



THE BRIDGE

Robert Parker Coffin Road Project Temporarily Relocates Two Festivals

As part of the planned reconstruction of Robert Parker Coffin (RPC) Road, Strawberry Fest (June 21-23) and Apple Fest (September 20-22) are planned to be temporarily relocated to Stempel Parking Lot, 340 Old McHenry Road (subject to change due to road construction schedules).

RPC Road between Old McHenry Road and the Bridge is planned to be closed beginning mid-June through the end of the construction season, which is weather-dependent, but normally ends in mid-November. As part of this project, there will be ongoing installation of the public watermain along RPC Road, road reconstruction, streetscape improvements, and replacement of the Bridge's wood cover, in addition to structural repairs for the Bridge.

For more information or questions on the RPC construction project, please call Village Hall at **847-634-9440**, and for questions regarding the 2019 Long Grove Festivals, please contact the Long Grove Visitors' Center at **847-634-0888**.

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From the Village President



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In February the Village Board and I held our second Homeowners Association (HOA) Presidents meeting at the Village Tavern in Long Grove. I brought back these meetings as I recalled them being very helpful when I served as an HOA President. The meeting was well-attended by many of the HOAs in the Village and we received positive feedback. I want to extend a thank you to all HOA Presidents and board members for what you do, as you are an integral part of our unique, distributed government in Long Grove. I also want to thank Mary Ann and Chip Ullrich for their hospitality in hosting the meeting. The Ullrich's have owned and operated the Village Tavern since 1962 (or 57 years) which is a significant milestone when you consider that the average life span of a business today is much less.

Another interesting fact: did you know that the Village Tavern has been operating continuously for 170 years making it the oldest Tavern in Illinois? We are fortunate to have this historic establishment as an anchor in our downtown, and as we begin our second year of reconstruction, I would like to encourage you to visit the downtown and support our merchants. It is exciting to see the progress that we are making and I'm confident that the renovations, once complete, will help both to maintain and attract new businesses to our downtown for the next 170 years!

The Village recently passed a resolution establishing a 90-day moratorium on Renewable Energy Systems in Long Grove. With the recent proliferation of solar energy spawned by financial and tax incentives - as well technological advances - it has become apparent that our Village Code has not kept up with this progress. Kildeer School District 96's Special Use Permit Application for a 3-acre ground mounted solar energy system brought this need for refinement of our Village Code, to light.

After over a year and a denial, a significantly modified proposal, including berms, additional plant screening, lowering/regrading of the area where the panels are installed, as well as a reduction in panel height (not to exceed 15' per our Village Code to 8'- 2"), the Village Board approved a resolution to enable the School District to install their Solar Energy System.

Based on the special use approval as well as the personal commitment that District 96 Superintendent Julie Schmidt has made to the neighboring Long Grove residents and the Village Board, I feel confident the school district will ensure that the system is fully screened from view of resident properties with natural vegetation.

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Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club Hosts Annual Plant Sale

Now that spring has arrived, many residents have likely turned their attention to gardens and landscapes! Mark your calendar for the popular Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club's annual plant sale at Reed Turner Nature Center on May 18 and May 19, 2019.

Unlike most retailer plant sales, this plant sale is unique in that there are hundreds of perennial plants for sale that were grown in the Garden Club members' gardens. These are tried-and-true performers for the local soil and climate. Plants include grasses, flowers and vegetables.

Varieties of heirloom tomato plants are always a big hit at this sale and there will also be varieties of milkweed plants which are the only plants that the endangered monarch butterfly will lay their eggs on. Area residents can help to stop the decline of these beautiful creatures by planting milkweed in their gardens.

During this two-day event, the award-winning Reed-

Turner Botanic Artists also will be selling their artwork, including originals, prints and cards.

Every garden needs more than just plants! Garden décor, whether to place in the garden or to display on the walls of garden sheds or patios, brings further interest to outdoor spaces. These items can also serve to set apart different garden beds or borders. The Club will also have a variety of outdoor decorative items offered at very affordable prices.

