



# THE BRIDGE

# Village 'Turns on the Lights'

pproximately 14 months ago, the renovation of Old McHenry Road in Long Grove's downtown area began. This project included a newly constructed road, installation of streetlamps, ADA accessible sidewalks, benches, streetscapes, landscaping, and laying pipe to transport public water to the downtown. To celebrate the completion of this project, and officially welcome the first time the downtown was illuminated by streetlamps, on September 5, 2019, the Village of Long Grove hosted the "Turn on the Lights" event. Participating in this momentous occasion were Village Board members, residents, Long Grove business owners, members of the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association (HDLGBA) and other dignitaries.

Village President Bill Jacob kicked off the celebration with a warm welcome to all who attended, recognizing the patience displayed by the downtown business owners, Village residents, and motorists who had to cope with disruptions during construction. The Village Tavern owner Chip Ullrich was given the honor of "flipping the switch." Chip and his wife Mary Ann, had been long-time proponents for adding lights to the downtown so as to encourage commerce and foot traffic in the evenings.

Currently, Robert Parker Coffin Road (RPC) is undergoing a similar renovation as Old McHenry Road and is expected to be complete before holiday shopping and activities begin. Painting and abutment repairs, as well as installation of a new timber cover, are scheduled for the RPC Road Bridge in spring of 2020.

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# From the Village President



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hanksgiving is fast approaching and the holiday always provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what we are thankful for. I have much to be thankful for, starting with my beautiful wife who has been very supportive of me in my role as Village President, and for the Long Grove Trustees, Commissioners, and Village Staff for all that they do - day in and day out - in support of our Village and residents.

I'm thankful for the progress that we've made in the renovation of our historic downtown and for the patience of our downtown business owners as they have endured disruptions to their businesses during the construction. I was honored to preside over a street lighting ceremony that the Village hosted recently, where Chip Ullrich turned on the newly installed streetlamps for the first time in front of their landmark Village Tavern, the oldest continuous operating tavern in Illinois. It's hard to believe that we've never had streetlamps in our downtown, but what a difference it has made.

I'm thankful for the work that our Historic Downtown Business Association has been doing to reinvent the downtown and their recent donation of \$60K to contribute towards the additional streetlamps on Robert Parker Coffin Road. We are fortunate to have many businesses in our Village that drive sales tax revenues to fund our initiatives. The Menards, as well as the Sunset Grove development, are the top sales tax contributors for the Village, and I'm grateful for that.

I'm thankful that we have been able to repave half of our Village-owned roads in the past four years without levying a real estate tax.

I'm grateful for the new Illinois Tollway Director Jose Alvarez for cancelling the Route 53 Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and I'm optimistic the State of Illinois will finally address our transportation needs - including the proposed widening of Route 22 that if all goes well, will go out to bid early next year.

I'm thankful for Illinois State Senator Dan McConchie's support in helping us to receive a \$250K grant, making it possible for us to renovate the Robert Parker Coffin Bridge. I will be even more thankful once the project has been completed, which now is slated for the spring. The project was delayed because of 'red tape' relating to permits, but the good news is that the Bridge will be opened back up temporarily through the holidays after the completion of construction on Robert Parker Coffin Road. Continued on page 9

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### A 'Bridge' to Lasting Relationships

# What started as a group of Long Grove/Kildeer moms playing the game of Bridge, has blossomed into dozens of women who have built deep connections with one another.

ore than 50 years ago, a handful of PTA moms from Kildeer Countryside School decided to meet up monthly to socialize and to play the game of bridge. Today, 50+ women ages 55 to 85 are among the members of this special group, who not only play cards, but have also reaped the benefit of lasting and supportive friendships that have grown exponentially over the years.



The group also provides charitable donations to a wide variety of organizations, the most recent being All God's Children, a nonprofit that assists in-need children and families by providing donated Christmas gifts to them over the holidays.



"In all of my years, I have not ever met a group of women like this – they are so supportive. We have all formed rare bonds that I hold very dear, which have been built through a beautiful range of yearly activities, trips and events," said Peggy Lowe, a 23-year member of the group.

'The Long Grove/Kildeer Bridge Group' enjoy laugher, life and one another. In addition to playing cards, the group travels together on trips near and far, forging lasting bonds that translate into the women being there for one another, through good times and in bad.

