



THE BRIDGE

Extension of Public Water System, Old McHenry Road Reconstruction

The Village of Long Grove hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, March 26, 2018 to kick off two important projects in Long Grove. President Bill Jacob, along with Village Trustees Chuck Nora, Bobbie O'Reilly, Rita O'Connor and Mike Sarlitto attended the noon ceremony held at Towner Green.

The first project that is currently underway is the Village's extension of the public watermain through the downtown on Old McHenry Road. This project began the last week in March and is expected to be completed by the end of May 2018. The Lake County reconstruction of Old McHenry Road and downtown streetscape project will immediately follow the watermain extension project and is expected to be finished by mid-November of this year.

"The Old McHenry Road reconstruction project will provide excellent enhancements for our downtown area," said Village President Jacob. "Further extending our municipal water system into the downtown is an amenity that will also help us to attract new businesses to the village."

Once the watermain project work is complete, more than half of the downtown properties will be connected to public water, which is aimed at encouraging

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From the Village President



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I'm proud of the progress the Village Board has made in reaching many of our goals over the last year, including strengthening our Village communications. This is our fifth edition of the printed 'Bridge' that we've mailed to all of our residents, in addition to the bi-weekly E-newsletter. I hope you are finding these communications useful in keeping you up-to-date on the Village's projects, efforts and initiatives.

This past February, I hosted an HOA Presidents Meeting for the purposes of providing an update and to receive feedback on upcoming projects and issues facing our Village. The forum was well-received, and since our HOA leaders are an integral part of Long Grove's decentralized government, and part of our ongoing communication efforts, we will continue holding these meetings in the future.

Four of our Trustees and I recently were able to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for the further expansion of our Village watermain, which will be extended up Old McHenry Road in the historic downtown. Municipal water is one of the amenities that the Village Board, the downtown merchants, and property owners believe will help us to maintain and attract new businesses to Long Grove. From the feedback you have provided us, revival of our downtown is of the utmost importance to our residents, and this helps us to that end.

The groundbreaking ceremony essentially marked the start of the Old McHenry Road reconstruction project that will enhance our downtown area with new sidewalks, streetscape and lighting. The project will last through the summer, and the Lake County Department of Transportation (LCDOT) has agreed to work around Long Grove's festivals and events. I would like to encourage you to continue to visit the downtown during the summer construction to support our local merchants.

The Village Board recently passed a resolution to renew our contract with the Lake County Sheriff effective May 1, 2018. The subcontracting arrangement has served Long Grove well at a fraction of the cost of hiring our own police department.

Of recent concern is the Illinois Tollway's efforts to extend Route 53 through our Village. The proposed Environmental Impact Study was recently rebranded as a Tri-County Access project, and although Long Grove and other corridor communities are considered stakeholders, the new Tollway approach is designed to minimize opposition input to the project - particularly from those most impacted by it. If the extension ever gets built, it will certainly have

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Long Grove Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing Update

Since August of 2017, the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) has been holding public hearings regarding the proposed update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

At the most recent hearing on March 20, 2018, the PCZBA considered two chapters in the document, including 'Transportation' (Chapter 11) and 'Village Land Use and Commercial Subarea Plans' (Chapter 12).

The Transportation chapter of the document relates to future planning around existing roadway networks and streets, in addition to pathways and maintenance of the existing transportation system. Additionally, it involves seeking potential alternatives such as creating new pathways and connectivity to existing transit opportunities. Only minor text changes were made to this chapter of the document at the March hearing.

Village Land Use and Commercial

Subarea Plans were also considered and focused on 'cluster developments' noting that lot size and proximity of homes to each other are issues to consider as they relate to the community's character. The consensus of the PCZBA was that cluster developments should only be allowed



when in conformance with existing zoning codes, and increased density for cluster developments should not be encouraged from a planning perspective. The PCZBA also noted the scope of land uses in the Village should be broadened and that this should be conveyed in the plan document.

Discussion also occurred about attached single-family structures and how they may be desirable in the downtown, more so than dwelling units above first floor retail. It was determined attached single-family structures should be limited to the downtown area, and the potential for residential units above the first floor of retail locations should be eliminated in the planning document.

The update remains in the public comment phase. The PCZBA has completed their review of 12 of the 14 chapters in the document. The review is expected to be completed, along with any public comments, in the form of a final draft document that will be presented to the Village Board by early summer of this year. To learn more, visit the Comprehensive Plan website at longgrovecomplan.wordpress.com.

For more information, please contact Village Planner Jim Hogue at jhogue@LongGroveIL.gov.

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economic development with an emphasis on food-related businesses. Part of the watermain project includes the addition of fire hydrants throughout the downtown area.

