

April 22-23...

Spring Clean-Up Weekend

For your convenience, garbage bags are available at the Village Hall. When filled, place them near the pavement at principal intersections. The Village's waste hauler will remove them within a day or two.

Please set aside special bags for cans and bottles and include them with your recycling material for the next regular pick-up.

Many homeowner associations organize teams to "police" their areas on a regular basis, and

also join the local "adopt a road" program. They understand that it isn't just the stretch of right-of-way in front of their individual properties that visitors see. Entire roads need regular clean-up attention on both sides.

If you're proud of where you live, please show it by taking part in Clean-Up Weekend—and by picking up litter throughout the year.

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

Developing trends

New retail center taking shape

As construction of Long Grove Commons continues at Old McHenry Road and Route 22, new tenants are signing up. As of this writing, three have joined National City Bank and Curves fitness center for women. The shopping facility is expected to be open later this year.

A restaurant, **Amarisa's**, in addition to a full lunch and dinner menu also will offer light breakfast fare. Food will be sold for sit-down dining, carry-out, and drive-through pick up.

Nails 2001 will specialize in manicures, pedicures and waxing services.

All Cleaners will provide quick turn-around dry cleaning, alterations, tailoring—and shoe repair.

Long Grove Commons, in addition to shops, will include pedestrian trails, scenic overlooks, and pavilions to enhance visitors' total experience there.

Village budget

The Village Board began discussing the Budget for Fiscal 2006-2007 during its February 14 meeting, when the draft document was formally presented and accepted for public inspection and comment. It is available at the Village Hall during regular business hours, and on the Village Web site. Your observations and comments will be welcome.

The budget is expected to be approved by the end of March.



First Quarter 2006

Sales tax referendum on March 21 ballot

The Village of Long Grove will ask voters to consider whether to approve an increase in the local sales tax of up to one percent over the current 6.5 percent. If approved, the increase could go into effect as early as July 1 with the additional revenue, earmarked for public infrastructure, forthcoming from the State by October of this year.

Because the Village's cost of operations is on the way up, while income from new-construction permits—a key longtime revenue source—is projected to decline, the Village seeks to expand its revenue base.

The Village's financial projections are available at www.longgrove.net and at the Village Hall. For more information, please call 847-634-9440.

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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

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

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

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Water, water everywhere—but less and less in northeastern Illinois

Whether it was brown lawns, wilting flowers, or shriveling veggies, anyone here with property was affected by the lack of precipitation in 2005. Decisions as to whether to top off the pool, wash the car, or flush the privy were made by all of us. This year, alas, will probably follow suit.

We in northeastern Illinois are still in *extreme drought* conditions. According to current figures from the Illinois State Water Survey and the National Drought Mitigation Center, we are at next-to-worst level for precipitation with 37% below normal amounts recorded since March of last year. Add to that low streamflow, low soil moisture, and low groundwater levels and we have ourselves a very serious drought.

A lot more will be said and a lot more information will be provided in the months ahead. At the time of this writing, Village President Rodriguez is assembling a task force to explore possible ways of mitigating our water deficit, in both the short and long term.

Some of the long-term challenges facing this group include:

- Withdrawal of water from Lake Michigan is set by decree of the U. S. Supreme Court and by agreement with other states and Canada. The allocation is almost fully used and is unlikely to be increased in the near future.

■ In northeastern Illinois, new development is occurring in areas potentially lacking adequate water sources. Future increases in demand for water in these areas will have to be met primarily through increased withdrawals from groundwater sources (shallow and deep aquifers).¹

In the meantime, what can we do to preserve our dwindling water supply? Here are a few suggestions that can be applied right now, even before the first blade of grass is expected to turn green or the first blossoms appear. Conserving now may save us later.

Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drip per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year!

Consider purchasing a low-volume toilet that uses less than half the water of older models.

Use the “light wash” feature on your dishwasher. Run it *only* when fully loaded.

Remember to adjust the water level on your clothes washer to reflect the size of your load.

Outdoor conservation ideas, including installing a rain garden, will be presented in the next issue of *The Bridge*.

¹ Adapted from “Troubled Waters—Meeting Future Water Needs in Illinois,” a joint study project of the Campaign for Sensible Growth, the Metropolitan Planning Council, and the Openlands Project.

