



THE BRIDGE

Old McHenry Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road Projects

In the long-term, the Old McHenry Road reconstruction project (and the Robert Parker Coffin Road project which will follow in 2019), will provide many long-term benefits for the Village as a whole, as well as for the downtown area.

Residents and visitors are thanked for their patience during this period of construction and ultimate improvement and are assured the Village is working diligently with the Lake County Department of Transportation (LCDOT) to have all of these improvement projects completed in 2019.

The Old McHenry Road reconstruction project has been ongoing since the summer of this year. The required relocation of utilities along the road caused delays that will prevent LCDOT from completing the work by the end of the 2018 construction season. LCDOT is currently working to have the entire Old McHenry Road project substantially complete by the end of the 2018 construction season, with an asphalt driving surface installed for travel during the winter. The anticipated work for 2019 will be the final asphalt paving and landscaping.

As the work planned for this year is finalized, Old McHenry Road will have partial closures through the end of the 2018 construction season to

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From the Village President



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The holiday season is fast approaching as we begin to close out the year 2018. Even though it seems the years continue to go by faster, things like road construction can seem as if it is never ending.

This year, Long Grove embarked on a major road construction project in our downtown, in collaboration with Lake County, to improve Old McHenry Road at Robert Parker Coffin Road. There were unfortunately, unavoidable delays in relocating utilities as part of this project, and as a result the project is behind schedule. However, the Lake County Department of Transportation (LCDOT) is feverishly trying to make up for lost time and is hopeful that they can complete most of the project yet this year prior to the asphalt plants shutting down for the winter. Despite the delays and inconvenience the project has caused, there is a great optimism by many on what is happening in our downtown, including those visiting Apple Fest in late September which had what appeared to be a record attendance.

I do appreciate the efforts and commitment by LCDOT to complete as much as possible this year so as not to delay our planned reconstruction Robert Parker Coffin Road next year, which will include the installation of new sidewalks and streetscapes. I can assure you that the Village is working toward the goal of having all of these projects completed in 2019.

The RPC Bridge is now back open with 'headache bars' as a precaution to assist in prohibiting truck traffic. This is only a temporary situation as we work through the next steps to repair the Bridge, including the replacement of its cover. This is another project in our Village that we must all have some patience for, in seeing it through to completion.

The Village has two open commissioner positions; one on the Architectural Commission and the other on the Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee. The Architectural Commission reviews building requests, including signs, and focuses on aesthetics and harmony within the Village. The Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee advises the Village Board regarding conservancy districts and scenic corridors. If you have some time and are interested in serving in either role, please email me at Bill.Jacob@LonggroveIL.gov.

The update to Long Grove's Comprehensive Plan is now before the Village Board and I'm pleased by the time and effort that has been invested by the Plan Commission, stakeholders, residents, and property and business owners, in preparing this document. I look forward to the Village Board approving the updated Comprehensive Plan by early December.

Thanksgiving is coming up soon and provides us the opportunity to reflect

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Long Grove Village Board Increases Enforcement Efforts on RPC Bridge

After being closed for more than two months due to damages caused by an oversized truck, the Robert Parker Coffin Road (RPC) Bridge has been reopened to vehicle and foot traffic. The Long Grove Village Board is now working to prevent similar accidents in the future and has stepped up enforcement efforts relating to height and weight limits for vehicles crossing the Bridge.

Following the removal of the Bridge's roof at the end of August due to the damages it sustained on June 27, 2018, a temporary overhead barrier was put in place to warn motorists traveling over the Bridge of a height limit of 10 feet, 6 inches. At the September 25, 2018 meeting, the Village Board approved an additional 2-foot reduction (8 feet, 6 inches) in the vehicle height. Pending approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), signage on the Bridge's overhead barrier will be changed to reflect the lower height limit (8 feet, 6 inches). Until then,



the height limit for vehicles traveling over the Bridge will remain at 10 feet, 6 inches and the weight limit at 3 tons (6,000 pounds). The minimum fine for either the owner or the operator of a vehicle exceeding these height and weight limits is \$750.

