

Attention: Residents with shallow wells...

Drought still entrenched

Despite recent rains and moderating temperatures, Long Grove remains in the grip of a devastating drought. Early in August weather experts estimated that to restore this area's ground moisture to normal, nearly a quarter of an inch of rain would have to fall *every day* through year's end. Regardless of how much has fallen since that estimate was made, conditions here are still critical.

If your household water supply is drawn from the shallow aquifer, i.e., if your well is less than 400 feet deep, you are at

constant risk. There can be no assurance that your taps will not begin spitting air. However, if your subdivision relies on a deep well that reaches a depth of 1,000 feet or more, you don't have much to worry about because the water at that level is not influenced by local precipitation.

Unlike many nearby communities whose residents rely on shallow wells, Long Grove does not impose water restrictions and penalties for violations. We only advise in the hope that you will behave responsibly, with consideration for your own

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2005 road improvement program

This year's 2.69-mile right-of-way improvement program will rejuvenate portions of nine roads within the village. The work will be completed this fall. As always, inconvenience will be minimal. Affected residents should be able to leave and enter their driveways throughout the process.

Improvements will include scarification of deteriorated asphalt surfaces and application of a two-inch overlay, and placement of new crushed gravel at the pavement edges.

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

Roads to be included in the estimated \$378,547.77 project include:

	From	To
Arlington Heights Road	Thompson Blvd.	cul-de-sac
Knoll Drive	Knoll Court	cul-de-sac
	Long Grove Road	Knoll Court
Knoll Court	Knoll Drive	cul-de-sac
Sumter Drive	Sumter Court	cul-de-sac
	Schaeffer Road	Sumter Court
Sumter Court	Sumter Drive	cul-de-sac
Tribal Court	Creekside Drive	cul-de-sac
Three Lakes Drive	Indian Creek Road	cul-de-sac
Three Lakes Court	Three Lakes Drive	cul-de-sac
Checker Road at Buffalo Creek (bridge repair/maintenance)		



Third Quarter 2005

What to do with all the leaves

Now that our annual autumn ritual of burning leaves has been consigned to the no-longer-legal file, how are we supposed to get rid of them? Mindless of the new rules and regulations, they will continue falling every year just as they always have. Here is how:

Waste Management will collect leaves on the same day our recyclables (and trash too, presumably) are picked up during a six-week period in October and November. If you have twice-a-week pick up, your leaves will be collected on the first day.

Bags or containers of leaves should be set out no earlier than the evening before your pick-up day.

You don't have to call Waste Management to arrange for this service. All you need to do is

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Comment

by *Maria Rodriguez, President
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“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” —*Henry Ford*

Mr. Ford could have been talking about Long Grove when he said that. In the April election, we saw a *coming together* of residents who are largely interested in renovating our Historic Business District, expanding our park district, and improving a community feeling within our village. We are *keeping together* as we carefully work toward the changes needed in the Community Development Corporation, the entity expected to oversee the renovation project. It is being restructured to involve the merchants (formerly the Merchant’s Association), downtown property owners, the soon-to-be former CDC, and several interested residents. This new “hybrid” organization will be called The Long Grove Business and Community Partners.

There is a feeling of enthusiasm and excitement as we step through this process. I am impressed by the amount of trust I have seen in the various organizations which, until a few months ago, worked independently and are now willing to combine strengths and work as a team. In some instances, this is a leap of faith. However, without this trust we would not be able to move ahead.

The next component to be added will be the involvement of interested residents. I ask you now to consider what you could offer to this enterprise. Your education and the talents you possess can be a valuable resource to our village. Think about what you like to do, what comes naturally to you. When residents become involved, we will all win. Our village benefits by your investment of time and talent. Your family benefits too. The example you will set for your children, along with the feeling of pride as we are *working together* and finally seeing success will be priceless. We need you!

For your convenience, a volunteer application is included on page 11. Volunteers are needed across the board. Along with the downtown project, the park district is also at a crossroads as they meet the challenges of our village’s changing demographics. Can you help?

Finally, the Long Grove Rotary Club is about to embark on a Sister City project aimed at benefiting a community in a part of the world which has no hope without a benefactor. It is one thing to tell your

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Yardscape drought recovery

All droughts end

Now is the time to consider drought repair strategies. The first step is to assess damage, and a good time to do that is about two weeks after the start of replenishing rains. If the damage includes barren voids in the lawn that are larger than your hand you will have to reseed. If shrubs and trees do not exhibit new emerging leaves at their tips, they may be dead and require replacement.

