

LONG GROVE FINANCES

First Quarter Fiscal Year 2012/13

The Village of Long Grove's fiscal year is from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. As part of the Village Board's fiduciary responsibilities, the Village Board reviews revenues and expenditures on a monthly basis and begins the development of the Village's annual budget in January/February with public meeting(s) in March/April of each year. Despite the Village's continued efforts to minimize/limit expenses and successfully balance the budget for this year (\$57K surplus), the loss in new building permit revenues and other sources during the extended economic recession have continued to significantly strain the Village's limited revenues. This loss of income negatively affects the Village's abilities to provide essential services to our residents.

As part of this monthly review process, the Village Board monitors what is happening not only in the Village but also keeps a close eye on what is happening in our State government since roughly \$700K of the Village's \$2.6M Budget is dependent upon "shared" revenues (Income Tax and Motor Fuel Tax) that are distributed by the State back to local municipalities. In response to the State's continued discussions of balancing their budget on the backs of local governments by reducing or eliminating these shared income tax revenues, the Village Board increased the telecommunications tax rate from 1.0% to 5.75% in hopes of generating approximately \$237K of new annual revenues. This increased tax rate began with the July/August telecommunications bill(s).

These additional revenues will help to establish responsible fund reserves and better weather revenue fluctuations. The Village Board has also adopted a policy of achieving and maintaining a minimum reserve level of one year operating revenues or roughly \$2.6 M. As of the 1st Quarter in FY 2012/13 the Village's General Fund reserves have continued to increase and are nearing this goal. While this is positive trend it is important to note that two of the Village's largest General Fund annual expenditures [Road Maintenance = \$450K (\$250K General Fund plus \$200K Motor Fuel Tax) and Snow Removal = \$290K] occur in the 3rd and 4th Quarter each fiscal year. If the Village experiences another mild winter and our snow removal expenses are lower than the budgeted amounts, the Village Board may consider earmarking these "excess" funds available for use toward projects such as additional road paving/maintenance in the next construction season.

Additional information on Long Grove's finances are available through the Village Budgets and Financial Statements on the Village's website www.longgrove.net.

WEST NILE VIRUS INCREASING RAPIDLY

IN NE ILLINOIS AND THE REGION

While this summer heat and drought conditions have produced far fewer mosquitoes, these conditions are prime for West Nile Virus transmission.

"We are seeing a large increase in West Nile virus activity and...we all need to take precautions," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "The mosquitoes that typically carry West Nile virus, commonly called the house

mosquito, are not as noticeable as the swarms of floodwater mosquitoes we see during rainy summers. Even if it does not look like there are a lot of mosquitoes out, house mosquitoes are stealthy biters and their virus infection rate is increasing rapidly, so make sure to use insect repellent."

In fact, thirty-three mosquito samples have tested positive in July for West Nile Virus in Lake County to date and there are over 1,000 positive samples in the Chicago area.

While the Village continues to take steps to reduce mosquitoes in larger potential mosquito breeding grounds, the best way to help prevent West Nile disease for your family is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel and report.

- ▶ REDUCE exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
 - Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.
 - Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings.
 - Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
 - Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.
- ▶ REPEL - when outdoors between dusk and dawn apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions.
- ▶ REPORT - Contact the Lake County Health Department to report dead birds (847) 377-8300 and areas of stagnant water that may produce mosquitoes to the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at (800) 942-2555.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD SUMMER READ? Long Grove Book Clubs Offer Suggestions

We are a community of readers, as evidenced by the many residents who claim membership in a local book discussion group, both formal and informal. Members of four different Long Grove book clubs were recently interviewed, and all were happy to provide suggestions for your end-of-summer reading list.

The **Wachs Shot Book Club** started many years ago as a brainchild of Long Grove resident Connie Wachs (now deceased). This group of versatile ladies also gathers to play tennis, knit, and go on "adventures" together, in addition to reading books! Recently, after reading *Devil in the White City*, they headed to downtown Chicago for a private tour of the former sites of the Columbian Exposition. Book Club members have also been known to match the food served to the current book selection, as they did when toasting *The Widow Clicquot* with her champagne and fine hors d'oeuvres. The current book selection is *Wild*, by Cheryl Strayed, which they will be discussing at their annual "Girls' Retreat" to the North Woods one weekend this fall. Members of this book club include many long-time residents and community volunteers.

The **Tennis Book Club** is another group of readers who originally met while playing at one of our local tennis clubs. This group of mostly Long Grove residents also likes to meet at the movies, especially to see films that they have previously discussed as books. Their most recent discussion was on the book *Rules of Civility*, by Amor Towles.

