

*Special 50th anniversary
commemorative issue featuring
a conversation with Robert Parker Coffin*

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Fourth Quarter 2006

Route 22 widening update

Traffic congestion has been a fact of life in southern Lake County, especially west of the Des Plaines River, for a long time. Some incorrectly perceive that the Village of Long Grove is somehow blocking or impeding the widening of Route 22. There was a similar belief before Route 83 was expanded to four lanes through the length of Long Grove. In fact, in both cases, the Village of Long Grove was *not* the “heavy.” Long Grove officially favored the widening of Route 83 and Route 22 long before the plan became reality. The Village’s support of the widening of Route 22 has been contingent, however, upon IDOT considering design alterations that would minimize the impact of the road on nearby residents and the village as a whole.

East of Route 83

In the case of the section of Route 22 currently being reconstructed east of Route 83, the Village’s position was to limit the footprint of all improvements within the existing right of way,

which has been done. Long Grove also asked that the speed limit be reduced to provide affected residents safer Route 22 access and exit from their homes.

While the Village successfully limited the footprint, IDOT was unwilling to eliminate the non-mountable median nor reduce the speed limit on the new four-lane highway. Their refusal to address these critical issues is the reason for many of the very legitimate concerns of residents of the two subdivisions. Despite Village efforts, final decisions are up to IDOT.

West of Route 83

Insofar as Route 22 is concerned, Long Grove preferred that the entire road east *and west* of Route 83 would have been widened years ago. However, despite creating a plan for the widening of the entire length of Route 22, IDOT pulled the only remaining two-lane road (western portion, from Route 83 to just east of Quentin Road) off their plans since they connected

these improvements to the proposed Route 53 extension into Lake County. As a result of this decision by IDOT, this will remain the only portion of Route 22 that will be two lanes and will remain a traffic bottle-neck, negating much of the planned traffic flow improvement, until IDOT widens the road (currently planned for 2009). The Village’s support of this project is again dependent upon IDOT designing the improvements in such a way as to limit the impact on adjoining property owners and the Village as a whole (minimum footprint, mountable [painted] median, reduced speed limit, etc).

The Village has appealed to our local state senator and representatives for their help and encourages residents to do the same. *See how-to-contact information on page 13.*

Season's greetings to all!

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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

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7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday

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

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by *Maria Rodriguez, President*
Board of Trustees



As we celebrate 50 years since our incorporation as a village, it is interesting to think about how far we have come and where we are headed. In the 18 years that I have lived here, it has been my privilege to be acquainted with some of the individuals responsible for the fundamental decision that shaped what our village looks like today. These founders were part of what impressed Ray and me about Long Grove. They were people of substance. If they were wealthy, they didn't make a show of it; material wealth paled in comparison to family and a passion for the village and the direction in which it was progressing. Although some have passed on, we are blessed that several are still with us. Two are featured in this issue of the *Bridge*: Barbara Turner and Robert Parker Coffin. Like many of their contemporaries, both stand on principle and are the definition of humble strength.

Barbara puts many of us to shame with her stamina and involvement. She and I rode on her little tractor through the Reed-Turner Woodland a couple of years ago in early February. After two hours, she appeared unaffected by the cold and her enthusiasm and knowledge of all different parts of the woodland were exhilarating. She is truly remarkable.

Bob Coffin was Village president for 22 years. He is quick to emphasize, however, that it has been the commitment of residents who volunteer their time on various boards, commissions and committees that has resulted in the character of Long Grove as we know it. He will also tell you that his wife, Betty, has been by his side all the way. They are among the most interesting people I have ever met, and I am honored to be on their Christmas card list.

Barbara is always looking for work-day volunteers at the Reed-Turner Woodland. Bob and Betty will be honored guests at the December 3 anniversary event.

If you have overlooked your invitation to the December 3 anniversary party, please call the Village Hall for more information. You might also want to mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. At that time, we will officially recognize all past board and commission members at the Village Hall. More information on this will be provided as the date gets closer.

Fifty years ago, residents agreed to incorporate in order to preserve

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A golden glow

7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 2

You are cordially invited to a casual celebration of the 50th anniversary of our village's incorporation as a legal municipality. Organized by the Long Grove Homeowner's Coalition (LGHC), this free special event will be held at the fire station on Old McHenry Road downtown. The "50th Anniversary Golden Glow" will feature live entertainment, a bonfire, hayrides, hot cocoa and cider, and desserts. Gathering together, friends, families and neighbors can meet some of the people who have

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the rural character of Long Grove. In the next few years we will see development of remaining parcels and renovation of the Historic Business District. This will be an important time in the evolution of Long Grove.

