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RPC Project Update

The Robert Parker Coffin (RPC) Road project kicked off in July. As part of this project, westbound RPC Road will remain closed during the road reconstruction, while the eastbound lane will have periodic closures.

The first phase of the project is the extension of the public watermain down RPC Road; this planned infrastructure improvement is expected to attract new businesses to the downtown area, with an emphasis on restaurants. Other improvements that are part of the RPC project (which mirrors improvements already made on Old McHenry Road) will include streetlights, benches, ADA accessible sidewalks, new landscaping and storm sewer improvements.

Plans for the RPC Bridge are to physically move it temporarily west of its current location; the Bridge will be 'out' with no access to it as abutments are being replaced. The historic iron truss will also be removed, and then moved back over the abutments once they are repaired. The Bridge will be painted as part of this project and its timber cover will be replaced.

Weather permitting, this project is planned to be completed before Thanksgiving. Downtown businesses will remain open during the entire project, and signage

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From the Village President



Bill Jacob

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Summer is quickly coming to a close, and as we begin fall, I'm looking forward to the completion of our projects in the downtown prior to winter. Construction is in full swing including restoring the Robert Parker Coffin Bridge, the extension of our downtown public water system, and reconstructing Robert Parker Coffin Road. I can't wait for the improvements to be completed!

The Tollway's recent decision to terminate the Environmental Impact Statement, combined with the Lake County Board dropping support of the Route 53 extension in the County's Strategic Plan, were significant milestones in our Village's longstanding opposition to the proposed highway. It was also refreshing that the new Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway, Jose Alvarez, stepped out of his office and actually took the time to meet in Long Grove with Village Board members and staff prior to making his announcement. This is something that has not happened before. Additionally, the newly elected Lake County Board officials, including Sandy Hart who is Board Chair, Adam Didech who supports the 20th District covering the southern part of Long Grove, as well as Julie Simpson of District 18 who covers northern Long Grove, have been very supportive.

Now that these decisions have been made, the Village's focus is on both decommissioning the corridor and working with the State and Lake County to drive necessary road improvements in and around our village. IDOT owns many parcels of land in the Route 53 corridor and re-purposing of that property is paramount. We are early on in our efforts, and are collaborating with our neighbors, but it sure would be nice to have it preserved for recreation including a bike trail to provide safe passage for residents who travel via bicycle to our downtown.

In regards to road improvements, Long Grove joined many other Lake County towns in support of the 2019 Lake County State Highway Consensus Plan, which recommends \$300 million in state highway improvements in Lake County - including the widening of Route 22 through Long Grove, the widening of Route 45 and Route 83 from Route 176 to the EJE / CNR railroad tracks, including a grade separation. State Senator Dan McConchie has been active with the Village in support of these improvements. Hopefully, with the State of Illinois passing its first capital bill in 10 years, we will finally see movement on some of these projects, soon.

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Back to School Safety

Residents are strongly reminded of the laws regarding school buses on our roadways to keep our children safe as they head back to school. Obeying speed limits in school speed zones is also extremely important for the safety of both children and other pedestrians. Please see the below information regarding these laws and the actions taken for disobeying them.

- All vehicles are required to stop before meeting or passing a school bus that is loading or unloading passengers while stopped. The only exception is when a bus is traveling in the opposite direction of a vehicle on a four-lane roadway.
- Failure to comply will result in a \$150 fine and a three-month suspension of driving privileges for the first offense, and a one-year suspension and a \$500 fine for the second violation.
- A 20 mph speed limit is in effect on school days when children are present from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A minimum ticket fine is \$150 for the first violation, along with a mandatory court appearance. Subsequent violations have minimum \$300 fines.

Please remember to stay safe when driving near school buses and reduce your speed in school speed zones!



Route 22 Road Resurfacing Project

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing Route 22 between Quentin Road and Route 83 in Long Grove this fall. Due to intermittent lane closures, traffic delays are anticipated. This project is expected to last until the end of October. This is a temporary fix as there are plans to widen Route 22 to four lanes. IDOT has yet to announce a start date for the widening of Route 22. Once that has been determined, residents and businesses will be notified.



