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GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW VILLAGE PRESIDENT, ANGIE UNDERWOOD

It is with great honor and excitement that I write to you for the first time as Long Grove Village President. For the benefit of those residents whom I haven't yet met, let me introduce myself. I have lived in Long Grove with my husband Aaron for the last 15 years, and we have raised our three children here in our home in Stonehaven Subdivision. We both grew up in a small farming community in Central Illinois and first discovered Long Grove during a visit to the Strawberry Festival in 1985. We immediately fell in love with the Village because of the quaint historical downtown, rural character, and natural open spaces. These are still some of the reasons why we love it here. However, charming buildings and beautiful natural environs aside, the element that makes Long Grove truly home to me now is the people. My most asked question since deciding to run for Village President is "WHY are you doing this?!!" The simplest answer is: because of the people who live here. Let me try to explain.



I have always been a "joiner;" eager to volunteer. You know, that annoying person in school who always took charge of the group projects and was useful in keeping the peace during playground disputes. When we moved to Long Grove I found a number of kindred spirits among those residents who were volunteering for so many things in the community. My neighbors were teaching history to 3rd graders at the Archer one-room schoolhouse, serving on Village Board committees, leading Scouts on tours of Reed-Turner Woodland, and organizing fundraisers at Kildeer and Country Meadows schools. Very soon I was doing these things as well. What I have found is that the Long Grove philosophy of small government encourages residents to get involved, meet one another, work together for common goals, and really build a sense of community. I have gotten to know many of my neighbors in the process, and made lasting friendships. So when the opportunity came up two years ago to serve my community on the Village Board as a Trustee, I did not hesitate. I have found the experience interesting, educational, and rewarding. I was not seeking a shift into leadership as Village President, but what I realized was that the job was seeking me.

I hope to use the experience gained from leading other community groups to guide our Village through the challenges and opportunities ahead in the next four years. I believe that I have a good understanding of the process and policies that have led us to where we are now in the Village and maintain a realistic perspective on what is needed to move us forward. I am fortunate to have a great team of Trustees to collaborate with, as well as an excellent and experienced Village staff to rely on. I encourage you, as a

resident, to get involved, volunteer, get to know your neighbors and those that help out in various ways in your community. You never know where it may lead!

MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEES

At the April 9th Consolidated Election, Lori Lyman and George Yaeger were each elected to serve a 4-year term as Village Trustee. Current Trustee John Marshall was also re-elected to serve an additional 4-year term. All three trustees, along with Village President Underwood, were sworn in at the May 14th Village Board meeting. Welcome and best wishes to all. Please read below to learn more about our two newest additions to the Village Board:

Lori Lyman and her husband Michael are the parents of two college age children. Lori



has served the Village in the past as a member of the Architectural Commission from 2002-2008. She has been a board member of the Long Grove Historical Society and most recently served as a member of the Board of Education for Stevenson High School from 2008-2012. With 25 plus years as a Landscape Architect, Lori brings experience in the design, engineering and construction industries.

George Yaeger and his wife Rose have three adult children who all attended school in District 96 and graduated from Stevenson High School. George has a background in Electrical Engineering and is a Product Engineering Manager at Sears Holdings in Hoffman Estates. He has served as a Lake County Election Judge and is the immediate Past-President of Country Club Estates Homeowners Association. George is a familiar face at Village Board meetings, as he has been a regular attendee for the last 6 years.



MEET RESIDENT ARTIST GEORGIA CAWLEY



Georgia Cawley is a Long Grove resident and an accomplished artist.

Georgia knew as a young child that she would grow up to be an artist. One of her favorite memories is sitting around the long kitchen table with her brothers and sisters in Central Illinois, drawing and coloring for hours. Animals were often the subject of her paintings. Today, her continued love of animals and the story remain a strong inspiration for her art.

As Georgia explains, "I am as intrigued with the subtle colors and texture of a turtle as I am with the turn of soil in a plowed field. I sometimes become lost in the detail of my subject, which is reflected in the realism of my artwork,"

Among Georgia's paintings is one entitled, "Hope," which was created after 9/11. This painting was inspired by the courage and dedication exemplified by the rescue workers, human and canine, who carried the spirit of hope into the adverse conditions of the collapsed tower. When Georgia sells her Giclee signed prints of this original, the proceeds are donated to the Wounded Warriors Project.



Georgia graduated with a BAF from the University of Illinois and was an art teacher for seven years. Currently she works out of her Long Grove home studio, a converted barn loft, that looks out over a woodland and prairie. Nature's beauty is not only an inspiration for her art, but has instilled a passion in Georgia to preserve and restore small pockets of natural habitat for animals and wild flowers.

Georgia is an active member of the Long Grove Artists Guild (LGAG). Several of her works can be viewed and purchased at the LGAG gallery, located at 329 Old McHenry Road on the second floor (building also houses Potpourri and Lucy and Ethel's).

A PLANT INVASION

Invasive plants are plants that are not native to the region, but have established themselves within the existing native plant community. They pose a threat to the integrity of the ecosystem as they grow rapidly, produce many seeds, and eventually dominate the landscape.



