

DEFINING OUR MISSION AND VISION

Angie Underwood, *Village President*

On July 9th, members of the Board of Trustees and Village Staff met for a five hour strategic planning workshop. This was a great opportunity to get to know one another better, brainstorm, and identify some short-term and long-term strategic goals for the Village.

When discussing our mission, the prominent theme was the preservation and enhancement of our quality of life in Long Grove. Appreciation for the natural beauty of our open spaces, ponds, prairies, and woodlands, and the serenity that it brings to our lives, is a value shared by each one of the Trustees. We are mindful of the need to protect the native areas that have been preserved over time, to maintain them so that they can be enjoyed by residents of today by way of pathways, and to take steps to allow these green spaces to flourish in future years. The ability to maintain and create the infrastructure needed for the health and security of our residents was identified as a key element of our mission. The Village Board also recognized the need to follow the Comprehensive Plan, which has been vetted and accepted through the years, and provides a good solid framework for decision-making. And while change is inevitable, we hope to track and facilitate changes while preserving Long Grove's unique features. Without being mired in the past, we want to manage change with the future in mind.

When trying to imagine the future of Long Grove, the Trustees looked twenty years down the road to identify a vision of how our Village may look. The entire Board would like to see a strong and vibrant downtown, with successful restaurants and shops. An artistic venue in the downtown area would be desirable, as is a wish to retain our historical charm. The need for a reliable and sustainable revenue source was identified. The Board would like to see infrastructure that has been well maintained and is more comprehensive, with the ability to provide some services not currently available, such as Lake Michigan water. Our vision includes high quality open spaces, which have been restored and enhanced so that we can better enjoy our "oasis" within suburbia. We strive to see a well-maintained, interconnected Village pathway system, linking neighborhood trails to the forest preserves, park district properties, historic downtown, and other destinations.

In my next President's letter, I look forward to sharing with you some of our identified goals for the short term, and some goals for the future. The results of our recent workshop will help the board to set priorities, define responsibilities, and take the necessary steps to achieve our vision. I am highly optimistic about the next four years. You have elected a motivated and hard working Board of Trustees, who all care deeply about our community and genuinely have the Village's best interest at heart. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us, and will diligently work to maintain our community and enhance our quality of life, while building a stronger future for Long Grove.

MEET OUR NEW VILLAGE CLERK, HEIDI LOCKER-SCHEER

It is an honor to serve the Village of Long Grove as Village Clerk. My husband Bruce, daughter Tiffany and I have resided in Long Grove for the past 16 years. Bruce and I are originally from the Milwaukee area, met during undergrad at the University of Wisconsin, after which I went for my MBA at Indiana University. For a time, we lived in Schaumburg, then work took us to the East Coast and back. When we returned to the Chicagoland area, we decided to make our home in Long Grove because we were already familiar with the community from its festivals and stores. Upon arrival, we joined the Newcomers Club of Long Grove/Kildeer, which provided a wonderful opportunity to meet new and existing residents in the community.



Our home in the Highland Pines subdivision has been a wonderful place to raise our daughter. We have been extremely happy with the education that Tiffany has received through District 96 and now Stevenson High School, as well as opportunities like lifeguarding at Twin Orchards Country Club.

I am employed as a full-time knowledge management analyst with Grant Thornton. I enjoy volunteering some time to Kappa Alpha Theta, most recently acting as an Advisor for our collegiate chapter at Lake Forest College.

I am enjoying this new venture working with the Long Grove Board of Trustees and look forward to learning more about the operations of our fine community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KILDEER SCHOOL?

Shortly after the last bus left Kildeer School for summer vacation in early June, construction began on significant improvements to the school parking lot and grounds. The work—in development since early in 2012—will increase student safety, improve traffic flow, and increase green space.

District 96 Facilities & Transportation Director Randall Warren and Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Jon Hitcho have worked with Kildeer Principal Jennifer Smith, engineers Gewalt-Hamilton Associates, and the District 96 Board of Education to develop a plan to improve traffic flow for parents dropping off and picking up their students and to reduce traffic congestion at arrival and dismissal times.

