



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

*The Board of Trustees, commission and
committee members, and Village staff
wish for you
a joyous and safe holiday season.*



New: The Long Grove Business and Community Partners

On January 1, 2006, Long Grove business development, promotion and management duties, formerly divided between the Community Development Corporation, Merchants Association and the HBD Property Owners, will become the province of a new, not-for-profit corporation. The Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP) will focus on improving the economic environment and image of Long Grove as a prestigious and diverse retail destination.

Following a nationally recognized Main Street-like model, five committees will simultaneously address marketing, promotions, organization, design and economic development. Blending past leaders with new participants from across the business and residential areas of the village, the LGBCP will take a comprehensive approach to re-

talizing the commercial core of the community.

A new board of directors, combined budgets from the former groups, inclusion of volunteer members from outside the HBD and improved communications will widen the scope of what can be achieved. Working with Village officials and staff, this new approach promises to make business dealings in Long Grove much easier, benefiting the consumer, the entrepreneur, and Long Grove residents.

For more information about how to become involved with this exciting new organization, please call Executive Director John Maguire at 847-634-0888.

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Christmas tree disposal

Waste Management will accept decoration-free Christmas trees beginning Tuesday, December 27. There is no termination date for this service.

If you like the idea of your tree being chipped and recycled as mulch or trail covering, you can drop yours off at certain Lake County forest preserves anytime between December 26 and February 1. The location most convenient for Long Grove residents is Half Day Preserve. The entrance is on Milwaukee Avenue at the second traffic light north of Route 22. A sign at the entrance will tell you where to drop off your tree. This service is for residential Christmas trees only. No truckloads nor commercial vendor leftovers will be accepted.

For more information, call the Lake County Forest Preserve District at 847-367-6640.

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Monthly meeting schedules

Village Board

8:00 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Plan Commission

Zoning Board of Appeals

8:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday

Architectural Board

7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday

**Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee**

7:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Village Hall hours

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays

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Comment

by *Maria Rodriguez, President
Board of Trustees*



The holiday season is here. I urge you to spend your holiday dollars in our commercial business district. As we begin to revitalize our downtown we are constantly reminded of the need for additional funding. Remember: Because Long Grove does not impose a property tax, our day-to-day maintenance and improvements are funded primarily by sales tax revenue. A portion of every dollar you spend here comes back to our village and helps move the renovation project along.

If you can't decide on suitable gifts for the special people on your holiday list, consider giving Long Grove Gift Certificates. They are available in any denomination at the Information Center and can be used at any shop or restaurant in our downtown.

Recipients of these gift certificates can choose from a wide variety of gifts—things for the home, jewelry and accessories, baby clothes, women's clothes, artwork (modestly priced to original masterpieces), chocolates, flowers, dinner at one of our restaurants, yoga classes (yes, we have a yoga studio), yarn and knitting classes, and even gas and an oil change.

This is an exciting time to live in Long Grove. The future of our village is being decided right now. If you would like to be on one of the steering committees for the renovation of the downtown, please call John Maguire at 847-716-0902. If you don't feel you have the time to devote to the renovation process, you can still help a great deal by spending your dollars in Long Grove whenever possible.

Why the Village of Long Grove officially opposes the proposed extension of Route 53 as an expressway or tollway:

Almost since its incorporation in 1956, the Village of Long Grove has opposed this project because it would be unlikely to resolve the traffic problems suffered

daily in southern Lake County. It would, in fact, inflict enormous damage upon the local environment without providing any real

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New container could increase recycling by 30%

A new 64-gallon wheeled recycling container is optionally available to all local households from Waste Management, the Village's refuse hauler. Designed to replace the current inconvenient-to-carry bins, the new easily-pulled container accepts much more material.

A problem with the smaller-capacity two-bin system has been that when they are filled a household often stops separating recyclable materials from the

regular garbage. The new container solves that problem.

To arrange for a new container, call Customer Service at 1-800-796-9696. Waste Management will bill you an additional \$1 per month for 60 months to cover the \$60 cost of the unit.

Originally Village property, the old recyclables bins—if you elect to replace them with the new container, can be kept and used in other ways or discarded. However, if you prefer to continue using the bins, you can do that.

Annual tree/shrub ordering opportunity

The order form can be downloaded from the Village Web site or you can pick up a copy at the Village Office. As usual, thanks to the Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District, some very nice choices will be available to us again this year.