Lawn seeding should be completed by the end of September.

Bluegrass, the kind used for sod, needs the most time and water to germinate. The ideal time to sow bluegrass is Labor Day. It must be watered at least once a day if a commercial seed mulch is used, otherwise three times a day.

Fescue grasses are less demanding, but less desirable except in shady areas. Perennial rye grasses are quick and easy, but need frequent watering.

All turf should be fertilized now. Early autumn is the most important feeding of the year, because warm soil and cool air provide the best growing conditions. Do not use “winterizer” formulas now, as they do not contain enough nitrogen to power strong fall growth. Organic and slow-release forms

of nitrogen are healthier for soil and the environment, as well as the long-term health of your lawn. If you are reseeding you must be especially careful to avoid “hot” fast-release forms of cheap nitrogen because they usually burn new seedlings.

One pound of nitrogen per thousand square feet is best. To determine the number of pounds of nitrogen in a bag, multiply the percentage of nitrogen shown on the bag times the pounds of fertilizer in the bag.

Replacement of small perennials should be completed before the end of September. If planted too late, the little roots won't have enough time to dig in and often are heaved right out of the ground when the soil freezes. Just trim away dead or diseased growth now. Best for most perennials is leaving them to stand with their foliage through the winter.

There is an excellent opportunity most years to plant trees and shrubs throughout the fall through Thanksgiving, when very favorable conditions exist for most species. Some do not survive digging up in the fall, but if they have already been dug or growing in a container and have been maintained in good health by a nursery, you are wise to plant them in the fall. Warm soil and mild weather allow plants to root in better before they have to face the next stressful summer.

Halloween guidelines

The end of October will be here before we know it, and that'll mean goblins in our neighborhoods again.

Long Grove does not dictate Halloween hours. Parents are expected to regulate the time their children are out trick or treating.

Costume: Be sure it's made of non-flammable material. Use grease paint, burnt cork and eyebrow pencil to create a disguise. A mask restricts vision.

Fire safety: Do not set a candle-lit pumpkin on your porch or indoors. Do not place harvest-time decorations near a fireplace or other heat source.

Personal safety: Emphasize to your child to *never* enter any home unless the residents are well known to you and the child. Never invite trick or treaters into your home unless you know who they are.

Instruct your child to not eat any treats until s/he gets home and you can inspect them. Discard unwrapped candy and fruit.

Make sure your child makes his/her rounds under the watchful eye of an adult or responsible adolescent. Discourage your child from crossing streets. If s/he must, make sure s/he looks all ways before crossing.

If you notice suspicious activity, call 911 immediately.

The Bridge thanks Mike Geimer of Geimer Greenhouses, Inc. for the information contained in this article.

The importance of chimney maintenance

The inside of a fireplace chimney is not an area most homeowners think much about. And that could have fatal consequences. Creosote, which commonly builds up on the inside surface of a chimney flue, is progressively deposited by fireplace smoke. If not periodically removed it could ignite. Were that to happen, the result would be an extremely difficult blaze to extinguish. Fanned by the upward rush of superheated air, such fires burn furiously.

Before you use your fireplace

again, make certain that all of its systems are safe and in good condition. This includes inspecting the chimney for creosote deposits and completely removing them. It also means checking for loose mortar and bricks. If any such problems are found, have repairs made.

A common accompaniment to chimney fires, especially if there is loose mortar or bricks, are attic and roof fires. Homeowners who fall victim rarely learn about the fire until it's too late, when the blaze might be reported by a neighbor or passerby. In that case, about all that can be

New, downtown

Long Grove Yoga Studio, 347 Old McHenry Road (second floor, Enzo & Lucia Ristorante), offers classes in Vinyasa flow yoga, which focuses on awareness of breath, movement and alignment while improving strength and flexibility. Opens September 6. For Monday-through-Friday class and fee schedules, please call 847-478-0020.

Gallery Munoz, 247 Robert Parker Coffin Road (Mill Pond Shoppes, lower level courtyard), features the work of several artists in styles ranging from classical landscapes and still life to very engaging abstract impressionism. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. (847-793-8665)

Newcomers & Longtimers Club

Events through year's end

The Newcomers & Longtimers Club of Long Grove and Kildeer warmly welcomes all new and established residents. Activities, scheduled from September through May, include wine tasting, book club, bunco, bridge, golf, ethnic dining, gourmet cooking, Moms and Tots, and more.

September 20 General Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Suzi's Tea & Café. Speaker: Barbara Turner on the history of Long Grove.

