



The BRIDGE Newsletter

September 2012

RECAP OF AUGUST 14 TOWN HALL MEETING

The Road to the Future

On August 14, the Village hosted a second Town Hall meeting. As with the first meeting in June, our goal was to discuss some of the more challenging issues facing the Village. Historical facts and policy decisions, some made at the Village's incorporation over 50 years ago, were presented. The consequences of those actions and decisions now face the Village.

Among the various topics, frank discussion about past and current deferred maintenance of our road program loomed large. When the Village incorporated, we were roughly four square miles with one mile of public roadway. Original residents were independent and self-sufficient. They favored a minimal local government, few services and *no village property tax*. The decision was made to fund the Village government primarily through building permit fees and sales tax revenue.

By 1980, due to development and annexation of properties, the Village had grown to roughly 14 square miles and owned 27 miles of public roadway. Recognizing the growing cost of maintaining the public roads, the Village decided that all new developments would be primarily served by private roads. The Village now comprises roughly 18 sq. miles of land area with 31 miles of public roadway.

The Village acknowledged the need to limit additional public roadways but did not identify a revenue source for long term maintenance of the existing 31 miles of public roads. For several years, road maintenance was minimal because the roads were fairly new, but with each passing year more of those roads now need extensive repair. Best engineering practices estimate the useful life of asphalt pavement at 10 years, which means that the Village should be repaving 3.1 miles of roads each year. Due to limited funds, the Village has historically been limited to paving less than this amount annually. With escalating oil prices, construction materials and labor costs, and limited revenue sources, the miles of road repaved each year is expected to continue to decrease.

If we do not find a way to repair these roads, we will be forced to replace them; replacing roads is a much more expensive and, frankly, avoidable alternative. It should be noted that most of these public roads are thoroughfares or in commercial areas; and not exclusively limited to residential areas.

As a community, we need to identify a short term plan to repair our roads followed by a long term, *sustainable* road maintenance plan. As a community, we also must identify a way to fund road repairs and maintenance.

I speak confidently on behalf of the Village Board and our staff when I say how encouraged we are by the attendance at both Town Hall meetings. In the coming months, during our regularly scheduled Village Board meetings, we will be discussing the road issue as well as other pressing matters that face our town. The Village Board is scheduled to continue the discussions from the Town Hall meeting during our upcoming October 9, 2012 Board meeting and subsequent Board meetings. As a resident, you are urged to be part of the discussion. Our Village Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.; our agenda is published prior to the meeting and is posted on the Village website. All residents are strongly encouraged to keep an eye on the agenda and attend meetings for the issues that concern you.

We are all in this together and together we can make decisions that will enhance the future of Long Grove. Those answers will be found in the collective thought and respectful debate of everyone around the table. You are cordially invited to express your thoughts and be at the table.

LONG GROVE DIRECTORY OF BOARD, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Here is a complete listing of the Village president, trustees, commissioners, and committee members.

Village Officials

(updated September 2012)

Board of Trustees

meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

meets on the 1st Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Village Hall

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Architectural Commission

meets on the 3rd Monday at 7 p.m.
Village Hall

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Conservancy & Scenic Corridor Committee

meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday (as needed) at 7 p.m.
Village Hall

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LONG GROVE ROAD TO BE REPAVED

The approved Village Budget includes \$450,000 of funding for road projects (\$200,000 Motor Fuel Tax and \$250,000 General Fund). The Village spends \$25,000 annually for miscellaneous road, striping, miscellaneous road repairs, signage, etc. leaving up to \$425,000 for major road reconstruction projects.

The road paving bids from J.A. Johnson Paving Company was approved during the September 11, 2012 Board meeting and work is anticipated to begin by late September. The majority of the work will involve the repaving of Long Grove Road, which will necessitate the reduction to single-lane traffic with expected traffic delays. In addition, the repaving of the Long Grove Road choker will require the complete closure of the road for a few hours with the work scheduled for the evening in order to minimize inconvenience as much as possible.

Other road work includes road patching projects throughout the Village, including: N. Krueger Road; Cuba Road; Port Clinton Road; Old Hicks Road; Lexington Road; Lincoln Road; etc. Road construction signage alerting the traveling public of this planned work will be posted prior to the work commencing and further details will be provided as the schedules are finalized.

NEW BUILDING AT SUNSET GROVE

Building B is the fourth of the six buildings approved as part of the Sunset Grove Development. This building is currently under construction near the corner of Aptakisic Road and Route 83. The building was slightly modified to allow the Chase Bank, originally planned as part of the structure, to be a free standing building.

Building B is a multiple tenant structure, contains 10,250 square feet of space, and is currently divided into six tenant spaces. Caribou Coffee and Rosin Eye Care Clinic will be anchor tenants at this building; other tenants may soon occupy the building as well.

CELEBRATE AUTUMN IN LONG GROVE

September 22 is the official start of autumn. Here in Long Grove, many activities have been planned to celebrate the splendor of this season.

The weekend of September 28-30 is the **20th Annual Apple Fest**. This year the fest promises to be bigger and better than ever with more entertainment and music - folk, bluegrass, country, rock and jazz. Of course, there will be plenty of apple treats - donuts, pie, cider, lattes, martinis, and so much more, as well as bushels full of tree-ripened apples. For children there will be kiddie rides and pony rides. Admission is \$5 for adults, children under 12 are free. For more information visit www.visitlonggrove.com.