For a complete list of trees and shrubs, including the cost and a description of each, please log on to www.longgrove.net about the second week in January (by then it will have been updated) or visit the Village Office during regular business hours.

The deadline for placing your order is April 14, 2006.

Though none of the trees and shrubs can be guaranteed, explicit preparation and planting

instructions will be included when you pick up your order. NOTE: Bare root items should be planted in the ground immediately. Delay in doing so will greatly diminish their odds of survival.

On the order form, remember to indicate *where* you will pick up your order: at Geimer's Nursery on old Route 53 in Long Grove, or the Lake County Fairgrounds at Routes 45 and 120. If you will not be able to pick up your order yourself, you may designate another person—who must show written authorization to pick it up for you.

It would be a good idea to keep a copy of your order.

Order pick up will be early in May. You will be told exactly when by the Village when that information becomes available.

Correction

There was an inaccuracy in the open letter mailed in August by the Village. It concerned the current and ongoing drought and our local water supply.

The letter stated that when a well goes dry a new well must be drilled; that the old well cannot be extended. This is true only if the bottom of the well is in a sand and gravel formation, which is usually the case with wells that are less than 200 feet deep.

If a well penetrates the limestone strata, it *can* be extended. Homes built in Long Grove since 1990 generally have wells that exceed 200 feet in depth.

Most homeowners do not know what kind of environment the bottom of their well is in. A call to the well driller could produce that information. A sticker bearing the name and phone number of the well driller usually can be found on the pressure tank in your basement.

Primary Election March 7, 2006. Have you registered to vote since moving here? If not, you can register at the Village Office until 30 days prior to the next election. If you're not sure, or need more information about voter registration, please call 847-634-9440.

What is the public right of way?

It has to do with public roads and streets. If you live along a public (vs. private) road, then your property borders a public right of way.

There's a common misconception that everything up to the pavement in front of a property is part of that property. But it isn't. A public right of way is owned by the government entity (municipality, township, county, state) that maintains it, except in the case of an intergovernmental agreement with another entity better situated to provide common maintenance.

Included in the right of way, in addition to the paved road, are the road shoulders on each side, ditches or drainage ways, and whatever's beyond for a few feet. In most towns, the parkway and public sidewalk are part of the right of way. Though a two-lane paved surface may be 20 feet wide, the entire right of way may be as much as 66 feet wide. It varies, depending on the type of road.

Privately owned property begins where the right of way ends. But precisely where that is can become confused when lawns extend unobstructed to the pavement edge.

For more information about public rights of way, please contact Village Superintendent Bob Block at 847-634-9440, or blockrg@longgrove.net.

Historical Society news

You're in luck! Here are some holiday gift ideas for those on your list who already seem to have almost everything. They're available at the Information Center downtown. For details, please call 847-634-0888.

"Long Grove Lore & Legend," by village residents Barbara Turner and the late Virginia Park, in hard cover (\$25) and soft cover (\$13). A great coffee table book.

A warm and **cozy throw** (\$25) **for cold evenings** features an illustration of fifteen historical Long Grove buildings. Machine washable, it's available in Williamsburg Blue, Cranberry, and Natural.

Note cards (\$10) with a black-and-white reproduction of a painting of the covered bridge by local artist Thomas Hoyne.

For something really different...

Buy a brick (\$35) to be placed in the path around the Historical Society's authentic 19th century farmhouse headquarters downtown. Have it inscribed with names of those in your family or dedicate it to someone special. Three inscription lines within a 4x8-inch space. Please call 847-634-6115 or Lee at 847-438-9550.

New members are always welcomed, whether they want to be active or passive. For more information about the Society and its activities and programs, please call 847-634-6115. Five annual membership categories are available: Benefactor \$1,000, Patron \$500, Sustaining \$100, Family \$50 and Single \$30. Please make your check payable to the Long Grove Historical Society and mail it to L.G.H.S., c/o Roberta Bagot, 5656 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047. Include your name, address and phone number.

Where to take hazardous waste and large recyclables?

Periodic free **household electronics** and **household chemical waste** disposal opportunities are held at various Lake County locations throughout the year by the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO).

For latest information about what is accepted, and where

future collections will be held, visit www.swalco.org, or call 847-336-9340.

You can drop off **used motor oil** at the Lake Zurich Public Works Facility, 505 Telser Road (847-550-1773). Place the container in the yellow shed anytime, day or night, seven days a week.