October 18 General Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Reed-Turner Nature Center. Speakers:

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.

done is to dial 911, see that everyone gets outside safely, and hope for the best.

If the idea of do-it-yourself chimney inspection, cleaning and, if necessary, repair isn't appealing, consult the Yellow Pages for a chimney sweep. It will be time and money well spent. Now is the time to do it.

Long Grove president Maria Rodriguez and Kildeer president Al Stefaniak.

October 21 Annual Beer & Brats party, 6:45 p.m. at the Hawthorn Village Barn.

November 15 General Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Reed-Turner Nature Center. Flower arranging, presented by the Long Grove and Kildeer Garden Club.

December 4 Annual Holiday Party at Seasons of Long Grove.

December 13 Brunch and gift exchange at a member's home.

For more information, please call Terry at 847-837-0308.

Introducing—Jim Hogue, new Village Planner

Though municipal planning is necessarily about the future, a community can't know where it may be headed if it doesn't appreciate where it's been, Hogue believes. That is why he's busy reading "Long Grove Lore & Legend," by village residents Barbara Turner and the late Virginia Park, and absorbing as much as he can about the history of this area.

A graduate of Indiana University Northwest with a BS degree in Public Affairs, and the University of Illinois with a Masters of Urban Planning, he comes to us from the City of Rochelle, Illinois, where he was Planner/Zoning Administrator. His professional experience also includes similar positions with the City of DeKalb and Counties of McHenry and Champaign in Illinois.

Jim is a member of the American Planning Association, and the National Association of Counties.

His new responsibilities focus on serving as liaison with the Plan Commission and Architectural Board, and assisting residential and commercial developers with zoning matters

to fishing, playing the guitar, and family time, "though not necessarily in that order," he emphasizes.

After having been taken on a tour of Reed-Turner Woodland

Village Planner Jim Hogue and his new area of focus.



and interpretation of Village ordinances.

A native of northwest Indiana, Hogue put himself through college by working in the steel mills.

He and his wife, Kathy, are parents of six- and eight-year old sons. A Woodstock resident, he devotes his free time

by steward Barbara Turner, he wants to introduce his wife and sons to its trail system. He hopes that peaceful place, "where time stands still," will captivate them as much as it has him.

In its own way, Long Grove is a "uniquely interesting town and I'm especially glad to be here," Hogue concluded.

Compost bin sale

More than 14,000 Lake County homeowners have taken advantage of a Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) program that provides home composting bins at a greatly reduced price.

The bin, called an Earth Machine, accepts leaves, grass clippings, food scraps and other organic waste which is periodically

stirred up. The round 33 x 33-inch device will hold about one cubic yard of material.

Composting requires a mix of materials high in nitrogen (grass, leaves) and carbon (vegetable and fruit scraps). Each composter includes an educational booklet describing how to get started and how to produce high-quality compost.

For more information, please call 847-336-9340.

Sale locations

(Quantities limited:

first come, first served.)

- Ace Hardware, 609 Hawley Street, Mundelein, 847-970-9235
- University of Illinois Extension—Lake County Office, 100 S. Highway 45, Grayslake, 847-223-8627
- Saint Peter Church Youth Group, Lake Street & Route 173, Antioch, 847-395-0246

Leaves—

apply a sticker to each bag/container that will be placed along the pavement. There is no limit to the number of bags/containers you can set out for collection.

Stickers can be purchased at Cutler Hardware, 25572 N. Route 83 (847-566-7325) and Geimer Greenhouses, 2727 Route 53 (847-358-6363).

An alternative

Waste Management can carry away your leaves and yard waste for just \$38.44 a year—if you sign up for an annual subscription service covering next year’s entire April-November season. (Call 1-800-796-9696 before the end of next April.) It is an alternative to having to buy and apply stickers to every bag or container you set out for pick up. You would still have to buy the bags, however. To determine which approach makes the most sense for your needs, do the math:

Seasonal subscription: \$38.44

Grass/leaf sticker: \$1.75 (10 minimum)

Leaf sticker: \$1.00

Leaves can be packed in reusable containers not exceeding 50 lb. in weight or 33 gallons in volume, or in biodegradable 30-gallon “Kraft” brown paper bags. The bags can be purchased where the stickers are sold, and at most grocery and home improvement stores.

Keep ‘em?

Nature’s mulch, leaves decompose and enrich the soil. You can pack them around perennials to protect against the winter to come; you can spread them on your vegetable and flower gardens to add needed nutrients to the soil. You can invest in a leaf-pulverizing machine that will reduce ten bags of leaves to one full bag. They’re available in many sizes. Hardware and home improvement stores usually stock them.

