

## Village, Park District sign agreement

The Village Board, during its May 9 meeting, approved a formal intergovernmental agreement signed by the Long Grove Park District board during its May 1 meeting. (The Village and Park District are separate entities.)

The agreement allows the Village to distribute impact fee

funds that had been collected but not disbursed since the impact fee ordinance was amended a few years ago. It declares that the permitted use of the funds is limited to land acquisition.

The complete agreement is available for inspection at the Village Hall.

## Drought easing, but we're not out of the woods

Recent "rain events," as weather forecasters like to say, have improved our area's ground moisture status from that of extreme drought to merely abnormally dry. While that is a significant improvement, it will be some time yet before this spring's rains begin recharging the shallow aquifer from which most of us draw our household water. The effect of last year's prolonged drought will be with us for some time. So, while we welcome rain whenever it falls (well, almost whenever), conservation still must be practiced. Continuing population growth in these parts means that the shallow aquifer can no longer be considered infinite.

Residual vulnerability still exists in deep soil moisture layers and shallow groundwater zones in northern Illinois. This means that during a normal summer dry spell, conditions could deteriorate rapidly. However,

despite this somewhat increased vulnerability, there is currently only a normal probability of drought in Illinois this summer, not the enhanced probability that had been anticipated.\*

The Village regularly monitors three strategically located test wells on a year-round basis. In addition, an Illinois State Geological Survey team has selected a Long Grove site for its ongoing study of aquifers in Lake County. The research findings should be very helpful to Long Grove and neighboring communities as we plan for future growth and sustainability.

In the last issue of the *Bridge*, several indoor water conservation tips were offered. Here are a few outdoor tips:

■ Water your lawn between 5:00 and 10:00 a.m. when the sun is low, winds are calm, and

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\* Information adapted from the Illinois Drought Update, April 20, 2006, Illinois State Water Survey.



Second Quarter 2006

## The war on mosquitoes

Clarke Mosquito Control again this year has contracted with the Village to provide monitoring and larvacide services. The firm will test standing water sites throughout Long Grove during the breeding season, and check to find out if any are active breeding sites for the Culex mosquito which carries the West Nile virus.

Clarke's contract permits it to monitor and treat all areas on public *and* private property. Though Clarke will attempt to locate every potential mosquito breeding site in the village, it is unlikely that all will be found.

To report standing water—even a site that is sometimes bone dry—on your property, including conservation areas, call Clarke's Mosquito Hotline (800-942-2555). The site will be inspected, if it's not included in

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**Village Board**

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

**Plan Commission**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

8:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday

**Architectural Board**

7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday

**Conservancy/Scenic Corridor**

**Committee**

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

**Village Hall hours**

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

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# Comment

by Maria Rodriguez, President  
Board of Trustees



I want to thank all residents who took the time to vote for the referendum to increase the sales tax in Long Grove. The additional revenue it generates will help to fund necessary infrastructure improvements *throughout* the village. While it is exciting to consider the prospect of renovating the downtown, we must be mindful of the significant infrastructure needs in other areas of the village as well.

It is encouraging that this referendum passed by such a wide margin. This is a vote of confidence in the direction we are going. The future looks bright! We can continue the process of renovating the Historic Business District without deferring maintenance of our total infrastructure.

This past year saw passage of the Special Service Area and incorporation of the Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP). Recently, we hired a consultant to advise us on the possibility of a TIF district which would position us to finally begin the physical improvements to the downtown. The Village has recently made available information about what a TIF is and the benefits it offers.

It *is* possible to have a vital and healthy downtown, enjoyed by residents and tourists alike. I can see it. I envision Long Grove shops open during the evening hours with improved sidewalks and lighting so that dining and shopping can be safely enjoyed.

I see more restaurants and more stores that will cater to the practical needs of our residents. Perhaps we might include increased street parking and some residential space over the newer retail that will be built.

The LGBCP is the community development committee. It includes downtown property owners, merchants, village officials and residents. This is an incredibly exciting time to live in this village and I hope you will become involved by bringing your ideas and experience to the table. For more information about how to do that, please call John Maguire at 847-716-0902.

By working together, we can accomplish much.

**Correction:** In the Village Officials insert included in the last *Bridge*, Village President Maria Rodriguez' address is incorrect. It should be 1711 RFD.

## Village a safe place to live

Traffic accidents and complaints last year accounted for more than 55 percent of all reported police incidents here. What this suggests—again, just as it has in previous years, is that Long Grove remains a remarkably safe place to live.