Holiday shopping, parties and fun in our Historic Business District

Downtown Long Grove comes alive each holiday season with its own special charm and traditional activities that appeal to all ages. The finest in special gifts and one-of-a-kind items can be found for those who already have everything. And by shopping and dining in Long Grove, you keep sales tax revenues at home, working for you.

Long Grove Gift Certificates, good at most shops and restaurants and available in any denomination, can be purchased at the Information Center daily between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Village restaurants, shops and galleries provide a wonderful ambience for festive holiday celebrations.

On Thursday evening, December 1, put some fun into fundraising

From 6:00 to 7:15 p.m., at Mangel Gifts, 412 R. P. Coffin Road downtown, you can browse for holiday gift ideas while savoring tasty hors d'oeuvres and sipping wine. Then, at 7:30 p.m. at the Long Grove Café, 235 Coffin Road, enjoy an elegant three-course dinner, each with an exceptional wine pairing. The evening will conclude with a raffle drawing.

The cost is \$75 per person. Tax-deductible reservations are taken by Mangel Gifts, 847-634-

9287. Discover, Visa and Master Card accepted, or make your check payable to Journeys from PADS to HOPE. Admission tickets will be held at Mangel Gifts.

Journeys from PADS to HOPE assists adults and families who have become, or are at risk of becoming, homeless. Focusing on intervention and

prevention, the sponsoring Hope Day Center offers clients mental health support, job counseling and referrals, and help in securing a permanent residence. As the days get colder, Journeys from PADS to HOPE opens 21 shelters, each providing hot meals and a warm place to sleep.

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Santa's coming



...to the lodge at Reed-Turner Woodland on Saturday, December 3. Bring your children so they can tell him exactly what they want. They will have his full attention from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Long Grove Park District at 847-438-4743.

And please...

Bring a wrapped gift for Santa to deliver to a less fortunate child. (He *is* the real thing!)

Think your mailbox can survive winter?

If you're not sure, if the support post is a bit wobbly, now's the time to replace it. In a month or two a wall of snow thrown by a passing plow could knock over your mailbox and replacing it wouldn't be easy.

Installation guidelines

- The bottom of the mailbox should be 40 inches from the ground.

- The support post should be 12-18 inches back from the pavement edge.

- The support should be a 4x4-inch wood post or 1 1/2-inch diameter thinwall steel pipe. Molded plastic boxes that fit over a 4x4 base post also are acceptable.

Unacceptable are mailboxes not positioned in accordance with the preceding Postal Service requirements, nor those placed atop logs, railroad ties, or on or in masonry structures. If you've placed small boulders or large rocks on either side of your mailbox to discourage vandals, remove them. (Also remove any rocks you've placed along the roadside, as they could seriously damage a passing snowplow blade.)

A danger to you

A massive mailbox structure may guard against vandals, or make a personal statement, but it could also get you into a lot of trouble. Such a structure would require a construction permit and

none would be issued. It is not legal to erect an elaborate non-conforming mailbox system on the public right of way, which is where most roadside mailboxes are located. Furthermore...

If, during bad weather, a skidding vehicle were to collide with it, resulting in damage and perhaps driver/passenger injury, you could be subject to a lawsuit. Installing a mailbox properly and, if necessary, replacing it now and then, is a lot less expensive than paying a lawyer and, if you're unlucky, absorbing the cost of a judgment against you.

Garden club meetings

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club meets on the second Monday of most months at 9:30 a.m. at Reed-Turner Nature Center unless otherwise indicated. For more information, please call Jane at 847-566-5761.

Schedule

January 9, a round-table discussion of gardening tips.

February 13 Arborist Tony Seeger will talk about trees, pruning and common tree diseases.

April 10 "All About Herbs," a seminar at Hawthorn Garden Center, southwest corner of Quentin and Old McHenry Roads.

Conservancy restoration

Country Club Meadows HOA has begun a major conservancy restoration project covering 27 acres within their subdivision. Work in the conservancy wetland and prairie areas began last spring and will take four to five years to complete.

The homeowners are able to accomplish this with the support of two grants. The first grant, from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, paid for an engineering study to address flooding problems within the subdivision. The second grant, from The Conservancy Fund, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provided for wetland enhancement including wildflower seeding.

Country Club Meadows HOA has hired Integrated Lakes Management to conduct the restoration project. The project has been approved by the Village of Long Grove Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee.