To the extent that you can, I once again encourage you to become involved. Please call John Maguire, director of the Long Grove Business and Community Partners at 847-716-0902, or consider running for elected office. In the April election, three seats each will be on the ballot for the Village Board of Trustees and the Long Grove Park District Board of Commissioners.

Ours is a remarkable community with a rich history. Be part of it.

helped—and are helping—to shape Long Grove.

A luminaria lighting too

Launch a new Long Grove tradition on December 2 by illuminating your neighborhood with the warm glow of luminarias placed along your driveway and front entryway.

You can make your own, or preassembled \$6 kits may still be available from the LGHC.

For more information, please call Karen Grandt at 847-540-6175.

Dial 9-1-1

...for any police, fire or medical emergency regardless of how trivial you think it may be. *Let the dispatcher decide.* That's why s/he's there. If a situation requires the attention of public safety or medical professionals, you don't want to waste time. Dial 9-1-1 right away, always.

Do not dial 9-1-1 to find out what emergency tornado warning sirens mean. Your call would tie up lines that must be kept open for emergencies only. Callers with existing emergencies to report (suspected heart attack or stroke, fire, suspicious person/activity, etc.) might not be able to get through.

A party—and you're invited!

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Long Grove's incorporation as a legal municipality, a uniquely interesting party has been planned. Because space is limited, a prompt response is recommended. If you didn't receive an invitation, or need a new invitation or response card, please call 847-634-9440. Meanwhile, the exciting details:

Sunday, December 3

Hillcrest Country Club

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration & appetizers
Trolley ride to the Long Grove restaurant of your choice.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Enzo & Lucia's, Long Grove Café, The Village Tavern or Hillcrest Country Club

Trolley ride back to Hillcrest

8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Dessert and live music by the "Hat Guys"
Cash bar

\$75.00 per person

...includes appetizers, desserts, trolley rides, entertainment, and a \$20 credit toward your dinner purchase.

Long Grove Gift Certificates, available in any denomination, can be used in most downtown shops and restaurants. You can buy them at the Information Center. For more information, please call 847-634-0888.

Conservancy and scenic corridor easements — Part 1

New residents and others who may be unaware of conservancy and scenic corridor areas on their property and restrictions associated with each, may unwittingly encroach upon them in violation of the Village Code, which could result in fines or other action. The purpose of this and future articles is to help such residents avoid future problems.

Conservancy areas shown on plats of subdivision are identified by easements which restrict the use of property within them. Intended to remain in their natural and undisturbed state, they protect wetlands and flood-prone areas, preserve open space and, perhaps most important, protect groundwater recharge areas which replenish potable water sources.

The Village's conservancy district regulations are available at www.longggrove.net. Additional restrictions may appear on plats of subdivisions. Encroachments are generally not permitted. However, in certain circumstances, they may occur subject to an application to, and review and approval by, the Conservancy/

Scenic Corridor Committee (CSCC) and the Village Board of Trustees.

Scenic corridor easements are different than conservancy easements. Though generally less restrictive, they too require application to, and approval by, the CSCC and Village Board before any alteration can take place.

Homeowner responsibilities

Small signs, mounted on 4x4-inch treated posts, which identify easements and indicate that they are not to be disturbed, are

placed at locations designated by the Building Commissioner. Initially provided by the Village, they are maintained by the owner.

When the signs succumb to the effects of time and circumstance, replacements are available for \$7.00 each at the Village Hall.

For more information, to obtain applications, and to learn how to file a request to the CSCC, please call Village Planner James Hogue at 847-634-9440.

Historical Society news & notes

The Society's office and museum are in the restored 19th century farmhouse located on the south side of the Stempel municipal parking lot downtown. The address and phone number are 338 Old McHenry Road, and 847-634-6155. Monthly board meetings are at 11:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month from September through June, except December. You are welcome to attend.

Superior holiday gift ideas include a lovely (and washable) *throw* depicting historic buildings in downtown Long Grove; an interesting coffee table book, *Long Grove Lore & Legend*, written several years ago by two long-time village residents; and *note cards* illustrated by the village symbol, the covered bridge over Buffalo Creek. All items can be purchased at the Information Center downtown. For more information, please call Laurie Borawski at 847-949-5264.

For something really different, buy a brick (\$35) to be placed among others in the pathway on the farmhouse grounds. Have it inscribed with the names of your family members, or dedicate it to a special someone else. Three inscription lines within a 4x8-inch space. Please call the Society (847-634-6155) or Lee (847-438-9550).

Help wanted. The Society urgently seeks a volunteer curator/archivist...a person who is interested in Long Grove history, including early explorers and settlers in this area. Please call 847-634-6155.