Non-traffic-related incidents involving police amounted to just over one per day. Our local fire departments average more calls than that.

Ideally, no one would ever have reason to call the police. But, human nature being what it is, it is not likely that police officers will run out of things to do. We can, however, reduce their work load by discouraging “impulse” theft by keeping our garage doors closed at all times and concealing from view valuable objects left in our vehicles.

The Sheriff’s Office, as a public service, will schedule an appearance by a deputy who will talk about residential security. To arrange for a presentation, please call 847-377-4211.

### ***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.

## Police Incident Reports Village of Long Grove

Category	2005	2004	2003
Animal complaints	5	1	8
Arson	0	0	1
Assault	7	6	6
Assist Other Agency	16	10	11
Automobile Theft	* 4	0	4
Battery	5	5	8
Burglary	7	17	12
Burglary to Auto	7	16	10
Cannabis	0	0	2
Controlled Substance	2	0	0
Criminal Damage to Property	52	53	63
Criminal Trespass	1	2	1
Death Investigations	14	7	6
Deceptive Practices (bad checks, fraud)	19	23	23
Disorderly Conduct	4	0	1
Domestic Incidents	47	42	44
Fire Investigations	3	4	3
Investigation of Open Door/Window (Alarms)	44	19	30
Landlord/Neighbor Problems	1	1	3
Liquor Violations	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Incidents	58	56	66
Missing Persons	7	6	7
Offenses Involving Juveniles	2	1	2
Rescue/Check on Well Being	0	2	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse/Assault	** 2	2	2
Suicide Attempts	7	2	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	24	19	32
Telephone Harassment	10	20	18
Theft	37	47	32
Theft from Vehicle	4		
Traffic Accidents	*** 381	522	481
Traffic Complaints (Abandoned autos, road hazards, towed vehicles)	110	110	104
Unlawful use of Weapon	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>981</b>

\* Three were recovered.      \*\* Both were determined to be unfounded.  
\*\*\* Through 12.3.05

## In brief...

■ Do not mow **daffodils** before June 15. By then they'll be dried out.

■ **Fireworks** are illegal in Long Grove. To find out where they can be enjoyed, consult local newspapers or troll the Internet.

■ This year (December 31, to be exact) marks the Village of **Long Grove's diamond anniversary** as an incorporated municipality.

■ If you are planning an indoor or outdoor **home improvement**— structural or mechanical repair, replacement, addition or alteration of any kind, including concrete or asphalt, and new roofing, you will probably need a **Village-issued permit** *before* the project begins. To make sure, please call Village Superintendent Bob Block at 847-634-9440.

■ **Party-time parking.** Planning for any social event at your home must include parking arrangements for guests. Long Grove has stringent parking regulations governing parking on public rights of way. Please call 847-634-9440 for more information.

■ Your no longer needed **eyeglasses can be donated** to the Long Grove Lions Club. Please drop them off at the Information Center (behind Enzo & Lucia's Ristorante) during regular business hours.

■ **Correction:** On the Village Officials insert in the last *Bridge*, the monthly meeting time of the Architectural Board is shown as 8:00 p.m. The correct time is 7:00 p.m.

## Concerts in the Park

Free, all performances will take place outdoors at Buffalo Creek Park just north of the Village Tavern. Please bring your own folding chairs and/or blankets. Thursday evening concerts will run from 7:00 to about 8:30 p.m.

Sunday concerts will start at 3:00 p.m.

The concert series is an initial offering of the new, non-profit Long Grove Arts & Music Council. For more information, please call 847-540-9940.

### Concert Schedule

Thursday, **June 15**.....Prairie Brass Band

Sunday, **July 9**.....Prairie Brass Band

Thursday, **July 20**.....Stevenson H.S. Musicians\*

Thursday, **August 3**....Small Potatoes

Sunday, **August 13**....Pike Creek Bluegrass Band

\* Tentative date. More concerts may be added.

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## Road rejuvenation

In the 2006 installment of the Village's annual road maintenance program, all or portions of 11 public roads will be repaved and/or crack-sealed. The work will be performed sometime this summer.

