



THE BRIDGE

Recycling Markets are Changing: Recycle the Right Way

The recyclable waste industry is undergoing some challenges and there are potential changes on the horizon that Long Grove residents should know.

Municipalities such as Long Grove eventually may be paying more for recycling due to weakening markets. The challenges that the industry faces are exemplified with Waste Management's facility in Grayslake, which makes a mixed bale of newsprint, junk mail, office paper and chipboard that represents 47% of all recyclable materials. In July of 2017, mixed recyclables had a value of around \$72 per ton – today, the value has dropped more than 50% to \$31 per ton. To make matters worse, payments for these materials have been extremely slow – nearly a full year behind in some cases. The main reason for the change in recycling markets relates to China's decision to drastically limit the importing of mixed paper and mixed plastics - and setting what is described as nearly impossible contamination level requirements. U.S. recycling plants are simply not prepared for such a drastic shift in these markets and requested higher standards of quality for recyclables.

These changes have caused a ripple effect where fees to handle them have risen to \$50 per ton, all the way up to \$90 per ton, in an effort to deter

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From the Village President



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I hope that you have enjoyed your summer as it comes to a close. As we begin the fall season, I'm looking forward to the completion of the Old McHenry Road Reconstruction Project in our downtown.

Unfortunately, the project recently has had some delays caused by the necessary relocation of AT&T's telecommunication facilities, which took longer than expected. I expressed my concerns directly to AT&T and my hope is by the time this newsletter reaches you, we are fully back on schedule.

The unplanned closure of the Robert Parker Coffin Bridge due to a box truck damaging it in late June certainly added another layer to what was already a complex project. I've heard from many residents and non-residents as to how much of an inconvenience it has been, as well as from business owners who have been impacted by the Bridge being closed. The good news is that the Village finally received confirmation that the insurance company that covers the truck driver's employer will pay for the removal and re-installation of the cover. As a result, the board recently passed a resolution for its removal and plans to temporarily reopen the Bridge once it is removed, and when approvals from the state are received. To prevent other trucks or large vehicles from crossing the bridge in the future, "jersey barriers" or other devices such as "headache bars" that restrict width and height of vehicles will temporarily be installed. Prior to replacing the cover, the board will evaluate what additional long-term repairs can be completed while the cover is off, such as replacing/repairing the limestone abutments that support the bridge.

A new area that I will request the Village Board to focus on is permitting. I recently went through our permit process for my own front walkway and patio, and as a result, I believe it could use a makeover. I've also been hearing from residents and business owners who have tackled projects lately - that the Village isn't necessarily the easiest to work with, despite a welcoming and helpful Village staff. Long Grove's permit process has been in place for many years; it is labor intensive with a strong reliance on paper. It's not always easy to determine what fees will be, and in some situations, the intended value to be received from them. I believe we can improve here by examining our current fee structure and implementing improvements designed to eliminate nonvalue-add steps/fees, and streamlining the process with web-based automation to improve customer satisfaction.

The Village recently approved an ordinance to pilot the use of food trucks in our downtown, specifically for the Buffalo Creek Brewery. The brewery just celebrated their one-year anniversary and had planned on relying

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Covered Bridge, Robert Parker Coffin Road Update

As residents likely know, the Robert Parker Coffin Road (RPC) Bridge, has been closed to through traffic due to an oversized truck causing damages to it and its cover on June 27, 2018. RPC Road remains open to traffic (though vehicles at the time of this publication cannot travel over the Bridge) and downtown businesses also remain open for business.

During the August 28, 2018 meeting, the Village Board approved a resolution to remove the Bridge's cover due to damages sustained from the accident. After a considerable waiting period, the insurance company for the truck driver's employer has now agreed to pay the cost for both the removal and the ultimate re-installation of the cover. The Board's goal is to open up the bridge to vehicular traffic as soon as possible once the cover is removed. While the cover is off, the Village will evaluate if the limestone abutments that support the Bridge should be repaired or replaced.

The Bridge can be reopened only after several approvals



are received, including one from the Illinois Department of Transportation. In the meantime, it is anticipated that the Bridge will be open for foot traffic in time for Apple Fest, which begins Friday, September 21, 2018.

Recycle the Right Way

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organizations from trying to use facilities that process these materials. Due to the new restrictions, sorting lines are slowing down to meet new market specifications, which is expected to contribute to a continued rise in the cost to process recyclables. This all could directly impact Long Grove, because the cost of business for waste haulers in relation to recycling would go up as well – and the next step could be increases in fees for municipalities, and subsequently, their residents.