Drop off and pick up by parents will now take place in the parking lot in front of the school. Parking areas for visitors and staff also have expanded.

For increased student safety, bus drop-off, pick-up, and loading will occur via the Village Hall access road northwest of the school, with buses in the same location in the queue daily.

In addition, another playground will be created next spring/summer in an area behind the school. In the year ahead, Kildeer students will be able to participate in planning and designing their new playground.

School District 96 also purchased the property southeast of the school at 150 North Old McHenry Road and razed the existing house and garage on site. The District will have a garage for maintenance equipment and vehicles in their place and has re-graded and re-purposed the area north and east of the school for eight 70-by-50' playfields.

The parking lot and traffic flow improvements will be complete in time for the start of the 2013–2014 school year on August 21.

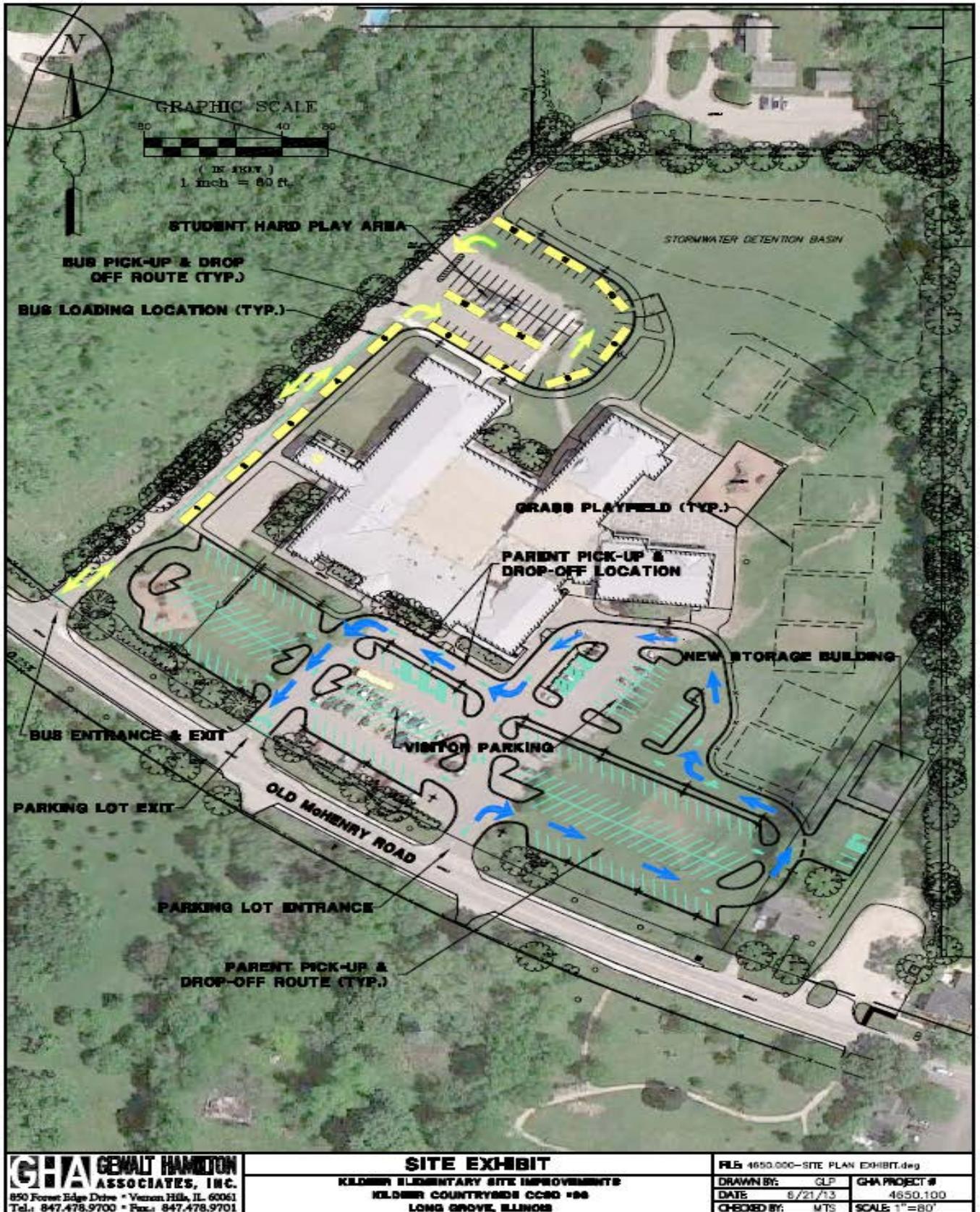


Figure 1KILDEER SCHOOL SITE PLAN

WHAT'S THAT BUILDING?