State of the Village

*by Maria Rodriguez, President, Board of Trustees
Village of Long Grove*

In this, my first annual report, I am pleased to inform you that the Village is on a sound financial footing. However, as the last few available parcels of land are developed, Village revenues from new construction permits will drop dramatically. Our village is largely supported by sales tax revenue and building permit fees. Consequently, **to avoid the future need for a Village property tax we must find alternative revenue sources, such as increased sales tax revenue.** The Village Board recently authorized a referendum that, if approved, would raise the sales tax within our Village from 6.5% to as much as 7.5%. This small increase would be used to pay some of the costs of necessary infrastructure improvements. The referendum will be on the March 21 ballot. It is very important that you take the time to vote on March 21 and urge other residents to do the same.

This year will mark the 50th anniversary of Long Grove's incorporation as a municipality. Originally there were just 400 residents; now we number nearly 7,000. Quite a few of those who were involved in that beginning are still living and offer a historical perspective as the village continues its evolution. On a sad note, we lost one such individual this past year. Dr. Jim Young was an exceptional man. He was devoted to his family, the practice of medicine, his church, and to Long Grove. He was a Plan Commissioner for 27 years, the last five as chairman. His many contributions, aggressive defense of the environment, and vigorous leadership are an enviable legacy.

Finances

The Village continues to maintain a strong financial position. Due to higher than expected building permit requests (due primarily to the Ravenna Subdivision on the site of the old Indian Valley golf course) the Village expects to have a surplus of rev-

enues over expenditures for the current fiscal year. Though this is good news *now*, new-construction permit revenue is expected to begin a period of significant decline during the next fiscal year (May 2006-April 2007) and beyond.

The draft budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 has been posted on the Village Web site. I encourage you to participate in the process by reviewing it, attending Board meetings and offering suggestions.

Water

With drought conditions still very much with us, and development plans for the Historic Business District in mind, research is under way concerning the possibility of drilling a deep well to provide a municipal water supply. Trustee Schmitt and Trustee Borawski will keep the Board updated on developments and possibilities. We are meanwhile looking into the formation of a citizen task force to work with the Plan Commission to more thoroughly investigate our options in this regard.

Traffic

We continue to maintain a strong presence in discussions concerning alleviating the increasing traffic concerns of Lake County and Long Grove in particular.

Safety and Security

We added an 8-hour police patrol shift in October, bringing our exclusive coverage to two full 8-hour shifts (16 hours) for every day of the year. The shifts overlap during the weekday evening "rush hour." We also have an exclusive 4-hour half-shift each weekday morning. Additional patrols can be added as needed to address specific problems. The Village continues to receive 24/7 coverage from Lake County Sheriff's district cars. Another new feature of our police coverage is that Lake County Sheriff's squad cars assigned to Long Grove now display the name of the village. Trustee Susan Klein

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continues to monitor the security needs of our village and report to the Board.

We are in the process of developing a Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). What was originally Long Grove Fire Department Chief Bob Turpel's suggestion for the village has grown into a multi-community endeavor which now includes representatives from Kildeer, Hawthorne Woods and Deer Park. Village Trustee Joe Barry is working with Lieutenant Marc Small to coordinate a local CERT team.

Historic Business District

Initially, three different organizations directed the evolution of our Historic Business District: the Merchants Association, Property Owners Association, and Community Development Corporation. These are now combined into a single, more efficient, organization known as the Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP).

The current level of cooperation between the downtown property owners, merchants, members of the Village Board, and involved village residents is unprecedented. With the help of two different consultants, work has begun on the process of steering us through the renovation of our downtown and fulfillment of what is included in the Comprehensive Plan but was never acted upon.

A Special Service Area was adopted by the property owners to fund this organization. We have already seen an increase in retail sales due to increased advertising activity. I would like to thank Trustees Ted Lazakis and Stephanie Hannon for the time and effort they are devoting to this vital project.

Other Commercial Development

Now that large tracts of developable land have become rare, developers are focusing on ever smaller sites that often require inventive planning. Our Plan Commission is seeing more of that now. New commercial development is underway or soon will be. Long Grove Commons, at Old McHenry Road and Route 22, is under construction and will open later this year. Construction of the new Menards and its outlot stores at Route 53 and Lake Cook Road is expected to begin soon.

Code Revision

For many years Village ordinances have been adopted in a piecemeal, as needed, manner. As a result, there have been some inconsistencies which may have caused confusion. The Village Code has been completely reviewed by the Village attorney for legal correctness and reformatted for consistency to make it easier to use as a reference.

The Plan Commission is in the process of reviewing the updated Code during a series of special workshop meetings. When they have finished, their recommendations will be sent to the Village Board for consideration. The village's Comprehensive Plan subsequently will be updated following a similar process.

Litigation

In addition to other efforts, the Village continues to protect its land use and development regulations in the courts.