Road Projects

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northbound traffic, as the narrowest part of the project between Archer Road to Robert Parker Coffin Road. The remainder of the downtown will be open to two-way traffic at all times. Downtown Long Grove businesses will be open and accessible during this entire project.

Please see the information on the detour routes below:

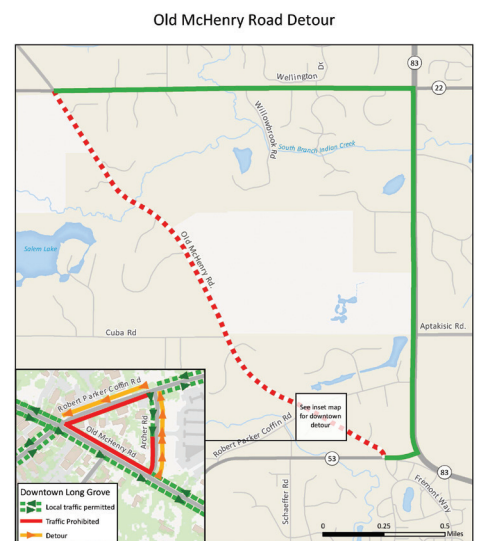
Detour Route: Route 22 to Route 83 to Route 53. Detour Route for Downtown Long Grove: Local traffic will have access on Old McHenry Road from Route 22 and Route 53. Old McHenry Road will be closed to northbound traffic between Robert Parker Coffin Road and Archer Road. The detour for local traffic on Old

McHenry Road will be Archer Road to Robert Parker Coffin Road. Access to the Stempel Municipal Parking Lot will be maintained from Old McHenry Road. Motorists can follow the guide signs and visit the LCDOT website at lakecountylil.gov/3400/Old-McHenry-Rd for real-time updates.

In 2019, reconstruction of Robert Parker Coffin Road will begin, and will include a number of attractive improvements to the downtown, including streetscapes, landscaping, ADA accessible sidewalks, and new benches. More information will be provided on this project as we get closer to its start.

The Village will continue to keep residents up-to-date on developments with both of these projects through this print newsletter, in addition to

the bi-monthly E-newsletter which residents can sign up to receive, by visiting longgroveil.gov.



LakeCounty
Division of Transportation
lakecountypassage.com

Local traffic only
Detour route

April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election Candidate Information

Three Long Grove Village Board Trustee seats will be open in the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election. Interested individuals in running for election are now able to gather signatures for petitions, which can be obtained at Long Grove Village Hall, 3110 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove, during regular business hours; Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Petition filing begins Monday, December 10, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at Long Grove Village Hall, 3110 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove. If there is more than one person in line at 8:00 a.m., a lottery will be held following the close of filing to determine candidate placement on the ballot. Petition filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018. If there is more than one person to file between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on that date, a lottery will be held to determine the final place on the ballot.

Municipal elections are administered by the Lake County Clerk, and questions can be directed to the State Board of Elections. A Candidate's Guide may be obtained online at electionsil.gov.

Additional information can also be found on the Lake County Clerk's website at lakecountyil.gov/163/elections or by calling the State Board of Elections at **312-814-6440**.

Neither the Long Grove Village Clerk or the Village of Long Grove are responsible for the accuracy or legal sufficiency of filed documents and can only provide and receive candidacy documents. This information is provided as a courtesy to residents interested in running for elected office. It is the responsibility of the candidate, or the representative of the candidate, to ensure that all documents presented are compliant with all appropriate election law.

From The Village President

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on what we are thankful for. I personally have much to be thankful for. I want to thank you, our residents, for your trust and support. I also want to thank the Village Board, Village staff and commissioners, the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association, Long Grove Park District, our numerous HOA board members, Long Grove and Countryside Fire Protection Districts, the schools, Lake County, Vernon and Ela Townships, nonprofits such as the Lions Club and Rotary Club, plus everyone that volunteers their time in support of our community, as it is greatly appreciated. I hope that you and your family and friends have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and holiday season!

