

THE BRIDGE

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Village Takes Decisive Steps to Support Local Economy

Over the last ten months, the Village has strengthened its focus on supporting Long Grove businesses, as well as taken steps to ensure future business can thrive here. These efforts are more important now than ever, due to revenue losses caused by the pandemic and the overall challenged economy. In addition, since the Village does not levy a property tax for our residents, sales tax revenues generated from our businesses are vital to help cover costs for the many services provided to our community, which include infrastructure maintenance, road paving and improvements, snow plowing and more.

The recently approved South Gateway TIF District is a crucial step that will assist in securing the future economy at the south end of town. The TIF district will enable the Village to take advantage of economic development tools that can attract businesses to locate in Long Grove through incentives. It can also provide resources to assist with the development of currently undeveloped properties in this area on the east and west sides of Route 53, north of Lake Cook Road and Menards. More information is to come on how this economic development tool can benefit Long Grove and the greater business community into the future. To learn more about the recently approved TIF district, visit longgroveil.gov/sgateway-tif.

The Village's Economic Development Commission (EDC) has been in existence for nearly two years and has taken many steps since the onset of the pandemic to support the Long Grove business community. These have included webinars

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From the Village President



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I hope you enjoyed the holidays and welcome to the new year. I am optimistic about 2021 and things getting back to normal as vaccines become more readily available to the public.

This year we have several priorities, and the first one is to hire a new village manager. The Village Board selected the firm Baker Tilly, which has a public sector executive recruitment practice to assist us with this task. We will soon be in the process of interviewing applicants and if all goes well, we will have a new manager in place by the end of March. I am looking forward to the fresh perspective of someone that can assist the Village in revamping some of our processes and automating workflows to improve efficiency and customer satisfaction.

Second, we have one major road project on the docket for 2021 and that is the reconstruction of N. Krueger Road which has needed repairs for quite some time. Through our strategic planning efforts, Long Grove was able to obtain federal funding for this project which will save the Village nearly \$1.3 million. The reconstruction costs factoring in federal assistance will be an estimated \$584,000 for the Village. Once this project is completed, we will have repaved approximately 67% of our Village-owned roads in seven years against our 15-year plan, which is a great accomplishment.

Another important priority is that we continue to focus on economic development and marketing the newly established TIF district near the Menards at Lake Cook Road. The TIF will provide a vehicle to help recover costs for infrastructure and other improvements that may be necessary to develop properties within it. Since Long Grove does not levy a property tax, we are looking to attract businesses that generate sales tax receipts to fund our initiatives and services for the community.

Other priorities include helping to maintain existing businesses and developing other properties in the downtown, as well as the Sunset Grove TIF.

I am also looking forward to efforts of the new owners of the former CFI office building that borders Salem Lake which was previously vacant. The facility has been purchased by Weiss Properties, a real estate investment firm, and they have already begun cleaning up and renovating the property. Weiss plans to partition the building so that it can be leased to several tenants. With its unique architecture and

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N. Krueger Road Project Update

The project to make much-needed improvements to N. Krueger Road is moving forward and will go out for bid in early spring. Construction is planned to begin no later than June and expected to last three to four months. The project has been planned in three sections between Route 22 and Gilmer Road. The north portion of the intersection at Route 22 will be repaved only, as the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) plans include widening of the intersection and adding a traffic signal, though neither have been scheduled yet. The portion between Krueger Court to Eleanor Drive will involve asphalt removal and repaving and will not impact existing roadside trees. This is due to a conscious decision by the Village to maintain the existing roadway width, in order to preserve them. The remaining section from Eleanor Drive to Gilmer Road will be widened to include new shoulders on each side of the road. The project in this section will require the removal of 12 trees.

The estimated construction cost is \$1.7 million, with the Village's share being approximately \$550,000. The project will be partially funded through the Federal Surface Transportation Program. More information will be provided to residents in future communications, including this newsletter and the semi-monthly Enewsletter – the sign up can be found at longgroveil.gov/enewssignup. For more information, please call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.

From The Village President

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resort-like setting, Weiss hopes to create, in their words, a “destination” office facility.

Finally, our police contract is up for renewal this year with the Lake County Sheriff and we are currently looking at our options. The arrangement has served us well and I am optimistic we will be able to renew the contract. One area where an improvement is needed is in reporting, which has been limited by their current systems.

Happy New Year - I wish you a healthy and prosperous year!

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Safety

Each year, residents are reminded about the importance of regularly testing smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. In fact, the State of Illinois requires every home to be equipped with at least one CO detector located within 15 feet of any sleeping room.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), half of all home fire deaths happen at night when most people are sleeping, and the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in residences that have working smoke alarms. Alarms should be tested once a month by pushing the test button on the device, and replaced after 10 years from the date it was manufactured. Once the life expectancy of a smoke alarm is at its end, there is an increased risk of it losing its sensitivity. The test button will only confirm if the batteries and system are working; it does not confirm the test sensor is working properly. To determine the age of a smoke alarm, remove the device from the wall or ceiling to view the manufacture date.