The objectives of the project are to remove exotic, aggressive non-native shrubs and plants. The process includes prescribed burning, herbiciding of aggressive species, and re-seeding with native seed mix.

The proven goals of a restoration project such as this are to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and enhance natural areas, thus increasing property values. Country Club Meadows is looking forward to seeing its conservancies restored to their original beautiful state.

Contributed by Country Club Meadows HOA president Stephanie Hannon.

Good wine always in season

But especially at holiday time

A visit to the Glunz Family Winery & Cellars tasting room in the Mill Pond Shoppes complex downtown is time well spent—if you are into wine. Most of the currently popular varieties await. Among them are chardonnay and red zinfandel, and very interesting white and red blends. A specialty is fortified raspberry wine made from berries grown right here in Lake County. The Glunz line also includes Vintage and Oak-Aged Angelica, as well as seasonal wines such as Sangria,

Glögg, and May Wine.

You can purchase bottled wines at the tasting room. And if you've been casting around for very special holiday gifts, you may well find what you're looking for among the assorted wine serving and drinking accessories that are also available.

The shop is located mid-level, at the base of the stairway leading down from the front of the complex along R. P. Coffin Road. It also shares a common

847-634-9463 (WINE)
221 R. P. Coffin Road
www.gfwc.com



wall with the Long Grove Café. The Glunz Family Winery & Cellars shop and tasting room is easy to find and well worth doing so.

Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Wintertime considerations

If at least two inches of snow fall or icy pavement conditions develop, the Village's snow plowing contractor will attend to main roads first, then fan out onto secondary public streets, dead ends and cul de sacs in that order.

State highways are maintained by IDOT; county roads by the Lake County Department of Transportation, and certain other roads by townships.

As part of our ongoing effort to minimize the effect of snow plowing and ice removal (salt) on the environment, the Village's plowing contractor will use liquid magnesium chloride as an additional ice control measure and preferred alternative to the

sole use of salt. An organic material, it has been shown to be significantly less damaging than salt to the roadside environment and to plant and aquatic life when residue enters creeks and streams.

Your driveway

When clearing snow from your driveway, whether it's done by a private plowing service or you do it yourself, snow should not be pushed nor shoveled into or across the street because it could freeze and create a hazardous surface. Pushing it to the other side might create a narrowed pavement width making it dangerous for opposing traffic to pass safely.

Pile snow on both sides of the

driveway, but not high enough to block your view of traffic approaching from either direction.

Your mailbox

The front should be 6 to 8 inches back from the pavement edge so it will not be damaged by a passing plow blade. The mailbox should also be secure, because a wall of snow thrown by a passing plow could damage or knock it down, especially if the snow is wet and heavy.

NOTE: If your legal—and legally positioned—mailbox is damaged or knocked down by a Tovar Snow Professionals plow, it will be replaced by that contractor.

Winter driving

Do not tailgate a snowplow.

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Why residential fire sprinkler systems here?

In 1988, the Village of Long Grove became the first municipality in the northern Illinois area to require residential sprinkler systems in new single-family residences. Since then, twenty-nine others have followed suit and many more are in the process of requiring this life safety protection for new homes. As a result, many lives have been saved and millions of dollars in property loss have been prevented by residential sprinkler systems.

The Countryside and Long Grove Fire Departments regularly field questions from residents

about their sprinkler systems. Both now plan to share them in forthcoming issues of the *Bridge* to improve everyone's understanding of how they protect lives and possessions.

Why do I need a sprinkler system in my house? Eighty percent of the 3,800 fire deaths recorded annually in the United States occur in residential structures. Sprinklers can extinguish a typical house fire in less than one minute, before it has a chance to develop and spread.

Why are sprinklers important for life safety? Every home fire starts small. If it develops

unchecked, it will double in size every minute, reaching extreme temperature (more than 1,200 degrees) and spreading highly toxic smoke. No one can survive a fire that hot. According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, a home fire can become deadly in just three minutes or less.

How do sprinklers work? A home residential fire sprinkler system activates automatically at the earliest stage of a fire's growth, controlling flames before they can create deadly heat and smoke. Individual sprinkler heads, connected to a network of plastic, copper or steel pipe containing water under pressure, are heat-activated. When a fire's heat reaches 135 to 175 degrees F, only the sprinkler over the fire will activate and release water.

Where can I get more information? Call either the Countryside Fire Department (847-367-5511) or Long Grove Fire Department (847-634-3035), visit www.countrysidefire.com, or the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board at www.firesprinklerassoc.org.

