



THE BRIDGE

Old McHenry Road Project Ends for the Year

The reconstruction of Old McHenry Road, which has been led by the Lake County Department of Transportation, began in the spring of 2018. After progress was initially made, the project encountered a temporary setback due to required utility relocation. Once that issue was addressed, the project carried on, and recently wrapped up at the end of December. All lanes are now open on Old McHenry Road, until next spring when the project will resume.

Work that was finished in 2018 includes asphalt paving for the southbound lanes on Old McHenry Road between the Long Grove Fire Protection District and Kildeer Countryside Elementary School, in addition to excavating and shaping of ditches and soil stabilization. Crews also began installation of the pipe underdrain and grading work behind the curbs that have been installed.

Patching of potholes with temporary asphalt along Old McHenry Road and on Robert Parker Coffin, along with pavement striping, the removal of most detour signs, the re-opening of lanes and miscellaneous cleanup were all completed by the end of the construction season. A Lamp, the general contractor for the project, had been planning on finishing pavement construction at the intersections at Old McHenry Road at Robert Parker Coffin Road, and Old McHenry Road at Archer Road before the year's end, but due to material availability and weather conditions, those projects will not be completed until next year. A Lamp's

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From the Village President



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Happy New Year and welcome to 2019!

As we look to the year ahead, and Village Board initiatives and projects in front of us, I'm looking forward to the following: completion of the Old McHenry Road Project, reconstruction of Robert Parker Coffin Road - including extending our public watermain. Additionally, the renovation of the Robert Parker Coffin Road Bridge, updating the Village's permitting process, increasing economic development, and keeping ahead of pace on the Village's road repaving program.

The Old McHenry Road reconstruction project has taken longer than was originally anticipated, which was caused by delays in relocating utility lines. However, substantial progress has been made, and the project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2019. I'm looking forward to all of the enhancements this project will bring to our downtown area.

Robert Parker Coffin Road will also be reconstructed next year, mirroring the Old McHenry Road improvements. Prior to the start of this project, we will further extend the Village watermain down Robert Parker Coffin Road.

There will also be a project relating to the covered Bridge on Robert Parker Coffin Road. As if we needed another major project in our downtown, but as luck would have it, right after we completed necessary repairs to the Bridge to keep it safe and functional for another 10 years - and it was named to the National Register of Historic Places - a reckless driver rammed through it, damaging the cover beyond repair and necessitating it be removed. However, now that the cover is off and the cost to replace it will be covered by the driver's insurance company, it is providing the Village with an opportunity to renovate it, since the cover would have needed to be removed to do any work underneath it. Funding has always been the challenge, since full restoration is estimated at a cost of \$900,000. The insurance carrier handling the cost of the cover replacement is helping, but we've also applied for a \$250,000 legislative initiative grant from the State of Illinois that State Senator Dan McConchie submitted on Long Grove's behalf, per my request. I'm cautiously optimistic that Long Grove will be receive this grant, and hope that by the time this newsletter is in mailboxes funding will be awarded to help us get this project completed in 2019.

Some initial work is also underway to overhaul Long Grove's permitting process, and I look forward to this being completed in 2019 as well. Our permit process has been in place for many years; it is labor intensive with a

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SWALCO Provides Solid Waste Options for Long Grove Residents

The purpose of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is to assist Lake County residents by providing alternatives to solid waste management, including disposal and recycling opportunities. Examples of solid waste disposal events sponsored by SWALCO include electronics recycling, household chemical waste, composting, pharmaceutical disposal and more. All residents of Long Grove can utilize any of the services provided by SWALCO. Below is a list of initiatives and efforts that the organization handles on an ongoing basis:

- Implement a Solid Waste Management Plan for all of Lake County.
- Facilitate an efficient, reliable and environmentally sound waste disposal system.
- Advise, assist and educate SWALCO members regarding solid waste management issues and options.
- Identify, evaluate and disseminate information regarding techniques to reduce, reuse and recycle solid waste.



The overall goal of SWALCO is to provide Lake County residents with programs and the infrastructure necessary to divert as much material from disposal in landfills as possible, in an environmentally responsible way.

To sign up for the SWALCO newsletter to receive updates on upcoming recycling and waste disposal events, visit this link: swalco.org/283/Newsletter.