The annual Plant Sale will be held at Reed-Turner Nature Center, 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30pm.

For additional information regarding the sale, email Kathy at kathymichas33@gmail.com.

Lions Club Nears Million-Dollar Fundraising Mark

The Lions of Long Grove was chartered in 1984 and is comprised of 42 men and women from the Long Grove area, including Long Grove, Buffalo Grove, Kildeer and Hawthorn Woods; many of the members are also merchants in the Village of Long Grove. Much of the Lions charitable work centers on the blind and the deaf. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to constitute themselves as the Knights of the Blind in a crusade against blindness.

The majority of fundraising dollars come from wine/sangria/beverage tents manned by Lion volunteers at downtown Long Grove Village festivals, car parking (also at the festivals) and the annual Golf Outing at Royal Melbourne Country Club (RMCC) – which has been a tremendous sponsor of the Lions over the years.

The Long Grove Lions Club is on target this year to exceed the \$1,000,000 mark in funds distributed. The club donates between \$40,000 and \$50,000 annually, mostly to local charities. In 2019, the Lions donated \$12,000 of its funds to local food pantries that serve local residents in need. Money raised from the annual Lions Candy Day funds the Lions of Illinois foundation to fight blindness.

For more information on the Lions of Long Grove, please visit them on Facebook at facebook.com/lglionsclub/,

or to learn more about Lions Club International, visit lionsclubs.org. The Long Grove Lions Club meets the second Thursday of every month, starting at 6:30 p.m. for social time, with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., normally at The Long Grove Village Tavern, 135 Old McHenry Road in downtown Long Grove. The club is always seeking new members. Please call John Kopecky at 847-912-9785 for more information.



From The Village President

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This truly represents the conundrum we find ourselves in as we seek to preserve our open space that, in part, defines Long Grove, while also encouraging green initiatives such as solar. One of the additional elements of the school district's special use permit is to have 100 solar panels visible to the school that will be decorated by students. It was The Village Board drove this effort after conducting research on what other communities in the U.S. and in other countries around the world are doing. As we learned, there are some aesthetically pleasing choices for solar energy systems that can be imbedded into the design to soften the typical industrial look; we just haven't seen much of that yet in our area.

The Board has asked the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to review all elements of our Village Renewable Energy Code and recommend appropriate modifications and changes. I would appreciate our residents weighing in on this topic by reaching out to the Plan Commission, as well as the Village Board, as we revisit our village code. For more information, please contact Village Hall at 847-634-9440.

Finally, I want to congratulate Mike Sarlitto, Chris Borawski and Chuck Nora for being re-elected to the Village Board.

Our Village Board has made significant progress in the Village, but we still have much to do. I hope you enjoy the start to the summer, and I again encourage you to support our merchants in the downtown during our construction season.

Village President - *Bill Jacob*



Teasel Rosette

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling by SWALCO

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) provides Long Grove residents monthly options to safely dispose of Household Chemical Waste, E-waste and other items. SWALCO also provides education about how to properly recycle, how to compost, in addition to information about the recycling of clothing, textiles and shoes, in addition to other programs.

Please visit swalco.org to learn more about drop off events and other information about the proper disposal of solid waste and recycling information.

Remove Invasive Teasel from Your Property Now!



The warm-up in temperatures means it's time to look for green Teasel rosettes on your property. You'll find them wherever there are stands of last year's brown Teasel stalks. Residents are strongly encouraged to dig up the rosette with a dandelion weeder, getting as much of the long root as possible, then securely bag it and dispose of the rosettes to prevent it from sprouting again. Alternatively, residents can also spot spray the rosette with a 2,4-D herbicide (for example, Weed-B-Gon). Native grasses or flowers can then be planted in the space where Teasel rosettes were cleared out, which will fill the space before existing Teasel seeds in the dirt begin to germinate. For more information, visit lgparks.org.