"When one of our ladies loses a loved one, they can expect condolence cards from all of us, and other support for their 'circle' of friends," said Jean Forsythe, one of the longest-term members who joined the group 40 years ago.

In front of the Broken Earth Winery in downtown Long Grove, a patio contains bricks with many names on them. These names represent women who have ever been a part of The Bridge Girlfriends; the bricks for those who have passed away also include an angel imprinted on them – all for posterity.

Women from all personalities and backgrounds, and who share a common love for playing bridge are invited to join. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until noon between May and December. Bridge games are played at members' houses, and the cumulative winning team over the eight months of play is celebrated during the Holiday Luncheon - and by getting their names listed on a plaque of winners.

New members are always invited but need to have at least basic bridge skills to join. The membership cost is \$30 per year, which goes toward prizes and philanthropic efforts, but the relationships that develop are most certainly priceless.

For more information, please email **lonestarpeggy@sbcglobal.net**.



#### Village of Long Grove Newsletter



## Join the Garden Club at the Long Grove Confectionary Factory Tour

he Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club is hosting an outing to the Long Grove Confectionary Co. Factory, 333 Lexington Drive in Buffalo Grove on Monday, November 11th beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tour the famous chocolate factory for this popular Long Grove-based business, while smelling the sweet buttery caramel and rich chocolate. The factory tour includes a video presentation, a view of production, and the opportunity to shop in the factory store filled with luscious, premium quality chocolates at refreshingly low prices.

All are welcome to attend this event, whether you're a member of

the Garden Club or not. A lunch will follow at TGIFridays,1500 Lake Cook Road in Wheeling for those that are interested (lunch is at your own expense).

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club is a casual, friendly group of men and women interested in gardening. Members range from novice gardeners to master gardeners. The club meets the second Monday of the month at the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center, 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove, unless a field trip is scheduled. To learn more about the club, please contact Penny Fulkerson via email at **pennysgarden@att.net**.

### Vehicle Stickers Available in December

he 2020 Village of Long Grove vehicle stickers will be available for \$10 starting the first week in December at Long Grove Village Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Checks can be made payable to: Village of Long Grove, and dropped off at Village Hall or mailed to Village of Long Grove, 3110 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, Illinois 60047. Vehicle stickers are not mandatory, but revenue that is generated helps to provide funding for Village services that are available to residents and businesses. For more information, please call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.

### **Maintain Home Safety Alarms**

The Village encourages residents to have home safety alarms and to actively use them when they are away from home as an effective crime deterrent. By setting alarms and locking doors, residents are greatly reducing the likelihood of becoming a crime victim, which in turn helps to maintain Long Grove as a safe community. Every month, the Lake County Sheriff's Department responds to an average of 50 alarm calls, which equates to roughly 600 calls per year. Burglar alarms are classified as 'crime related' calls and make up approximately 50% of all such calls each year; fortunately, the vast majority of these alarms turn out to be false. In an effort to reduce the number of false alarms, residents are encouraged to properly maintain alarm systems and to properly set the alarms.



## **Long Grove Turkey Trot Road Closures**

he Annual Long Grove Turkey Trot will take place the morning of Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th. On the Friday prior to the event (November 22nd), signs will be posted along the route and large changeable message signs located at the major intersections providing advance notice of road closures and heavy traffic impacts.

Road closures on the day of the event will occur between 8:40 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Motorists in the area can expect heavy traffic delays prior to and during the event.

The roads below will be directly impacted by the event (roads and subdivisions that connect to a closed road will not be able to leave their road or subdivision during the event):

Intersection/Subdivision Closures (these will prohibit/ limit access between 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.)

- Grant Place
- Bridgewater Farms Subdivision
- Manassas Lane
- Antietam Drive
- Meadowlark Drive
- Dawn Court

#### **Complete Road Closures**

- Robert Parker Coffin Road (5:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.)
- Archer Road (5:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.).
- Old McHenry Road (Intersection of Robert Parker Coffin Road from 8:40 a.m. -10:15 a.m.).
- Schaeffer Road (between Robert Parker Coffin Road and Sumter Drive from 8:40 a.m. -10:15 a.m.)

Partial Road Closures (limited to one-way traffic between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.)