Street	From	To
<i>To be repaved by the Village</i>		
Holly Court	Schaeffer Road	east cul-de-sac
Country Club Drive	Checker Road	north Tanager Way
Holly Court	Tanager Way	east Schaeffer Road
Tanager Way	Country Club Drive	east Holly Court
Coach Road	Old Hicks Road	Old Hicks Road
Old Hicks Road	Bayberry Lane	Checker Road
Schaeffer Road (south)	Checker Road	Lake Cook Road
<i>To be repaved by Menard's</i>		
Schaeffer Road (north)	Route 53	south Holly Court
Schaeffer Road (south)	Roanoke Court	south Checker Road
Checker Road	Schaeffer Road	west Old Hicks Road

The work will be coordinated, if possible, with Menards' repaving of Schaeffer and Checker Roads following installation of a sanitary sewer line.

Crack sealing only will be performed on East and West Mardan Drive, N. Krueger Road, west Monitor Lane, Tall Oaks Drive and Hampton Drive.

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

## To dispose of yard waste and leaves...

Waste Management can carry it all away for just \$38.44 a year—if you sign up for an annual subscription service covering the entire April 15 to November 28 season. (For sign-up information, call 1-800-796-9696.) It is an alternative to having to buy and apply stickers to every bag or container you set out for pickup. You'd still have to buy the bags, though.

To determine which approach makes the most sense for your household, do the math:

- Seasonal subscription: \$38.44
- Grass/leaf sticker: \$1.75 (min.10)
- Leaf sticker: \$1.00

There is no limit to the number of bags/containers residents can set out for collection, but for those who do not opt for the subscription service, a sticker must be bought and applied to each bag/container. They can be

purchased at:

Cutler Hardware and Workwear  
7105 Route 83  
847-566-7325

Geimer Greenhouses  
2727 Route 53  
847-358-6363

Reusable containers may not exceed 33 gallons in volume, or 50 pounds in filled weight. Bags are biodegradable 30-gallon "Kraft" brown paper sacks which can be purchased where the stickers are sold, and at most grocery, home improvement stores, and garden centers.

Waste Management will collect the leaves, during a six-week period beginning October 17, on the same day your recyclables are picked up, or on the first day if you have twice-a-week collections.

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

## Village Code update

The Plan Commission, since January, has been reviewing suggested amendments to the Village Zoning Code. To date, the commissioners have completed about half of the 22 chapters.

Following completion of its initial review, the Plan Commission will hold a public hearing to again review the code. A public notice will be posted in the *Daily Herald* and

on the Village Web site.

A draft of the updated code will be available online.

Because the Zoning Code in some way affects every village resident, you are encouraged to participate in the approval process at every forthcoming meeting of the Plan Commission including the public hearing.

For more information, please call Village Planner James Hogue at 847-634-9440.

18th Annual



**Saturday, August 19**

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 20**

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

100 juried fine artists and crafts persons at Stempel Municipal Parking Lot in downtown Long Grove.

*Specialty foods*  
*Continuous live music*  
*Kids' art activity corner*

For more information, please call 847-287-0212, or e-mail [LGArtFest@aol.com](mailto:LGArtFest@aol.com).

Proceeds benefit cultural arts programs at Kildeer Countryside School.

## History revisited

*Long Grove, Images of America*, a 128-page pictorial history of our town, contains more than 180 photographs accompanied by text that traces Long Grove's history from pioneer settlement to the present. Authored by former village resident Nancy Schumm-Burgess, the book will be available for purchase in late June. For more information, please call the Information Center at 847-634-0888.

# The 9th annual Long Grove Heritage 5K Run & 3K Walk

*Saturday, September 9  
rain or shine*

The Rotary Club of Long Grove, again sponsoring this popular event, will donate all net proceeds to charity. Runners and walkers of *all ages* are encouraged to support the event by obtaining pledges from neighbors, family and friends.

Nearly a dozen local non-profit organizations, including OMNI Youth Services, Center on Deafness, and the Greater Wheeling Area Youth Outreach, are partnering with the Rotary Club of Long Grove to raise awareness about their agencies. For a list of all participating agencies, please visit [www.rotaryrace.com](http://www.rotaryrace.com).

Homeowner groups and local businesses are invited to form teams and challenge other such groups to match combined run/walk times or total pledge donations. Each team (20-member minimum) registered by July 15 can have its team name printed on members' official event T-shirts.

A **pancake breakfast** beginning at 8:30 a.m. is free to all registered participants. Non-participants can enjoy the breakfast too for a \$6 donation for adults and \$3 for children.

The 5K Run will kick off at 8:30 a.m., followed immediately by the 3K Walk.

**Registration and check-in** begin at 6:30 a.m. at Kildeer Countryside School, just north of downtown Long Grove on Old McHenry Road.