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will direct shoppers to access points for all businesses. Main entrances for businesses affected by the RPC Road closure will utilize rear entrances for access. Temporary signs are in place at entrances for the Village Tavern and Stempel parking lots, where parking is available to shoppers. To learn more about shopping and dining options in downtown Long Grove, visit longgrove.org.

For more information and for questions about this project, please call Long Grove Village Hall at [847-634-9440](tel:847-634-9440), or to view real-time updates and sign up for project notifications, visit rpcimprovements.com/.

New Mundelein Inspectors

The Village of Long Grove Building Department is excited to announce a new partnership with the Village of Mundelein. The two communities have a new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for building inspections and plan review services, which took effect August 1, 2019. The Mundelein team of inspectors brings more than 75 years of combined certified building code review and inspection experience. Their passion for their profession and for excellence in customer service have shone in the forefront during the agreement planning stages. The Village of Long Grove is very optimistic about this new relationship. Residents can expect to see these new faces around the Village.

- **Peter J. Schubkegel** – Mundelein Building Dept. Director; with Mundelein since 1994, specializes in carpentry and building inspection
- **Karl Gewalt** – Mundelein Deputy Building Commissioner; with Mundelein since 2006, specializes in problem solving and teaching building code
- **Jack Sievert** – Plumbing/ Building Inspector; with Mundelein since 2007, specializes in plumbing and drainage problem solutions
- **James Crary** – Building Inspector; with Mundelein since 1999, specializes in building and code enforcement
- **Joel Salazar** – Building Inspector; with Mundelein since 2015, specializes in building inspection and problem solving



Peter J. Schubkegel



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Burning for Maintenance of Natural Areas

Natural Areas in Long Grove are often found in Conservancy and Scenic Corridor easements; some residents have created natural areas for the benefits they bring to their lives and their property. All types of these natural areas need management and periodic maintenance. Controlled burning is a management strategy to enhance and restore these areas. A spring burn is the most common and allows old vegetation to protect the natural area over winter, and minimize soil erosion. Fall burning is also acceptable, particularly in wetlands and lowlands, when a spring burn is not a viable alternative.

Burning is encouraged when done in a safe manner, and in accordance with applicable regulations. While an excellent management tool, burning is a potentially dangerous activity. Individuals or Homeowners Associations (HOAs), who desire to burn in conservancy or other natural areas should contact their Fire Protection District for permits and recommended procedures and guidelines.

Planning is a critical step in conducting a safe controlled burn. Permits must be obtained from the Fire Protection Districts in conjunction with the Illinois EPA. Additionally, notification to Fire Protection Districts, the Lake County Sheriff and adjacent property owners must also occur. Proper equipment (clothing, shovels or flappers, water supply for emergencies, etc.) and fire breaks must also be part of the planning. Burns should not be conducted during periods of high winds - or anticipated high winds.

A safe burn requires a 'crew' of people. It is highly desirable that crew member(s) have participated in a previous planned burn. Educational workshops are offered through various agencies, such as Chicago Wilderness Burn Crew Training. An online search may offer additional opportunities for training on controlled burns. Many local landscape companies offer professional controlled burn services as well.

For more information, contact Village Hall at **847-634-9440**. The Long Grove Fire Protection District can be reached at **847-634-3143** and the Countryside Fire Protection District can be reached at **847-367-5511**.

Volunteers Being Sought by Village

The Village of Long Grove has several key committees that serve as advisory bodies to the Village Board. These committees are as follows:

- 1. Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA):** This commission focuses on development, and reviews plans and recommendations for zoning changes.
- 2. Architectural Commission (AC):** The AC reviews building requests, including signs, and focuses on aesthetics and architecture within the Village.
- 3. Conservancy / Scenic Corridor Committee (CSCC):** The CSCC advises regarding conservancy districts and scenic corridors.
- 4. Economic Development Commission (EDC):** This commission's purpose is to attract business to Long Grove as described in the Comprehensive Plan, and is an advisory body to the Village Board in matters related to the businesses in the community.
- 5. Pathway Committee (PC):** This committee reviews all pathway plans and is focused on the development and interconnection of all pathways in our Village.