- Schaeffer Road (between Sumter Drive and Holly Court and Meadowlark Drive and Checker Road)
- Sumter Drive
- Chickamauga Lane
- Checker Road
- Country Club Drive
- Tanager Way
- Holly Court

Periodic Road Closures (Route 53)

Route 53/Schaeffer Road Intersection will be shut down and re-opened during gaps between runners/walkers.

Contact Race Director Peter Starkowicz, prior to/during the event with questions or concerns at 224-757-5425 or via email info@allcommunityevents.com

# Get Connected with the Village

he Village provides different options on how to stay connected on projects, new initiatives and other news around town. In addition to this printed newsletter (The Bridge) - sent out on a bi-monthly basis to Long Grove residences - residents can also sign up for the Village's semi-monthly E-newsletter and Connect CTY for timely and important news and updates.

The E-newsletter is emailed out on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons of each month, and includes timely information about road projects, news from the Village Board, Long Grove Park District, downtown events, and other news for residents.

Connect CTY sends out timesensitive information to every telephone number in its database and can send thousands of life, health and safety messages in just minutes. This communication tool is vital in the case of a natural or man-made disaster which could impact all residents.

Sign up for the E-newsletter and Connect CTY at **longgroveil.gov** by clicking on the 'Connect' box on the top of the website home page and stay connected with the Village! CLICK HERE FOR ONE-STEP NOTIFICATION

> Receive timely notifications by telephone, cell phone and e-mail.



Visit **longroveil.gov** and look for the sign up button above

### **Anatomy of a Tax Bill**

Property tax is an ad valorem tax, meaning the revenue levied by particular taxing districts are based upon the value of a property which is established by the township assessor. Local taxing districts include schools, parks, municipalities, townships and counties that are governed by elected representatives. In its simplest form, each property tax bill is affected by three main operational components:

Determining the amount of revenue (taxes) needed to operate each governmental entity (school districts, municipalities, counties, parks, etc.).

**Calculation of non-tax revenues** 

Apportioning of the remaining financial needs (within each taxing district) among the taxpayers

There are additional components to the tax calculations that complicate this process and can make reading and understanding a tax bill difficult. Illinois State law mandates that properties within Lake County are assessed at 33.3% of their fair market value, which is called a fractional assessment. There is also an equalization process called Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) that is administered by the Chief County Assessment Officer. This provides a uniform percentage rise or decline to assessed values of areas or classes of property, to bring assessment levels, on average, to the same percentage of market value. If the equalization factor is 1.000, there is no change to the assessed value (EAV), but a higher or lower factor adjusts the value up or down. The final step to determine the total property tax owed is to multiply the EAV times the total tax rate (total tax rate = the sum of all the taxing body rates).

#### \$717,102 - Fair Market Value x 33 1/3 % - State Required Fractional Assessment (multiply by 0.3333)

#### \$239,010 - Assessment Value x 1.000 - State Multiplier (Equalizer)

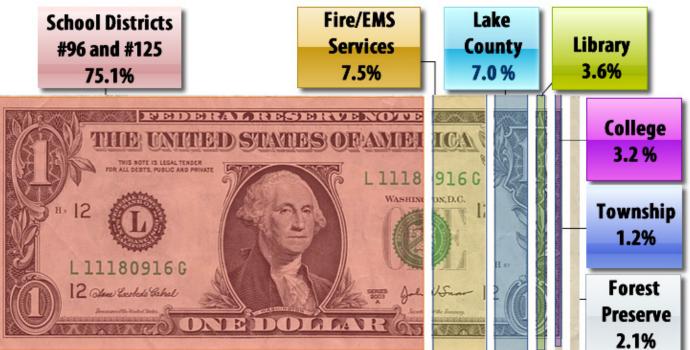
\$239,010 - Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) x 8.756 % - Total Tax Rate (Multiply by .087560) (\*sample tax rate)

= \$20,927.72 - Total Property Tax Owed

# The Village of Long Grove **Does Not** levy a municipal property tax

#### Village of Long Grove NEWSLETTER

Many taxpayers are surprised to learn that the Village of Long Grove is amongst approximately 3% of villages and cities in the State of Illinois that does not impose a municipal property tax. The Village maintains a balanced budget with a variety of revenue sources other than property taxes (e.g., sales tax, investments, permits, licenses and fees) while maintaining desired services for its residents. This is one of many reasons to think and shop local, which supports both businesses and essential Village operations that are funded through sales tax dollars.