Runners and walkers can pre-register by August 1 for \$23. Afterward, the fee will be \$28.

The Long Grove Heritage Run is a CARA-registered race.

You can register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), or call the Rotary Club Raceline at 847-777-6825 for a race brochure.

## *Drought—*

the temperature is still cool. But don't "drown" the lawn; allow water to soak into the soil.

■ Water only what grows. Make sure the sprinkler does not also water walkways and pavement.

■ Use low-volume drip irrigation for watering individual trees, and soaker hoses for shrubbery and flower beds.

The best tip: Create a rain garden—a landscaped area planted with wild flowers and other native vegetation that soak up rainwater, often from the roof of a house. Compared with a conventional patch of lawn, a rain garden can absorb about 30 percent more water.

### **How to establish a rain garden**

To learn more about this attractive way to conserve water, plan to be at Geimer Green-

# 15th annual Lions Charity Golf Classic

The Long Grove Lions Club will host its 15th annual golf outing on **Monday, September 25**, at Royal Melbourne Country Club.

The popular full-day event will include the use of club house facilities, a world-class golf course, professional instruction, unlimited practice range, beverages on the course, buffet lunch, cocktail hour, and a tasty steak dinner.

You don't have to be a pro to win one of the many donated prizes. There will also be trophies and awards to honor the best and less-than-best scores of the day.

### **To sign up, or**

...for more information, including the cost, please call Ray Rodriguez at 847-279-8850 or visit Pat Kenny at Ballybunion Practice Range, northeast corner of Route 83 and Aptakisic Road.

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houses on Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. to hear Mea Blauer, resource conservationist for the Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District, present a PowerPoint seminar on establishing rain gardens. Afterward, you can tour the newly created rain garden on the Geimer property.

For more information, call 847-358-6363.

## Meet our own “Officers Friendly”

Our village police presence consists of three Sheriff’s deputies who, on their respective shifts, are assigned to the Long Grove “beat,” and two patrol cars bearing the village name in large, block letters. If necessary, our usually adequate force can be supplemented by other Sheriff’s deputies who are on patrol nearby. Thus, the village is protected by the virtual equivalent of a traditional municipal police department.

Our deputies bring nearly three decades of collective law enforcement experience. They are well qualified to deal with any incident that may require their attention.

So, who are these people?

**Deputy Kevin McHugh** in July will mark 20 years with the Lake County Sheriff’s Office, the last full year in Long Grove. A graduate of the University of Louisville’s Crime Prevention Institute, he is a certified State of Illinois Evidence (crime scene) Technician and Traffic Enforcement Officer, and has attended the FBI’s specialized training program. Long involved with public education and proactive crime prevention, Deputy McHugh formerly headed the Sheriff’s Community Service and Crime Prevention programs.

Growing up in Evanston, Illinois, he foresaw a career in law enforcement. “My hero,” he explained, was (and is) his dad who was then chief of police

there.

A genial, quick-to-smile “people person,” Deputy McHugh is continuing his effort to introduce himself to every merchant in the village—and residents too, when opportunities arise.

Just a few credit hours shy of earning a degree in business from Northeastern Illinois University, McHugh has also completed five Chicago Marathons. Gardening and enjoying the company of his wife round out this interesting man’s very full life.

**Deputy Kyle Macko** came to the Lake County Sheriff’s Office two and a half years ago following service with three suburban police departments. A graduate of the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in

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*Our own police force, Sheriff’s deputies Kevin McHugh (top), Sara Balmes and Kyle Macko patrol village roads and streets.*



## Mosquitoes—

the current monitoring program, and larviciding will be conducted at no cost to you.

### What we can do

Like every other living thing, mosquitoes must breed to preserve their species. If we can reduce their opportunities to do that, fewer will survive and there will be less breeding as a result.

Mosquito larvae develops only in standing water. Water that's been standing for only a few days can produce new generations. So, what we can do is remove or frequently change standing water anywhere on our property. You'll have to look closely because standing water can be found is very unlikely places.

### West Nile hotline 847-377-8300

Lake County residents can call this number to report areas of stagnant water, or to obtain more information about the signs and symptoms of West Nile encephalitis. The hotline also can be used to report dead crows and blue jays. Dead birds cannot spread West Nile virus, but locations of reported birds and subsequent testing can help identify problem areas. The health department will share all information it gains with Lake County municipalities and townships.