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Long Grove Comprehensive Plan

At the September 4, 2018 meeting of the Long Grove Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA), final recommendations on the updated Long Grove Comprehensive Plan were presented. This action closed the Public Hearing portion of the Plan update process and started the 90-day approval period for the adoption of the document by the Long Grove Village Board. In addition to building on past planning efforts which established a unique 'rural character' for the Village, significant effort was given to updating statements that provide policy foundation for development and management of the community for the future. Three highlighted areas of interest for the updated plan have included, 1) enhancing economic development focus (through effective land-use planning) to ensure the longstanding "no tax" philosophy for fiscal management of village operations is sustainable long-term, 2) transportation infrastructure including long-term road maintenance and planning that takes into account trends in road use, 3) incorporation of resident feedback received, ranging from better utilization of community resources to accelerating the revitalization of the historic district.

In particular, the draft Plan introduces some specific proposed changes in land use designed to help with the implementation of item 1 above while maintaining the Village's longstanding and delicate balance of promoting both economic and residential opportunities in the Village. For example, if so inclined in the future, the Village had interest in introducing higher density attached residential development, it would be most appropriate in the Downtown area. The draft document under consideration (5.24.18 v2 version), as well as the 'tracked changes' version which identifies changes made during the update process, can be viewed at longgrovecompplan.wordpress.com under the 'documents' tab. The Plan update must be adopted no later than December 3, 2018. It is anticipated that plan adoption will occur at the November 27, 2018 Village Board Meeting. Please visit longgroveil.gov for updates on meeting dates and locations.



Meet Your Economic Development Commission (EDC)

A short year ago, the Long Grove Village Board passed a resolution to form an Economic Development Commission (EDC), for the purposes of:

- **Attracting** new businesses and economic development opportunities to Long Grove.
- **Promoting** business retention, growth and success within the Village.
- **Enhancing** communication between the Village and the local business community.

Since the Village does not levy a real estate tax, businesses that generate sales tax are a key focus to fund governmental services and initiatives, such as road maintenance. Screening of candidates for the Commission proceeded in earnest and the inaugural five seats were filled early Spring with a sixth seat filled this past Summer... all members of the EDC are Long Grove residents:

- Pam Brown: 30-year business attorney specializing in commercial real estate transactions.
- Minah Hall: 20-year professional site selection consultant and attorney.
- Dr. Jay Levin: Orthopedic/spinal surgeon and real estate development firm managing member.
- Bruce “Rob” Pipin: Senior Vice President, Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley and 7-year Mundelein EDC member.
- Eric Russell: Civil engineer with KLOA specializing in multimodal transportation/traffic/parking planning.
- David Beck: Senior consumer product/brand manager for Mizcan Americas (Ragu); previously at Kraft and Heinz.

The Commission’s first meeting was May 7, 2018 and the team quickly realized opportunities far exceeded original thoughts.

A “Top 10” list of priorities has been developed:

1. Village Branding/Marketing Characteristics
2. New Business Welcome Brochure
3. Inventory of Vacancies/Development Opportunities/ Parking
4. TIF Performance Improvement
5. Comprehensive Plan Policies
6. Development/Repurposing Opportunity: CFI
7. Benchmarking Visits
8. Monthly/Quarterly New Business Reach-Outs
9. Development/Repurposing Opportunity: South 15
10. Festival Successes & ‘Main Street’ Organization-Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association (HDLGBA)

There are many ways to describe Long Grove... scenic, quaint, safe, beautiful, historic and comparatively less expensive due to no local property tax. Your EDC hopes to make a few additional descriptors in the mix more prominent, including, ‘bustling businesses’, ‘sustainably vibrant economy’, and ‘visibly prosperous hub of activity’. Through its economic revitalization effort, the EDC hopes to position our Village once again as one of Lake County’s, and the State’s, preeminent ‘destination and experience’ locations of yesteryear fame! Future updates will be coming, so please stay tuned.

EDC meetings are held at 7:00 a.m. at the Long Grove Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, and residents are encouraged to attend whenever they can.

Festive Holiday Traditions & Events Return to Downtown Long Grove!