The Bridge

Editorial policy

The target mailing date for every issue is during the third week of the second month of each calendar quarter. (However, when it will arrive in your mailbox is decided by the Lake Zurich Post Office.) So that a consistent and reasonably predictable publication schedule can be maintained, deadlines for submitting content material must be honored. Those for publication year 2006:

Issue	Editorial deadline	Mailing date
First quarter	January 13	February 20
Second quarter	April 14	May 17
Third quarter	July 14	August 23
Fourth quarter	October 6	November 10

When submitting material for publication

- It should be typed double-spaced on plain 8.5 x 11 paper.
- Articles should be kept to 500 words or less (equivalent of two double-spaced typewritten sheets), not including artwork and/or photos.
- Original artwork/photo prints or digital photos on disk should accompany.
- Name of submitting organization, name and phone number or e-mail address of contact person, and date material submitted must be included.
- Mail to or drop off at the Village Office c/o Bridge Editor, or e-mail to bemused5119@aol.com. After "Subject," state For the Long Grove Bridge.

NOTE: The *Bridge* editorial staff reserves the right to edit or rewrite submitted material, and regrets that it cannot accept all material. Rejections will be explained upon request.

Dial 9-1-1

...for any police, fire or medical emergency, regardless of how trivial you think it may seem. *Let the dispatcher decide.* That's why s/he's there.

Be careful what you burn in your fireplace

This is the time of year for indoor fireplaces. There's nothing more satisfying on a cold fall-winter evening than a crackling fire. But the success of your experience will depend on what you use for fuel. Well-seasoned hardwood is best. It burns slowly and gives off the most heat at the lowest cost. Conversely, the softer the wood the faster it burns and the more you'll have to feed the flames to keep your mood intact.

A problem with softer wood is that it creates a residue of creosote that attaches to the inner surface of the chimney flue. If it ignites—and it can do so very easily if you don't have it removed at least once a year, there can be real danger of a chimney fire which, in turn, may spread to your attic and roof.

Wood that should *never* be used for fireplace fuel includes pressure-treated lumber (the kind used for decks) and railroad ties or telephone poles. The latter

two are saturated with creosote which can produce toxic fumes when burning.

Synthetic logs are okay if you follow the printed instructions *to the letter*. The most common synthetic logs are formed with sawdust and wax. Because of the flammability of this combination, never burn more than one at a time. And if you use a poker to occasionally prod such a fire, be sure there's no burning wax remaining on the point when you withdraw it. That could start a fire where you don't want one.

When starting your fire, use crumpled paper (but never holiday wrapping paper) and kindling. When it's going pretty well, add progressively larger sticks until the fire will accept small logs—if you're using real logs. In other words, start small and build your fire slowly.

Do not attempt to start or rekindle a fire using flammable liquids of any kind—gasoline, kerosene, paint thinner, charcoal

or lighter fluid, etc.

And don't ever burn plastic, charcoal or Styrofoam because they can produce deadly amounts of carbon monoxide and other toxic gases.

Whether you have a built-in fireplace or free-standing stove, be sure there are no combustible materials close by, like newspapers and magazines, pillows, furniture and floor coverings.

When your fire is burning the way you want it to, place a protective screen in front to contain popping sparks.

In a few months, when the fireplace season is over, call a chimney sweep to clear your chimney of creosote deposits and other matter so it'll be ready for a safe 2006-2007 burning season. Do that every year.

Fireplaces are great. But they must be used sensibly. What's burned in them and how well they're maintained can make the difference between cozy indoor enjoyment and possible disaster.

Lower your heating bills this winter

■ Regardless of what kind of heating system you have, schedule a check up if you haven't done so already, then have it done annually. If you don't, you'll lose operating efficiency. Also clean ducts, if your system includes them, and regularly clean or change filters.

(Download "A Guide to Energy Efficient Cooling and Heating" at www.energystar.gov.)

■ Buy and install a programmable thermostat. Estimated cost: \$150. You can heat or cool your home at various times of the day and night. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, we can

reduce our heating/cooling bills by 10% a year by lowering the thermostat 10-15% for eight hours during each 24-hour period.

■ Plug air leaks. Apply caulk around the outside of doors and windows. You can find air leaks by lighting an incense stick and holding it at various indoor loca-

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Residential guest parking

Winter guidelines are basically the same as those governing summertime parking, except that snow could be a complicating factor. If weather conditions are favorable, you may be able to obtain a special roadside parking permit from the Village to accommodate overflow from your driveway. If they are not favorable, it would be a good idea to consult Village Superintendent Bob Block (847-634-9440) for advice.