Correction

The dog/cat ordinance article in the last issue of the *Bridge* incorrectly stated that "All dogs and cats over four years old must be inoculated...." That should have read "over four months."

Volunteers sought for local CERT team

Professional first responders—firefighters, paramedics, police—are not the only line of defense in an emergency. Local residents can play important roles too, as volunteer members of their local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). They learn about disaster preparedness and are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhoods and work places after an event, and take a more active role in preparing their community.

Who will clear local roads this winter?

That will depend on who maintains them. If you live on a private road, plowing is probably done by your homeowner association's private contractor. If you're on a state highway, IDOT will clear it.

A.R.T.'s Fleet, which the Village had relied on for several years in the past, will return as our "new" snow plowing con-

Reminder...

To arrange for a 64-gallon all-in-one recycling container, call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696. You can rent it for \$1 a month—ongoing, or buy it for \$60.

Disasters can take many forms, from violent storms to pandemics.

Lt. Marc Small of the Long Grove Fire Protection District, who heads the recently established local combined-village Team, would like to welcome some volunteers from Long Grove who would join about 20 members from Hawthorn Woods and Kildeer. Deer Park will be added next year.

For more information about the CERT program, what volunteers are expected to do, training time commitment, and how to volunteer, please contact Lt. Small at 847-634-3035 or MSmall@lgfpd.org.

tractor this year.

The plowing schedule to be followed will be virtually the same as that of public works departments in other municipalities. Because all roads can't be cleared at the same time, there is a priority schedule:

1. Major intersections are cleared first.
2. Primary collector streets are plowed enough to allow two-way traffic to pass safely. If necessary, they'll be kept clear by repeated plowing.
3. Feeder streets, cul de sacs, and dead ends are plowed last, in that order.

For more information, please call 847-634-9440.

Invest in your town

What we can do right now includes...

Shop and dine in Long Grove. Every dollar spent returns one penny to the Village treasury. Soon it will be two pennies. (This is one reason Long Grove has never imposed a municipal property tax.)

Gift certificates, available at the Visitors Information Center, are accepted throughout the Historic Business District.

Holiday parties in Long Grove's excellent restaurants enhance the spirit of the season for groups large and small.

Invest long-term by joining and participating in the Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP), in which the Village, business community and residents are working together to improve our downtown Historic Business District for the benefit of shoppers, businesses and investors.

For more information about the LGBCP, please call 847-634-0888.

Our village presidents

Guy Reed 1957-1959
Bob Coffin 1959-1981
George Dickson 1981-1991*
Burt Mall 1992-1993**
Lenore Simmons 1993-2001
Tony Dean 2001-2005
Maria Rodriguez 2005-

* Resigned for health reasons

** Acting president

Year-round trash pick up schedule

If your service day falls on or after a holiday, your pick up will be one day late that week. Regular service will resume the following week.

Observed holidays

Thanksgiving Day	Memorial Day
Christmas Day	Independence Day
New Year's Day	Labor Day

For more information, call Waste Management's Customer Service at 1-800-796-9696.

The Bridge

Editorial policy

The target mailing date for every issue is toward the middle of the second month of each calendar quarter. So that a consistent and reasonably predictable publication schedule can be maintained, deadlines for submitting content material must be honored. Those for publication year 2007:

Issue	Editorial deadline	Mailing date
First quarter	January 8	February 15
Second quarter	April 9	May 16
Third quarter	July 9	August 15
Fourth quarter	October 5	November 12

When submitting material for publication

- E-mails are preferred. If hard copy is submitted, it should be typed double-spaced on plain 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
- Send to bemused5119@aol.com. After Re: state For the Long Grove Bridge. Alternative: mail to or drop off at the Village Hall, c/o Bridge Editor.
- Material 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 of contact person, and date material submitted must be included.

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

Christmas tree disposal

Waste Management will accept clean, decoration-free Christmas trees on your regular service day through January 14.

If you like the idea of your tree being chipped and recycled as mulch or trail covering, you can drop it 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 north of Route 22. This service is for residential Christmas trees only. No truckloads or commercial vendor leftovers will be accepted.

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

Roadside boulders

If you have placed decorative rocks and/or other sturdy objects near the edge of the public roadway out front, please remove them at once. They are not on your property, but on the public right-of-way which belongs to the entity responsible for maintaining it. If such items are left too close to the pavement the blade of a rapidly passing snowplow could strike them. If that were to happen, it might have to be taken out of service for repairs, delaying the overall road plowing schedule. You might also receive a bill for the repairs.

A conversation with Robert Parker Coffin

The *Bridge* editor a few weeks ago leaped at an opportunity to enjoy a very pleasant luncheon with Bob and Betty Coffin.