CO is a ‘silent killer’ because it is a poisonous and deadly gas that has no color or odor. According to the USFA, more than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental, non-fire-related CO poisoning. This can occur when a fuel-burning appliance such as a furnace, heater, dryer, or portable generator is not working or vented properly. CO alarms should be installed on every level of your home and tested every month. According to Consumer Reports, most CO alarms are backed by a five- to seven-year warranty and will typically emit a chirping noise when nearing the end of their life. Please note: this signal will differ from the one that indicates a low battery. If there is a problem with the unit, a model with a digital display will show an error message; those without a display system will flash a light. As with smoke detectors, the test button on the CO detector only checks if the alarm is working, not the sensor. To test the sensor on a CO detector, you can use a test kit available at home improvement stores. Other safety tips include using portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas, and away from all doors, windows, and vents. Also, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

For additional safety tips, visit usfa.fema.gov/

Permits Required for Furnace Installations



Keeping a house safe and warm in the winter months is top-of-mind for homeowners. If a furnace needs replacing or a new one needs to be installed, the Village requires a building permit prior to the installation. Once installed, the permit then requires an inspection by a qualified mechanical inspector, to ensure it meets manufacturer's guidelines and building codes. Permits can help in the case of a mishap; homeowner's insurance may not cover the cost of damages, repairs, or needed replacements if a permit was not obtained. Even if a contractor or individual says a permit is not necessary when installing a furnace, a permit is still required. For more information regarding furnace installation requirements or the building permit process, please visit longgroveil.gov/hvac-furnace-permit. Electronic copies of the application can be emailed to Building Commissioner Margerita Romanello at mromanello@longgroveil.gov or you can contact the Long Grove Building Department at **847-634-9440** for more information.

Support Local Economy

Continued from page 1 and virtual meetings to provide education, resources, and other support to understand business needs through these challenging times. Another goal has been to maintain and strengthen the connection between the business community and the Village of Long Grove. During the pandemic and resulting restrictions on businesses, the Village Board granted Village President Bill Jacob the authority to streamline decisions on special permits for tents and other seating arrangement approvals to help restaurants continue to stay afloat. The Village also approved a 45% reduction in 2021 liquor license fees for establishments that currently hold licenses.

A dedicated web page was created that lists all Village businesses at longgroveil.gov which can be found by searching 'Business Directory'. The bi-monthly publication of this newsletter, *The Bridge*, has regularly promoted the importance of supporting our businesses through the pandemic, and has featured groups of them through pictures and links back to the directory. In this edition, the feature can be found on pages 6-7. All previous editions of *The Bridge* can be found online at longgroveil.gov by clicking on 'Bridge Newsletter'.

A thriving business community not only attracts visitors and new businesses to Long Grove, but also represents the strength and character of our community. The Village continues to encourage our residents to support and patronize our local merchants and restaurants - and to shop and dine locally whenever you can!

For questions about business listings, or updates which could include new business information, call the Village at **847-634-9440**.

Winter Outdoor Recreation in Long Grove!



While we are in the middle of winter, you can make this season one where you explore the mystical beauty of nature at Reed-Turner Nature Preserve right here in Long Grove! While restaurants, theaters, health clubs and other leisure venues are closed due to the pandemic, you can count on nature and forest preserves to be open. After a fresh snowfall, the woods become still and everything glistens. Once winter weather is in full swing, the preserve becomes beautifully blanketed with snow. Hiking

by foot or snowshoe will leave you in awe of the rare beauty of this intimate place. Heron Creek and Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve, both also located in our Village, feature year-round hiking trails, as well as winter cross-country ski trails.

According to the Lake County Forest Preserve website at lcfpd.org/preserves, there are more than 60 forest preserves in Lake County, making it the second-largest preserve district in Illinois. Consider making a game of picking a different preserve to explore each week and capture your findings in a log of each visit. During the winter, as well as through the pandemic, many of us have become less active. Get out and get moving, enjoy the fresh air and explore winter's beauty - and it's also good for your mind, body and soul! And don't forget your camera and a thermos of hot chocolate.

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History Corner

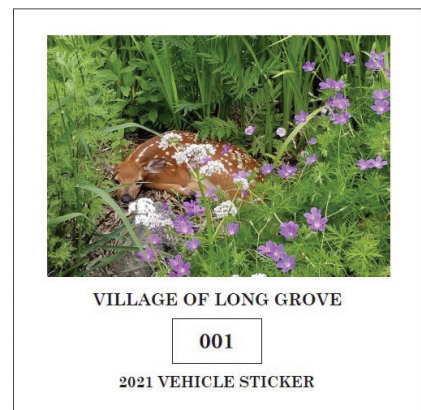
Long Grove Then and Now: The Village Tavern