On Saturday, September 29 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Long Grove Park District will hold their **4th Annual Scarecrow Event** at the Reed Turner Woodland (3849 Old McHenry Road). Bring an outfit to dress your scarecrow; the Park District will supply the skeleton, stuffing and head. After building your scarecrow, stay for songs around the campfire (weather permitting). This is a fabulous family program that you won't

want to miss! *Registration is required.* Cost is \$15 per family. For more information contact the Long Grove Park District at 847-438-4743 or visit their website at www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

The festivities for Long Grove's **Oktoberfest** begin with an old fashioned parade through downtown on Saturday, October 13 at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade. Live entertainment, German bands, folk dancing, hayrides, carriage rides, pumpkin decorating and a "haunted walk," as well as brats, traditional German food and beer are all part of this fun-filled weekend (October 13 and 14). Admission and parking are free. For more information visit www.visitlonggrove.com.

Enjoy the leaves vibrant colors and take a **hayride** through town on September 22 and 23, October 6 and 7, and October 13 and 14 from noon to five starting at the Village Tavern. For more information call the Visitors Information Center at 847-634-0888 or go to www.visitlonggrove.com.

Partake in the season's bounty at the **Long Grove Farmers Market** on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 14.

SIGN UP FOR A CLASS

With the children back in school, you may find yourself with a little extra time in your day. Why not treat yourself to a class - learn something new? Long Grove offers a variety of classes that may spark your interest and fit your schedule including cooking, drama, singing, art, exercise, and more. Here are some suggestions:

Sunset Foods offers a selection of cooking classes:

September 28 - Vegetables 101

October 6 - Beautiful Brunch

October 24 - Small Bites

For more information go to www.sunsetfoods.com/news/cooking-classes-events.com

The first Wednesday of every month, the **Long Grove Cafe** invites a chef to prepare a 5-course meal as patrons watch and then sample each dish. A specially selected wine is served with each course. For more information contact the Long Grove Cafe at 847-955-9600 or visit their website at www.longgrovecafe.com.

Long Grove Performing Arts Academy offers performing arts classes, dance classes and voice lessons throughout the year for all skill levels and all ages. Visit www.lgartsacademy.com for a list of classes, dates, and times.

Rivellino School of Art and Gallery offers an array of art classes throughout the year for children and adults. For a list of classes, dates, and times, visit www.rivellinoschool.com.

Long Grove Park District - Want to drop a few pounds, try the new Zumba Gold class; keep the little ones busy with sports, dancing, art, or chess classes; Kindermusik Family is offered for newborns thru age 5; seniors can stretch and improve balance by signing up for Tai Chi. To view a complete list of the fall

programs and for registration information visit www.longgroveparkdistrict.com, e-mail lgpdrecreation@aol.com or call 847-438-4743.

The **Village Tavern** will be hosting **Vino Van Gogh** - paint a picture while sipping on a glass of wine. An experienced, professional artist will guide you through the painting process. For more information contact the Village Tavern at 847-634-3117.

AROUND TOWN

A warm welcome to Chef Tiffany Schuler, the new owner of **Sweet Whimsy**. Her delectable bakery goods can be found at 251 Robert Parker Coffin Road. For more information, visit Sweet Whimsy's website at www.swpastry.com or call 847-821-2012.

Congratulations to **The Olive Tap** (owner Rick Petrocelly) as it celebrates its six year anniversary in Long Grove. Visit The Olive Tap at 240 Robert Parker Coffin Road to sample a wide variety of olive oils and balsamic vinegars; discover a vast assortment of olives, dips, sauces and more. For more information call 888-642-5472 or visit their website: www.theolivetap.com.

ODDS AND ENDS

Long Grove/Kildeer Benefit Bridge is looking for players as full members or substitutes. This bridge group varies from beginners to masters and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in members' homes. Good times and good bridge! For more information contact Bobbie O'Reilly at 847-566-1117.

Calendar of Events - October



APPLE FEST

September 28-30 10 am - 5 pm Downtown Long Grove
www.visitlonggrove.com



SCARECROW FAMILY EVENT

September 29 3 pm - 5 pm Reed-Turner Woodland
Registration Required - Fee: \$15/family
www.longgroveparkdistrict.com



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

September 30 8 am - 1 pm Parking Lot next to Village Tavern
www.visitlonggrove.com

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

October 2 7 pm Village Hall

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

October 3 7 pm Village Hall

CPR/AED Class

October 4 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*



HAYRIDES

October 6 & 7 Noon - 5 pm Village Tavern
www.visitlonggrove.com



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

October 7 8 am - 1 pm Parking Lot next to Village Tavern
www.visitlonggrove.com

Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

October 8 9:30 am Reed-Turner Woodland

Long Grove Park District

October 8 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland
www.longgroveparkdistrict.com



VINO VAN GOGH

October 8 7 pm Village Tavern
Registration Fee www.visitlonggrove.com

Board of Trustees

October 9 7 pm Village Hall



OKTOBERFEST

October 13 & 14 10 am - 6 pm

Downtown Long Grove
www.visitlonggrove.com



HAYRIDES

October 13 & 14 Noon - 5 pm

Village Tavern
www.visitlonggrove.com



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

October 14 8 am - 1 pm

Parking Lot next to Village Tavern
www.visitlonggrove.com

Architectural Commission

October 15 7 pm

Village Hall

Long Grove Historical Society

October 17 10 am

Old Farmhouse
www.longgrovehistory.org

Board of Trustees

October 23 7 pm

Village Hall

October 31