New Roadwork Ahead: Robert Parker Coffin Road Project

The Village of Long Grove's 2019-2020 Budget includes \$1.86 million in funds for the Robert Parker Coffin (RPC) Road reconstruction project, which is planned to begin in June of this year. This project will include a wide variety of improvements along RPC Road, as well as attractive aesthetics and streetscapes in the downtown area, including landscaping, new street lights, benches, and new ADA accessible sidewalks. The RPC Bridge's cover will also be replaced as part of this project, along with structural improvements for the Bridge – due to the damages caused by an oversized box truck driving across the Bridge in June of 2018.

RPC Road is a Village-owned road, and the Village is responsible for 100% of the costs associated with this project. The Village's road repair program is nearly 50% ahead of schedule, and so while the intermittent patching of roads will continue, funds that were set aside for this program will instead be used to cover the costs of the RPC project.

In addition to the aesthetic improvements to the road and for the Bridge, the public watermain will also be extended on RPC Road, in addition to water and storm sewer improvements, all of which are part of a larger effort to continue to promote economic development in the downtown. For more information, please call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.



Old McHenry Road Project Update

After a three month hiatus, work on the Old McHenry Road reconstruction project resumed in late February. Since then, the Lake County Department of Transportation (LCDOT) which is leading this project, has had crews installing driveway culverts along Old McHenry Road, underdrains behind the curbs, and a retaining wall in front of the Visitor's Center. Foundations for new light poles have been installed in the downtown, and electrical work for new street lighting has also been completed in recent weeks. New sidewalk construction is ongoing from Archer and Old McHenry roads heading north. This project is expected to be completed by this fall.

Real-time updates can be found at lakecountyil.gov/3400/Old-McHenry-Rd; this website is where residents can also sign up for project email list.

2019 Road Program

The Village's 15-year Road Paving Program is well ahead of schedule. In fact, the Village has been able to complete 47% of Village-owned roads over the past four years! In 2019, the Village's paving efforts will focus on the reconstruction of Robert Parker Coffin (RPC) Road to mirror the improvements on Old McHenry Road - as well as targeted road patching in areas such as Cuba Road and North Krueger Road, both of which are scheduled for complete repaving in 2020.

Targeted road patching will still occur on Cuba Road north to Krueger Road, both of which are scheduled for complete repaving in 2020. The normal schedule for the Road Paving Program will resume next construction season.





The Community Emergency Response Team of South Lake County

(Serving Deer Park, Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer, Lake Zurich, Long Grove and Ela Township)

Welcomes you to join us at our



12th Annual



ALL-U-CAN EAT

**Pancake
Breakfast**



\$7 per person
Children 5
and Under FREE

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:00am - 1:00pm

LAKE ZURICH FIRE STATION #1

321 S BUESCHING ROAD

Lake County Sheriff UAV/Drone Demonstration, K-9 demonstration,
Mini-Firefighter Challenge, Antique Fire Truck Rides,
Explore Police, Fire and CERT Vehicles!

Silent Auction – Raffles – Music – Fun

All-you-can-eat fluffy pancakes, sausages, coffee, and juice!

Bring Family & Friends! Rain or Shine!

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May/June Downtown Long Grove Events

Chocolate Fest

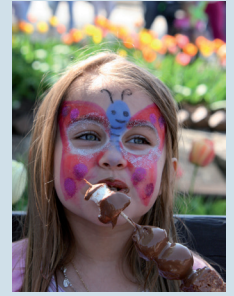
Dates: May 17, 18, 19, 2019

Location: Historic Downtown Long Grove, 308 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove

Cost: \$5 per person (Four free tickets are provided to residents within Long Grove Living Magazine), children under 12 free all the time

Hours: Friday 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Website: longgrove.org/festivals/chocolate-fest/