As many remember and others know, Bob was one of a group of foresighted residents of the Long Grove area who, half a century ago, were behind a successful effort to incorporate the village as a legal municipality. Until then, this area was known, simply, as Long Grove, a rural commercial center whose roots go back to about 1838.

After incorporating in 1956, the new town became known formally as the Village of Long Grove. The reason for becoming a village, vs. a city, had to do with the requirements for incorporating.

To incorporate—which is what the village is celebrating this year—the Lake County Clerk had to be petitioned to place a referendum question on the ballot.

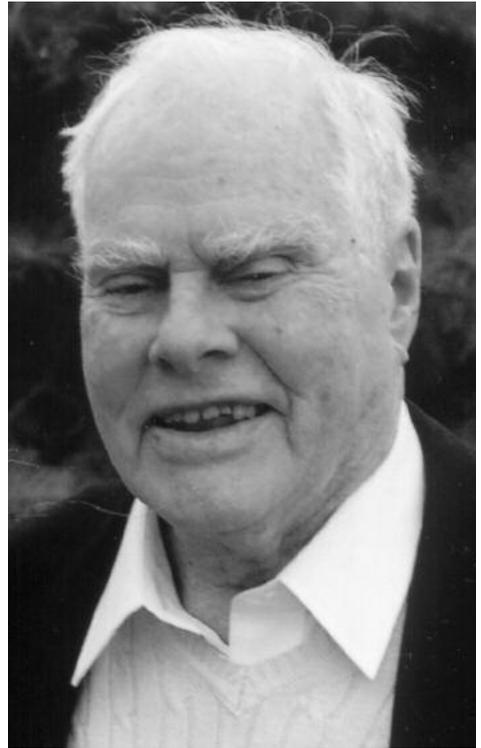
To qualify as a village (seven-member board of trustees, including the president, and a clerk all elected at large), the town had to consist of at least a four-square-mile area populated by a minimum of 400 permanent residents.

The conversation meandered among a variety of very interesting reminiscences that could fill an entire issue of the *Bridge* and then some. However, available space being what it is, we will share a selection of the questions asked and Bob's replies.

Why was Long Grove incorporated?

“To protect it from being gobbled up by surrounding communities which were in the early stage of increasingly vigorous expansion. We wanted to protect an environment and rural way of life that was fast disappearing around us. At that time, Long Grove consisted mainly of dairy farms and residential estates. There were no subdivisions.

“The little town of Prairie View, the commercial center of which was on both sides of the (now Wisconsin Central) railroad track just north of



Route 22, is an example of what would have happened to Long Grove had we not incorporated when we did. Prairie View never incorporated and is now being relentlessly absorbed by Buffalo Grove, Lincolnshire and, to a lesser degree, Vernon Hills. All that's keeping it from fading from memory is the name of the Metra station there.

“Soon after the incorporation, a fellow by the name of Brickman (no relation to the Brickman landscape maintenance firm out on Long Grove Road) announced a grand plan to create a new high-density, 80,000-population development generally located along both sides of Route 12 between Lake Zurich, Barrington and Palatine. Long Grove was instrumental in helping to block it by encouraging

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the incorporation of Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer and Deer Park. If I recall correctly, that whole adventure was fully described in an In Retrospect feature that appeared not long ago in the *Bridge*.

“Some have said that the actual incorporation became effective on December 29, 1956. But my recollection is December 31 and I’ll tell you why: I have always thought it remarkable that so many people throughout the U.S. and, indeed, the world, have seen fit to celebrate Long Grove on that evening with parties and dances and I don’t know what all. It’s really amazing.”

When did the idea first surface?

“In the mid 1950s. It was initiated by members of the Kildeer Countryside School board...I was a member at the time. We explored the possibility of incorporating by consulting several legal people who lived here and others who were recommended. All suggested that we ‘go for it.’ The legal work was performed free of charge by local resident Bert Wild.”

Can you tell us about the first Village Board of Trustees?

“The members were appointed informally to serve for the three months between the date of incorporation and an election early in April, after which an elected board would be seated. This was done because decisions had to be made and they couldn’t wait.

“Wetlands were identified by soil types, and we hired the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make soil maps. Zoning, building code and subdivision control ordinances had to be put in place.

“Zoning was arbitrarily decided. Three acres was the approximate size of many of the residential estates, and county zoning was one acre. We eventually decided on two-acre (R2) surrounding a core area of three-acre (R1) zoning.

“The April election, a contested one, resulted in all of the previously appointed officials being duly elected. The trustees had been selected in an effort

to represent every section of the new village, farmers and commuters.