Take a closer look at how property tax dollars are distributed in the Village of Long Grove:

#### Village of Long Grove 0.0 %

Village	Municipal Levy	Fire Protection / EMS	Park District
Long Grove	0.0%	**7.5%	0.0%
Kildeer	3.6%	7.1%	0.0%
Hawthorn Woods	6.0%	6.8%	0.0%
Lake Zurich	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%
*Buffalo Grove	9.4%	0.0%	5.0%

How do neighboring Villages compare?

\*Lake County portion of Buffalo Grove. Fire Protection/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are included in the Lake Zurich and Buffalo Grove municipal levies. \*\*Average of Countryside and Long Grove Fire Protection/EMS.

Since the Village was officially incorporated in 1956, Long Grove has made minimal taxation a priority at the expense of municipal services, and is part of the Comprehensive Plan. As a result, the Village of Long Grove does not levy any direct form of taxation upon its residents. Few municipalities, anywhere, can make that claim.

If you would like more general information about your tax bill, please contact Lake County by calling **847-377-2323** or visit **lakecountyil.gov/2854/Property-Tax-Information**. If you would like information regarding tax assessments, the appeals process, or possible tax exemptions, visit **lakecountyil.gov/3266/Contact-Your-Assessor**.

### Long Grove Snow Removal

n October of each year, all Village roads and parkways are inspected by Lester's Material Services, the company the Village contracts with for snow removal services. Lester's identifies mailboxes that are damaged and/or require repairs, along with any potential hazards prior to snowfall in the coming months. After these inspections, the Village sends out letters to residents who are requested to remove potential hazards and fix damaged mailboxes, which are to be completed by November 1. Village code prohibits the placement of boulders and other items within the Village's right-of-way since they can be a hazard for cars, snowplows and drivers. Boulders are not visible at night and can become buried by heavy snows, which creates a dangerous situation when snowplow drivers are clearing to the edge of the pavement. To avoid damaging snowplow equipment, the Village directs Lester's to remove all boulders from Village parkways after November 1.

During snow events, 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 open to traffic; once the snowfall ends, the company comes back to cleanup and remove snow to the outside edge of pavement while applying salt. Unless there is ice or other hazardous conditions, salting is not completed during plowing since subsequent plowing will only push the salt along with the snow off of the pavement. Lester's makes every effort to avoid damaging Village parkways and resident mailboxes. If your parkway or mailbox is damaged as a result of snow removal efforts, please contact the Village at 847-634-9440 and Lester's will repair the issue or provide a temporary mailbox. All parkways will be restored in the spring of 2020.

#### **SWALCO Holiday Lights Recycling**

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

Grant Township Road District Facility,

26535 Molidor Road, Ingleside Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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

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.

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

### For more information, visit **SWALCO.org**.

**ACCEPTED:** Wire string holiday lights and extension cords. **NOT ACCEPTED:** Live trees, artificial trees, live greens, wreaths, garland, ornaments, figurines, and inflatables.



### Shop Local This Holiday Season in Long Grove!

Shop Local is a message we hear often – and is meant to encourage residents to support local businesses, in order to ensure their survival and growth, and to help support the local economy. The Village of Long Grove invites our residents to shop, sip and dine this coming holiday season all around Long Grove! In addition to providing support to our business owners and an attractive array of options to choose from – especially in the downtown area who have remained patient during our revitalization efforts – sales tax dollars are also extremely important as they help to fund and sustain services provided to our residents and our businesses. As mentioned on the '**Anatomy of a Tax Bill**' article on pages 6-7, the Village does not impose a municipal property tax, so revenues from sales tax dollars are that much more important.

Please consider enjoying all that the Long Grove business community has to offer in the downtown, in the Sunset Grove Shopping Center and in the Long Grove Commons.

#### Village of Long Grove NEWSLETTER

### Long Grove Teen Wins Miss Illinois Teen USA 2020

he Village of Long Grove would like to congratulation Victoria Blair Rhemrev, 16, a Long Grove resident who was recently named Miss Illinois Teen USA 2020! Victoria competed against 25 other contestants and will move on to the Miss Teen USA Pageant in the spring of 2020.

Victoria is a sophomore at Stevenson High School, where she plays volleyball. She also founded her own charity called SheetsFromAPrincess.org in 2018. The mission of the charity is to uplift hospitalized children by visiting them during their hospital stays and leaving them each with a gift.