Reconstruction of Old McHenry Road will correct decades of stormwater problems. Additionally, a traffic signal will be added at the intersection of Robert Parker Coffin Road and Old McHenry Road to reduce rush hour traffic backups, including those heightened by morning drop-offs at Kildeer Countryside Elementary School. Period style street lighting, ADA accessible sidewalks, benches, and landscaping along the full length of Old McHenry Road modeled after Archer Road will be included in the project improvements.

Old McHenry Road will remain open to motorists during

the entire construction schedule; construction will be halted on Wednesdays prior to downtown festivals to accommodate crowds. Residents are encouraged to support downtown businesses during the several months that the project will be underway.

The extension of the public water system on Old McHenry Road from Historical Lane to the Weichert Realty building was approved by the Village Board on February 27, 2018 for the amount of \$414,240.00.

The reconstruction of Old McHenry Road will run from the driveway entrance to Village Hall at Kildeer Countryside School to the Long Grove Fire Protection District station north of Route 53 and will cost approximately \$3.8 million.

For more information, contact Village Manager David Lothspeich at 847-634-9440, or dlothspeich@LongGroveIL.gov.

Upcoming Historic Downtown Long Grove Events

The Village of Long Grove is known for its popular festivals throughout the year. Below is a list of those that are coming up and running through the end of summer.

Please note: Old McHenry Road will remain open to motorists during the construction schedule. Special accommodations will be made so that construction will halt on the Wednesdays prior to the downtown festivals, including Chocolate Fest, Strawberry Fest and Vintage Days.

Chocolate Fest

Friday, May 18 - Noon to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 20 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

More information: longgrove.org/festivals/chocolate-fest

Strawberry Fest

Friday, June 22 - 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 24 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

More information:

longgrove.org/festivals/strawberry-festival

Vintage Days

Saturday, August 18 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

More information: longgrove.org/festivals/vintage-days

For more information about the above events, visit longgrove.org or call 847-634-0888.

Lake County Forest Preserves Native Plant Sale

Lake County Forest Preserves (LCFP) recommend the eco-friendly practices of planting native species and utilizing rain barrels and composting to benefit the home and community.

Residents can purchase native plants for home gardens at the annual Native Plant Sale hosted by LCFP on Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, 2018. The sale will take place at North Bay Pavilion in Independence Grove located at 16400 West Buckley Road in Libertyville. To view available species and prices, visit lcfpd.org/plant-sale.

Rain barrel and compost bins will also be available for sale on Saturday, May 12, in parking lot K. For more information, visit lcfpd.org/events/native-plant-sale-20180512.

Garlic Mustard and Teasel Invaders Return

Garlic mustard and teasel are two prominent invaders in Long Grove that lack normal biological controls and are able to outcompete native plants – because they are often distasteful to pollinators and many insects. Their successful existence effectively reduces the food supply for birds, small mammals and amphibians.

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)

invades shady spots under trees and shrubs. Once established, it outcompetes tree seedlings and most other native vegetation. It is very fertile, as its seeds remain viable for up to eight years. Controlling this invasive species is done by acting swiftly to prevent seed formation and dispersal. Hand pulling is the most environmentally-friendly approach and is best done when the soil is moist. This can be accomplished by grasping the stalk right at the soil line, wiggling the plant, and pulling straight up to extract the entire tap root. Residents should not compost the pulled plants, as compost piles are not hot enough to kill the seeds. Instead, they should be burned or placed in the trash for the landfill. More detailed information on garlic mustard is available at dnr.illinois.gov by searching 'Illinois garlic mustard'.



Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*)

invades where garlic mustard is unable to, in dry, sunny areas, and especially in disturbed soil (abandoned fields, construction sites) and roadways. This plant smothers all vegetation by its flat-to-the-ground spreading rosettes of leaves in the first year of its existence. In year two, it bolts into a 4- to 6-foot high spiky stalk with a bristling flower and seed head. It can create a 'forest' of dry stalks that persist into the next year. Controlling teasel is complicated; residents can spray the rosettes in year one, although they are so low to the ground they are not easy to spot. In year two, cutting the stalks before they flower and then spraying the cut stalk is necessary, as the stalk will otherwise regrow and set seed the same year it is cut. Visit lgparks.org and search 'Teasel' for more information. The Long Grove Park District also has two teasel control workshops coming up on Saturday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. Both workshops will be held at Long Grove Village Hall, 3110 Old McHenry Road.