Many people have inquired about the new construction taking place on Route 83 and Robert Parker Coffin Road just south of the Sunset Grove Development. This property, commonly known as the "Executive House," received preliminary approval for redevelopment as a three lot Planned Unit Development in February of 2012.

Approximately one year ago in July of 2012, "Phase I" of the development proposal received final approval. Construction on the project began earlier this year. As part of the "Phase I" development, all roadway, sewer and water infrastructure for future phases of the development were installed. Parking for the "Executive House" was also reconfigured as part of this phase of the development.

A PNC Bank is presently being constructed and is the only building to be erected in "Phase I." The timeline for future phases of the development remain unknown at this time. But with the economy improving and the major infrastructure improvements in place, future phases (consistent with the preliminary approval) could receive final approval and move forward relatively quickly.

FIRST LADY LION AT 96 YEARS YOUNG

Former Long Grove resident Alice Terrill turned 96 years young on June 3. A party was held at the Long Grove Cafe as Alice celebrated this special occasion with family and friends, many of them fellow Lions of the Long Grove Lions Club.

Lion Alice has spent many years volunteering with the Lions Club. The club was formed back in 1984 by Alice's son, Lion James Terrill and then Long Grove President George Dickson. Lion Alice has donated her time to the Lions Club fundraising campaigns and has participated in a variety of Lions Club activities.



In 1987, Alice became the first female to be admitted into the Long Grove Lions Club. She is still very active in the Lions Club and continues to help raise funds for this very worthwhile cause. Currently, there are 30 Long Grove Lions who donate their time to raising money to aid the deaf, blind and those less fortunate. Thousands of dollars have been collected over the years and many people have benefited from the generosity of others.

The Lions Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Tavern. If you would like more information, contact Lion President John Kopecky at 847-634-2292.

Happy Birthday, Alice!

A NEW PLACE TO COOL OFF



On Route 83 near Aptakisic Road in the Sunset Grove Shopping Center, a new store has opened, Red Mango. Owned by Gerry Coghlan, this frozen yogurt store is a welcome sight during these hot days of summer!

Red Mango serves all natural, nonfat frozen yogurt in a variety of flavors along with a wide array of toppings. It is a self-serve shop where you grab a cup, fill it with your favorite flavored frozen yogurt, pile on the toppings and then head over to the cashier. Your yummy masterpiece will be weighed and you will be charged accordingly. All

that's left is to dig your spoon into your amazing creation.

Red Mango also offers smoothies, fruit and yogurt parfaits, frozen coffee chillers, and during those cold winter months, artisan hot chocolate.

On Saturday, August 3, Red Mango will hold an official grand opening with free frozen yogurt served throughout the day. Stop by the store and partake in this delicious delight!

ODDS AND ENDS

Veterans Appreciation Concert and Pig Roast

The Village Tavern is hosting its fourth annual free concert for veterans and active military families on Sunday, July 28 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The concert and pig roast are the brainchild of Village Tavern owners Mary Ann and Chip Ullrich. Chip, who served as a marine during the Viet Nam War, was touched when an officer at the VA shook Chip's hand and thanked him for serving his country. Overwhelmed by the officer's kindness, Chip and Mary Ann decided a handshake and a thank you should be shared with fellow soldiers, and that is how this special day came to be.

Head over to the Village Tavern and show your support and appreciation for all that our remarkable veterans do for our country.

The Long Grove Art Fest - Celebrating 25 Years

The Long Grove Art Fest, hosted by the Kildeer Countryside School PTO, is celebrating its 25th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and August 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Art Fest is the largest Kildeer PTO event of the year.