Robert Parker Coffin Road Bridge Update

The Robert Parker Coffin Road Bridge has had an event-filled year. On June 27, 2018, just a short time after receiving a historic designation from the State of Illinois, an oversized truck plowed through the Bridge causing severe damages, which ultimately required the removal of its timber cover in late August prior to it reopening to traffic. Abutment replacements were also necessitated by the damages caused by the accident. Since then, the Long Grove Village Board has reviewed different options to repair and/or restore the Bridge to its former glory.

Statements of Qualifications have been provided to the Village by different architectural design firms for replacement of the timber cover. The

Village plans to enter into a contract for design services in the beginning of 2019 with a goal to have them completed by the spring. Bids for the timber cover are anticipated to be received by May of 2019, and the construction schedule is 'to be determined' and will need to be coordinated with the Bridge's abutment replacement.

Bids are being sought for abutment replacement work, in addition to proposals for structural engineering services. Completion of the design for abutments is anticipated to happen in March of 2019 and bids to be received by April. The award of a construction contract will be subject to funding that is available. The Village has applied for a \$250,000 Department of Economic Opportunity Grant for restoration of the

Bridge, and as of the publish date of this newsletter, has not been officially notified that the grant will be awarded.

For more information on future planning for the Bridge, please visit longgroveil.gov or call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.



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strong reliance on paper, and it is not always easy to determine what fees will be, plus in some situations, the intended value to be received from them.

Attracting new business to Long Grove that will generate increased sales tax revenues has been a key focus of the Village Board to fund our infrastructure projects. Last year, we seated six commissioners on a newly formed Economic Development Commission, and I'm confident they will have a positive impact on the Village this coming year. There are some key areas in our recently updated Comprehensive Plan that are ripe for development. One such area is in the outlots on the Menards property. After I wrote the CEO of Menards, John Menard, we met with their real estate executive to offer our assistance. Since access directly to Menards from Lake Cook Road is key to attracting new businesses, we agreed to split the cost with Menards for a traffic study, which has been completed, and will soon be sent to the State of Illinois. I'm hopeful that the Illinois Department of Transportation will support us and grant additional access to support our development efforts. While this action itself may seem somewhat trivial, I've come to realize that our success is dependent upon many efforts such as this, and I know that our Economic Development Commission and the Village Board will help us accelerate these types of initiatives in the years to come.

Finally, as we begin 2019, we have repaved 47% of our Village-owned roads in the past four years, which is a great accomplishment. I'm looking forward to keeping up the pace and completing the repaving of all our roads well ahead of our 15-year schedule.

We have much to accomplish in 2019 and I'm confident it will be another successful year for Long Grove.

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Road Projects

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subcontractor, Home Towne Electric, may be able to begin to construct sidewalks and street light foundations, and complete electrical work during the winter months to prepare for the project to begin in the late spring or early summer of 2019.

Along Old McHenry Road, all pavement construction and intersections, ADA accessible sidewalks, street lights, benches, streetscapes and landscaping are projected to be completed in 2019. Please visit the LCDOT website for real-time updates at lakecountyil.gov/3400/Old-McHenry-Rd.

Long Grove Comprehensive Plan

The updated Long Grove Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Village Board on November 27, 2018. The Plan provides policy foundation for the development and management of the community into the future, while respecting the 'rural character' that the Village has become known for throughout the northwest suburbs, and beyond.

One of the highlighted areas of the updated Plan is to enhance economic development through effective land-use planning, and to ensure the current lack of property tax is sustainable for the Village and the services it provides for residents. Transportation infrastructure is another focus of the updated Plan, including planning based on road use and long-term road maintenance. Another area of the Plan is the incorporation of resident feedback in regard to revitalization of the historic downtown area and optimal utilization of community resources.

The Village remains focused on maintaining the balance between residential, and economic opportunities for Long Grove.

To view the Comprehensive Plan in its entirety, visit longgrovecompplan.wordpress.com.

Connect with Long Grove

Stay up to date with the latest news from Long Grove by visiting longgroveil.gov/newsletters/ and signing up for the bi-weekly E-News.

To receive time-sensitive, emergency and other important notifications, register for Connect-CTY, the Village's resident notification system. To sign up, visit

longgroveil.gov/connect-with-long-grove/ or click on the graphic at the longgroveil.gov.