Submitted by Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center



Building Permits Needed for Residential Driveway Projects

Driveway improvement season is upon us, and many homeowners choose to install, replace, expand or modify their driveways as the weather gets warmer. The Village would like to remind residents to obtain a building permit before scheduling any work on their driveways. A permit helps to ensure that construction is completed according to the most recent industry standards and regulations, by including a base inspection prior to the surfacing, and a final inspection upon completion.

The cost for a basic remove and replace driveway permit is \$270, plus a refundable \$500 security deposit. Fees may be doubled if work is started without a permit. The Village recommends that, whenever possible, homeowners ask their contractor to put up the security deposit as an extra assurance that the contractor does not abandon a project or a failed inspection. Security deposit refunds take two to four weeks for reimbursement following an approved final inspection.

A permit application can be found on the Village's website at LongGroveIL.gov by selecting the 'forms' tab located on the top navigation bar. The driveway permit application is listed under the 'Building Department Applications' section. A completed application, along with the required materials (listed on the application) and payment, should be submitted in person at the Village office, 3110 Old McHenry Road.

Contact the Building Department with any additional questions at 847-634-9440.

Recycle-O-Rama at Hawthorn Mall



The Long Grove Park District is partnering with the Village of Vernon Hills, Vernon Township, State Representative Carol Sente, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and Hawthorn Mall for this recycling event.

There will be a limit of two boxes of paper shredding per vehicle, and latex paint will cost \$3/ per gallon to dispose of; payments can be made by cash or credit card. There will be no chemical waste recycling at this event.

Items to be collected include:

CRT monitors • Laptops • CD/DVD players • Cell phones
Televisions • Printers • Computer towers • Small appliances

Recycle-O-Rama will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Hawthorn Mall in the Sears parking lot. Hawthorn Mall is located at Route 60 and Route 21 in Vernon Hills, 122 Hawthorn Center. For more information, visit vhparkdistrict.org/event/recycle-o-rama-4.

From The Village President

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a devastating impact on our Village, and at a current estimated cost of \$2.6 billion, it doesn't make financial sense to me. We are in need of solutions today and are encouraging the State of Illinois to focus on projects that will help our traffic congestion problems immediately, such as widening Route 22 and Routes 60 and 83, as well as installing an overpass above the Canadian National Railroad tracks. These solutions could be implemented at a fraction of the cost and would dramatically improve congestion, whether or not the Route 53 extension is built.

The Village Board and I will keep you up-to-date and provide instruction on how best to provide your feedback into the Tri-County Access Project. I realize that not all of our residents share the belief that extending Route 53 through Long Grove is detrimental for our community. As a result, the Board and I will objectively present our point of view through future communications and educational meetings. As always, I believe that a healthy debate yields the best results, and I welcome the discussion.

Finally, I want to remind everyone again that the downtown will remain open throughout the Old McHenry Road construction project, and I know our merchants will welcome your patronage.

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

'Times Gone By' in Long Grove

Early Wells and Pumps in the Village

A good water supply was essential to area farmers and in the early days [of Long Grove], and this was supplied by shallow, hand-dug wells. Except for periods of drought, having a farm pond, creek or small lake on the property gave drinking water to the stock. Cisterns collecting rainwater provided part of the water used in the house, but here too, the well supplied water for drinking and for cooking.

Before the age of electric or gasoline powered pumps and windmills the 'farmers junior grade' and 'farmerettes' were usually assigned such tasks as carrying water to the chickens, pigs and calves. Before water could be piped to the dairy barns, cattle were served by the bucket brigade or let outside into the barnyard to drink their fill at the stock tank. When windmills were operational these could be set in motion to fill the tanks, providing there was wind. Otherwise manpower was set in motion. One pumped first with both arms, then with one arm, then resting the one arm while using the other, hoping Dad would stop by and say the magic words, "OK you can stop now." They all looked forward to that glorious day when the pond and creek could take over the watering assignment. Village residents not being blessed with windmills still manned the pumps.

You wouldn't believe how cold the pump handle could be. To our knowledge, no government grant has been awarded to make a study of the amount of skin left through numerous generations on pump handles. Quite frequently while hurrying out to pump a quick bucket of water, the right hand, sans mitten, might become attached to the pump handle. Many a naïve youngster has taken a dare to place a tongue on the handle leaving both skin and blood.

Some had to be rescued by pouring hot water around the attached tongue. Usually one such dare was enough to last a lifetime.

At times when the leathers had dried up in the pump, priming became a necessity. There was a can in a bucket of water on top of the well to be used for priming. One would begin pumping with one hand while reaching for the can in the precious water. The water was poured into the top of the pump while steadily pumping. Many a silent prayer was said (and many unprayerful words) while pumping furiously hoping for the desired results in drawing water from the well. Forgetting to refill the prime bucket was almost considered a federal offence. It could mean a long hike to the neighbors to replenish prime water.