“The first village president was Guy Reed, Barbara Turner’s father, who served from 1957 until his death two years later. The board subsequently chose me to serve the remainder of his term, which I did and then occupied that position for twenty-two years.

“In addition to Guy and me, the first elected Village board consisted of trustees Ed Deeke, Charlie Parsons, Gus Salmen, Ed Wachs and Joe Young. Arthur Potts was Village clerk.

“The Village had no income for two years. Everyone was a volunteer. No one is yet paid, only staff. The Village has never yet levied a tax. We have always operated on the income that comes to us because Long Grove is an incorporated municipality.

“The Village’s first full-time employee began on October 1, 1970. He was Superintendent Tony Berg, who served as the building and public works departments in addition to other duties. (See the 3rd quarter 2005 *Bridge*.) His office was in the basement of the old creamery building, which still stands across from the Mill Pond Shoppes complex.

“The first village manager was hired in the early 1970s. Cal Doughty, whom I hired, began in 1975 or 76. (The current village manager, David Lothspeich, the village’s third, was hired in 2002.)

“There was more and more paperwork generated by endless red tape, and continuing annexations beyond the original four square miles. I suppose it was sort of ironic that the village had been incorporated to guard against being annexed by neighboring communities, then we set about doing the same thing. Well, such was life as suburbia rushed to replace cornfields and pastures.”

Where were Village Board meetings held before the Village Hall?

“In the Kildeer Countryside School cafeteria. A small office off the cafeteria was made available to us by the school board for the village manager to

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And just who is Robert Parker Coffin?

We know him as a distinguished architect who designed many of the fine homes in this area and, in cooperation with others, the Village of Long Grove. He also designed what would become the village symbol—the covered bridge that carries Robert Parker Coffin Road traffic over Buffalo Creek.

He is a 1935 graduate of New Trier Township High School in Winnetka, and Yale University, Class of '39. During World War II he served in the Naval Air Corps as a submarine-hunting dirigible pilot patrolling the eastern and western shorelines of the United States.

Bob and Betty were married in 1944, moved to

Long Grove in 1946, raised four children, and are now the grandparents of 11, and three great grandchildren.

His family's presence on this side of the Atlantic Ocean dates to 1642. Quakers, the family left Nantucket Island in Massachusetts in 1763 to settle in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1818 the family moved to Richmond, Indiana and in the years ahead many family members were much involved with the "Underground Railroad." The senior Coffins came to Illinois by way of Indiana.

If he had not become an architect, "I believe I would have been a professor of history or archaeology, or a farmer, or perhaps both."

use, but Village records were stored in the homes of the elected officials. We did not yet have a Village Hall, and wouldn't until 1977 after the old Drexler Tavern had been saved and moved to where it now houses the Village offices and meeting room, which is another whole story in itself."

Has the village evolved as might have been foreseen or hoped?

"Pretty much, I think. The effort to preserve open space has been largely successful. The Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, and planned-unit developments (PUD) do that. Long Grove has approximately 3,000 acres of protected, dedicated open space, perhaps the largest amount in any municipality in Illinois."

Given that hindsight is always a perfect 20/20, what might you have done differently?

"It's difficult to be objective when one has been so close to something like this...but I think that, personally, I wouldn't have done much differently. Everything turned out pretty well..."

"I'd like to say, though, that while I appreciate this conversation and your interest on behalf of the village, I must make it clear that during the past 50 years of Long Grove history it was never a one-man

show. The incorporation was the culmination of a lot of interest and effort by a lot of people. That's been a Long Grove tradition and still is. No one stood out above the rest. No one was indispensable. The village could not, and cannot, be the work of one person."

Finally, what attracted you to the Long Grove area, and from where?

"Having grown up in Winnetka, we wanted to live in the country and Long Grove, then, was definitely 'country.' It's where Betty and I wanted to raise our family. In fact, that's the reason why many modern-day settlers came here."

Village offices held by Bob Coffin

School district secretary and then president:
1951-1957

Village trustee: 1957-1959

President: 1959-1981

Chairman, Plan Commission: 1981-1998

Plan commissioner: 1998-2002

Barbara Turner applauded

A virtually life-long resident of Long Grove, and student and guardian of our natural environment, Barbara has received an Environment Leadership Award from the Illinois Environmental Council. The presentation was made in October at the organization's Environmental Leadership Dinner in downtown Chicago.

Closer to home, Barbara was feted at a Long Grove Park District-sponsored reception at the Reed-Turner Nature Center. There, she greeted and visited with friends, neighbors, associates and many others whom she

credits with teaching her and supporting her work and enabling her to qualify for the award.