If you are interested in getting involved by joining a committee, please email me at Bill.Jacob@LonggroveIL.gov. Please note that we currently have openings on the Plan Commission and the Conservancy / Scenic Corridor Committee.

Finally, if you are interested in any of the other committees, please also send me an email as other positions will become available in the future.

Thank you,
Bill Jacob
President
Village of Long Grove

From The Village President

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Additionally, Lake County's five-year improvement plan included Old McHenry Road in downtown Long Grove, which is now complete, the widening of Aptakisic Road from Route 83 to Buffalo Grove Road, and many others including the widening of the Gilmer Road/Midlothian Road intersection near northern Long Grove. The combination of all these improvements from the State to the County will improve the flow of traffic in and around our village.

Also, the Village is in need of volunteers and currently has openings on the Plan Commission Zoning Board of Appeals and the Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee. More information is contained in this newsletter with descriptions of the various Long Grove commissions and committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee or commission, please reach out to me at Bill.Jacob@LongGroveIL.gov

Finally, I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer, the upcoming Labor Day festivities, and the fall season that will soon be upon us.

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Meet the Village's Intern

Hello! My name is Denise Arrell-Rosenquist, and I am the new Administrative Intern for the Village of Long Grove.



I am currently a graduate student at Northern Illinois University in the Master of Public Administration program, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2021. My background is in education, as a regular and special education teacher for more than ten years. I am originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and moved to Illinois eight years ago with my husband and two children.

My passion for public service, coupled with my management and creative problem-solving strengths, is the driving force in my transition to public management. Northern Illinois' MPA program and my internship with the Village are proving to be an excellent fit for utilizing current strengths and developing new skills. I am enjoying the diversity and complexity of the position, and the wonderful staff that I work with; my hope is to be of maximum service to your community!

Honoring the Memory of Long Grove's Founding Father, Robert Parker Coffin

The name *Robert Parker Coffin* has become synonymous with the Village of Long Grove. Robert Parker Coffin (RPC) Road is one of the main entryways into the Village, along with the historic RPC Bridge that carries a charm all its own. While there are still many who know and understand the deep and meaningful contributions this founding father made to Long Grove, there may be others who are unaware of his actions or efforts over a 50+ year period – all of which have had a lasting impact on this community and its enduring identity.

After a long, and well lived life, Robert Parker Coffin (known more commonly as Bob Coffin) passed away June 13, 2019. While the Village most certainly mourns this loss, Bob should also be celebrated for all that he gave to Long Grove.

You will 'meet' Bob below and learn about his passion for this community, through those who knew, loved, worked alongside, and respected him for fiercely protecting the unique and rural character that truly sets Long Grove apart.

"Us kids were quite blessed to be able to grow up in Long Grove," said Betsy Coffin Hofmeister, Bob Coffin's eldest daughter, who wanted to share who her father was, what he meant to their family, and to the greater Long Grove community.

Bob was born in Chicago, and grew up in Winnetka with his mother, father and two siblings; his father died when he was just 10 years old. He attended and graduated from New Trier High School in 1935 and then went on to Yale University where he received a degree in Civil Engineering. Bob worked for Commonwealth Edison before and after the war, then joined an architecture firm in Chicago. He married Elizabeth Magie Coffin, more commonly known as Betty, and moved to Long Grove in 1946. The family lived in a cottage owned by the Schoffler family, which was located off of Route 53. Bob started his own architectural firm in 1957 and purchased a property on Willowbrook

Road in the Village – where Bob and Betty lived for the next 52 years.