Providing the perfect backdrop for timeless traditions, Long Grove’s charming, small-town setting will once again come alive this holiday season during the annual Long Grove Vintage Holidays, presented by the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association. Running each weekend from Friday, November 23 through Sunday, December 23, 2018, residents and visitors will be offered authentic ‘shop small’ experiences and festivities, including the famous Christmas Tree Parade, complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides, strolling

costumed carolers, appearances by Santa and Mrs. Clause, and more! Stroll along cobblestone walkways lined with luminaries and take in the sites of the picturesque bridge and



Victorian buildings trimmed with lights - for a winter wonderland of feel-good experiences and long-lasting memories. Also, shoppers who make purchases totaling \$150 or more (pre-tax) between Friday, November 23 and Saturday, December 22 can stop into the Visitor’s Center at 308 Old McHenry Road to receive a free gift, while supplies last! Learn more about the holiday festivities at longgrove.org/events-festivals/ and be sure to take advantage of this nostalgic alternative to big box mayhem, by shopping Downtown Long Grove this holiday season!

Route 53 Extension Discussion Part 3: “Environmental Devastation”

The Village of Long Grove, along with several other communities, opposes the Route 53 extension project, which was first proposed in 1962. While this proposed extension is described as a way to decrease traffic and congestion, the environmental impact it would arguably have on natural resources and community values in the corridor and its surrounding areas is a key issue.

We have discussed project details in two previous issues of the Bridge this year. Part 1 addressed project financing, including the potential for significant new tax burdens across ALL of Lake County while still falling far short of the total estimated cost. Part 2, “Loss of Sovereignty,” described the project’s proposed takeover of several land-use decisions in Long Grove, municipalities in the corridor, and Lake County. Citizens along the proposed extension face a real possibility of degraded property values. In this Part 3 installment, “Environmental Devastation”, we draw your attention to the irreversible environmental damage that would face our high-quality natural lands, which have been guarded and preserved for decades through thoughtful stewardship by generations of environmentally conscious people throughout the Lake County region.

For instance, the Liberty Prairie Reserve, a 6,000-acre nature preserve in Lake County, has been permanently protected as conserved open space. The critical conservation and restoration work it has conducted for decades means 28 threatened and endangered species now call it home, as well as 57 species the Illinois Department of Natural Resources state have the greatest need for conservation. For the first time in 100 years, Sandhill Cranes are nesting again in Illinois.

This type of environmental stewardship would not be possible with a Route 53 extension into Lake County. In addition to light, noise, and air pollution, salt and other contaminants would pollute water that is critical to ecosystems and people living across the corridor - especially communities such as Long Grove that rely on wells as their principal source of fresh water.

The project would degrade numerous natural areas and recreational open spaces along its route, including land between the Egret Marsh Forest Preserve and Heron Creek that is home to more than 116 species; six listed as state-endangered, and three as state-threatened. West of the Kildeer Creek and Woodland Land and Water Reserve



would be cut, as well as Indian Creek, which has been showcased by the United States EPA as a restoration success story through the Clean Water Act. Beyond these direct effects, increased traffic on local feeder roads would further fragment the expanses of prairie that are critical for grassland birds and other species in greatest need of conservation.

In summary, the extension’s adverse environmental impact is real, and would severely alter our natural resources and quality of life for generations to come.

We hope readers will join the growing number of residents who are rejecting the Illinois Tollway Authority’s attempts to build Route 53 through the heart of Lake County at the expense of Lake County residents, the sovereignty of their communities, public health and most directly - the irreversible and devastating impacts to the environment. Residents are encouraged to leave their questions and comments regarding this project here: project.tricountyaccess.org/leave-a-comment/.



Santa is Coming to Town

Santa is Coming to Reed -Turner Nature Center! Our residents are invited to meet him on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Don’t forget your camera to capture the moment. There will be refreshments and

crafts for the kids, along with the main attraction- Santa! There is no charge, but those who attend are asked to please bring an unwrapped gift to put under the tree for distribution to less fortunate children. Registration for this event is not required.

The Reed-Turner Nature Center is located at 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove. Call **847-438-4743** for additional information.