In the Vision Church litigation, the Village secured a favorable judgment in the federal district court, where the Village was found to have properly rejected Vision's development petition because it far exceeded the allowable limits of our zoning regulations. That case is now on appeal before the federal circuit court.

In the Peace Montessori School case, the Village has appealed a decision allowing a property owner to meet the Village's minimum acreage requirements by assembling parcels that are not immediately abutting. In addition, a trial is scheduled in mid-February regarding the Village's impact fee program in the Raintree Homes case. Although we are confident that our prior impact fee ordinance will be vindicated during the trial, that ordinance has since been amended to avoid a repeat of the current challenge.

Administration

Last summer, Jim Hogue joined the staff as Village Planner. For the ease and convenience of development petitioners, he is establishing guidelines and a checklist of submittal requirements. This should help most petitioners move through the application and subsequent building processes with minimal difficulty.

Following the resignation of the Village's former treasurer, the responsibilities of that position were outsourced to Accountant Greg Seidler, of Seidler & Associates, with oversight by our Village Manager, Dave Lothspeich. In the future, this will be much more cost efficient and adds the safety of objectivity. Mr. Lothspeich should be commended for tackling the extra duties required to effect the change. This was a task that required great care and attention, and Dave performed it in his typically professional manner. His efforts have well served the Village's interests.

To help our Village Office operations become more efficient, we are redirecting various day-to-day responsibilities among the staff members. To provide Administrative Assistant Sherry Shlagman with some blocks of time in which to work without interruption, we have hired a part-time receptionist.

Last April's election resulted in three new faces at Village Board meetings: Trustee Karen Schmitt, Village Clerk Karen Schultheis, and your Village president. Trustee Schmitt has been a much involved resident for more than 33 years. A clear thinker who is not shy about speaking her mind, she is devoted to the well being of the village. Clerk Schultheis also

has long been involved with Village affairs. She comes to us from the Plan Commission, before which she had served as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trails and the Park District

With renewed enthusiasm, we are actively seeking opportunities to connect our village trails to those in surrounding communities and the Lake County Forest Preserve. Discussions have been underway to develop a more productive working relationship between the Village Board and the Park District.

We are living in an exciting time for Long Grove, and once again I am encouraging you to become involved. My hope is that people will want to live in Long Grove for more reasons than its nice homes, good schools, or even open space. My hope is that people will want to live in Long Grove because it is a remarkable community. Statesman Benjamin Disraeli once observed that "The secret of success is consistency of purpose." The more people we involve with our purpose here in Long Grove, the more we will grow as a remarkable community in which to live.

Village vehicle sticker

Yes, there is such a thing. If you haven't been aware of it, that is because it's optional. You aren't required to buy and display one on each of your vehicles. But even if you were, they cost only \$2.00.

Several vehicle owners in the

village buy them as protection against overly zealous police officers in other towns who may arbitrarily issue a "no local sticker" citation for an expired-meter or other parking violation. Though the recipient could easily prove innocence in traffic

court, spending a good part of a day there to do that would be a huge waste of time.

This year's sticker is illustrated by a color photograph taken in Reed-Turner Woodland by local photographer and gallery owner Tobin Fraley. Titled "February Sunset," the original measures 10 x 15 inches.

New art school

Cassandra's of Long Grove has created the Long Grove Art School. Classes are available in oil painting, watercolor, acrylics and cartooning. Instructor

Dominick DePaolo also conducts private classes.

The school is an outgrowth of several years of art instruction for adults and young people.

Gift certificates are available. For more information and

class schedules, please call 847-634-2920, or visit www.cassandra.com or www.longgrove-artschool.com.

Cassandra's is at 130 Old McHenry Road, across from the Village Tavern.

To vote absentee

Convenience for voters who can't make it to the polls on Election Day

On March 21, voters will make their initial candidate selections on the General Primary ballot. There will also be at least two local referendum questions.

If you are a registered voter and want to vote, but cannot be at your polling place on Election Day, two absentee voting options are available:

By mail: First, obtain an Application for Absentee Ballot at your township office (Vernon: 847-634-4600 or Ela: 847-438-7823), or the Lake County Clerk's office (847-377-2406).

In person at your township office during regular business hours, beginning Monday, February 27.

\$500 reward

The Village of Long Grove is very concerned about acts of local vandalism, and damaged and stolen public property such as street and regulatory traffic signs.

Senseless acts of vandalism are costly in terms of money spent for repair and replacement—and in terms of the danger they create for all of us. When traffic regulatory signs, like stop signs, are defaced, knocked down or stolen, serious accidents can result.