"My mom and dad physically built the house on that property and over the years put on a number of additions—people were more self-sufficient back then; there was a total of 9-acres of land, where myself, my brothers Bob and John, and my sister Barbara all grew up," Betsy said. "It was a great life where we all felt we were a part of a strong community, and one that my parents, and my father in particular, had deep involvement in both its founding and in maintaining its unique identity."



Community Involvement

At young ages, Betsy and her siblings knew their father was very involved in Long Grove. Betsy could tell, due to how many people approached her father and mother to discuss the 'state of affairs' in the Village.

"Dad felt a sense of responsibility to be involved, and especially to protect the area against big development," Betsy said. "Developers tried to come in during the 1950s, and my dad led a charge to incorporate the Village, so it could set its own rules in regard to zoning and overall development that could or could not take place."

In addition to protecting the rural character of Long Grove, Bob also was a public servant. He was a member of the Kildeer Countryside

School District 96 school board, with his last two years serving as president. From there, he served as a Village Trustee, and then for 22 years as Long Grove's Village President. He then went on to become the head of the Plan Commission for another 22 years.

Influences Still Standing Today

Bob designed the building next to the Long Grove Church, and according to Betsy, was an integral part in the church's historic preservation. He was also involved in moving some of the older buildings onto property owned by the Long Grove Historical Society, which included the Archer School that is used to this day for school field trips. He designed the cover for what is now the RPC Bridge back in 1972 – which

added to the Bridge's 'yesteryear' feel as people entered into the downtown area.

Vision for the Community

According to Betsy, her father's vision for Long Grove was that it would function for its residents, and for the health of its natural habitat. He was committed to ensuring that conservation was always a priority through open land and a rural feel, and that the Village had a real sense of community that would continue well into the future.

~ *Betsy Coffin Hofmeister,*
Bob Coffin's daughter

I first met Bob Coffin about 30 years ago; we were seated at the same table for a Lions Club dinner. My husband Ray and I had recently stayed at the Jared Coffin House hotel while visiting Nantucket, and I asked Bob if he was related to the east-coast Coffins. He said, "Well, as a matter of fact, I am," and the stories continued from there. What a wonderful night! If you knew Bob, you knew he could remember all the compelling details of a story. He was a fascinating man, well-read and well-traveled. He knew his history, and it informed his thinking. Bob Coffin was a Long Grove Village President for more than 20 years. He was a true visionary, and his hand is all over our village.

Bob was one of the leaders among a sturdy group of founders during the formative years of our Village. We didn't start out as an affluent community. Most early residents owned modest homes on large pieces of property, and they were intentionally self-sufficient. Long Grove was set up to be the definition of small government. The founders specifically decided not to collect a Village property tax because they never intended to offer Village services, such as a public works department. To this day, the Village staff is bare-bones, and the elected and appointed officials are mostly volunteers. The early residents didn't look to the Village for services; if they needed help with something, they asked their neighbors. Bob once told me that as the town began to grow, he and his wife Betty made it a point to visit every family as they moved in, encouraging them to be part of this unique community.

Perhaps the most crucial piece of Bob's legacy is that he led a group of ardent environmentalists who appreciated the simpler things in life. They were in awe of nature, recognized the importance of the wetlands, and feared the use of chemicals long before it was 'cool'.

For example, when my family moved here, I remember being mildly surprised that the Village didn't salt all of the roads in the winter. Salt was only used on the busy

streets, and the preference was to use sand whenever possible - because sand wouldn't kill the delicate vegetation that naturally grew near the roads. Each winter, a garbage can full of sand and a large scoop in the less-traveled parts of the Village were present. As residents felt the surface getting slick when approaching the intersection, they knew to get out of their car, scoop some sand from the barrel, and spread it out over the crossing. They did this not only for their own safety, but for the protection of their neighbors.

Like many of you, I love this small town. I am grateful to have moved here early enough to have known Bob Coffin and so many of the other founders who worked alongside him. That spirit is still alive in Long Grove, and we are lucky for it.