So, what can Long Grove residents do to be proactive about this change in recycling markets?

Hundreds of tons of recycling are collected every day in communities like Long Grove and the percentage of items that are not acceptable is on the rise. These materials are often

thrown out by mistake or are included in the recycling bin due to a lack of information or education. Some of the most common materials thrown away include plastic bags, pizza boxes, bubble wrap, rope materials and plastic hoses. These items can cause damage, resulting in costly repairs to recycling equipment.

The Village of Long Grove, along with Waste Management, would like to remind residents to dispose of containers that have little to no contamination on them. Glass, plastic and aluminum items should be washed thoroughly and dried before placing in the recycling bin. Recycled paper and cardboard should be free of food waste and grease.

An additional information resource is the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), which provides information, education, resources and solutions for municipal waste, including garbage, recycling and

yard waste. Visit swalco.org. To learn more about proper ways to recycle, visit recycleoftenrecycleright.com.

RECYCLING REMINDERS



NO Food Waste



NO Plastic Bags & Film



NO Foam Cups & Containers



NO Needles

Enjoy Apple Fest 2018



Apple Fest has visitors from Long Grove, neighboring towns, and even around the country that come to downtown Long Grove to enjoy a wide array of apple-inspired treats. Now in its 27th year, this three-day festival will have a Pop-Up Apple Orchard with dozens of local merchants serving a variety of items. In addition to 'everything apple', there also will be a wide variety of chocolate, caramel, popcorn treats and other food selections from local vendors. Musical performances will be held on three stages throughout the festival grounds all weekend long. The Kid Zone at Apple Fest will be full of activities including apple pie eating contests, tug-o-war and more. The Long Grove Historic Downtown Business Association has distributed four complimentary Long Grove resident tickets in the August 2018 Long Grove Living Publication.

Hours

Friday, September 21 - 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 22 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person, per day (kids 12 years of age and under are free). On Friday, September 22, admission is free all day. Daily parking is free in all public parking lots.

For more information, visit longgrove.org/festivals/apple-fest/.

From The Village President

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on food service from neighboring restaurants - but that has proven to be more challenging than originally thought. The pilot will run through January of 2019. The board also approved a resolution to pilot a second location in the Sunset Grove development to assist with outdoor dining for a new restaurant that is being considered.

Finally, I'm concerned with the approach that the Illinois Tollway Authority has taken with the \$25 million, recently rebranded Tri-County Access Project, also known as the Route 53 Extension/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Tollway has been under much scrutiny these days as to how they conduct business and we have seen some of those impacts early on with the EIS process. There is no doubt that we need to address our traffic congestion issues, but the Tollway's approach is minimizing Long Grove's input, and the input from all neighboring communities that are in the path of the proposed Route 53 extension. The board and I will continue to do our best to keep you informed.

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Long Grove Open Prescribed Burn Permits

An open, or prescribed burn, removes natural or planted vegetation from properties. In order for the Village to obtain an open burn permit for its residents, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires the Village to apply for an annual permit and submit



a list of properties to be included. Residents who wish to have a prescribed burn must fill out a permit form, which can be found on the main page of the Village website at LongGroveIL.gov. This form can be returned by mail to Long Grove Village Hall, 3110 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, Illinois 60047 or by fax at 847-634-9408.

Addresses are added to the open burn permit list and submitted as an application to the State of Illinois. Once the State approves the application, the list will be published to the Village website. Properties that are approved must then contact the Long Grove Fire Protection District at **847-634-3143**, or the Countryside Fire Protection District at **847-367-5511** to obtain a permit to perform an open burn.

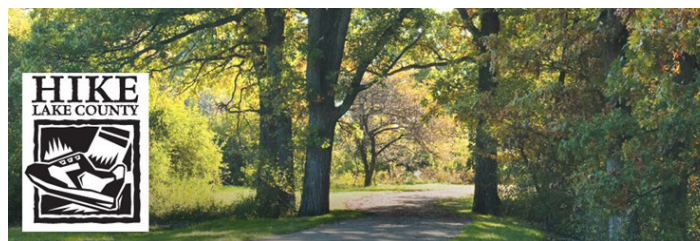


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Participate in Lake County's Hike Challenge through November 30, 2018

Lake County residents are invited to participate in outdoor activities to enjoy the fall, along with cooling temperatures and the changing color of the leaves. Residents can take part in the annual Hike Lake County Challenge by exploring Hike Lake County trails. Those who participate can earn a commemorative shield by completing seven hikes now through November 30, 2018. Visit lcpd.org/HLC/ for more information.