Long active in local environmental concerns, a naturalist and official steward of the Reed-Turner Woodland, it was at her behest that the 32-acre family-owned woodland (part of the long grove of trees for which Long Grove is named) was given in her parents' name, Guy and Florence Reed, to the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. It was subsequently transferred to Long Grove Park District ownership.



Barbara Turner

In brief...

■ 2006 marks the **50th anniversary** of the Village's incorporation as a legal municipality (village, as opposed to city), not its founding. As a rural commercial center, Long Grove dates to 1838.

■ **Party-time residential parking.** Please call the Village (847-634-9440) about a restricted roadside parking **permit** so your guests can be accommodated if there is no room in your driveway. (No permits are ever issued for parking along Checker, Cuba, Indian Creek, Long Grove, North Krueger, Oakwood, Old Hicks, Port Clinton, R. P. Coffin, and Schaeffer Roads.)

■ **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.

■ As **snow is cleared from your driveway**, by you or a private plowing service, it should not be pushed or shoveled into or across the road because it could freeze and create a hazardous surface.

■ Before ringing in the new year, or after, check with the Village (847-634-9440) to find out it's time to pick up your (optional, as always) 2007 vehicle sticker(s).

■ Find out if your **indoor home improvement project** will need a Village **permit**. Please call Village Superintendent Bob Block (847-634-9440) *before* beginning any work.

Reminder

Basic recyclable materials that will be accepted by Waste Management include newspapers, mixed paper, cardboard, plastics 1-7,* aluminum and steel cans. Cardboard must be broken down to a maximum size of 2x2 feet and be bundled or tied.

For other Waste Management service information or assistance, call 800-796-9696.

You can drop off no-longer-used cell phones at the Village Hall.

For dates and locations of future electronics and household chemical waste disposal opportunities, and what is accepted and what is not accepted, call the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 847-336-9340, or visit www.swalco.org.

* Recyclable plastics have an imprinted triangle surrounding a category number.

Events at a glance...

December

- 2 Luminaria lighting** (see page 3)
- 2 Golden Glow Celebration** of the Village's 50th anniversary, 7-9 p.m. Family enjoyment. Long Grove Fire station. Bonfire, hay rides, hot cocoa, cider, desserts (see page 3) 847-540-6175
- 3 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner** beginning at 5:00 p.m. (see page 3) 847-634-9440
- 3 Holiday Party** Newcomers & Longtimers Club 847-913-1038
- 5 First Aid Class, 6-10 p.m.** Long Grove Fire Department \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143
- 7 Benefit Wine Dinner** 6:00 p.m. at Mangel's Gifts 7:30 p.m. at Long Grove Café For more information and to make a reservation, call 847-634-9278

- 7 CPR/AED* Class, 6-10 p.m.** Long Grove Fire Department \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143
- 16 Special artist appearance** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trillium downtown 847-883-8867
- 19 General Meeting – Brunch and Gift Exchange** Newcomers & Longtimers Club 847-913-1038

January

- Weekends at Mill Pond Gallery** downtown. Exhibit of historical photos to commemorate 50th anniversary of Long Grove's incorporation as a legal municipality. Presented by the Long Grove Historical Society. 847-634-6155
- 11 CPR/AED* Class, 6-10 p.m.** Long Grove Fire Department 847-634-3143
- 13 Couples Gourmet** Newcomers & Longtimers Club 847-913-1038
- 16 General Meeting** Newcomers & Longtimers Club 847-913-1038

- 19 Recipe Club Luncheon** Newcomers & Longtimers Club 847-913-1038

- 26 Wine Tasting** Newcomers & Longtimers Club 847-913-1038

February

- 8 CPR/AED* Class, 6-10 p.m.** Long Grove Fire Department \$15 residents \$30 non-residents 847-634-3143

- 20 General Meeting** Newcomers & Longtimers Club 847-913-1038

March

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* Automated External Defibrillator

A complete listing of downtown holiday activities is available at www.longgroveonline.com and at the Visitors Information Center.

Long Grove Park District Recreation Programs (www.longgroveparkdistrict.com)

Take time for fun with the Long Grove Park District's exciting recreation programs! Visit our web site for full class descriptions and details, or call 847-438-4743.

YOUTH SPORTS

Mark Miller's Munchkin Sports

Lil' Me & Parent Soccer, Munchkin Soccer, Football and Lil' Tennis.

Learn The Art of Fencing

Learn this unique sport together as a family or individually. Classes are from beginner to experienced.

Tae Kwon Do

This program is designed to foster a strong self-image through confidence gathered by building coordination, agility, strength and poise.

Tennis Lessons

These great lessons are for first time players as well as the most experienced. Learn with the professionals.

Personal Training

Take advantage of this great opportunity for in-home personal training, ages 6 and up.