Her platform as a pageant contestant is focused on education for children, and the importance of recycling and living a sustainable lifestyle. Victoria was recognized by Village President Bill Jacob and the Board at the September 10, 2019 Village Board meeting. You can follow Victoria on her journey on Instagram **@missilteenusa**.

Best wishes to Victoria and best of luck at Miss Teen USA!

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Additionally, Senator McConchie helped the Village to secure a grant to build a pathway down Robert Parker Coffin Road, which will include a crosswalk at Route 83 to enable residents to walk in and out of our downtown from Sunset Grove.

I'm also thankful for the great work of the Sheriff's Police and our two fire protection districts (Long Grove and Countryside) do on a daily basis to serve us, and for their tireless efforts in keeping our community safe.

Finally, I thank you for your support and trust in me, and the Village Board. We've accomplished so much over the past few years, but we still have much to do.



# Participate in the 2020 Census!

he Census is a count of the United States population that occurs every 10 years. Census Day will be on April 1, 2020 and will affect the Long Grove community for the decade ahead and beyond. The count is taken for each municipality across the country and determines many important things, such as the number of representatives a state can have in U.S. Congress, as well as how much funding each will receive from the Federal Government. Every person counts during a Census year. Residents should look for communications about the 2020 U.S. Census in the spring of 2020.

The U.S. Census is currently seeking both part- and fulltime workers to conduct the 2020 Census. Individuals can learn more about compensation, hours, training and other requirements at 2020census.gov/jobs or by calling 855-JOB-2020.

### Holiday Open House Kicks Off Vintage Holidays Season in Historic Long Grove!

istoric Downtown Long Grove will officially kick off its annual Vintage Holidays season with a Holiday Open House event on Thursday, November 14th. "Local favorites" will stay open late for an exclusive shopping preview of holiday items from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Beginning on Saturday, November 23rd, the Vintage Holidays campaign once again comes alive giving shoppers a nostalgic 'shop small' alternative to big box mayhem, as well as an opportunity to receive a free gift for shopping! From November 23rd - December 23rd, shoppers receive a FREE GIFT with purchases totaling \$150 or more (pre-tax) by stopping into the Visitor's Center, 308 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove during normal business hours with their receipts (while supplies last, limit four gifts per visit).

Presented by the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association, Vintage Holidays takes place every Saturday and Sunday through December 22nd (as well as Black Friday, November 29th). The weekend festivities include the annual Christmas Tree Parade, strolling costumed carolers, appearances by Santa and Mrs. Clause, and a brand-new horsedrawn sleigh ride experience for free! Vintage Holidays give visitors the opportunity to re-experience the charms of the classic holiday season, with cobblestone walkways lined with luminaries, Victorian buildings trimmed with lights, and smalltown hospitality. Visit longgrove.org/festivals/holiday-season/ for additional details.

#### Vintage Holidays 2019 Summary:

**Dates:** Saturday, November 23rd and every Saturday and Sunday until December 22nd (also on Black Friday, November 29th)

Location: Throughout Historic Downtown Long Grove Cost: Free

Shopping Hours: 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Sunday

\*Please check with individual stores for extended hours\*

#### **Sleigh Rides**

Sign up IN PERSON on the day of the ride at Visitors Center (308 Old McHenry Road) Saturday, November 23rd & Sunday, November 24th from 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 29th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 30th & Sunday, December 1st from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21st & Sunday, December 22nd from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Parking: complimentary throughout the downtown/all public lots. Visit **longgrove.org/festivals/holiday-season/** 

# Santa is Coming to Reed Turner Woodland!

ark your calendars for Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m. for Santa's visit to Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center, 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove! What better place to spend a Sunday afternoon than with Santa in this rustic and cozy nature center, built in the 1920s. Santa will be there from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 pm to visit with families and hear children's' wish lists. Don't forget your camera to capture the moment with the 'big man' himself. There will be refreshments and crafts for the kids. Please bring an unwrapped gift to put under the tree for distribution to in-need children for the holiday.

Santa's visit is courtesy of the Long Grove Park District. Registration is not required, and this event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Long Grove Park District at **847-438-4743** or email **syoung@lgparks.org**. The Long Grove Park District is a non-taxing public organization staffed by volunteers; any donations are appreciated. Please visit **lgparks.org**.