To reduce the cost and dangers of vandalism here, a *reward*

For more information about these options and about special absentee voter programs available in Lake County (Disabled Voters Program, Temporarily Absent Student Program, and Snowbird Program), and voter registration, call your township.

of up to \$500 will be paid to anyone who provides accurate information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons who have damaged, stolen, or in any way vandalized Village property.

It is essential that all adults, parents—and young people—understand and appreciate the need for this information, and to provide it if possible.

For more details, or to file a report, please call the Village at 847-634-9440.

A reminder to some of us

Though trash containers are a fact of daily life, this does not suggest that they must be constantly visible. In simplified language, Village ordinance addresses this concern as follows:

■ When not waiting for pickup, trash containers must be concealed or screened from public view.

■ Containers may not be placed at roadside before 8:00 p.m. on the night before collection day. They must be removed by 8:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

The ordinance goes on to declare that said containers “shall be emptied and the contents thereof properly disposed of not less than once every seven days.”

If there is any part of this ordinance that you do not understand, or if you wish to comment on it, please call 847-634-9440.

2006 special events downtown

April 15—**Egg Hunt**, 10:30 a.m., Buffalo Creek Park

May 5-7—**Chocolate Fest**

June 23-25—**Strawberry Fest**

August 5-6—**Greek Days**

August 19-20—**Art Fest**

September 2-4—**Irish Days**

September 9—**Heritage Run & Walk**

September 29, 30 & October 1—**Apple Fest**

Early October—**OktoberFest**

November-December —**Holiday celebrations**

Concerts, Open Mic nights, wine events, car shows, art walks, and other activities are being planned to fill out a fun-filled, culturally enriching year to highlight Long Grove's unique downtown character and business mix.

For more information, please call 847-634-0888 or visit www.longgroveonline.com.

The importance of culvert maintenance

A culvert is a length of usually one-foot or greater diameter pipe located beneath where a driveway intersects with a roadway. It connects the ditches that run parallel to the roadway pavement on each side of the driveway so that water from heavy rains and snow melt can flow unimpeded. If efficient drainage ceases, flooding can occur.

Many older culverts are rusted and clogged with debris, or their ends have become flattened. When a culvert no longer performs its function, it is the property owner's responsibility to resolve the problem. If the ends aren't flat, but water isn't getting through, a blast from a garden hose fitted with a pressure nozzle might dislodge the blockage. If that doesn't do it, try pushing through with a sturdy pole. If that doesn't do it either, the culvert may have to be replaced. A permit will be needed.

A Village-issued culvert replacement permit will assure that the new unit is properly installed using appropriate materials.

For more information about culvert problems, please call Village Superintendent Bob Block at 847-634-9440.

Is your number up?

Could emergency services personnel spot your address quickly and easily? Is it readable in the dark, or anytime?

Will you need a building permit?

Major and most minor indoor and outdoor home improvements, whether contracted out or done yourself, require a Village-issued permit—*before* any work can begin.

Decks, porches, lawn sprinkler systems, driveway paving, extensions or widening; storage sheds, swimming pools, room and/or garage additions; re-roofing, and fascia and soffit installation are among the most common home improvements requiring a permit.

Many "inside jobs" also require a permit. They include, but are not limited to, wall reconstruction, electrical wiring, plumbing, installation of central

air conditioning, and construction of a new fireplace.

The best way to avoid delay, inconvenience, and even a possible fine for violating the Village's permit ordinance is to call Village Superintendent Bob Block *before* beginning any home improvement project. Permits and subsequent inspections protect you against poor design and workmanship, and help maintain a high quality standard of construction here.

The cost of a building permit can save you a lot of money and grief later.

For more information, please call the Village Superintendent's office at 847-634-9440.

Jim Young passes

In December, Long Grove lost a cherished member of the community. All who worked with him for the Village's collective benefit and others who knew him in other ways sorely miss his guidance, counsel and friendship.

Appointed to the Plan Commission in September 1975, Dr. Young was named chairman in 1997 and served in that capacity until resigning in March of 2002 for health reasons. He was also chairman of the Long Grove Ecology Subcommittee.

Best known locally for his concern for the natural environment, and trees especially, he was also a prominent neurologist and author of more than four dozen publications in his field. And for 25 years he had been a parish deacon at St. Mary's Church in Buffalo Grove.

Those who knew him during the course of his more than 40 years of residence here best recall Jim as a friendly, caring and hardworking man who lived for his family and friends, his patients, and the Village of Long Grove.

He is survived by Helen, his wife of more than half a century, four children and 11 grandchildren.