Martial Arts for the Whole Family

Learn to defend yourself and avoid dangerous situations/confrontations!

Horseback Riding

Learn the art of English Riding.

Little Ninjas

This class teaches important life skills in a fun, enriching manner while getting physically fit.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Kindermusik

Kindermusik is an early childhood music and movement Program for kids newborn-4 years.

Learn to Dance Ballet

Tot, Kinder-Ballet and Ballet for kids. These classes are an introduction to musical movement! Learn basic ballet movements.

Jazz/Funk & Hip Hop Dance

Jazz/Funk is a hip-hop infused jazz class where dance technique is taught in a fun atmosphere.

Kids Tap Dance

This class is a super fun introduction to tap.

Young Rembrandts Drawing

Classes for the young artists at heart. We offer pre-school classes and after-school classes for elementary grades.

Red Cross Activities

Classes offered range from Babysitting Training, First Aid For Pets and Infant/Child CPR.

Mad Science

Young Scientists love taking part in our unique and interesting science experiments after school.

Kreative Kreations

Mother-Daughter Hair Glamour
Mom, learn the skills to create professional looking hair styles.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Yoga

Look good! Feel good!
This wonderful class is taught in Vinyassa style. Classes are held at Reed-Turner Woodland.

Pilates

This class is a unique combination of Pilates and Hatha yoga. This is a whole-body conditioning system, integrating body and mind.

Sail Fitness

Sail Fitness is a cool new way to exercise and learn to sail a 30-ft. sailboat while enjoying the beauty of Chicago and Lake Michigan.

Cardio Kickboxing

This is a great cardiovascular workout based on martial arts.

Ballroom Dancing

Experience the romance of ballroom dancing. Learn various patterns in several dances.

Adult Dancing

Learn how to dance ballet, Jazz/Funk, Hip-Hop or acrobatic dancing.

Adult Tennis Lessons

These great lessons are for beginners or the most advanced players.

Custom Classes

Let us create a custom class just for you and your friends. Adult, senior, or youth classes.

“What could be better than Christmas every day?”

...replied Susan Palka, manager of the Pine Cone Christmas Shop, when a store visitor asked about customer interest during most of the rest of the year. Year ‘round, a lot of shoppers obviously agree with her.

This delightful specialty shop, a solid downtown performer for more than 30 years, is a popular source for baby, anniversary, and other special remembrance ornaments. There is also a large selection of holiday decorations, ornaments with imprinted holiday greetings in many languages, and collectibles.

If you like Santa, you must stop in and see the extensive collection, including a “Clothtique” line which contains no metal parts.

The shop is a regional source for popular collectibles such as

Bakery opens

Long awaited by connoisseurs of fine pastry, the **Pâtisserie Orleans Bakery**, in the lower level of the Mill Pond Shoppes, is now open. Pastries and other mouthwatering delights are mixed and baked in sight on site. Stop in and take home a supply, or satisfy your craving on the spot along with a cup of really good coffee. A great way to begin any day.

Hours: Monday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

847-883-9955

210 R. P. Coffin Road
(2nd building west of the Apple Haus)
847-634-0890

Department 56—especially, plus Lenox porcelain, Swarovski crystal, and Steinbach nutcrackers. (If Popes are your passion, you can buy two for the special price of one right now, if any are left.)

On staff are two full-time designers who can help customers with their holiday decorating. “If you have a tall Christmas tree or even a little one, come to us and we’ll advise you on how to decorate it—and supply all of the decorations you’ll need,” Ms. Palka explained. Wreaths are a designer specialty.

As for what kinds of ornaments are most popular, she sug-

Trillium expands

Following a robust first year and a half of operation, the Woodland Grove Gallery and Trillium stores in the Mill Pond Shoppes complex have expanded again. Featuring unique artwork and crafts by artisans from throughout the United States, and beautiful and unusual home decorative accents and gifts, the newly expanded space continues to build a loyal following of local and North Shore residents who expect the unexpected at this creative retail experience.

gested that there seems to be a shift back to more traditional styles. “People want to recapture what they grew up with.”

To visit the Pine Cone Christmas Shop is to step into a very special holiday wonderland. But to later be able to adequately describe what you had seen would be...well...rather like having visited the famed House on the Rock in Wisconsin. It’s nearly impossible. You just have to tell folks to go there and see for themselves.

Until recently, this reporter had never before, in his three decades of residence in the village, set foot in the Pine Cone Christmas Shop. One visit isn’t enough. He’ll go back, and so will you after your first visit. It’s a fascinating place. All year ‘round.

Hours: Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Smile...