Permitted burning

Prescribed burns needed for prairie and woodland management require a Village-issued permit. You can burn branches and other landscape cuttings grown on your own property in a pile no larger than 3 x 3 x 3 feet.

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

Average shallow-aquifer water levels are lower now than they were less than a generation ago, before the local population began its rapid growth and more and more wells were drilled.

While the current drought is not likely to be permanent, our need to exert restraint in how

Used book sale

...at the Vernon Area
Public Library

A semi-annual sale of used books, sponsored by the Friends of the Vernon Area Public Library, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 21-23, at the old library building just north of the main building. Entrance is on Indian Creek Road.

Hours

Friday.....6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday...9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday.....Noon-4:00 p.m.

In addition, a box sale will be held on Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost per box is \$10. You can bring your own or one will be provided.

More than 20,000 items—all donated by Library patrons, including books, videos, music and more will be available.

If you have books or other items you’d like to donate, you can do so anytime at the Library.

Last year’s sales raised more than \$30,000 from books alone. All proceeds were donated to the Library to help pay for the new drive-up book drop, wireless computer lab, and newly renovated meeting room and grand piano.

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

we use water must be permanent. There will be future droughts.

Drought—

needs as well as those of your neighbors.

Until the current drought is determined to be over—and even afterward, please develop a habit of using water sparingly. It is not an infinite resource.

Historical Society news

Popular **book reviewer and dramatist Barbara Rinella**, who brings literature to life, will appear at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 26, at the Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove (southeast corner of Route 22 and Buffalo Grove Road). Her program will focus on *1776*, by David McCullough, and *The World is Flat*, by Thomas L. Friedman.

Her program will be preceded by a full breakfast buffet beginning at 9:00 a.m.

To register, please send your name and telephone number, and those of any guests you may bring, along with \$25 per person by September 19 to Long Grove Historical Society, c/o Roberta Bagot, 5656 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047.

For more information, call Marie Borg (847-438-7656) or Laurie Borawski (847-949-5264).

The Society's 19th century farmhouse (located just west of The Studio of Long Grove overlooking the Stempel public parking lot downtown) will **welcome visitors** on Saturday and Sunday, **October 1-2**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. both days during Apple Fest. Refreshments and live music.

The Society for years has sponsored an **educational experience for local 3rd graders** and Cub Scouts in both the fall and spring. They visit the fully restored and furnished **one-room Archer School** and the nearby **Ruth Barn** on the grounds of the Village Hall. There, they learn what school was like more than a century ago in rural America. Volunteer docents in period attire recreate a classroom lesson and recess, and acquaint the youngsters with some of the challenges of pioneer life.

The Society would like to expand the scope of this popular program, but to do so more **volunteers are needed**. To learn more about becoming a docent, and the personal pleasures and rewards awaiting you, please call Angie Underwood at 847-478-5140.

Coming up—downtown

For more information, please visit www.longgroveonline.com.

Apple Fest—Friday through Sunday, September 30, October 1-2. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. throughout the Historic Business District.

Classic Car Show—Sunday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Towner Green (across from the Village Tavern).

Holiday Celebrations will begin on Friday, November 18.



Golf outing reminder

If you haven't signed up yet for the Long Grove Lions Club's annual charity golf outing on Monday, September 12, at Royal Melbourne Country Club here in town, you still have time.

For details, please call Pat Kenny at 847-634-3363.

Recycling

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

For latest information about what is accepted, and where future collections will be held, visit www.swalco.org, or call 847-336-9340.

Lake County residents 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.

Is your number up?

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

Tony and Gwen Berg, residents and multi-faceted contributors to the quality of life in these parts for more than half a century, have pulled up stakes and moved on.

Tony was the Village of Long Grove's first full-time employee. Hired by then Village president Robert Parker Coffin and the Board of Trustees, he began his career here on October 1, 1970, and retired exactly 13 years later, to the day at age 65.

As the Village's first Superintendent, Tony was a one-man Building Department and Public Works Department, as well as town marshal and deputy Village clerk.

Because the Village Office and Hall did not yet exist then (the Village Board met in the cafeteria of Kildeer Countryside School), his first office was in the basement of the old creamery building that still stands on Coffin Road downtown, across from the Mill Pond Shoppes.

If there are any two people who have had more of an impact on Long Grove, I don't know who they are.