Most people infected with West Nile virus experience no symptoms of illness. For those who do, they begin to notice symptoms from three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. In some individuals, par-

### A tornado WATCH

means that tornadoes may develop. Atmospheric conditions are right for that to happen.

### A tornado WARNING

means that a tornado actually has been sighted in the general area. Take cover immediately.

ticularly the elderly, the virus can cause muscle weakness, inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, coma or death.

### More information

Information about West Nile virus is available at [www.co.lake.il.us/health/WestNile.htm](http://www.co.lake.il.us/health/WestNile.htm).

## Friendly—

Urbana-Champaign, he has earned an associates degree in Criminal Justice from Harper College and is now pursuing a B.A. in that same major at the University of Illinois Circle Campus in Chicago.

He, too, knew early on that he would seek a career in law enforcement. Several police officers lived in the Itasca, Illinois neighborhood where he was raised, and "they were great role models," he recalls.

Thoughtfully serious and well spoken, Deputy Macko does have other interests—among them, taking flying

lessons and traveling throughout the U.S. when time permits.

**Deputy Sara Balmes** is approaching one year on the Long Grove beat and two and a half years as a Sheriff's deputy. Her previous experience was as a part-time dispatcher while achieving a B.S. in Human Resources Management at Illinois State University.

When she was growing up in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, several family friends were in law enforcement and "I never really considered any other career," she reflected. It was a good decision. She believes that a police officer's visible presence can be reassuring to the community, but

wishes that there was not quite so much paperwork associated with her role.

Friends, family, roller blading and volleyball currently round out this pleasant young lady's life.

Asked individually what their guiding philosophies and beliefs are relative to their careers, all three coincidentally gave basically the same response: to treat everyone with respect, "the way we want to be treated."

Meeting and interviewing our three Sheriff's deputies, as law officers and as just plain folks, was both rewarding and reassuring. Thanks in part to them, life is good here in Long Grove.

# Recycling

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## Free document destruction service

A new paper shredding service can help you protect yourself against identify theft, and safeguard businesses from corporate espionage.

Records Management, Inc. accepts a variety of papers on the *first Saturday* of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The facility is located at 101 E. Maple Avenue in Mundelein, near the intersection of Routes 45 and 176.

This free service accepts office paper, files, computer printouts, mail, and preshredded paper. Binders, metals and video media are not accepted. Certificates of destruction will be provided upon request.

For more information, call Records Management, Inc. at 847-949-8500.

## Cell phones/rechargeable batteries

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) has developed a program with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) whereby residents of member municipalities, such as Long Grove, may recycle cell phones and rechargeable batteries by depositing them in a collection box provided by RBRC. The box is located in the waiting area of the Village Office.

## Easy home composting

You can compost at home, thanks to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County's compost bin sales program. Two models are available. Both accept grass clippings, leaves and other organic wastes, and food scraps.

Contents of the \$20 "Earth Machine," which holds about one cubic yard of material, must be periodically stirred. The \$70 barrel-shaped "Tumbler" holds a little more than 7 cubic yards of material and must be rotated periodically.

Both models are easy to use, and come with a 10-year warranty. In addition to cost, size and design differences, the Earth Machine needs 6-8 weeks to create usable compost, while the Tumbler needs only about three weeks.

Composting at home requires a mix of materials that are high in nitrogen (such as grass clippings and leaves) and materials high in carbon (such as vegetable and fruit peels). Each composter includes an instructional booklet.

For more information, visit the SWALCO Web site—[www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org), or call 847-336-9340.

Lots of rain means lots of mosquitoes that will need water for breeding. Empty all water-holding receptacles.

## Composter sales locations

Ace Hardware  
(Earth Machine only)  
609 Hawley Street  
Mundelein  
847-970-9235  
[www.mundeleinmainstreet.org](http://www.mundeleinmainstreet.org)

Saint Peter Church Youth Group  
(Earth Machine & Tumbler)  
900 Saint Peter Street  
(Corner of Lake St. & Rte. 173)  
Antioch  
847-395-0246

Univ. of Illinois Extension—  
Lake County Office  
(Earth Machine only)  
100 S. Highway 45  
Grayslake  
847-223-8627  
[web.extension.uiuc.edu/lake/](http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/lake/)

Throughout the year, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County schedules periodic **household electronics** and **household chemical waste** collection events. There is no charge for this convenience.

For the latest information about what is accepted, and when and where forthcoming collections will be held, visit [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org), or call 847-336-9340.

You can dispose of **used 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.