The Long Grove Dental Studio is now open in Long Grove Commons at Route 22 and Old McHenry Road. General and cosmetic dentistry are practiced by Marina Mikhalets, D.D.S.

847-719-1973

You may find the perfect gift for your special someone in a Long Grove shop.

Across the Board

The following actions have been taken by the Village Board of Trustees, Plan Commission, and other official Village 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 Hall during regular business hours.

Board of Trustees

Ordinances

2006-O-17 repeals and replaces Ordinance 2005-O-21 and grants preliminary and final plan approval for the Ponds of Skycrest Subdivision.

2006-O-18 grants a special use permit to allow a man-made structure (shed) on the Reed-Turner Woodland property.

2006-O-19 amends the Long Grove Village Code regarding liquor licenses.

Resolutions

2006-R-25 authorizes the reduction of certain letters of credit for the Ravenna development.

Special events approved

Department 56 Swap & Sell, October 7

Oktoberfest, October 7

Temporary signs approved

Temple Chai, “We Stand with Israel”

Congregation Beth Judea membership

All Cleaners, Inc. grand opening

Miscellaneous actions

Service recognition proclamation in appreciation of retiring Fire Chief James D. Spiegall of the Countryside Fire Protection District.

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of

Appeals

A public hearing to consider a request for a 31-unit PUD/subdivision to be known as Sanctuary Creek.

A public hearing to consider a petition for an amendment to the Village Code, Title 5, Zoning Regulations, concerning the calculation of floor area for basements in commercial structures in business districts within the village.

A public hearing to consider a request for a special use permit to exclude from the floor area ratio calculations a basement used exclusively as storage space.

A public hearing to consider a request for a (1) text amendment(s) to the Village Code to permit the operation of restaurants as a special use in residential zoning districts, (2) a special use permit to allow a restaurant and other uses, and (3) reclassification of property from the R-2 Single-Family Residence District to the R-3 Single Family Residence District.

Ongoing year-long update and recodifying of 12-chapter Village Zoning Code to simplify, consolidate and generally make it more user-friendly for Village staff and all others who consult it. (Similar to defragging a hard drive.)

Architectural Board

Approved exterior elevations for house plans on property at 3995 RFD, also known as Lot 6 in the Orchards planned unit development.

Approved signage for Briarcrest subdivision, with conditions.

Approved lighting for Briarcrest subdivision sign, with conditions.

Approved reconsideration of color scheme for Long Grove Commons gazebos.

Approved menu board for Scott’s Café in Long Grove Commons.

Approved signage for Exotique Thai, 404-B R. P. Coffin Road.

Approved signage for Montessori School of Long Grove, 1115 R. P. Coffin Road

Approved signage for property at 437 R. P. Coffin Road for the Blue Ambiance Spa.

Approved a request for an addition to The Stable Shops, 326 Old McHenry Road, for an enclosed patio/porch.

Approved a request for signage to The Stable Shops, 326 Old McHenry Road, and exterior materials for an enclosed patio/porch.

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Long Grove Park District news & notes

For more information, please call 847-438-4743,
or consult www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

The Park District is pleased to announce that again this year **Santa Claus** has agreed to give us two hours of his busy schedule to visit the Woodland Nature Center on **Saturday, December 2**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For admittance, please bring a new unwrapped toy for a girl or boy.

Snowshoeing will be offered on **January and February Sundays** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., depending on the weather and if there's any snow. Reservations are required. For more information and to register, please call the Park District beginning in December, or visit our Web site.

The Park District has announced the **appointment of Sue Ullrich** as our new **Recreation Coordinator**. A Long Grove resident for more than 15 years, she brings professional administrative and planning skills to our recreational activities.

Free firewood is available at the Reed-Turner Woodland parking area for individual home use only. Cut in fireplace width, hardwood logs must be split for burning. It's a good idea to call first to make sure a supply is available.

New appointments to the Plan Commission...

Wendy Parr, commissioner, and **Jeff Kazmer**, secretary.

Board—

Approved a request for signage and alteration to the placement of the approved signage for Suite E, Building 6, Long Grove Commons.

Approved a request for signage for Suite D, Building 6, Long Grove Commons.

Considered the color scheme for Buildings 7 and 8, Long Grove Commons.

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee approved

...a request by Stuart Dessner & Bailey Jacobson to add plants (trees) to a scenic corridor on property known as Parcel A in the Merit Estates/Promontory Pointe subdivision, Routes 22 and 83.

...a request to allow replanting in a conservancy area in out lot A of the Prairie Trails PUD, submitted by Alan Weiss on behalf of the Prairie Trails HOA.

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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
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Countryside Fire Protection District	367-5511
Long Grove Park District	438-4743
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