~ *Maria Rodriguez,*
Long Grove resident and former Village President

Bob always had a deep commitment to the Village and did an awful lot to protect it. In the early 1980s, Bob actually came to my home early on a Saturday (while most of us were still having our coffee) and asked me to become involved; he said he thought I should run to be a Long Grove Village Trustee. I thought, if this man puts so much of himself into the community, I should try to do some good, too. I had a great appreciation for him and what he was trying to do for Long Grove, to preserve its rural character and boundaries. Bob lived such a long and productive life!

~ *Burt Mall, Long Grove resident,*
former Village Trustee and Village President

From a personal point of view - I think almost anyone would say Bob Coffin was deeply devoted to his family; he considered the Village to be an integral and important part of his family. He was strong, and very committed to the best interests of Long Grove. That's how he looked at life...he saw family, faith and the Village all in a similar vein.

Bob was respectful to others - almost under any circumstance, even when people were angry, he always showed respect back to them. While he listened to everyone, he was also persistent in his beliefs on how the Village should be run.

When he saw that you shared a passion for Long Grove, Bob always made you feel like he was a friend; he was easy to talk with and easy to get along with.

There wouldn't be a Long Grove without Bob Coffin - he and several devoted friends, neighbors and other

individuals worked very hard in mid-1950s. This was an extremely important time in the Village's history – because this is when large developers wanted to build mini cities in Long Grove; they were trying to buy up thousands of acres of land to build a huge metropolitan area where Deer Park, Kildeer, Hawthorn Woods and Long Grove are today. To stop the developers, all these areas ended up becoming incorporated. Bob led the charge for Long Grove by distributing petitions door to door to gain support for incorporation. This was a monumental task and Bob was the man who made it happen – all in the name of protecting his community.

He worked to ensure the forest preserve property provided a buffer for Long Grove from the developers, and others. The preserves today accomplish this for Long Grove on Lake Cook Road, at Buffalo Creek, Arlington Heights Road, all the way over to Rt. 53 and to Checker Road. The area where Reed Turner Woodland Center is located wasn't as critical, since the Village was already protected on the north and west side. In the early days, the south boundary was critical. On the north boundary, the Village annexed property all the way up to Gilmer Road.

I worked with Bob for nearly 15 years and was there until he retired. Once Bob knew you were working together, he would give you free reign to do things and to be creative. It was a true partnership. His job was a lot harder as Village President than mine was as the Village Manager – when a mistake happened or people weren't happy, they would look to Bob, and he was accountable as a true leader is.

Bob was very well respected by residents – he was always there to help and assist, and it showed through all that he did.

The historic downtown business district wouldn't exist without Bob; he pushed to create the regulations and zoning to keep styles and uses consistent to the 1880s period.

He designed the RPC Bridge's cover in 1972 – and pushed for it to be the entryway into our historic community – something of a 'grand entrance'. Bob added to the under-bridge, which had already been in existence since the 1800s.

Bob and his wife Betty were also a dynamic team and had their own personal adventures in town – they went out every year and purchased daffodil bulbs. They would then take their shovels and plant daffodil bulbs along the public roads. They did this for several years and enlisted neighbors who happily joined in. This initiative started the budgeting for the Village to purchase daffodil bulbs every year – something that still happens today.



For 25 years, we battled the Illinois Department of Transportation over the Route 53 extension – hundreds and hundreds of meetings were held. On Tuesday afternoons, we would have to head downtown to those meetings; Bob always took the time off to go because it meant that much to him to be there.

He was a proud man, he was a humble man, he was intelligent, forceful, consistent with everyone, but he was also a gentleman and a kind person.

So many of the innovations the community enjoys today are a result of his ideas and his passions, as well as his genius.

*~ Cal Doughty,
former Long Grove Village Manager*

Robert 'Bob' Parker Coffin made his mark here – starting with the very beginnings of Long Grove, with a relentless passion to do what he believed was in the Village's best interests – not only for the town itself, but for its residents as well. His influence and tenacity, through being a good neighbor, conservationist, an activist and a true public servant, will undoubtedly remain an integral part of this Village decades into the future.