Historical Society news & notes

The Long Grove Historical Society office and museum are located in the restored 19th century farmhouse on the south side of the Stempel municipal parking lot (west of Old McHenry Road and south of R. P. Coffin Road, downtown). The address and phone number are 338 Old McHenry Road and 847-438-6155.

Antiques and Collectibles Sight Appraisal Program, our own version of the popular Antiques Road Show you've enjoyed on public television, will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Reed-Turner Nature Center. Frederick Dosé, a prominent North Shore and northwest suburban appraiser, will examine antique porcelain, silver, glass and wood articles; art work, firearms and collectibles, but no jewelry, for a \$10 fee per item.

For details about pre-registration requirements (one item only), the pre-registration form, and etc., please call Marie Borg (847-438-7656) or Roberta Bagot (847-913-5804). Coffee, tea and sweets will be available. There is no admission charge.

The Society's successful and long-running **Archer School and Ruth Barn** historical instruction program for local third graders needs volunteer docents. No experience is necessary. For more information, please call Angie Underwood at 847-478-5140.

The **Society needs a treasurer**. If you would be interested in donating a few hours annually to this important local responsibility, please call Roberta Bagot at 847-913-5804. The Society meets nine times a year.

Please save this date: **Friday, September 29**. Popular book reviewer/dramatist **Barbara Rinella** at the Arboretum Club. Details to follow.

New members are always welcome, whether they seek active or passive involvement. Five annual tax-deductible 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, include your name, address and phone number, and mail it to LGHS, c/o Roberta Bagot, 5656 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047.

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. If a situation requires the attention of public safety or medical professionals, you do not want to waste time.

You can never have too many books

A semi-annual sale of used books, sponsored by the Friends of the Vernon Area Public Library, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 28-30, at the old Vernon Area Public Library building just north of the main building. Entrance is on Indian Creek Road.

Hours

Friday6:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
SundayNoon-4:00 p.m.

More than 20,000 items—all donated by Library patrons—including books, videos, music, puzzles, foreign language, children's and youth materials, will be available.

A few "special" books will be included in a silent auction. They can be viewed during the regular hours of the sale until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, when the auction will close.

If you have books or other items you'd like to donate, you can do so anytime at the main library building. But, *please*, no records or magazines.

Last year's sales raised more than \$30,000. All proceeds were donated to the Library to help pay for a CD rack, drive-up book drop, and large-print materials for extension services.

For more information, please call 847-634-3650.

Business revitalization underway

The new Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP), which replaces the Community Development Corporation, held its first official board of directors meeting on January 17. To more effectively manage business issues village-wide, the new group represents the interests of merchants, commercial property owners, residents, community groups and local officials. Following a proven model, The MainStreet Approach™, the organization devotes equal attention to improving several areas of work, including Design, Economic Development, Marketing, Organization and Promotions. Committees have already begun working on 2006 projects and beyond, with an ultimate goal of re-energizing Long Grove's image and retail economy.

All business and property owners in the Historic Business District are considered Members

of the LGBCP (Partners) by virtue of being located within the recently implemented Special Service Area. More than 30 Associate Members from outside the district, and Residential Members, have already joined the effort to help. Because an immediate goal is to improve communications and participation with Long Grove residents, the committees are investigating e-mail news and other social networking opportunities—like last year's successful OktoberFeast, for example.

Board of directors meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall. You are welcome to attend and take part in the forum that will be included in every meeting agenda.

For membership, committee and other information about the LGBCP, please call John Maguire at 847-634-0888.

The 11th annual...

Long Grove Egg Hunt

(For children age 1-10)

*Hunt for eggs and
meet the Bunny!*

Saturday, April 15

10:30 a.m.

(Try to be there by 10:15 a.m.)

At the Gazebo

Buffalo Creek Park

north of the
Village Tavern.

Prizes & refreshments

Please bring
your own basket.

Sponsored by the
Rotary Club of Long Grove
and
Long Grove Homeowners
Coalition

For more information:
847-438-4743
lgegg hunt@mindspring.com

Recycling

Throughout the year, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) schedules periodic **household electronics** and **household chemical wastes** collection events. There is no charge for this convenient service.

The next nearest-to-Long Grove household chemical waste drop-off opportunity will be on Saturday, May 6, from 8:00 a.m.

to 2:30 p.m. at the Vernon Hills Metra station parking lot on Route 45 east of the railroad crossing.

NOTE: Latex paint is never accepted at any household chemical waste collection event.

For up-to-date information about other materials that are not accepted, and what *is* accepted, when and where forthcoming collection events will be held, and composting bin sales, please

visit www.swalco.org, or call 847-336-9340.