Chocolate lovers rejoice... The Midwest's annual homage to the cocoa bean returns to historic downtown Long Grove the weekend of May 17 – 19, 2019! Life's most delectable cravings will come together with family fun and live music, featuring fan favorites such as Sixteen Candles and 7th Heaven. Treats ranging from chocolate cotton candy to chocolate popcorn and so much more will inspire this springtime extravaganza – which is most famous for its dynamic selection of chocolatey creations by the finest local chocolate makers. The joy doesn't stop there... In addition to a classic carnival with old school thrills, the Kids Zone entertains the younger folks too, including the legendary chocolate pie-eating contest. This annual festival also marks the official opening of the spring shopping season in downtown Long Grove, with Village merchants doling out their own decadent specialties throughout the weekend – giving visitors yet another taste of what makes Long Grove so timeless.

Strawberry Fest

Dates: June 21, 22, 23, 2019

Location: Stempel Parking Lot, 340 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove (**please note new location-subject to change due to road construction schedules for Robert Parker Coffin Road and Old McHenry Road)

Cost: \$5 per person (Four free tickets are provided to residents within Long Grove Living Magazine), children under 12 free all the time

Hours: Friday 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Website: longgrove.org/festivals/strawberry-festival/



The highlight of summer in the Chicago suburbs is Strawberry Fest in downtown Long Grove for three consecutive days of sweet summertime fun from June 21 – 23, 2019. Attendees of the annual festival will experience everything from tasting strawberry-infused creations such as prime rib sandwiches lathered in strawberry salsa to participating in classic strawberry pie-eating contests. Although Strawberry Fest begins and ends with the almighty strawberry, in no way is it an exclusive berry party. For those who like to mix it up, chef-driven barbecue and other decadent treats offer something for every taste bud. When it comes to entertainment, Strawberry Fest leaves nothing to the imagination either, with a classic carnival, multiple stages of live music, and the Kids Zone featuring enduring family activities at no charge such as water balloon tosses, flower crown arts, and junior knight training.

Clear Culverts and Ditches to Prevent Flooding and More



Rain and thunderstorms oftentimes are a part of spring, and the Village of Long Grove encourages residents to be sure to clear ditches and culverts on their property. This can not only prevent flooding, but also help to extend the life of the pavement and other roadways throughout the Village.

Long Grove Village Code requires that roadways have ditches on both sides of them with tunnels below them (culverts) to collect stormwater drainage. This design helps to ensure that water is collected, and that the road remains as dry as possible during heavy precipitation.

The Village does its part to maintain streets in Long Grove, including cutting back vegetation on the roadway edges and clearing these areas of yardwaste or other debris. Residents can do their part by mowing these areas and removing any debris that may obstruct normal drainage on their private property.



Upcoming Meetings

May

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	May 1, 2019
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	May 7, 2019
Economic Development Commission	May 14, 2019
Village Board Meeting	May 14, 2019
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	May 15, 2019
Architectural Commission	May 20, 2019
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	May 21, 2019
Economic Development Commission	May 28, 2019
Village Board Meeting	May 28, 2019

June

Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	June 4, 2019
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	June 5, 2019
Economic Development Commission	June 11, 2019
Village Board Meeting	June 11, 2019
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	June 15, 2019
Architectural Commission	June 17, 2019
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals	June 18, 2019
Economic Development Commission	June 25, 2019
Village Board Meeting	June 25, 2019

E-waste Pickup



As part of the new contract with Waste Management (WM) electronics recycling (E-waste) is a new service available to residents. E-waste pickup is on the first Monday of every month. Residents must contact WM at least two business days prior to the pickup date to schedule E-waste pickup for the month. Please call **800-964-8988** to schedule.

Residents are advised to remove or erase the memory off any computers or other electronics, and items can be placed at the curb; smaller items can go in a box, and larger items, such as televisions, can be loose. WM will accept up to 10 items, including one (1) television, one (1) monitor and eight (8) smaller items. For more information, visit wm.com.

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