The Village of Long Grove salutes Bob Coffin for the many contributions he made over more than five decades. It is fitting that in the year of his passing, two very important parts of the Village that carry his name, the Robert Parker Coffin Road and Bridge, will be revitalized through the RPC Road Project, which will improve the road leading into the Village and through the downtown, as well as the Bridge, so that it can continue to be the beloved gateway into Long Grove. One thing is for sure – Bob Coffin's legacy continues to live on.

New Pollinator Garden & More for Buffalo Creek Park

Along with all the new improvements happening in downtown Long Grove, be sure to check out the new pollinator garden in Buffalo Creek Park, the 5-acre gem of a green space in downtown Long Grove. This new garden is near the pergola in the park, near the side closest to Old McHenry Road, on a scenic high point overlooking trees, grassy fields and creek.

The garden was designed in the Spring of 2019 and installed recently on June 22 with the long-term idea of adding to the beauty of this peaceful open land in the downtown. This garden will provide food and a habitat for our pollinators. Plants here will encourage birds, butterflies, bees and other insects to visit. There has already been a plethora of activity in the garden.

We have chosen plants so there is something in bloom from the spring through the fall. The intent is to have this space completely covered with plants by year three, which will reduce the need for weeding and maintenance. Plants with the soil and sun in mind were chosen, using a substantial number of native plants that will do well without additional watering, after they become established.

The Long Grove Park District will be putting the pollinator garden photo and plant list up on the Park District website at lgparks.org to inspire area residents to create their own pollinator gardens.

This colorful garden is the first of several improvements that the Long Grove Park District is planning for Buffalo Creek Park. There are entrances to the park on Robert Parker Coffin Road and on Old McHenry Road. Come out and enjoy the walking trail, benches, trees, grassy field, meadow, gazebo, meandering creek, and bridge.



Before



During



After

*We have chosen plants so
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HDLGBA/Downtown Events

Save these Dates for FUN in historic downtown Long Grove! Visit longgrove.org/festivals/halloween-trick-or-treating/ or [facebook.com/ShopDineLG/](https://www.facebook.com/ShopDineLG/) for additional information and updates.

Apple Fest Dates

September 20, 21, 22, 2019

Location: Stempel Parking Lot,
340 Historical Lane, Long Grove

Cost: \$5 per person, children
under 12 complimentary all the
time, Long Grove residents FREE

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.

Chicagoland's biggest tribute to apples will take place in Historic Downtown Long Grove for a 28th anniversary season. Apple Fest's claim-to-fame is the delicious apple-inspired treats for apple lovers young and old, from fresh apple cider donuts and spiced apple lattes, to granny apple popcorn and green apple cotton candy. As always with a Long Grove festival, music will play all weekend long on multiple stages spread throughout the fest grounds. And when attendees aren't busy filling up on apple delicacies or rocking out to live tunes, the classic carnival is a refuge of entertainment, as is the Kids Zone with its legendary apple pie-eating contests and ageless interactive gaming. Apple Festers are invited to peruse and shop the timeless Village of Long Grove for harvest treasures while the action plays out on the fest grounds. Visit longgrove.org/festivals/apple-fest/ for more information.



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DIY Scarecrow Day!

Saturday, October 12, 2019

11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

(location to be determined,
see website or social media
for updates)

DIY Scarecrow Day is an afternoon dedicated to harvest charm and family fun. Scarecrow engineers around the region are invited to amass in Long Grove to build their own custom scarecrow modeled after whatever their hearts' desire. With a \$5 voluntary donation per scarecrow, each set of builders will receive a wood base, a bale of hay, and building guidance. Participants are asked to bring old clothing, shoes, hats, gloves, and accessories to dress their scarecrow (all leftovers will be donated). Thereafter, all scarecrows are propped up throughout the Village for the rest of the month - adding a colorful backdrop for Halloween Town. Visit longgrove.org/festivals/diy-scarecrow-day/.