You can drop off **old motor oil** at the Lake Zurich Public Works Facility, 505 Telser Road (847-550-1773). Place your container in the yellow shed anytime, day or night, seven days a week. Lake Zurich staff will empty the contents into storage tanks which are periodically removed by an oil reclamation company.

Across the Board

The following are among actions taken by the Board of Trustees and other official entities 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-32 amends the Comprehensive Plan concerning affordable housing.

2005-O-33 amends a special-use permit for the Red Oaks Planned Unit Development for the previously approved *The Studio Restaurant* expanding the restaurant use from the second floor to the entire building and the enclosed patio area.

2005-O-34 establishes a special service area for *Long Grove Commons* (northwest corner of Route 22 and Old McHenry Road).

2005-O-35 establishes a special service area in the Historic Business District for the promotion of tourism and economic development activities.

2005-O-36 adopts the tax levy for Special Service area No. 2 for Long Grove Commons.

2005-O-37 adopts the tax levy for the Historic Business District special services area for promotion of tourism and economic development activities.

Resolutions

2005-R-28 amends the Village budget to include \$50,000 for opposition to the proposed expansion of Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve reservoir.

2005-R-30 approves an extension to an acquisition period for the purchase of property for the purpose of soccer athletic fields (Menards).

2005-R-31 approves and authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County.

2005-R-32 authorizes further reduction of a letter of credit for Prairie Trails PUD.

2005-R-33 updates signatory cards with various financial institutions.

2005-R-34 approves a remote access agreement with Midwest Bank & Trust Company.

2005-R-35 approves a change of authorized

agents with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

2005-R-36 approves a change of authorized agents with the International City/County Management Retirement Corporation.

2005-R-37 approves a 12-month demolition agreement with Paul and Elaine Geffert.

2005-R-38 approves an extension to an agreement between the Village and Valentino Vineyards, DiTommaso.

Temporary signs approved

Temple Chai Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar.

Kildeer School PTO Monte Carlo Night banner.

Miscellaneous actions

President Rodriguez read a proclamation recognizing employees of the Long Grove and Countryside Fire Protection Districts who volunteered to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Approved a license for the Kildeer School PTO to conduct a raffle at its Bingo Blast and Monte Carlo Night fundraiser.

Approved a consulting services proposal by Ehlers & Associates for Phase I evaluation of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and development for the B1 zoning district and the Comprehensive Plan B1-A sub area.

Approved a consulting services proposal by Seidler & Associates, Ltd. for performing Village Treasurer duties for a monthly retainer.

Reappointed Plan Commissioners Joseph Di Iorio and Robert Jenkins for terms ending in September, 2009.

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee approved

Reduction of the minimum conservancy buffer yard to less than 20 feet for construction of a new house at 3997 Orchard Lane (Lot 5, The Orchards Subdivision).

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The Village Tavern

*More than a restaurant,
more than a saloon*

This historic establishment in downtown Long Grove has been a regional icon since before the Civil War. It is where generations of yesterday's farmers, today's residents, and passing-through travelers have looked forward to a good meal and something to wash it down, to engaging conversation, and simply to enjoy the pleasure of experiencing this delightful place.

Good food is what customers expect and receive. The menu offers steaks and chops, fish and fowl, a generous bowl of hearty stew, filling soups, salads and sandwiches. Desserts too, if you have any room left. Specials

include all-you-can-eat broasted chicken on Monday and Wednesday nights and succulent deep-fried fish on Fridays—plus two you'd be hard-pressed to find anywhere: Can you imagine a half-pound hamburger or cheeseburger for only \$2.25? It's waiting for you on Thursday nights at the Tavern. Or, if Saturday is your out-to-dinner night, how about a 10-ounce butt steak grilled exactly the way you like it for just \$8.95?

There's entertainment too! In the main dining room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, Roger Pauly's keyboard magic delights diners of all ages with pop and show tunes, classics—anything you request. If you know it, he prob-

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135 Old McHenry Road

ably does too. Rounding out the entertainment menu is Dave Elias at the piano on Monday nights, and jazz on Saturday and Sunday nights. For a rousing family good time, there's no better place than the Village Tavern.

Though the Tavern's popular Tuesday and Thursday night auctions are but a memory now, bargain hunters may not be out of luck. All furnishings, including the chairs on which they sit, tables their food is on, wall hangings, and even the old 10-foot high grandfather clock in the bar area are for sale. And people do buy them.