Volunteers Needed for Two Village Committees



The Village of Long Grove has several key committees that serve as advisory bodies to the Village Board. Please note that the Village is currently in need of a commissioner on the Architectural Commission, as well as a commissioner on the Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee. Descriptions of both of these committees are listed below:

- **Architectural Commission (AC):** The AC reviews building requests, including signs, and focusses on aesthetics and harmony with the Village.
- **Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee (CSCC):** The CSCC advises the Village Board regarding conservancy districts and scenic corridors which Long Grove is known for and makes the Village unique.

Other committees that advise the Village Board include:

- **Economic Development Commission (EDC):** This newly formed commission's purpose is to attract business to Long

Grove as described in the Village's Comprehensive Plan, and is an advisory body to the Village Board in matters related to businesses in the community.

- **Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA):** This commission focusses on development, reviews plans, and recommendations for zoning changes. A major project that the planning commission recently completed was an update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan.
- **Pathway Committee (PC):** This committee reviews pathway plans and is focused on the development and interconnection of all pathways in the Village.

If residents are interested in getting involved and filling one of the two current committee vacancies, please email Village President Bill Jacob at Bill.Jacob@LonggroveIL.gov. Individuals that are interested in serving on any of the other committees listed above can also send an email in the case that an opening were to occur.

Cocoa Crawl Event in Downtown Long Grove

The Long Grove Cocoa Crawl is a family-friendly event on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This event is free and will take place in downtown Long Grove. Guests can simply check in at the Visitor's Center, 308 Old McHenry Road, to pick up a map and a list of participating businesses - and then visit participating merchants to sample cocoa-inspired treats and shop the unique stores and restaurants in the downtown area. When finished, guests can return to the Visitor's Center to vote on their favorite treats.

Every vote will be entered to win a raffle prize donated by participating stores. Raffles will be drawn the following week and winners will be notified via the Historic Long Grove Facebook page ([facebook.com/ShopDineLG/](https://www.facebook.com/ShopDineLG/)) and by email. Join the fun!



Longtime Long Grove Park District President Retires

Jane Wittig, the outgoing Long Grove Park District President, began her involvement with the park district, and so much more throughout Long Grove, as a volunteer. Her first endeavor was to help restore a sedge meadow ecosystem, which was an important flood control project at Reed-Turner Forest Preserve. From there, and over the next two decades, Jane joined the park district board of commissioners, then became its president, and oversaw Girls Scout Gold Awards and Boy Scout's Eagle projects, among many other important volunteer efforts.

Her previous professional career as a manager of human resources and community relations likely helped her to excel at communication and collaboration with local and state agencies that oversaw parks and nature preserve lands. Jane founded many groups and programs, including the highly-regarded Reed-Turner Botanical Artists group, as well as assisting them in the development of their program. She managed a summer internship program offered by the park district, which helped to provide human resources to assist in the removal of a number of invasive species in Long Grove.

In addition to her involvement with

the park district, Jane also has served on many committees and boards such as the Pathways Committee and the Village's Long Term Planning Advisory Committee. Jane also was a longtime board member and president of the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club.

One of her most appreciated talents has been her ability to bring groups together, by actively developing stronger relationships between the park district, the Village, and community business partners. One recent and very important contribution of Jane's, and her team of volunteers, was the removal of teasel by spearheading a massive and collaborative (all volunteer) community effort.

In his remarks during a recent presentation at the Long Grove Village Board meeting, Village President Bill Jacob recognized Jane and her many contributions.

"Long Grove has been so fortunate that Jane chose to take a leadership role with the Long Grove Park District. On behalf of the village board, staff and residents ... we thank Jane for all that she has done for



the village," he said.

Along with Jane, her husband Ken also has made significant contributions to the Village. Ken was a strong support to Jane in her roles with the park district and the garden club, in addition to investing his own time for many initiatives. He assisted with communications for the park district, the summer internship program, Girl Scout and Boy Scout projects, in addition to writing 'Our Outdoors', a column for Long Grove Living.

Both Jane and Ken have been extremely important contributors to the local community and are now heading south to enjoy a well-deserved retirement! The Village of Long Grove wishes them only the best in all of their future endeavors.



VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE



2019 VEHICLE STICKER

Vehicles Stickers Now Available at Village Hall

The 2019 Village of Long Grove vehicle stickers are now available for \$10. Residents interested in purchasing a vehicle sticker can mail a check made payable to: **Village of Long Grove, 3110 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, IL 60047**. Please include name, address and the number of vehicle stickers

to be purchased. Vehicle stickers can also be picked up at Village Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Village would like to remind residents that vehicle stickers are not mandatory. For more information, please call Village Hall at **847-634-9440**.