Conditions of the special roadside parking permit include a requirement that someone be assigned to direct guests to park on one side only, and on the shoulder—not on the pavement. This is to assure that emergency vehicles would have adequate room in which to pass.

Because of traffic and other conditions, no permits are ever granted for these roads:

Checker	Oakwood
Cuba	Old Hicks
Indian Creek	Port Clinton
Long Grove	R. P. Coffin
N. Krueger	Schaeffer

If you live along one of them, try to make arrangements for overflow vehicles to use neighboring driveways if possible.

Parking ordinance strictly enforced

Vehicles found parked along public roads in residential areas throughout Long Grove are checked and ticketed.

Federal

Sen. Richard J. Durbin, 230 S. Dearborn Street, Room 3892, Chicago, IL 60604 • 312-353-4952, or 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 • 202-224-2152 • durbin.senate.gov/sitepages/contact.htm

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Because commercial vehicles are not exempt, please instruct landscape maintenance and other contractors to park on your

driveway. The ordinance applies to them as well.

For more information, please call the Village at 847-634-9440.

Across the Board

The following are among actions taken by the Board of Trustees, Plan Commission and committees since publication of the last *Bridge*. For more information and/or to obtain copies of meeting minutes, please visit the Village Web site (www.longgrove.net), call 847-634-9440, or stop in at the Village Office during regular business hours.

Board of Trustees

Ordinances

2005-O-23 grants a special-use permit for a planned unit development and approves a preliminary planned unit development plat for Canterbury Park of Long Grove.

2005-O-24 determines the prevailing wage rate in the Village of Long Grove.

2005-O-25 amends and restates Ordinance 90-O-3 approving a special-use permit for a Montessori School at the Hope Lutheran Church.

2005-O-26 adopts Article X of the Lake County Board of Health ordinance pertaining to animal/rabies control.

2005-O-27 approves an amendment to the Oak Creek planned unit development (Lot 3, 4379 Oak Creek Lane).

2005-O-28 proposes the establishment of a Village of Long Grove special service district no. 2 for Long Grove Commons.

2005-O-29 proposes the establishment of a Village of Long Grove special service area for downtown.

Resolutions

2005-R-18 approves and authorizes the execution of a Transferee Assumption agreement with Concord Homes, Inc. and Ravenna POD 3 LLC for conveyance of the Ravenna East one 14-lot parcel.

2005-R-19 approves an amended and restated Intergovernmental Agreement for increased contract police services with Lake County and the Lake County Sheriff.

2005-R-20 approves an agreement between the Village of Long Grove and Rudy DiTommaso, owner of Valentino Vineyards.

2005-R-21 approves the third amendment to the village manager's employment agreement.

2005-R-22 approves the waiver of competitive bidding, selection and contracts for various repairs to the Turner Residence.

2005-R-23 considers a Resolution updating signature cards, bank resolution and a collateral agreement for Village funds in checking accounts with Midwest Bank & Trust Company.

2005-R-24 considers a Resolution updating change of a signature/redemption authorization form for Village funds invested with the Illinois Municipal Investment Fund.

2005-R-25 approves agreements relating to a Promontory Ridge detention pond restoration project.

2005-R-26 awards 2005 Village motor fuel tax (\$230,000) and non-motor fuel tax (\$115,855.20) road paving contracts to the apparent lowest responsible bidder, Peter Baker & Son Company, in the amount of \$345,855.20.

2005-R-27 approves and authorizes the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 for impact fees.

Special events approved

Pine Cone Christmas Shop, Department 56 Swap & Sell, on October 15, 2005.

Long Grove CDC, Oktoberfest, on October 15, 2005.

Long Grove Merchants Association, waiver of carriage permit fees requested for holiday events.

Waiver of \$20 temporary business license fee, requested by Cub Scout Pack 56 for Apple Fest weekend.

Waiver of \$20 temporary business license fee for parking, requested by the Lion's Club for Apple Fest weekend.

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Where *not* to ride a snowmobile

Snowmobiling is not allowed on public rights-of-way or on public property anywhere in Long Grove. Violators are subject to citations and parents will be held responsible if their minor children are involved.