When field work was in progress a basin, soap and towel were left by the pump so the outer layer of grime could be washed off before entering the house for meals. A dipper or tin cup usually hung by the well in readiness to quench the thirst with a cup of cold water. One Long Grove oral history includes the sad story of a farm family living in the vicinity of Old McHenry Road and Route 22, losing members of the family to typhoid caused by using water from a contaminated barnyard well. This may have occurred frequently if the well was not located on a spot where surface water drained away from the well.

Some pumps were located right near or on the back porch which made it easier for the ladies of the house to keep the bucket by the sink filled. Since every bucket of water used had to be hand pumped it was never wasted. When washday came around bucketful after bucketful were poured into the wash boiler set on the woodstove to heat. A bar of P & G, Fels Naphtha,



or grandma's lye soap was shaved into the water, and the white clothes boiled before being scrubbed on a scrub board or washed in a hand-operated washing machine. The water had to be removed from the washing machine and rinse tubs bucket by bucket, also. The soapy water was used to scrub the porches and outhouse and the rinse water used to water the garden. Having the pump on the back porch produced one hazard. The drips from the pump froze and contact therewith could send one gliding off the porch preceded or followed by the bucket.

During the same era as hand-operated pumps was the simple kitchen drain. It was a pipe that went from the kitchen sink drain through the cellar wall and out. The water drained directly onto the soil and ran away from the house in a shallow trench. The ground seemed to be eternally soggy and had a very sour odor, but it did drain the kitchen sink-except during frigid weather. Insulation other than hay and straw had not been invented so the drain was on its own. Many a tea kettle of boiling water had to be poured on the outside pipe before the tube of ice was released. In time the space around the drain with its multitude of round tubes of ice looked like a giant spaghetti factory.

This excerpt was printed with permission from the Historical Society and appears in the book 'In Retrospect' (pgs 105-107), written by long-time Long Grove resident Gwen Berg.

CERT Hosts 11th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of South Lake County at its 11th annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 3, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lake Zurich Fire Station #1, 321 S. Buesching Road in Lake Zurich.

The whole family is invited to enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages, Starbucks coffee and more while supporting emergency response services that are provided to the local community. View a K-9 demonstration, participate in a mini firefighter challenge and take a ride on an antique firetruck. The cost of the event is \$7 per person, and children under 5 years of age are free. This event will happen rain or shine.

The CERT program educates its volunteers on how to prepare for disasters and hazards that can impact the community, and provides training

in basic disaster response skills including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT of South Lake County serves Long Grove, Deer Park, Ela Township, Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer and Lake Zurich. For more information, call 847-208-1621, email slrcert@gmail.com or visit slrcert.org.



Old McHenry Road Project 'At A Glance'

- Project parameters are shared entrance drive to Village Hall and Kildeer Countryside Side School to the north and Long Grove Fire Protection District to the south.
- Improvements will include complete reconstruction of the existing pavement, with a new, two-lane pavement.
- The roadway design will change from an open ditch, to a formal curb and gutter to address long-standing drainage issues in the downtown area.
- The two-lane pavement will continue through the intersection without dedicated turn lanes; the current stop sign will be replaced with a traffic signal at Old McHenry and Robert Parker Coffin Roads.
- Formal public sidewalks will be added on both sides of Old McHenry Road through the downtown area.



- A new pedestrian pathway will be installed on the east side of Old McHenry Road, which will extend to Kildeer Countryside School.
- The project is expected to be completed in November of 2018. The road will remain open during construction, but significant traffic delays are expected.

For more information, visit the LCDOT website at lakecountyil.gov and search 'Old McHenry Road'.



Upcoming Meetings

May

Board of Trustees	May 8, 2018
Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals	May 15, 2018
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	May 16, 2018
Architectural Commission	May 21, 2018
Board of Trustees	May 22, 2018

June

Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals	June 5, 2018
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	June 6, 2018
Board of Trustees	June 12, 2018
Architectural Commission	June 18, 2018
Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals	June 19, 2018
Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee	June 20, 2018
Board of Trustees	June 26, 2018

Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club Plant Sale

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club is hosting its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center, 3849 Old McHenry Road.

All perennials in the sale were grown in the Garden Club's own gardens and heirloom tomatoes will be available for purchase. The sale is indoors and will take place rain or shine. The Reed-Turner Botanical Artists will also offer a show and sale of their award-winning botanical works, from large prints to a variety of stationary items.

For more information, please contact Kathy Michas from the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club at 847-487-6985 or kathymichas33@gmail.com.



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