SWALCO Holiday Lights Recycling

<p>Village of Mundelein Village Hall, 300 Plaza Circle Public Works Facility #1, 440 E. Crystal Street Fire Station #1, 1000 Midlothian Road Fire Station #2, 1300 S. Lake Street 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday Mid-November - end of January</p> <p>Grant Township: Road District Facility, 26535 Molidor Road, Ingleside Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Grayslake: Village Public Works Facility, 585 Berry Avenue, Grayslake Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 pm Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Noon</p> <p>ACCEPTED: Wire string holiday lights and extension cords. NOT ACCEPTED: Live Trees, Artificial Trees, Live Greens, Wreaths, Garland, Ornaments, Figurines, Inflatables.</p>	<p>Highland Park City Recycling Center, 1180 Half Day Road, Highland Park Every Tuesday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 1st Saturday of the month 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Prairieland Disposal & Recycling, 21N988 Pepper Road, Lake Barrington Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Noon</p> <p>Warren Newport Public Library: Lobby, 224 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee During regular library hours December 1, 2017 - January 15, 2018 For more information, visit SWALCO.org.</p>
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Vehicle Stickers Available First Week in December

The 2019 Village of Long Grove vehicle stickers will be available the first week of December 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, Illinois, 60047. Please include your name, address and the number of vehicle stickers you would like. Vehicle stickers can also be picked up at Village Hall at the start of December 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, call Village Hall at [847-634-9440](tel:847-634-9440).

Waste Management Holiday Schedule and Christmas Tree Pickup

Waste Management will have an altered schedule during the holiday season. There will be no garbage or recycling pick-up on Tuesday, December 25, 2018 in observance of Christmas, or Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in observance of New Year's Day. Garbage and recycling pickup during those weeks will take place one day later than the normal pickup, and Friday pickups will be carried over to Saturday. Waste Management will also pick up Christmas trees between Wednesday, January 2 and Monday, January 14, 2019.

Long Grove Snow Removal

The Village contracts for snow removal with Lester's Material Services. In October of each year, all Village roads and parkways are inspected by Lester's to identify potential hazards, and mailboxes that are damaged or require repair. The Village then sends letters to all residents requesting that these potential hazards be removed, and damaged mailboxes repaired by November 1. Village code specifically prohibits the placement of boulders and other items within the Village's right-of-way since they can be hazards for cars, snowplows and drivers. Boulders are of concern since they are not visible at night and can become buried by heavy snows. This creates a hazardous situation when

snowplow drivers are clearing to the edge of pavement. To avoid damaging equipment, the Village directs Lester's to remove all boulders from Village parkways after November 1.

During winter events, snow removal operations maintain all public roads with priority to main thoroughfares, and secondarily to all other Village roads, such as side streets and cul-de-sacs. Lester's initial efforts are to keep both lanes of roads open to traffic; once the snowfall ends, the company comes back to clean-up and remove snow to the outside edge of pavement while applying salt. Unless there is icing or other hazardous conditions, salting is not completed when



plowing since subsequent plowing will only push the salt along with the snow off the pavement. Lester's makes every effort to avoid damaging the Village parkway and resident mailboxes. However, if your parkway or mailbox is damaged as a result of snow removal efforts, please contact the Village and Lester's will repair the issue or provide a temporary mailbox. All parkways will be restored in the spring. For more information, visit longgroveil.gov or call [847-634-9440](tel:847-634-9440).



Upcoming Meetings

November

Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	November 6, 2018
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	November 7, 2018
Economic Development Commission	November 13, 2018
Village Board Meeting	November 13, 2018
Architectural Commission	November 19, 2018
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	November 20, 2018
Economic Development Commission	November 27, 2018
Village Board Meeting	November 27, 2018

December

Economic Development Commission	December 2, 2018 Cancelled
Village Board Meeting	December 2, 2018 Cancelled
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	December 4, 2018
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	December 5, 2018
Economic Development Commission	December 11, 2018
Village Board Meeting	December 11, 2018
Architectural Commission	December 17, 2018
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	December 18, 2018

Village Hall Holiday Closures 2018-2019

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 22, 2018
Friday, November 23, 2018

Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 24, 2018
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Wednesday, December 26, 2018

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019



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