# Business development efforts progressing

Following the first official meeting of its board of directors, the new Long Grove Business and Community Partners (LGBCP) got to work fleshing out its structure by establishing committees and their functions.

The LGBCP replaces the former Community Development Corporation, a joint effort of the Village, merchants and downtown property owners. Composed of merchants, commercial property owners, residents, community groups and village officials, the new group's goal is to more effectively manage business issues village-wide.

The first year budget allows for existing events and programs to stabilize while new projects are being planned. Current activity includes significant progress

by the Design, Economic Development, Marketing, Organization, Promotion and Administration/Executive Committees.

As this first year evolves, more opportunities for input and participation will become available. There are a lot of talented people living and work-

ing in Long Grove and the hope is to engage all of the resources possible for the benefit of the community.

For specific information about the role of each committee, and to learn how you can become involved, please call LGBCP Executive Director John Maguire at 847-716-0902.

## Historical Society news & notes

The Long Grove Historical Society office and museum are 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.

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**Two open houses:** The farmhouse will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during Strawberry Fest, June 24-25, and Apple Fest, September 29-30 and October 1. Take a tour and enjoy light refreshments.

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**Barbara Rinella, book reviewer** and dramatist, will present another of her very popular programs on Friday, September 29, at the Arboretum Club (Route 22 and Buffalo Grove Road in Buffalo Grove) following a tasty breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. Look for more information in the next *Bridge*.

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Each year, more than 1,100 local third-graders and Scout groups enjoy our **Archer School and Ruth Barn program**. They experience what it was like in a one-room school, and learn about pioneer farm life. To be able to continue this popular program, the Society needs more volunteer docents who dress in period attire, recreate a classroom lesson and recess, and show the children some of the challenges of life in Long Grove more than 100 years ago. Training is provided. To learn more about this rewarding experience, please call Angie Underwood at 847-478-5140.

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**You're invited** to attend monthly meetings of the Society at our farmhouse headquarters. Held at 11:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month, except July and August, our next meeting is on June 21. Refreshments are served.

## Cuba Road lane closure

If the Village Board approves a needed easement, Cuba Road will be reduced to one lane for up to eight weeks this summer while the Lake County Public Works Department installs a second sanitary sewer to serve residents northwest of here.

To minimize inconvenience to residents, the Village Board is exploring various options with the County.

Announcement signs will be posted before the project begins.

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

# *Across the Board*

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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](http://www.longgrove.net), call 847-634-9440, or stop in at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

## Board of Trustees

### **Ordinances**

**2006-O-01** amends Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Village Code concerning the Architectural Board.

**2006-O-02** amends an existing PUD to allow expansion of the Arlington Rehabilitation and Living Center.

**2006-O-03** denies a variation from the rear yard setback regulations for construction of a swimming pool.

**2006-O-04** grants a special use permit for a planned unit development and approves a preliminary planned unit development plat for the Eastgate Estates development.

**2006-O-05** authorizes the sale of certain surplus personal property owned by the Village of Long Grove.

### **Resolutions**

**2006-R-01** authorizes a further reduction of a letter of credit for The Orchards of Long Grove PUD subdivision at the southeast corner of Route 22 and Old McHenry Road.

**2006-R-02** initiates the submission of a public question to establish certain local taxes for infrastructure improvements.

**2006-R-03** approves and authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with Diamond Lake School District 76.

**2006-R-04** approves and authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the Mundelein Park and Recreation District.

**2006-R-05** expresses the intention of the Village regarding reimbursement of certain eligible redevelopment project costs from future bond proceeds.

**2006-R-06** approves and authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with Stevenson High School District 125.

**2006-R-07** grants a waiver from the 120-day waiting period for issuance of a demolition permit.

**2006-R-08** authorizes the release of a letter of credit for Indian Creek Club, LLC “Unit 5” (Insignia).

**2006-R-09** approves a second extension to the acquisition period.

**2006-R-10** approves a purchase of rock salt.

**2006-R-11** approves an annual update of the Long Grove zoning map.

### **Special events approved**

Chocolate Fest, May 5-7.

Strawberry Fest, June 23-25.

“Open Mike Night,” June-September.

Popcorn Shoppe Birthday Party, May 27-29.

Woodland Grove Gallery Art Walks, May 12, July 7 and September 8.

Porsche Club of America car show, June 18.

Arts & Music Council Concerts in the Park, June 4 and 15.