—Bob Coffin

As Long Grove continued its evolution from a bucolic rural market center, where generations of dairy farmers had sold their products and purchased supplies, to the upscale suburban community it was to become, Tony played a critical role in making certain that quality construction would prevail. (And it has.)

Though his work load continued to increase as development took off, he still found time to serve 1½ terms on the District 96

school board during a period of rapid change. (When Kildeer Countryside School opened in 1948 it had an enrollment of 96 students. Twenty-one years later the enrollment was 300. Then, in just a three-month period after the Strathmore subdivision in Buffalo Grove was developed the enrollment jumped from 300 to 600.)

Many years ago at our home here in Long Grove, we called the fire department's emergency number (no 911 then) for a medical emergency. When EMT Tony Berg showed up we knew that everything was going to be all right. And it was.

—Karen Schmitt

He had been a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) for eight years when he came to work for the Village and continued in that role until 1979, after which he was elected president of the Long Grove Rural Fire Protection District board of trustees.

Gwen, mother and homemaker, is an accomplished writer and editor who, since 1986, has researched and written more than 75 "In Retrospect" features for the *Bridge*.

Retirement had little meaning for Tony after leaving the Village staff in 1983. It simply provided more time for him and Gwen to devote to their many volunteer activities and interests.

They are former presidents of the Long Grove Historical Society, which they joined soon after its founding in 1974, and had remained active until their

Local legend

*Just because you're putting down
mean that the roots you both put do*



recent move.

For 18 years the Bergs were members of the board of Friends of the Vernon Area Public Library. They are especially proud of having helped raise more than \$250,000 through the group's semi-annual used book sales, which they'd had a hand in resurrecting.

Tony is remembered as absolutely honest...a straight shooter. I have known the Bergs nearly all my life and they have helped create a solid foundation for the Long Grove "experience."

—Chip Ullrich

They were members of the Long Grove Community Church, where Gwen served as church secretary and both sang in the choir.

The busy couple even found time to be regular performers with the Kildeer Players, a group of talented residents who for

ds move on

*new roots in another place doesn't
own here will not continue to grow.*



years had entertained packed houses at the Kildeer Countryside School auditorium with light-hearted dramas and musicals to raise funds for the school. (In one play, 6'6" 230-lb. Tony was center "girl" in a can-can line.)

Tony is the best horseshoes thrower I've ever teamed with. And if every writer were to approach the written word the way Gwen does there would be little need for copy editors.

—Bob Jenkins

These examples probably aren't even close to the entire list of their volunteer activities, but they offer some idea of the Bergs' contributions from which generations of village residents will continue to benefit.

But how in the world did they ever find their way to Long Grove in the early 1950s, given

that Tony was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, and Gwen in California and Wisconsin?

After earning a degree in English, Gwen taught school briefly before becoming secretary to the president of an insurance company in Des Moines. It was in that city where the two met and have subsequently been making a very satisfactory go of it for more than 60 years.

Gwen has such a lovely way of expressing herself. Her dry sense of humor and human touch certainly show through in her writing. Her "In Retrospect" features in the Bridge are interesting and well presented. I know people who look forward to those articles and are more interested in them than in other pieces in the newsletter. Tony has been such a loyal friend to the village. I've always admired his patience and thoroughness. And his concentration. And his wry humor...

—Barbara Turner

Tony's future was determined by conditions imposed by the Great Depression of the 1930s when he had to quit school and go to work as an apprentice bricklayer, like his father and brothers. That was interrupted for 51 months while Tony served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was among the first wave of Allied soldiers put ashore on a Normandy beach on "D Day," June 6, 1944, to begin the invasion of Europe. He also saw action in North Africa and Sicily.

Because no work was available for bricklayers in Des

Moines during the early 1950s, Tony had to look elsewhere. Serendipitously, while he and Gwen were visiting a relative in Evanston, Tony noticed "Help Wanted—Bricklayers" signs at several construction sites.

Soon after making the move from Des Moines he spotted a classified ad for a "summer cottage" in Long Grove that was available for rent. (Swimming and tennis privileges were included.) He and Gwen were selected by the owner over another applicant, the nephew of Illinois governor Adlai Stevenson. "Maybe he figured I might be handier at making repairs and fixing up the place," Tony speculated. Before long his weekends were occupied—with help from friends in the construction industry—with building the brick ranch house where the Bergs would be at home for the next 46 years.