The historic Village Tavern, located at 135 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove, is the oldest continuously operating bar and restaurant in the State of Illinois. The building was constructed by John Zimmer, Sr. in 1847 and was originally a wagon shop, renowned for its high quality wagons, buggies, and sleighs. John's son William opened the left side of the shop as a tavern in 1880, which later became the central portion of the current business. The tavern back then grew into a local tourist attraction and became popular for its Friday night fish fry's, live music, and fundraisers. The interior today remains largely unchanged compared to what it looked like more than 100 years ago, with a large brick fireplace and solid oak beams. The bar was replaced with a 35-foot-long mahogany antique that was rescued from the "Great McCormick Place Fire" of 1967. Today, the roadhouse-style restaurant and tavern serves lunch and dinner, and is co-owned by husband and wife, Chip and Mary Ann Ullrich. The Ullrich's are the fourth family to own the business over its 173 year history.



2021 Vehicle Stickers

The Village redesigned its vehicle sticker for 2021, which features a close-up nature setting of a young deer resting in a bed of wildflowers. Stickers are \$10 each and the order form is available on the Village's website at longgroveil.gov by searching 'Forms/Permits'. Residents can place orders online or mail a check payable to: Village of Long Grove, 3110 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, Illinois 60047. An email will be sent confirming online payments, which can be forwarded to Sherry Shlagman at sshlagman@longgroveil.gov. The sticker decal will be mailed to the address provided on the submission form. Residents are reminded that vehicle stickers are not mandatory. For more information, call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.



Support Our Many Businesses

Before the pandemic, historic downtown Long Grove was on an upward trajectory regaining its popularity and attracting new businesses as roads and infrastructure were improved and updated. The businesses of the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association (HDLGBA) have been united in staying open and strong since the start of COVID-19, despite the disappointing cancellations of its larger festivals and public events. Especially now, with the days running short and the winds blowing cold, Long Grove's shops and restaurants need you most. With your help, downtown Long Grove can again become the destination town it once was - and is destined to become once again.

The variety of family-owned shops, services and restaurants makes Long Grove an ideal destination for an enjoyable day out with family or friends. Experience the wide array of shopping Long Grove has to offer listed at longgrove.org/shopping. The village also has a range of excellent dining options, from Illinois' oldest restaurant and tavern to an award-winning brewery. View the list at longgrove.org/dining. Help keep the engine running and positive momentum going. It is time to visit an old friend - the new and improved historic downtown Long Grove!



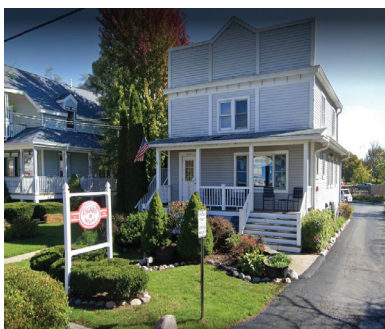
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Landmark Exteriors



Long Grove Hair Studio



Olivia's Boutique



Paddy's On The Square



Redefined



Rivellino School of Art



Scout and Forge



The Back Porch



Viking Store



White Oak Gourmet



Within Reach

LongGrove.org is your comprehensive business resource to discover the merchants in the historic downtown. You'll find pages devoted to each business including a description of products or services, contact information, hours of operation, plus website and social media links. #LovinLongGrove

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Upcoming Meetings

Board Of Trustees

January 12, 2021
January 26, 2021
February 9, 2021
February 23, 2021

Economic Development Commission

January 12, 2021
January 26, 2021
February 9, 2021
February 23, 2021

Plan Commission And Zoning

Board Of Appeals

January 19, 2021
February 2, 2021
February 16, 2021

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee (CSCC)

February 3, 2021

Architectural Commission (AC)

February 8, 2021

Due to the pandemic, in-person meetings have been suspended until further notice. Some meetings are being held virtually.

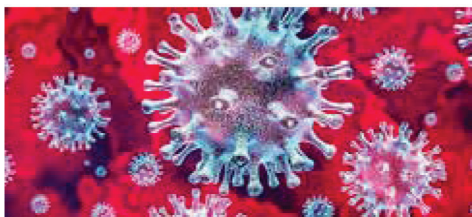
Please visit LongGroveIL.gov/meetings for the most up-to-date meeting information and to learn how to participate virtually.

The above meeting schedule is current as of the publish date of this newsletter.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

In mid-December, the first shipments of the COVID-19 vaccine were delivered to Illinois. The State has allocated vaccinations in four phases; Phase 1a includes healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities, and Phase 1b will follow for essential frontline workers and persons aged 75 or older. Other essential workers and people aged 65 or older will be eligible in Phase 1c, and all those aged 16 and older will be eligible in Phase 2. Pediatric vaccinations have not yet been released.

Lake County residents can register to be notified of vaccine availability at allvax.lakecohealth.org. Please visit lakecountyil.gov and search for the Health Department under 'Departments/Offices' for additional information and answers to commonly-asked questions.



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