Roughly 100 artists will be participating in this year's festival, which will be held in the downtown Archer parking lot. There will also be food vendors and live entertainment for everyone's enjoyment.

Historical Society Happenings

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Historical Society programs:

► On Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m., the Long Grove Historical Society will hold a benefit auction at the Long Grove Village Tavern. Come bid on antiques, professional services, jewelry, and other items. All auction proceeds to benefit the Long Grove Historical Society.

If you would like to donate an item for auction, contact Marie Borg at 847-438-7656 or e-mail the Historical Society at admin@LongGroveHistory.org. You may drop off auction items at the Long Grove Hair Studio or the Village Hall. Also, on July 22, the

Historical Society will be open from 10:30 until noon for anyone who would like to drop off auction items and tour the Farmhouse.

► On Friday, October 25, the Long Grove Historical Society is hosting a Ghost Walk in the downtown. Come and meet some former residents of the Village. It will be a haunting good evening! More information to come.

Arts & Music Council

Summer Breeze Poetry Reading

The Long Grove Writers Group and Barrington Writers Workshop are hosting a poetry reading on Saturday, July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Woodland Grove Gallery in downtown Long Grove. Come by for an evening of poetry, music and treats. For more information, contact Jerry King at jerry@lgamc.org.

The Best of Beans & Leaves Concert/Long Grove Day

The Best of Beans & Leaves Concert/Long Grove Day takes place on August 25 in downtown's Fountain Square. It is the last concert of this season, featuring many of the wonderfully talented musicians who live nearby and play at the Beans & Leaves Coffee House. Free hot dogs, prepared by the Long Grove Lions Club and donated by The Village Tavern, will be served while supplies last. Prior to the concert, there will be activities for children. For more information, visit the Arts & Music Council website at www.lgamc.org.

Long Grove-Kildeer Benefit Bridge Group

The Long Grove/Kildeer Benefit Bridge group will be playing bridge starting in September. Whether you are new to the game or a veteran, you are invited to join in the fun. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month from September to June.

Join with a partner or if you need a partner, we will find one for you. You could also play as a substitute. Call Bobbie O'Reilly at 847-566-1117 for more information.

Park District

The Long Grove Park District is still accepting registrations for the last session of recreation programs for the summer. Tennis classes for the junior players start July 22 at Twin Orchards Country Club. Swim lessons start July 22 at the Lincolnshire Club. The very popular Advanced Chess Club meets Thursday evenings at Reed-Turner Woodland and a new session of this program starts on July 25. These are just a few of the classes that are starting the latter part of July.

Check the Long Grove Park District website for all class listings at www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST

CPR/AED Class

August 1 6 pm—10 pm Long Grove Fire Dept.
For information, call Katie at 847-634-3143
\$15 In-District Residents \$30 Out-of-District Residents

Farmer's Market

August 4 10 am - 2 pm Archer Parking Lot
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

LGMC Summer Concert

August 4 4 pm *The Siegel/Schwall Blues Band*
Fountain Square

Long Grove Park District

August 5 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

August 6 7 pm Village Hall

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

August 7 7 pm Village Hall

Farmer's Market

August 11 10 am - 2 pm Archer Parking Lot
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

LGMC Summer Concert

August 11 4 pm *Bonnie Koloc*
Fountain Square

Board of Trustees

August 13 **CANCELLED** Village Hall

Farmer's Market

August 18 10 am - 2 pm Archer Parking Lot
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

LGMC Summer Concert

August 18 4 pm *Maxwell Street Klezmer Band*
Fountain Square

Architectural Commission

August 19 7 pm Village Hall

Long Grove Fine Art Fest

August 24 & 25 10 am to 5 pm Downtown Long Grove - Archer Lot

Our Pets, Past and Present Art Show

Long Grove Artists Guild (LGAG) LGAG Gallery

August 24 & 25 11 am - 5 pm 224 Robert Parker Coffin Road

Farmer's Market

August 25 10 am - 2 pm Archer Parking Lot

For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

LGMC Summer Concert

August 25 4 pm

Beans & Leaves Long Grove Day
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Board of Trustees

August 27 7 pm

Village Hall