The Village is not trying to put a damper on your winter fun. The idea is to promote human

and creature safety and to guard against environmental damage and unnecessary noise pollution. You can help achieve these timeless objectives by making sure you and/or your children operate your snowmobile only where it is legal to do so.

For more information, please call the Village at 847-634-9440.

Heating bills—

tions near potential leak areas. If smoke becomes horizontal, you've found a leak.

■ Add insulation. Many homes 20 years and older have inadequate insulation in the walls and

ceiling/roof.

■ Upgrade. If your home heating appliances date to the Reagan administration or earlier, you should have them replaced with more energy-efficient models.

Board—

Temporary signs approved

Congregation Beth Judea, membership.
Long Grove Community Church, A-frame sign and banner.

The Grove Montessori, banner.

Temporary signs rejected

The Hotel Shop: Open, Sale and Record Sale signs.

Miscellaneous Board approvals

Melanoma Research Foundation fundraiser and license to conduct a raffle.

Monies not to exceed \$2,750 for a workshop by Business Districts, Inc.

Reimbursement of expenses incurred totaling \$6,518.25 for damaged drain tile under Middlesax Drive.

Plan Commission

At a special September 20 meeting, commissioners voted 7-0 to recommend approval of amend-

Oppose 53—

or lasting benefits to the economy and quality of life here.

The estimated *billion-dollar-plus* cost of constructing the proposed roadway sometime in the future could be applied now to reduce congestion in all directions on existing roads throughout Lake County. This would improve the county economy and quality of life and do considerably less damage to the environment.

For more information, please contact the Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest, 35 E. Wacker Drive, #1300, Chicago, IL 60601 (312-673-6500).

ments to the Red Oaks PUD ordinance concerning an application by The Studio of Long Grove.

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor committee approved

Selective control of cattails in stormwater retention ponds within a detention easement/conservancy district in the Indian Creek PUD.

Installation of a septic field in the Indian Creek Road scenic corridor for Lot 2 of Lake Eleanor Estates.

Addition of three trees and plantings in conservancy district at 4728 Westbury Drive.

Addition of prairie grass and wildflowers in Old Hicks Road scenic corridor at 2600 Wynncrest Drive.

Conditional approval to reduce the buffer yard to less than 20 feet in a conservancy district for new house construction at 6874 Ellis Avenue.

Conditional approval to increase the berm size and mass native plantings within a conservancy district on an Indian Creek Subdivision outlot.

In Retrospect...

by *Gwen Berg*
Long Grove Historical Society



Historical odds and ends

Chicago, as well as Long Grove, might have been located in Wisconsin had it not been for Nathaniel Pope, a territorial legislator, and his nephew, Daniel Pope Cook. They persuaded the United States Congress to amend the Congressional Enabling Act of August 16, 1818 by redrawing its northern border before Illinois joined the Union in December of that year as the twenty-first state.

Illinois was settled from the bottom up. Many original settlers had arrived from Virginia, the Carolinas and Kentucky by way of the Ohio and other rivers. Settlers in the state's northern section generally were New Englanders or European immigrants.

In 1833, a year before the arrival of this area's first Caucasian resident—Capt. Daniel Wright, in what became known as Half Day (roughly the intersection of Route 22 and Milwaukee Avenue in Lincolnshire), Cyrus McCormick's reaper began replacing the scythe and cradle method of harvesting grain.

Construction of the Long

Grove Church began the year that Joseph Glidden (of DeKalb) started marketing his barbed wire fencing. Both the new fencing and the previously popular osage orange hedgerows were termed to be “horse high, hog tight, and bull strong.”

During the Panic of 1837, when work was halted on construction of the Illinois-Michigan Canal, many of the Irish laborers on that project drifted north and formed a settlement known as “Little Ireland.” Now called Mettawa, it is located due east of Vernon Hills across the Des Plaines River. The canal, which is now a National Heritage Corridor, was built to connect the Des Plaines and Illinois Rivers. It stretches some 120 miles from the Bridgeport area of Chicago to downstate LaSalle. (The canal carried barge traffic for only about ten years before being edged into history by the arrival of railroads.)

During the summer of 1871, carpenters working on a new addition to the Bollenbach farmhouse on Hicks Road south of

Checker Road sat on the porch in the evening and watched the glow of the fire that was consuming Chicago 40 miles to the southeast.

The Zimmer family had established a ten-room hotel in Long Grove with a dining room noted for its fine food. Drivers of wagons loaded with grain headed for Chicago regularly stopped for a meal, and Chicagoans traveling to their Lake Geneva summer homes often dined and stayed overnight there.