Leaf Collection, Tree Branch and Brush Burning in Long Grove

Leaves can be disposed of from October 27 through November 30, 2018 by placing them in biodegradable 30-gallon brown paper bags or reusable containers no greater than 50 pounds, or larger than 33 gallons. Waste Management will pick up the bags, provided each bag and/or container has yard waste stickers placed on them. Bags and/or containers should be set out at the same time recycling and waste carts are placed near the side of the road.



Tree branches and brush materials can be burned as long as the pile is no larger than 5 x 5 x 5 feet. The burning of leaves or grass clippings is prohibited due to a Village of Long Grove ordinance.

For more information, please contact the Village at **847-634-9440** or visit Waste Management at wm.com/us/residential/curbside-waste-pickup.



Halloween Safety Tips

One of the joys of the fall is the arrival of Halloween as children choose their favorite costume and eagerly anticipate the holiday. To make it a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, parents should consider the following Halloween safety tips as children head out the door to trick-or-treat.

Children

- Wear costumes that are flame-resistant, bright and reflective.
- Make sure shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- Use face paint rather than wearing a mask and avoid hats that slide over eyes.
- Carry a flashlight or chemical light stick.
- Stay on sidewalks and cross streets at the corner.
- Go only to well-lit houses and do not enter homes.
- Travel in small groups accompanied by an adult.
- Bring treats home for parents to inspect before eating them; discard unwrapped candy and food.

Adults

- Place lit pumpkins away from drapes and other flammable materials, and do not leave lit pumpkins unattended.
- When driving, watch carefully for pedestrians, especially children who may run into the street.
- If you notice suspicious activity, call 911 immediately.

Long Grove does not have set hours for trick-or-treating. Hours are left to the discretion of parents and/or your Homeowners Association.

November 2018 Election Information

Early Voting: October 22 – November 5, 2018
 Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
 Election Day Polls Open: 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Are You Registered to Vote?

To check if you are registered to vote in Lake County, please visit lakecountyil.gov/351/Voter-Power-for-Registered-Voters. For information on all the ways to register to vote, visit lakecountyil.gov/361/Voter-Registration.

Early Voting, and Election Day Voting Sites:

For a list of early voting sites and where to vote on election day, visit lakecountyil.gov/4085/Your-Voting-Site.

Want to be an Election Judge?

Election judges are currently being sought to ensure the election is fair and accurate. Join the Lake County election judge team and work at your Election Day voting site. To learn more and to reserve a seat in an upcoming training, please visit lakecountyil.gov/326/Election-Judges.

For additional information on the upcoming election, visit lakecountyil.gov and search 'November Election'.



“Times Gone By” in Long Grove

19th Century One Room School Houses

In the mid-19th century under Illinois school laws, 15 families could request a school and the county commissioner of schools, along with the township trustees, would establish a school district. In 1842, Vernon Township was divided into districts of roughly eight square miles each. In 1850, the total enrollment in Vernon Township schools included 534 children. During this period, the average time a child spent in school (in his or her lifetime) was a mere 208 days. Schools back then were not supported by a general tax. Only families with children in school were taxed until 1856, when the legislature passed a tax for educational purposes that applied to all residents. Usually an acre of land was donated by a farmer whose property was located in the school district. Local residents would provide the labor to build the school. Early schools were log cabins, with a roof of slabs and a dirt floor. These simple buildings were not rain-, snow- or wind-proof and children were often hot, cold or wet while in class if the weather was not agreeable. Slab benches normally lined the walls with a wood burning stove in the center.

The first teacher at Gridley School (which was located on Port Clinton Road east of Route 83) was Charlotte Honeywell of Norwich, Vermont. She was paid \$2 per week plus board and room, but resigned to marry her employer, Elisha Gridley. She was succeeded by her sister Harriet, who was paid \$3 per week.



Harriet also resigned to marry George Gridley, a presumed relative of Elisha. By 1870, 50 students were enrolled in Gridley School, with some children who were from Ela Township.

This information was printed with permission from the Long Grove Historical Society, and reference information appears in the book “In Retrospect” (pages 129-131), written by longtime Long Grove resident Gwen Berg.