Garlic mustard is among the invasive plants found in Long Grove. It is a biennial herb that grows from 12 to 48 inches in height. Its leaves and stems emit an onion or garlic odor when crushed. First year plants consist of a cluster of 3 or 4 round, scallop edged leaves rising 2 to 4 inches in a rosette. Second-year plants produce one or two flowering stems with numerous white flowers that have four separate petals. Garlic mustard has a white slender taproot with an S-shape at the top of the root, just below the base of the stem.

Garlic mustard is found in upland and floodplain forests, savannas, in yards and along roadsides. It invades shaded areas and open woodland. It is a rapidly spreading woodland weed that is displacing native woodland wildflowers. The seeds of the garlic mustard weed are often spread by animals such as deer and squirrel that carry the seeds on their fur.

Minor infestations of garlic mustard can be eradicated by hand pulling before the onset of flowering, or by cutting the flower stalk close to the soil surface before the flowers open. During the spring and fall, herbicides or open burns can be used to destroy large infestations of garlic mustard.

ROYAL BABY SHOWER HOSTED IN LONG GROVE

On April 30th, a group of 25 ladies from the Neighbors and Newcomers Club of Long Grove & Kildeer gathered at the home of resident Susan Fasano to celebrate the upcoming new addition to the British royal family with a baby shower for charity. Inspired by expectant parents Prince William and Kate Middleton, club members donned hats and floral dresses, sipped tea and enjoyed scones, scotch eggs, and a number of royal shower games. Several hundred dollars worth of baby gifts including clothing, diapers and formula were brought to the party and donated to PHD Baby and Maternity Closet in Palatine. The club plans to email pictures to the office of the Duchess of Cambridge, so that she can share in a positive outcome of the very public attention to her pregnancy.

The Neighbors and Newcomers Club is primarily a social group with activities such as: book club, chick flicks, gourmet cooking, bridge, wine tasting, and grovetrotters walking group. However, every year the club hosts some type of community service event. In the past, the group has supported the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, the Pajama Program through the Vernon Area Public Library, Ela and Vernon Township Food Pantries, and holiday family adoptions. For more information on joining the Neighbors and Newcomers Club, please contact Club Coordinator Jenny Sen-Gupta at 847-478-0673.

ODDS AND ENDS

Long Grove Historical Society

The Long Grove Historical Society will be touring the Kenosha Historical Society Museum and the Kenosha Civil War Museum on Thursday, June 13. Those interested in going will meet at the Long Grove Farmhouse at 9:30 a.m. and will then carpool up to Kenosha. Cost of the program is a donation to the Kenosha Historical Society and a \$7 entrance fee to the Civil War Museum. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a local restaurant. For reservations or for more information e-mail Marie Borg at marieborg2012@gmail.com.

Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will hold its Annual Garden Walk on June 21 to benefit student internships at the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center. Beginning at 9:30, several notable gardens will be open for the driving tour followed by a luncheon at Royal Melbourne Country Club. In addition, local vendors, highlighting garden related merchandise and services, will be present. Door prizes will be awarded during the luncheon. Reservations are required. Deadline for participation is June 7. Please make checks payable to the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club. The cost for the tour and luncheon is \$35.00. For further information, contact Stacy at 847-858-5405 or stacyjsimpson@comcast.net.

Long Grove Strawberry Fest

The Long Grove Strawberry Fest will be held on June 21-23. For more information, please click [here](#).

*Long Grove Arts & Music Council
Summer Concerts*

For a list of this summer's concerts, visit: www.lgamc.org/schedule.html.

Long Grove Artists Guild

On Flag Day, Friday, June 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., local folk artist Marie Roth will be presenting her American flag artwork. Marie's flags tell the history of our nation as well as the stories of the old barns sourced for the barn wood she uses in her art.

This special art presentation will be held at the LGAG located upstairs from Potpourri by Fountain Square. If weather permits, the program will be outside by the fountain; bring a lawn chair.

Long Grove Park District

Summer recreation programs are now on the Long Grove Park District website at www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JUNE

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

June 3 7 pm Village Hall

Long Grove Park District

June 3 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

June 4 7 pm Village Hall

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

June 5 7 pm Village Hall

CPR/AED Class

June 6 6 pm—10 pm Long Grove Fire Dept.

Call Katie at 847-634-3143

\$15 In-District Residents

\$30 Out-of-District Residents

1st Aid Class

June 6 6 pm—10 pm Long Grove Fire Dept.

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\$30 Out-of-District Residents

Farmer's Market opens

June 9 10 am - 2 pm Archer Parking Lot

For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

Board of Trustees

June 11 7 pm Village Hall

Long Grove Historical Society

Visit Kenosha Historical Society Museum and Kenosha Civil War Museum

June 13

Cost: Historical Society - donation; Civil War Museum: \$7

Lunch at local restaurant - Dutch treat

Carpool - meet at Long Grove Farmhouse at 9:30 am

Reservations required. E-mail Marie Borg at marieborg2012@gmail.com

Farmer's Market

June 16 10 am - 2 pm Archer Parking Lot
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

Architectural Commission

June 17 7 pm Village Hall

Strawberry Fest

June 21-23 10 am - 6 pm
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

Long Grove Historical Society Farmhouse open for tours during Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23 from noon to 3 pm.

Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

Garden Walk

June 21 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Reservations required - call Stacy 847-858-5405 or e-mail stacyjslogan@gmail.com

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Board of Trustees

June 25 7 pm Village Hall

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June 30 10 am - 2 pm Archer Parking Lot
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