Patrons often ask about the ornate mirror and cabinet behind the bar and the bar itself. Both were originally in the Presidents Walk lounge at the old McCormick Place exposition center in Chicago before that facility was destroyed by fire in the 1960s. Undamaged, they were purchased at a salvage price and installed in the Tavern.

Chip and Mary Ann Ullrich represent the current generation in charge of the restaurant, which has been owned and operated by the same family since 1962.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to midnight every day except Tuesday, when food service ends at 3:00 p.m. and the doors are locked at 5:00 p.m.

Reservations are not taken for Friday nights.



Local firefighters help with Katrina clean up

A dozen firefighter/paramedics, representing the Countryside and Long Grove Fire Protection Districts, joined firefighters from throughout Illinois and several other states who had volunteered to travel to New Orleans to help with clean-up operations in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Upon arrival, they were assigned to 24-hour stints on EMS duty, with off time devoted to restoring fire stations, clearing fallen trees from roadways, general clean up, and “Operation Chainsaw,” in which they helped local firefighters to reclaim their houses. During the two weeks of their stay, they had no time off, except to sleep and eat.

An advance medical corps, including Long Grove Firefighter/Paramedic Renee Keenan, was responsible for setting up a field hospital in Baton Rouge. Firefighters were then sent in three waves, two weeks apart. The first, which departed from here in early September, a week after the storm, included one fire engine from Countryside and

The volunteers	
<i>Countryside</i>	<i>Long Grove</i>
Captain Michael Hodges	Battalion Chief Ned Aylward
Lieutenant Tim Rick	Lieutenant Kevin Biedzycki
F/M* Ron Echtenacher	Lieutenant Mark Gates
F/M Frank Faamasino	FF/P** Tom Janschutz
F/M Jason Masheris	FF/P Renee Keenan
F/M Pete Wolowic	FF/P Shaun Unell
<small>* Fire/Medic...Countryside terminology ** Firefighter/Paramedic...Long Grove terminology</small>	

support vehicles carrying tents, food, water, and other necessities. All volunteers had to be self-sufficient due to the extraordinary circumstances.

Following an all-night drive from Effingham, where several Illinois teams assembled, those from the Countryside and Long Grove Fire Protection Districts eventually pitched their tents on the grounds of Our Lady of Holy Cross College just outside of New Orleans. Most stayed there for the duration of their two-week tour of duty.

Lieutenant Biedzycki’s description of what they had seen pretty well summed it up for all of the Long Grove volunteers: “There was no one in the city...it was a wasteland...eerie. The dev-

astation was complete and anything we did was an improvement. The humidity and heat were beyond anything we could have imagined.” And if that hadn’t been enough, Hurricane Rita hit and everyone had to tie everything down and lay low for a couple of days.

All things considered, the Long Grove volunteers agreed that their mission had been a positive experience. One observed that “It was another reminder that wherever we’re from, firefighters are all one big family.”

It takes rare individuals to be attracted to a career as a firefighter/paramedic. Every one of them deserves our appreciation and applause.

Across the Board—

Modification of the shoreline of a retention pond within a conservancy/stormwater detention easement by installing a steel retaining wall erosion control for property at 5727 Hampton Drive (Lot 2, Promontory Ridge Subdivision)

Architectural Board approved

Pylon and building signs, and gate and canopy signs, for *Menards*.

A hanging street sign on Old McHenry Road for “*The Studio Restaurant*.”

A sign for “*First Impression Window Cleaning*.”
Replacement of the Saddle Club subdivision entrance sign.

Façade renovations for *Mel’s Marathon* service station.

Entranceway landscape lighting for Beaver Creek Subdivision.

In Retrospect...

by Gwen Berg
Long Grove Historical Society



Local news more than a century ago

The following are excerpts from the Long Grove column in the *Lake County Independent* during the 1890s. The paper sold for five cents a copy, with a subscription price of \$1.50 a year.

■ F. Gieske and L. Keiler took a shower bath last Friday. The patrons of the creamery are busy putting up their supply of ice. (February 9, 1894)

■ George Umbdenstock and George Miller are quite sick as a result of vaccination. Guests at Schuster's Hotel had an escape from drying dynamite in the oven. (February 16, 1894)

■ Our sidewalks are finally completed. They improve pedestrianism besides adding to the appearance of the town. The Zurich meat wagon is seen on our streets several times a week. Herman is pushing business and everybody should patronize him. (April 20, 1894)

■ Miss F. L. Maether is again amongst us having graduated from Mrs. Barton's dress cutting class. We wish her success in her new vocation. The blizzard of May 19th may be regarded as a curiosity. (May 25, 1894)

■ Charley Klepper rides a

fine new bicycle. V. Sauer is our new postmaster and the people are just as well satisfied. Mr. Sauer is entitled to the emoluments of the office as a reward for political service to his party. Mr. Stempel is also a worthy citizen, but he is a Republican and the Democrats are now in power. (June 15, 1894)

*...The blizzard of May 19th may be regarded as a curiosity...
Charley Klepper rides a fine new bicycle....*

NOTE: The post office was moved across the street from the Stempel store to the Sauer store following the change in national administration.