Old McHenry Road and Watermain Project Updates

The Village’s new watermain installation was completed this summer. Downtown businesses are now preparing to connect to it by November of this year. The goal for this project is to support existing businesses, while attracting new businesses to the downtown Long Grove area, with a specific focus on new restaurants.

The Village of Long Grove partnered with Lake County this past spring on the

reconstruction of Old McHenry Road, which includes streetscape elements such as street lighting, sidewalks, and other aesthetic improvements throughout the downtown area. Despite delays over the summer due to required relocation of AT&T’s telecommunication facilities - which took longer than originally estimated - the Village is diligently working with Lake County to keep the project on schedule to be completed by mid-November, prior to the start of the holiday shopping season.

The Village is grateful for the patience from both the downtown businesses and local customers in the Village, as well as from the neighboring areas. Once the project is completed, downtown Long Grove will have a



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variety of improvements that will serve to enhance the experience enjoyed by so many people near and far, in the historic downtown area.

Continued support of the downtown merchants as this project nears completion is appreciated by all.

Countryside Fire Protection District Offers Child Safety Seat Inspections

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among young children due in part, to the non-use or improper use/installation of child safety seats. For this reason, the Countryside Fire Protection District has highly trained and certified car seat technicians available to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install car seats.

This free service is available to area residents seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the following station locations:

- Station 1- 801 S. Midlothian Road in Midlothian. Call **847-918-6151**.

- Station 2- 600 N. Deerpath Drive in Vernon Hills. Call **847-367-5511**.

The Countryside Fire Protection District recommends calling the station at least 15 minutes prior to arrival to ensure a trained car seat technician is available.

Although the Countryside Fire Protection District offers free car seat inspection and instruction as a community service, the ultimate responsibility for the child's safety rests with the parent or driver of the vehicle.

For more information on car seat types and installation tips, visit



buckleupillinois.com or call the Countryside Fire Protection District at **847-367-5511** to speak to a car seat technician.

Calling 911 from Landline Phones vs. Wireless Services

It is important to be aware of the differences when dialing 911 from a landline phone versus a cellular phone - because timing is of the essence when a call is made for emergency services.

When dialing from a landline phone, the caller's location and phone number is sent directly to that location's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). This allows the 911 call taker to dispatch police, fire or EMS to that location, even if the caller cannot communicate or speak with the call taker, for whatever reason.

Conversely, when a wireless 911 call is made from a cell phone, that call is first transmitted to the nearest cell tower. The cell tower then sends that call via landline to the PSAP that is designated to receive 911 calls for the area the caller is in - in addition to where assistance is needed. Issues may

arise when the nearest cell tower is in a different location than the police, fire or EMS jurisdiction, or in a different county than where the wireless 911 caller is calling from. To summarize, the 911 must go through additional steps before being transferred to the correct PSAP if the call is made by a cell phone.

The Village of Long Grove recommends using a landline phone, if possible, when dialing 911. Important reminders include:



- **Know the address and the location** of the emergency. When callers are away from where they live and do not know the specific address, they should be sure to note the city or town where the emergency is, and make note of major intersections or landmarks.
- **Do not become irritated** if the call is transferred to another PSAP and you are requested to repeat information that has already been given to a 911 call taker. This is done only to get help to the scene as quickly as possible.
- **Do not hang up** until the call is answered and the information is correctly relayed to the 911 call taker.
- **Try to remain calm** while on the phone so that the call taker can understand what is being communicated.

For more information on using wireless services for emergency calls, please visit fcc.gov/consumers/guides/911-wireless-services.



Upcoming Meetings

September

Architectural Commission	September 17, 2018
Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	September 18, 2018 (special meeting)
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	September 19, 2018 (as needed)
Economic Development Commission	September 25, 2018
Village Board Meeting	September 25, 2018

October

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	October 2, 2018
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	October 3, 2018
Economic Development Commission	October 9, 2018
Village Board Meeting	October 9, 2018
Architectural Commission	October 15, 2018
Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	October 16, 2018 (special meeting)
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	October 17, 2018 (as needed)
Economic Development Commission	October 23, 2018
Village Board Meeting	October 23, 2018

Connect with the Village of Long Grove

Village residents can subscribe to the E-newsletter at LongGroveIL.gov by selecting 'E-newsletter signup' on the left-hand column.

To receive time-sensitive, emergency or common-interest information, register for Connect-CTY, the Village's resident notification system. To sign up, visit LongGroveIL.gov, search the middle column for 'Connect-Cty', then click on the graphic to register.



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