Waiver of \$20 temporary business license fee for parking, requested by the Long Grove Lions Club for Chocolate Fest, Strawberry Fest and Apple Fest.

Waiver of \$20 temporary business license fee for Chocolate Fest raffle license, requested by the Special Olympics Illinois.

### **Temporary signs approved**

National City Bank at Long Grove Commons.

Hope Lutheran Church vacation Bible school.

Long Grove Community Church, Bible Week.

### **Miscellaneous actions**

Presentation of 3-D geological and hydrogeological mapping in northeastern Illinois: aquifer identification at the April 25 Board meeting.

## Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

Public hearing for consideration of variations of the setback requirements for lots 1 and 2, and minimum size requirements for lot 1, and any other  
(Continued next page)

## *Board—*

zoning relief within the proposed Hampton Estates Subdivision which is zoned R-1 single family.

A variation request for installation of an in-ground swimming pool located beyond the platted rear yard building pad and within a portion of a drainage easement for 3723 Albert Lane.

Consideration of a resolution referring to the June 6, 2006 Plan Commission meeting for a public hearing concerning possible amendments to the Long Grove Zoning Code and zoning map regarding the Long Grove Affordable Housing Plan adopted pursuant to the Affordable housing Planning and Appeals Act (2006-R-12).

Workshop sessions concerning zoning ordinance text amendments.

### *Architectural Board* *approved*

Modification of the façade of Mel's Marathon, 209 R. P. Coffin Road.

Temporary and permanent signage for Curves, Long Grove Commons, Building 6.

Signage for Leider's Flower

Farm, 5206 Route 83.

Exterior alterations and signage for Scotto's Pizza, Long Grove Commons, Building 6.

Signage for All Cleaners, Long Grove Commons, Building 6.

Illumination of ATM banking signage for National City Bank, Long Grove Commons, Building 4.

Exterior signage for Patisserie New Orleans, 512 R. P. Coffin Road.

### *Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee* *approved*

Reconstruction of a berm and added plantings within a scenic corridor at 5547 Oak Grove Drive.

Reducing the buffer yard from the required 20 feet to 3 feet to a conservancy district for a new house at 5391 Promontory Lane, Lot 23, Merit Estates: 1) minimum 5-foot buffer yard to be maintained to conservancy area, 2) temporary chain-link fence to be installed during construction along the conservancy boundary, and 3) no disturbance to the conservancy area shall occur.

Add prairie grass and wildflowers to a scenic corridor at 2600 Wyncrest Drive.

## **Trash**

An open-top container, a flimsy sack, or even a securely tied plastic trash bag—all filled with garbage, can be irresistible to nocturnally scavenging raccoons. If you've ever put out your refuse the night before pick-up day, you may already be acquainted with such a "visit."

When you put out your household trash for pick up, make sure it's securely contained and that the receptacles are orderly in appearance. The disposal driver might not collect everything if he can't quickly pick it up or if it's become scattered.

### **Some guidelines**

■ Trash should be in secured containers that are likely to frustrate even the most determined raccoon.

■ Mark trash containers and recycling bins with your four-digit RFD number in case wind carries them off after being emptied.

If your recycling bins have been lost or stolen, or you're tired of physically carrying them out to the roadside, you can replace them with a new 64-gallon wheeled container by calling Waste Management at 800-796-9696. You will be billed an additional \$1 per month for 60 months to cover the cost of the new container.

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association president. If a stop sign on a public street is missing or unreadable, please call Village Superintendent Bob Block at 847-634-9440.

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## **Missing stop signs**

For privately maintained roads, the Village will provide a portable stop sign to temporarily replace one that has been vandalized, damaged or stolen. It is

the responsibility of individual homeowner associations to arrange for a permanent replacement.

If such a problem exists on a private road in your subdivision, please contact your homeowner

## Attention: Joggers, runners, fitness walkers

In the interest of continued good health, *where* you do your thing is every bit as important as doing it. Rural roads with narrow shoulders or none at all, such as many public rights-of-way in Long Grove, are not hospitable to foot traffic. Quite the opposite, they offer very real dangers for pedestrians and motorists alike. Local roads that are not recommended for foot traffic in any form include Cuba and Long Grove Roads especially, and Old McHenry and Gilmer Roads.

Light-traffic roads that have wide shoulders are better. Footpaths are best.

If you must jog or walk on a road, do it against traffic and during daylight hours.

Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve, at the south end of the village, (accessed from Checker Road) has a pathway system that's very popular with runners,

## A Garden Walk

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will host its annual Garden Walk on Monday, July 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at Reed-Turner Nature Center. Four members' gardens in Long Grove, Kildeer and Barrington will be visited. Also at the Nature Center, local botanical artists will display and sell their work. Tickets for the Walk are \$25 and a box lunch will be available. For more information, please call Leslie at 847-438-3695.

walkers and cyclists alike. To the southwest, Deer Grove Forest Preserve, along Dundee Road (Route 68) from Hicks Road west to Northwest Highway, has an excellent paved pathway system.

Another paved pathway system runs through much of

Buffalo Grove. Farther east is the Des Plaines River Trail which extends from the Cook County line north to Wisconsin.

If you can spare a few travel minutes, you can take advantage of several safe and enjoyable public facilities designed for recreational foot traffic.

## What's happening with the new Menards store?

For any large commercial or residential project anywhere, the applicant must jump through numerous hoops to meet the requirements of the municipality, the county, the state, and various federal agencies. In the case of the new Long Grove Menards, meeting our requirements has constituted only a small part of the total picture. Approvals by other agencies are delaying the start of this project.

We expect that the last of the approvals will come this summer. Soon afterward, Menards will begin the installation of a sanitary sewer under Checker and Schaeffer Roads. During that time, both roads will be reduced to single lane traffic.

Construction details will be provided to all affected households before the sewer project begins.

For more information, please call Village Manager David Lothspeich at 847-634-9440.

## 2006 special events downtown

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—**OktoberFeast**

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](http://www.longgroveonline.com).

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## Long Grove Park District news & notes

For more information, please call 847-438-4743,  
or consult [www.longgroveparkdistrict.com](http://www.longgroveparkdistrict.com).

**Free firewood** is available at Reed-Turner Nature Center for individual home use—not to be removed in large quantities for sale elsewhere. You'll find it stacked to the left as you enter the parking area from Old McHenry Road. Cut in fireplace length, hardwood logs must be split for burning. If you are interested in more such wood when it becomes available, please call the Park District and leave your name and phone number.

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club's annual Garden Walk will begin and end at Reed-Turner Nature Center on July 10. See "A Garden Walk" on page 13.

## *New, downtown...*

Now open and welcoming your patronage are:

A **convenience shop at Mel's Marathon** where you can pick up cold soft drinks and water, fresh coffee, pet food, picnic supplies, household supplies, candy and gum, daily newspapers, and other items. And you can fill up the gas tank and/or have your vehicle's oil changed. Hours are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

**Mill Pond Gallery of Fine Art**, in the Mill Pond Shoppes complex just east of Mel's, features an eclectic array of paintings, photographs, sculpture, crafts and other forms of artistic expression. Shows, artists and their creations change monthly. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Beginning Friday, June 2, wire sculpture by Elizabeth Berrien of Eureka, California will be featured. Her work currently is displayed at Woodland Grove Gallery a few doors west.

### *Coming soon...*

The elegant new **Studio Restaurant and Gallery**, a conversion of the popular fine art gallery at that location.

**Patisserie New Orleans**, in the lower level of the Mill Pond Shoppes complex, a baked-on-site pastry and coffee shop.

**Adagio Hair Studio & Home Spa Essentials**, also in lower level of the Mill Pond Shoppes complex.

# Meetings Calendar

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

## June

- 5 Park District Board, 8:00 p.m.  
Reed-Turner Woodland
- 6 Plan Commission & ZBA  
8:00 p.m.
- 7 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor  
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Village Board, 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Countryside Fire Protection  
District, 7:30 p.m., 600 N.  
Deerpath, Vernon Hills
- 19 Architectural Board  
7:00 p.m.
- 19 Long Grove Fire Protection  
District, 7:00 p.m.  
Fire station downtown
- 21 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor  
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

## July

- 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.

## August

- 1 Plan Commission & ZBA  
8:00 p.m.
- 2 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor  
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Park District Board, 8:00 p.m.  
Reed-Turner Woodland
- 8 Village Board, 8:00 p.m.
- 16 Conservancy/Scenic Corridor  
Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Countryside Fire Protection  
District, 7:30 p.m., 600 N.  
Deerpath, Vernon Hills
- 21 Architectural Board, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Long Grove Fire Protection  
District, 7:00 p.m.  
Fire station downtown
- 22 Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

**Mark your calendar:**

***Strawberry Fest downtown, June 23-25***

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**Village phone numbers**

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

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