall

**CPR/AED Class**

**July 12** 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 ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL  
CHILDREN'S EVENT**

**July 14** 2 pm *Tom Kastle*  
*Storytelling & Sea Shanties*

Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Fountain Square)  
Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads  
[www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)



**LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET**

**July 15** 8 am - 1 pm Parking Lot next to Village Tavern  
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**LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL CONCERT**

**July 15** 4 pm - 6 pm *Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials*  
Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Fountain Square)  
Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads  
[www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)

**Architectural Commission Meeting**

**July 16** 7 pm Village Hall

**Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals**

(July 17 meeting if needed; July 3 meeting cancelled)

**July 17** 7 pm Village Hall

### Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

(July 18 meeting if needed; July 4 meeting cancelled)

**July 16**                      7 pm                                      Village Hall



### LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

**July 22**                      8 am - 1 pm                                      Parking Lot next to Village Tavern

For more information go to [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com)



### LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL CONCERT

**July 22**                      4 pm - 6 pm                                      *Corky Siegel & The Chamber Blues*

Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Fountain Square)

Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads

[www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)

### Board of Trustees Meeting

**July 24**                      7 p.m.    Village Hall



### LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL CHILDREN'S EVENT

**July 28**                      2 pm    *Patti Ecker & L. J. Slavin*  
Songs & Singalongs

Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Fountain Square)

Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads

[www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)



### LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

**July 29**                      8 am - 1 pm                                      Parking Lot next to Village Tavern

For more information go to [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com)



### VETERANS PIG ROAST AND CONCERT

**July 29**                      11 am - 7 pm                                      Parking Lot next to Village Tavern

For more information go to [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com) or email [longgrovevt@gmail.com](mailto:longgrovevt@gmail.com)



### LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL CONCERT

**July 29**                      4 pm - 6 pm                                      *Rory Block*

Sunset Foods Gazebo (by Fountain Square)

Archer Road between Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads

[www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)



### LONG GROVE PARK DISTRICT

Check out the website at [www.longgroveparkdistrict.com](http://www.longgroveparkdistrict.com)  
for schedule of summer classes/programs.