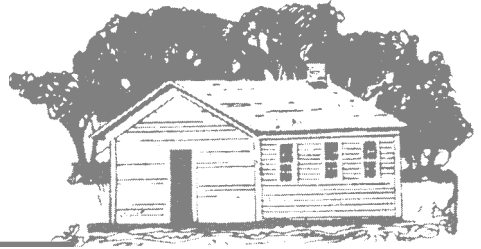
I have known Tony and Gwen since I was a little girl....They have a contagious joy of life and rare sense of humor. When I think of them—and I often do, I think of loyalty and dependability and honesty....They represent the best of "the greatest generation."

—Jeri Monroe

Tony and Gwen are now settled in DeKalb where they are living with their son, Stephen, an instructor at Northern Illinois University. And it should surprise no one who knows them to learn that they're soon likely to be back at it—volunteering their time and considerable talent for the benefit of others.

In Retrospect...

by Gwen Berg
Long Grove Historical Society



The Long Grove Area

According to local historians, many of the early and present roads in the Long Grove area followed established Indian trails. Milwaukee Avenue (Illinois Route 21) is one of the oldest and most important of these.

Half Day (generally the area around the intersection of Routes 21 and 22) was the focal point of many of the Indian trails between the southeast Indian settlements and those to the northwest. One trail branched north along the Des Plaines River and the other northwest toward the Chain of Lakes and Rock River Indians. When white settlers began arriving in the 1830s, they were inclined at first to make their own trails, but subsequently found the existing ones to be preferable.

Two trails that were followed became McHenry Road (now Old McHenry Road), initially as far as Volo and later to McHenry. The road that became Route 22 to Lake Zurich went through Prairie View (intersection of Route 22 and the current Wisconsin Central railroad track), veered north to Port

Clinton Road, northwest to Gilmer Road and then southwest to Lake Zurich. It now runs directly west.

When what was to become Milwaukee Avenue opened in 1836, one enterprising gentleman drove the first “stage” from Chicago to Milwaukee. It was a simple wagon, open to the weather and with no seats. But it carried plenty of straw to cushion passengers from jars and jolts. However, the equipage was put above the ordinary for those times by being drawn by four horses.

The short stretch of Port Clinton Road in northeast Long Grove is about all that remains of a project to supply wooden planks for “paving” new streets in Chicago. In the late 1840s, a village was established on the southern border of Fort Sheridan in the area now known as Highwood. It was called Port Clinton. There, a long pier was built out into Lake Michigan and two ships were kept busy transporting planks from Vernon Township and Deerfield.

Port Clinton grew to become a settlement supporting three stores, but ceased to exist following a cholera epidemic in the early 1850s. The road between

Port Clinton and Half Day had been planked at a cost of \$12,000 during 1851-53.

It wasn't until the 1880s that local residents began making use of the abundant gravel supply in the area. Recorded in an account book in the Long Grove Historical Society archives are the wages paid in 1900 for road work.

A Mr. Davis was awarded \$25.40 for 254 wagon loads of gravel from his pit. Two men with teams were paid \$5.00 per day. This included manually loading and unloading their wagons. The daily wage of gravel shovelers without horses was \$1.25. Men operating road graders earned the same.

The diary of a Vernon Township resident at that time reveals that not all local farmers agreed that these road “improvements” were necessary at taxpayer expense, which probably led to some lively arguments around the grocer's potbelly stove. The practice of allowing farmers to work off their taxes by doing roadwork for \$5.00 per day for man and team was discontinued in the early 1900s when it appeared that there was more conviviality than work being done.

Park District seeks parental help in curbing vandalism

Attempts to set fire to the gazebo in Buffalo Creek Park... obscene graffiti in the underpass at Oak Grove Drive and Route 83...vandalized ball fields... even terrorizing a fawn are examples of often costly problems confronting the Long Grove Park District. Officials are hoping that parents can take steps at home to nip this growing problem before some children find themselves in serious trouble.

Other communities have similar problems, but a difference is

that because park districts there levy a real estate tax they have funds earmarked for repair and clean up of vandalized facilities. The Long Grove Park District, like the Village of Long Grove, does not levy a tax on local real estate. Money to cover the cost of vandalism must be diverted from funds budgeted for children's programs, open space maintenance, and other purposes. "Sadly," park district president Susan VanDerBosch noted, "the whole community pays, in one way or another, for the

actions of a few."

Considering the District's options, Mrs. VanDerBosch suggested that "We could heavily fine those caught damaging park district property. We could publicize the names of the parents of the culprits. We could ask the Sheriff to deputize local residents to help police target areas.