Now that much of what is considered among the most productive farmland in the world has been paved and otherwise built upon, it is gratifying to know that northern Illinois, and Long Grove in particular, is still blessed with forest preserves and open land. We wonder if our local efforts to re-establish natural prairies will cause visitors, a few years hence, to wax eloquent about our “island of trees” and our “Oriental rug of grass and flowers spilling out before travelers.”

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Long Grove Park District news & notes

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or www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

Snowshoeing Sundays in January (except the 22nd), **1:00-3:00 p.m.**, at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center. *Reservations required.* This activity is weather-dependent. Snowshoes can be rented in advance from Shamrock Cyclery, 433 Old McHenry Road downtown. For rental information, please call 847-913-9767 or e-mail Shamrockcycle@aol.com.

Furry Winter Animal Tracking Adventure, January 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center. Family fun. Cost: \$7 per child; payable at the door. *Reservations required.* Furs of animals found in Illinois woodlands, information about their habitats and tracks. Included will be an opportunity to make a model animal track and to walk in the woods with a guide in hope of seeing real animal tracks. Bring a camera. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

“**Observing and Photographing Nature**” will be offered again this year at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center in partnership with the Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG). To register with the CBG, please call 847-835-8261 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Press 1 after the greeting.) Conducted by village resident and Master Photographer Tobin Fraley, the classes will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon on four consecutive Saturdays, February 25 through March 18. The cost is \$149 for CBG members; \$187 for non-members.

Free firewood for individual home use, cut in fireplace length, is stacked to the left near the Trail Head sign as you enter the Reed-Turner Woodland parking area. Hardwood logs must be split for burning. Not intended to be removed in large quantities for resale. If you are interested in more such wood if it becomes available, please call the Park District and leave your name and phone number.

Wintertime—

They frequently stop and back up and the driver may not be able to see you. Give snowplows plenty of space in which to maneuver.

Driving on slick wintertime

pavement is dangerous, even if it's been plowed. Take more time to get where you're going, begin slowing for stops sooner and, for heaven's sake (and your own), don't drink and drive. An intoxicated motorist is *seven times* more likely to have an accident.

Meetings & Events Calendar

(All meetings are at the Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.)

December

- 5** Park District Board, 8:00 p.m.
Reed-Turner Woodland
- 6** Plan Commission & ZBA,
8:00 p.m.
- 7** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 13** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.
- 15** Countryside Fire Protection
District, 7:30 p.m., 600 N.
Deerpath, Vernon Hills
- 19** Architectural Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 19** Long Grove Fire Protection
District, 7:00 p.m., Fire Station
- 21** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 27** (The Village Board does not
meet on the 4th Tuesday in
December.)

January

- 2** Park District Board, 8:00 p.m.
Reed-Turner Woodland
- 3** Plan Commission & ZBA,
8:00 p.m.
- 4** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 10** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.
- 16** Architectural Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 16** Long Grove Fire Protection
District, 7:00 p.m. Fire station.
- 18** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 19** Countryside Fire Protection
District, 7:30 p.m., 600 N.
Deerpath, Vernon Hills.
- 24** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

February

- 1** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 6** Park District Board, 8:00
p.m., Reed-Turner Woodland
- 7** Plan Commission & ZBA,
8:00 p.m.
- 14** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.
- 15** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 16** Countryside Fire Protection
District, 7:30 p.m., 600 N.
Deerpath, Vernon Hills.
- 20** Architectural Board,
7:00 p.m.
- 20** Long Grove Fire Protection
District, 7:00 p.m.,
Fire station.
- 28** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

For your holiday gift buying convenience...

Downtown shops are open Fridays until 8:00 p.m.

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Dial 847-634-9440. After hours, press 1 for menu options.

Village phone numbers

(All are in the 847 area code.)

Police/fire/paramedic	9-1-1
Village Hall	634-9440
Fax	634-9408
Hearing and speech (TTY) <i>non-emergency</i>	634-9650
Clarke mosquito hot line	800-942-2555
Police <i>non-emergency</i> (24 hours)	549-5200
Police administration (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)	377-4000
Fire/paramedic <i>non-emergency</i>	
Long Grove Fire Protection District	634-3143
Countryside Fire Protection District	367-5511
Long Grove Park District	438-4743
Long Grove Historical Society	634-6155

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