Waste Management Awarded New Hauler Contract

After seeking out bids from a variety of waste hauling companies, the Village of Long Grove at its November 27, 2018 Village Board meeting approved a new waste hauler contract with Waste Management (WM). WM has been the Village's waste hauling service provider since 1998.

Each of the companies that provided bids prior to WM's contract approval were significantly higher in cost compared to the current rates paid by Long Grove residents. Once the Village selected WM, the Village Board members entered into negotiations with WM, and the company was able to reduce rates relative to their initial bid. The new contract represents a 17.1% cost increase for the Village as a whole. For example, the unit price for a 65-gallon container under the current contract is \$18.80, and the cost under the new contract will be \$21.83 per unit. Services provided will remain unchanged, other than the addition of a monthly electronics recycling option for residents. More information on this new service will be coming soon. The new contract will go into effect on February 1, 2019.

The vast majority of residents who responded to the Village's request for input through Village communications were supportive of keeping WM as the Village's waste hauler, based upon the high level of service provided for the last two decades, and the company's understanding of the Long Grove community. For more information visit home.wm.com/long-grove.

Remember a Permit When Replacing a Furnace

The Village of Long Grove requires that a permit be obtained for all furnace replacements, which require a qualified inspector to ensure that the unit meets building code requirements and manufacturer's guidelines. Obtaining a permit helps to safeguard this investment and make sure that it is safe for residents.

As with many mechanical devices, oxygen is required for the unit to operate properly. A lack of oxygen can result in the need for repairs and can reduce the life span of the unit. Gas and electric appliances are vented and must be properly installed so they are safe for in-home use. Improperly installed furnaces can cause illness, injury or even death.

Homeowner's insurance may not cover the cost of damages, repairs or replacement of a furnace if a building permit was not obtained.

Homeowners should not ever trust a contractor or individual who states that a permit isn't necessary when installing a furnace. For questions regarding furnace installation requirements, or the building permit process, please contact the Long Grove Building Department at [847-634-9440](tel:847-634-9440).

Two Subdivisions Coming to Village

Two new developments, commonly known as the Deer Trail and Karen's Corner developments, were recently granted approvals by the Long Grove Village Board. Both developments had been under consideration over the last year and will be located on the west side of Old Hicks Road north of Checker Road and adjacent/connected to one another, which is considered a desirable feature.

Deer Trail

This property consists of 38.17 acres that are presently vacant. The final plat for the development identifies 26 single-family residential lots to be developed on the property with a minimum lot area of 16,000 square feet. Wetland areas on the property will be protected, enhanced with natural plantings and incorporated as open space elements of the development. Final plan and plat approval was granted by the Village Board on November 13, 2018.

Karen's Corner

This property consists of 18 acres of land and will contain 20 single-family residential lots with a minimum lot area of 16,000 square feet. The property is currently vacant but does contain remnants of the former Iverson Greenhouse and Nursery which previously occupied the area. The Village Board approved the development at the December 11, 2018 meeting.





Upcoming Meetings

January

Economic Development Commission	January 8, 2019
Village Board Meeting	January 8, 2019
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	January 15, 2019
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	January 16, 2019 Cancelled
Architectural Commission	January 21, 2019 Cancelled
Economic Development Commission	January 22, 2019
Village Board Meeting	January 22, 2019

February

Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	February 5, 2019
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	February 6, 2019
Architectural Commission	February 11, 2019
Economic Development Commission	February 12, 2019
Village Board Meeting	February 12, 2019
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	February 19, 2019
Economic Development Commission	February 26, 2019
Village Board Meeting	February 26, 2019

Safeguard Your Home While You're Away

Residents who will be away from their homes for an extended period of time should consider contacting the Lake County Sheriff's Office to set up a home watch. A sheriff's deputy will be assigned to conduct random checks to ensure the home is secure while residents are away.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office recommends viewing 'Preventing Burglaries - How to Protect Your Home' published by the National Neighborhood Watch Program. The document details how to properly secure doors and windows and provides a safety checklist for residents. To view the document, visit lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2858. To setup a house watch, please contact the Lake County 911 Communications Center at **847-549-5200**.



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