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When to pass or not pass a stopped school bus

If a road has fewer than four traffic lanes (one lane in each direction), you may not pass a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended—regardless of your direction of approach. You may not proceed until the lights stop flashing and the stop arm is withdrawn.

On four-lane roads where all lanes carry traffic and there is no curbside parking, vehicles moving in the direction opposite that in which a stopped school bus is headed do not have to stop. But it's a good idea to slow down anyhow. Traffic headed in the same direction as the bus must stop.

Penalties

Judges are not lenient. A first-time offender faces a three-month driver's license suspension and mandatory \$150 fine. A second offense assures a one-year suspension and \$500 fine.

Volunteer information

Yes, I/we want to help our village!

I/we have interest in the following areas (examples: downtown, recreation, open space, etc.):

I/we have experience or talent in the following areas (ex: legal, economic development, internet/web, marketing, etc.):

With advance notice, I/we have time to help with mailings or other organizational tasks. Yes No

Name(s), please print _____

Best phone _____ Best time _____

Best e-mail _____

Please return this form to the Village Hall in person, by mail (3110 RFD), by fax (847-634-9408), or e-mail the information to sshlagman@longgrove.net. Thanks.

Together, we can make Long Grove an even better place to be!

Across the Board

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

Board of Trustees

Ordinances

2005-O-17 grants a variation from the hooved animal regulations at 3476 RFD.

2005-O-18 approves a final planned unit development plat for the Orchards of Long Grove subdivision.

2005-O-20 grants approval of a final plat of subdivision for the Rosewood Subdivision.

2005-O-21 grants preliminary and final subdivision plat approval for the Ponds of Skycrest subdivision.

Resolutions

2005-R-09 approves and authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT for certain Route 22 improvements.

2005-R-11 grants approval for the construction of a room addition in the 20-foot buffer adjacent to a conservancy area at 5552 Oak Grove Drive.

2005-R-12 approves and authorizes the execution of a temporary construction easement, permanent easement, and stormwater restrictive covenant by deed relating to the Long Grove Commons development.

2005-R-14 approves and authorizes the petitions for isolated wetland certification and Lake County Stormwater Management Commission certification.

2005-R-15 approves Trustee Susan Klein's appointment as a director of, and Trustee Karen Schmitt's appointment as alternate representative to, SWALCO.

2005-R-16 approves and authorizes the execution of a transferee assumption agreement with Concord Homes, Inc. and Fidelity West of Ravenna, LLC for conveyance of the Ravenna East Two parcel.

2005-R-17 approves a transferee assumption agreement for the Ravenna East Three parcel consisting of about 29.44 acres of the Ravenna devel-

opment, between Concord Homes, Inc., Ravenna Pod 3, LLC, and the Village of Long Grove.

Service Recognition Proclamation

Anton (Tony) Berg: the first Village Superintendent, from 1970 to 1983, and **Gwen Berg** for her 20 years as author of the "In Retrospect" feature in the *Bridge*. Long-time village residents, both were Long Grove Historical Society members from 1974 to 2005.

Referral to Plan Commission

Public Hearing regarding an application by Verizon Wireless for a special-use permit allowing installation of a fourth set of antennas on an existing cellular monopole at 5105 Arlington Heights Road.

Temporary signs approved

Temple Chai Sisterhood rummage sale.
Lincolnshire (Grove) Montessori School.
Congregation Beth Judea rummage sale.
Historic Business District signs.

Donation request approved

For Stevenson High School Senior Class Lock-In.

Plan Commission

(Approval recommended unless otherwise noted.)

A public hearing to consider a petition for a special use permit to replace the existing Montessori School at Hope Lutheran Church, 1660 Checker Road, with the Lincolnshire (Grove) Montessori School.

Preliminary planned unit development plat for Canterbury Park Subdivision.

Final planned unit development plat for Rosewood Subdivision.

Preliminary planned unit development plat for The Ponds of Skycrest Estates Subdivision.

Final planned unit development plat for Orchards Subdivision.

Variation and/or additional relief necessary and/or appropriate to permit hooved animals on a

lot smaller than the required two-acre minimum at 3476 Route 53.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Recommendations for requests concerning an addition to an existing single family residence at 5805 Port Clinton Road: Approval of a 10-foot front yard variance; denial of a one-foot side yard variance.

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee approved...

A request by The Preserve at Long Grove homeowners association to add berms and plantings within a scenic corridor and conservancy district along Gilmer Road.

Addition within the required conservancy buffer yard at 5552 Oak Grove Drive.