■ The Town of Vernon (Vernon Township) has gone daft on graveling roads. Last week there were nearly 100 teams hauling gravel all the week and there will be several miles of the principal roads gravelled. (December 7, 1894)

■ Muddy Christmas. Bert Wickersham will give a dance at Bollenbach's hall New Year's Eve. Why don't our burg move around and get a brass band like our sister towns? Roads are very

much improved by graveling. Good thing. Let us have more of it. (December 28, 1894)

■ Long Grove creamery paid an average of 96 cents per cwt for October milk. They have several new patrons from Lake Zurich who have found out that this is the best place to bring their milk. Our creamery receives over 12,000 pounds of milk daily and ships 40 to 60 tubs of butter to New York each week. (December 13, 1895)

■ Forty years ago, on December 2, 1856, one of the severest snowstorms in the memory of the oldest inhabitants struck these parts. All roads were blocked and the storm raged 3 days, being almost a gale for all that time. A great deal of stock perished. Chickens and turkeys froze to death in the trees and all the quail perished by cold and snow. No such storm has occurred since then hereabouts. (January 10, 1896)

NOTE: Current residents hope the record stands.

And so it was here in Long Grove 110 years ago. Times have changed, but regrettably in some cases.

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Long Grove Park District news & notes

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Bird Walk at RTW, Saturday, April 22, 7:30-9:00 a.m. (NAT0071 \$12/\$15 Registration handled by the Chicago Botanic Garden, 847-835-8261) Join bird expert Jerry Gordon* at Reed-Turner Woodland to locate late-winter bird residents and early-spring migrants. Bring binoculars and a field guide, if you have one.

Annual garden club plant sale, May 13-14. Please see Long Grove Garden Club article below.

* Land steward, Chicago Audubon Society.

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

...always looks forward to welcoming new members who will enjoy special programs, day trips, hands-on activities, horticulture therapy, volunteer and civic activities, and making new friends.

Spring meetings schedule

Wednesday, March 15,
11:00 a.m.: Spring Luncheon at Wynstone Golf Club. Speaker will be Mike Nowak of WGN Radio's "Let's Talk Gardening" program.

Monday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.: "All About Herbs" seminar at Hawthorn Gardens, southwest corner of Old McHenry and Quentin Roads.

Monday, May 15: "hands-on" workshop at the gardens of Pam Duthie in Northbrook.

Friday, June 16: Trip to Boerner Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

Special events

Annual Plant Sale, Saturday and Sunday, May 13-14, at Reed-

Turner Woodland. Perennials, heirloom tomatoes, rare and hard-to-find bedding plants, and kitchen herb baskets will be available. In addition, botanic artists who draw and paint at the Nature Preserve will show and sell their work.

Annual Garden Walk, Monday, July 10, will begin and end at Reed-Turner Nature Center. Tickets are available from Garden Club members.

For more information, please call Penny at 847-8212 or Leslie at 847-483-3695.

Problem with a neighbor?

If you have a bone to pick with a neighbor, please try to resolve the problem peacefully between yourselves. This will make for a more harmonious neighborhood and keep local government out of residents' private lives.

Meetings & Events Calendar

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

March

- 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 downtown
- 28** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

April

- 3** Park District Board, 8:00 p.m. Reed-Turner Woodland
- 4** Plan Commission & ZBA, 8:00 p.m.
- 5** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 11** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.
- 17** Architectural Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 17** Long Grove Fire Protection District, 7:00 p.m. Fire station downtown
- 19** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 20** Countryside Fire Protection District, 7:30 p.m., 600 N. Deerpath, Vernon Hills
- 25** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

May

- 1** Park District Board, 8:00 p.m. Reed-Turner Woodland
- 2** Plan Commission & ZBA, 8:00 p.m.
- 3** Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 9** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.
- 15** Architectural Board, 7:00 p.m.
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- 18** Countryside Fire Protection District, 7:30 p.m., 600 N. Deerpath, Vernon Hills
- 23** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

The 7th Annual Long Grove Chocolate Festival

May 5-7, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

For dates of all 2006 special events downtown, please call 847-634-0888 or visit www.longgroveonline.com

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