The **Neighbors & Newcomers Book Discussion Groups** are open to any resident of Long Grove or Kildeer, who is also a member of the Neighbors & Newcomers Club. Two different groups meet monthly; the daytime group at noon on the first Tuesday, or the evening group at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday. Both groups read the same books, so members can choose which meeting time best fits their schedule. Discussions are held in members' homes, and titles read range from bestsellers to classics, to everything in between. This group has been going strong for over 20 years! The N & N book club does not meet over the summer, so two books will be discussed when they get together in September: *Faith*, by Jennifer Haigh, and *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. If you are interested in joining this book club, please contact Club Coordinator Angie Underwood at 847-478-5140 for more information.

The **Historical Society Book Club** was started two years ago by a group of Long Grove Historical Society members, who enjoy reading historical fiction, non-fiction, and biographies. This group meets every other month at a local restaurant, and the current selection is *The Invisible Bridge*, by Julie Orringer. For more information on joining this group, please contact President Laurie Borawski at 847-949-5264.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

In most circumstances the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene of an emergency. Would you know what to do?

The Village of Long Grove is part of the South Lake County Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which serves the communities of Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer, Lake Zurich and Long Grove. The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their home, neighborhood and/or business and provides training in basic disaster response skills. This includes fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Cert Training

CERT training promotes a partnership between emergency services and the people they serve. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays emergency support, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom to help support families, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their area until help arrives.

The next CERT training session starts Tuesday September 11, 2012. All classes are from 7:00pm until 10:00pm at Lake Zurich Fire Station No. 1, 321 S. Buesching Rd. unless specified and will run every Tuesday until November 13, 2012. You must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license to participate.

For additional information please contact Marc Small, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Village of Long Grove at 847-634-9440 or msmall@longgrove.net.

ARTISTS HONORED AT LAKE COUNTY DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Congratulations to some of our talented artists-in-residence who are being honored at the Lake County Discovery Museum this season. Dona Blunt, Georgia Cawley, Barbara English and Alice Morse are all finalists in a biannual art competition sponsored by Lake County Heritage Farm Foundation. This year's theme is *The Farm: Images from the Heartland*.

Some 225 high-quality works in various media were submitted to the foundation and 49 were selected as finalists. Winners will be announced during the artist reception on Sunday afternoon, August 26. Residents are invited to attend the free reception and view the exhibition. The Discovery Museum is located at the Lakewood Forest Preserve in Wauconda.

If you can't make it on the 26th to congratulate our gals in person, the exhibit will be on display through November 4.



From the pastoral to the problematic—here is another Long Grove artist you should know. Tony Stencil is a painter in the Air Force Art Program, a group based at the Pentagon. Read Tony's incredible story by opening the following link:

<http://buffalogrove.suntimes.com/news/13326364-418/air-force-artist-captures-many-sides-of-combat.html>

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS WHILE VOLUNTEERING FOR A GOOD CAUSE A Variety of Opportunities This Month

Are you soon to be an empty-nester? Cutting back on your hours at work? Maybe your youngest is heading off to school full-time? Whatever your reason, if you find yourself with a few extra hours this month, please consider donating them to benefit your community. Listed below are several "just show up and help" opportunities in which you can make a difference. And who knows, you might even gain a new friendly acquaintance in the process!

HELP WANTED:

Technical Advisor/Website Design

- The Long Grove Arts & Music Council is looking for some help with their website. If you have skills in this area that you can donate, or would just like to get involved with this organization, please contact Tobin Fraley at 847-722-8989.

Gardener/Landscaper

- The Environment Committee maintains three rain gardens in the downtown Long Grove area. To help with maintenance please contact Trustee Karen Schmitt at 847-438-0399.
- The Long Grove Historical Society has a pioneer herb garden located behind Village Hall, which is used to teach local schoolchildren about history. Help is needed to get the garden spruced up for fall field trips, as well as with putting it to bed for the coming winter. Experience in scarecrow creation is a plus! To volunteer contact Tina Mall at 847-438-5775.

Registrar/Pancake Chef

- The Long Grove Rotary Club is holding their annual Heritage Run event on Saturday, September 8. They could use help in the early morning with race registration volunteers, and help later in the morning with cooking and serving the pancake breakfast. If you would like to help on race day, please contact Club President Sara Knight at sara.knight@strataearth.com.

Tour Guide/Docent/Schoolteacher

- The Long Grove Historical Society is looking for volunteers to lead tours in September & October of their 1860's farm house museum, barn, and Archer one-room schoolhouse. Scripts and free training provided! To get involved, contact Society President Laurie Borawski at 847-949-5264.

Roadside/Pathway Beautification

- The pathways committee is looking for volunteers to help with ongoing maintenance of village trails. For more information on the next workday, contact Trustee Joe Barry at 847-438-3844.
- The Rotary Club of Long Grove will be having an Adopt-a-Highway roadside pickup along Rt. 53, to be done on a Saturday morning early this fall. To help out with this please contact Club President Sara Knight at sara.knight@strataearth.com.