Addition of trees and shrubs to a conservancy district at 4712 Royal Melbourne Drive.

Addition of a water leveler within the Longview Meadows conservancy district at Routes 83 and 22.

Preliminary planned unit development plat for Canterbury Park Subdivision.

Preliminary planned unit development plat for The Ponds of Skycrest Estates Subdivision.

Addition of plantings in the existing conservancy at 4814 Preserve Parkway (Lot 40, The Preserve at Long Grove Subdivision).

Removal of exotic/aggressive species by herbiciding, and addition of prairie grass and wildflowers within five lowland conservancy districts in the Country Club Meadows Subdivision.

Removal of exotic/aggressive species, and addition of prairie grass and wildflowers within the lowland conservancy district at the rear of Lot 100 of Oak Hills #5 Subdivision, 5341 Prairie Crossing.

Installation of a four-foot wide drainage swale lined with filter fabric and four to six inches of three-inch crushed limestone within the lowland conservancy district along the southern portion of Country Club Meadows Subdivision (Lot 46) at 1753 Tanager Way.

Architectural Board approved...

Replacement monument sign and five outdoor lamppost banners for Woodlawn Middle School, 6362 Gilmer Road.

Replacement of existing monument sign for the Long Grove Park District's Longview Meadow at the southeast corner of Routes 83 and 22.

Replacement sign for Cottman Transmissions, 7151 Route 83, Unit E.

Addition to an existing approved sign for the Montessori School at 1660 Checker Road.

Free daffodil bulbs

To preserve a long-time village tradition, daffodil bulbs will be available at Geimer Greenhouses, Inc. on old Route 53 beginning in early October. The daffodil is Long Grove's official flower.

The bulbs are planted by residents in the fall in the public-right-of way. They are *not* for planting on private property.

In early spring, daffodils welcome the springtime to come by

blooming along village roadsides. It's a colorful sight.

Geimer's hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Be prepared to show proof of Long Grove residency—your driver's license will do. The bulbs, in two different varieties, will be bagged and ready to go.

To be sure this year's supply is on hand, it would be a good idea to call first: 847-358-6363.

Comment—

children how lucky they are. But helping to improve the life of someone who was unlucky enough to be born into abject poverty can have a lasting effect on all of us, particularly our children. Can you help?

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Your participation is imperative to our success.

The Long Grove Park District

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Monthly meeting schedule

Board of Commissioners

8:00 p.m., 1st Monday
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Office/phone

3849 RFD
847-438-4743

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847-719-1645

Recreation

847-544-1657

Web site

www.longgroveparkdistrict.com

Long Grove Park District news & notes

For more information: 847-438-4743,
or www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

October events for family enjoyment

Open House at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve & Center, Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Crafts, Woodland Scavenger Hunt, art show, refreshments, nature walks and museum. Hay rides to downtown Long Grove.

Magic Show, Saturday, October 29, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Reed-Turner Nature Center, for children 8-12 years. \$5 per person. Professional magician. Plus, campfire stories, spooky night hike, refreshments. Bring a flashlight.

For details about the annual **Halloween Party** and **Goblin Lunch**, please consult www.longgroveparkdistrict.com, or call 847-438-4743.

Park District needs a new Board secretary

This is a volunteer position, as are those of the commissioners who comprise the Board. The current secretary has resigned, effective October 30, due to an impending increase in the size of her family.

Requirements

- Availability to attend monthly meetings, held on the first Monday at 8:00 p.m.
- Ability to take minutes.
- While not required, ability to use a computer makes the job 100% easier.
- Ability to distribute minutes to Board members before each meeting (or e-mail them).
- Must be of legal age in order to sign documents.

For more information, please call Susan VanDerBosch at 847-438-8119.

Vandalism—

We don't want to do any of those things, but, "she emphasized, "something must be done, and we welcome suggestions. Mostly," she said, "we want parents to talk with their children...impress upon them the

importance of respecting the property of others."

For more information and/or to offer your suggestions on how to combat this serious problem, please call Mrs. VanDerBosch at 847-438-8119, or Lee Bassett at 847-438-9550.

Meetings & Events Calendar

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

September

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

October

- 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.
- 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.

November

- 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 sta-
tion.
- 22** Village Board, 8:00 p.m.

Come downtown to the Historic Business District for...

Apple Fest—September 30-October 2

For dates of all 2005 special events downtown, please call 847-634-0888 or visit www.longgroveonline.com.

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Village of Long Grove

24-hour information directory

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

Village phone numbers

(All are in the 847 area code.)

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

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