View article above for sleigh ride dates and times.

### **Heron Creek Forest Preserve**



he Heron Creek Forest Preserve was acquired by the Lake County Forest Preserve District in 2008. Its entrance is on Old McHenry Road south of Route 22 and adjacent to the Long Grove Park District's Reed Turner Nature Preserve. The preserve occupies 242 acres of land area at the southwest corner of Route 22 and Old McHenry Road, with a portion of it in the Village of Long Grove (part of the former CF Industries Headquarters), and some remains in unincorporated Lake County adjacent to the Village's boundaries. Heron Creek features a rolling landscape of scenic woodlands and open fields. The Indian Creek basin, which flows through the site, is an Advanced Identification Wetland (ADID), which is the highest wetland classification in Lake County. It offers exceptional wildlife habitat and plant communities, including a sedge meadow.

More than 116 species of birds appear here, including a resident population of waterfowl and herons. Endangered bird species including black tern, black-crowned night heron, yellow-crowned night heron, osprey and Forster's tern, and three state threatened bird species such as the brown creeper, pied-billed grebe and red-shouldered hawk, all have been found in this area.

The great blue heron, for which the forest preserve gets its name, is a large wading bird in the heron family and commonly found near the shores of open water and in wetlands in north America – including at the Heron Creek Forest Preserve. It is the largest north American heron, and notable features include slaty (gray with a slight azure blue) flight feathers, red-brown thighs, and a paired red-brown and black stripe up the flanks; the neck is rusty-gray, with black and white streaking down the front; the head is paler, with a nearly white face.

These birds breed in colonies in trees close to lakes or other wetlands. Adults generally return to the colony site after winter from December to March. Usually, colonies include only great blue herons, and these groups are called a heronry or a 'rookery'.

Heronry sites are usually difficult to reach on foot, including on islands, trees in swamps, and on high branches, to protect them from potential predators. Great blue herons build a bulky and conspicuous stick nest usually around 1.5 feet across when first constructed, but may reach four feet in in width and three foot in depth with repeated use and additional construction. These rookeries may be easily viewed from the pathways which were built in the Long Grove Commons development, north of - and adjacent to - the Heron's Creek Forest Preserve on Route 22.

In addition to providing wildlife habitat, at Herons Creek there are gravel trails for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. There is also an innovative playground of tunnels, slides, ladders, bridges, decks and swings for children to climb and explore at this facility. For more information, please visit **lcfpd.org/heron-creek**/.

# **Village Board Seat Opening**

Individuals interested in serving the Long Grove community are invited to apply to fill a vacant seat on the Village Board, due to the recent resignation of Trustee Mike Sarlitto. Candidates must be residents of Long Grove and be a registered voter. Individuals who serve on the Village Board are expected to attend two meetings per month, normally held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, with some exceptions. The term for this vacant seat will be up in April of 2021, at which time an election will be held to fulfill the remaining two years of the term. Those interested in serving should provide a letter of interest and resume, and fill out a volunteer application for the Village of Long Grove, which can be found at **longgroveil.gov/village-of-long-grove-government**/ or picked up at Village Hall, 3110 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove. These items can be emailed to Village President Bill Jacob at **Bill.Jacob@ LongGroveIL.gov** or dropped of at Village Hall.

#### Village of Long Grove Newsletter



#### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### November

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals	November 5, 2019
Economic Development Commission	November 12, 2019
Village Board Meeting	November 12, 2019
Architectural Commission	November 18, 2019
Economic Development Commission	November 26, 2019
Village Board Meeting	November 26, 2019

#### December

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals	December 3, 2019
Economic Development Commission	December 10, 2019
Village Board Meeting	December 10, 2019
Architectural	
Commission	December 16, 2019



### Holiday Waste Pickup Schedule

n alternate schedule for waste collection will occur during the holiday season by Waste Management (WM). There will be no garbage or recycling pickups on Christmas day on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 or New Year's Day on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Pickups normally held on those days of the week will occur one day later. Friday pickups will take place on Saturday instead. WM will pick up Christmas trees at the curbside between Thursday, January 2 and Monday, January 13, 2020. For more information, please visit **wm.com** or call **866-570-4702**.

### Village Hall Closures

**Thanksgiving Holiday** Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2019

#### Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25, 2019

New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2020

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