AROUND TOWN

Village Tavern

Congratulations to the Ullrich family on their recent milestone of 50 years as owners of the Village Tavern! To learn more about their story, please click on the following link: [Village Tavern a timeless feature of Long Grove - Buffalo Grove Countryside](#)

International World's Tour

World Tour—Saturday, Sunday, Monday—Labor Day Weekend (9/1-2-3)

Already a big hit with local residents, this year's Long Grove's World Tour will not disappoint.

Strolling entertainers will be performing throughout the downtown on all three days. The talent of stage entertainers can also be enjoyed that weekend.

Restaurants will be featuring international cuisine, including German, Greek and Italian favorites. Our specialty shops--including our two new shops, WineSplash and Struts--will be ready to entice you with their latest merchandise.

This year, attendees may pick up "passports" at the welcome tent in the center of town at the start of their visit. Drawings for valuable prizes will be held at various times throughout each day.

There are no admission or parking fees for this event. It's a wonderful, hassle-free way for residents to reconnect with their downtown as they enjoy the diversity of our shops and restaurants. Visit www.visitlonggrove.com for more information.

Heritage Run

The Rotary Club of Long Grove will be holding its 15th Annual Long Grove Heritage 5K Run and 3K Walk on Saturday, September 8. Check-in and registration are from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Kildeer Countryside School (3100 Old McHenry Road). The 5K Run/3K Walk will commence at 8:30 starting in the Historic Business District and winding through the streets of Long Grove.

Trophies will be awarded and a free pancake breakfast for all registered participants will be provided from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Guests may pay onsite for the breakfast - \$6/adults, \$3/children under 5.

For more information visit www.rotaryrace.org.

Our Pets, Past & Present Art Show

The Long Grove Artists Guild invites artists of all ages to participate in their first invitational art show to be held on Saturday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 26 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Long Grove Artists Guild Gallery in downtown Long Grove. Draw, paint or sculpt your favorite pet (past or present). Finished art must be ready for display in a gallery setting; paintings and drawings framed, sculptures mounted on a base. Finished art and completed entry forms must be delivered to the Long Grove Artists Guild Gallery on Saturday, August 11 or August 18 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Entry fee donations are \$10/entry for adults and \$5/entry for children, age 12 and younger. Checks should be made out to LGAMC (Long Grove Arts & Music Council - a 501c3 umbrella organization to the Long Grove Artists Guild). A donation from the proceeds of the entry fees will be made to Skycrest Animal Clinic's "Pet Charity of Choice."

For more information, contact Georgia Cawley at georgiart@comcast.net or visit the Long Grove Artists Guild website at www.lgag.org.

Best of Beans & Leaves Concert - August 26 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fountain Square (Downtown Long Grove) featuring talented local musicians. Woofstock Pet Parade during intermission.

Woofstock Pet Parade - August 26 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fountain Square (Downtown Long Grove). Bring your pets decked out in their 1960;s costume and join in the pet parade. Donation of \$10 goes to the Long Grove Music & Arts Council. Prizes awarded. To enter, e-mail Chani at skycrestanimal@comcast.net. For more information visit www.skycrestvet.com or www.lgag.org or e-mail skycrestanimal@comcast.net or georgiart@comcast.net.

ODDS AND ENDS

Milestones

Congratulations to Village Manager David Lothspeich and Building Commissioner Margerita Romanello on their 10-year anniversaries with the Village. Congratulations to Receptionist Julie Bauer celebrating five years with the Village.

Calendar of Events - September



INTERNATIONAL WORLD'S TOUR

September 1-3 10 am - 5 pm Downtown Long Grove



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

September 2 8 am - 1 pm Parking Lot next to Village Tavern
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com



LABOR DAY

September 3 Village Hall Closed

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

September 4 7 pm Village Hall

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

September 5 7 pm Village Hall



HERITAGE 5K RUN/3K WALK

September 8 8:30 am - 11 am Downtown Long Grove



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

September 9 8 am - 1 pm Parking Lot next to Village Tavern
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

September 10 9:30 am Reed-Turner Woodland

Long Grove Park District

September 10 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

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

Board of Trustees

September 11 7 pm Village Hall

1st Aid Class

September 11 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*

CPR/AED Class

September 13 6 pm—10 pm
Call Katie at 847-634-3143
\$15 *In-District Residents*

Long Grove Fire Dept.
1165 Old McHenry Road
\$30 *Out-of-District Residents*



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

September 15 11 am - 3 pm

Long Grove Fire Dept.
1165 Old McHenry Road



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

September 16 8 am - 1 pm
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

Parking Lot next to Village Tavern

Architectural Commission

September 17 7 pm

Village Hall

Long Grove Historical Society

September 19 10 am

Reed-Turner Woodland



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

September 23 8 am - 1 pm
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

Parking Lot next to Village Tavern



APPLE FEST

September 28-30 10 am - 5 pm

Downtown Long Grove



LONG GROVE FARMERS MARKET

September 30 8 am - 1 pm
For more information go to www.visitlonggrove.com

Parking Lot next to Village Tavern