Witches Night Out

Thursday, October 17, 2019

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Throughout Halloween Town, stores throughout downtown Long Grove will stay open from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for grown-up witches and warlocks to have fun shopping, sipping and dining – with treats and specials planned for all the 'little pretties' who attend!



Trick or Treating

Friday, October 25, 2019

2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Stores throughout Halloween Town in downtown Long Grove will dole out sweets during a business community-wide Trick or Treating bonanza!

Halloween Hound Parade/Pet Costume Parade

Sunday, October 27, 2019

12:00 p.m.

(location to be determined,
see website/social media for updates)

Pooches throughout the region are invited to don their best Halloween duds, and howl at the moon at Halloween Town's 2nd Dog Costume Parade! It's free to watch the parade, and all dogs must remain leashed. The parade will begin around 12:00 p.m. More details will be coming soon - based on weather conditions & construction.

Long Grove Fire Protection District Open House

The Long Grove Fire Protection District (LGFPD) invites residents to attend their Open House on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at the LGFPD Station, 1165 Old



McHenry Road in Long Grove from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This event will feature a free hot dog lunch.

While children can enjoy the traditional fun of climbing on fire trucks, sliding down the fire pole and watching several demonstrations (side-by-side sprinkler, vehicle extrication and fire extinguishers), area residents can also learn more about the Fire Service and Emergency Services. Members of the LGFPD will be on hand to answer any questions attendees may have. Meet the firefighter/paramedics that serve the LGFPD community.

For more information, please call 847-634-3143.

Countryside Fire Protection District Open House

Countryside Fire Protection District (CFPD) will be hosting its Annual Pancake Breakfast & Open House on Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at Station No. 2 (600 N. Deerpath Drive in Vernon Hills). This event kicks off Countryside's observance of Fire Prevention Week. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is 'Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape!'

In addition to the breakfast, the fire station will be open to the public for station tours, viewing of the trucks, and fire safety information exhibits which will be set up with handouts for all that attend. This is a family-friendly event, and a great opportunity for everyone to brush up on fire and life safety at home. It also gives residents of the CFPD community an opportunity to meet their local firefighters/paramedics and check out all of the equipment they use in the event of an emergency.

The cost for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast event will be \$15 (for a family up to four) or \$5 a person. Tickets can be bought at the fire station or on the day of the event. For additional information, please contact Tony Rodkey, Director Fire and Life Safety Education at 847-367-5511 or via email at arodkey@countrysidefire.com.



Halloween Safety Tips

As the fall season approaches, so does Halloween when children look forward to dressing up in their favorite costumes and hunting for candy! Ensure this holiday is safe and fun for everyone by following the below Halloween safety tips as children head out the door to trick-or-treat.

Children

- Wear costumes that are flame-resistant, bright and reflective.
- Make sure shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- Use face paint rather than wearing a mask and avoid hats that slide over eyes.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick.
- Stay on sidewalks and cross streets at the corner.
- Go only to well-lit houses and do not enter homes.
- Travel in small groups accompanied by an adult.
- Bring treats home for parents to inspect before eating them; discard unwrapped candy and food.

Adults

- Place lit pumpkins away from drapes and other flammable materials, and do not leave lit pumpkins unattended.
- When driving, watch carefully for pedestrians, especially children who may run into the street.
- If you notice suspicious activity, call 911 immediately.

The Village of Long Grove does not have set hours for trick-or-treating. Hours are left to the discretion of your HOA and/or the parents.

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Upcoming Meetings

September

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals	September 3, 2019
Economic Development Commission	September 10, 2019
Village Board Meeting	September 10, 2019
Architectural Commission	September 16, 2019
Economic Development Commission	September 24, 2019
Village Board Meeting	September 24, 2019

October

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals	October 1, 2019
Economic Development Commission	October 8, 2019
Village Board Meeting	October 8, 2019
Architectural Commission	October 21, 2019
Economic Development Commission	October 22, 2019
Village Board Meeting	October 22, 2019



Get Connected with the Village

The 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 time-sensitive 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!

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