



THE BRIDGE

Supporting Our Business Community

Over the last two years, the Village has taken extra steps to support local businesses, including hosting a job fair in the downtown to assist businesses in the hospitality and food and beverage industries, and promoting businesses on a regular basis in The Bridge newsletter (see pages 4-5 for a highlight of the businesses located in the Sunset Grove Shopping Center). The Village's Economic Development Commission (EDC) continues to work behind the scenes to develop growth-focused programs and resources for businesses, with an overarching goal to build stronger relationships with the business community and increase business retention. The EDC is also focused on identifying funding opportunities, as well as identifying incentives to facilitate revenue growth.

Village planners are developing action plans that can attract new businesses to find a place to thrive in Long Grove. Five distinct business districts operate within the 12 square miles of the Village, including the Historic Downtown, Sunset Grove and Long Grove Commons districts. Two other districts exist along the southern border at Route 53 and Lake Cook Road, and north to the Highway Retail District along Route 83 near the intersection at Route 45. Plans for growth are vitally important, since the Village does not levy a property tax for residents.

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From the Village President



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I hope that you are staying well. Spring will soon be here and I'm looking forward to the warmer temperatures and everything coming into bloom as we exit winter.

It's hard to believe that we are two years into the pandemic, but it's good to see some normalcy returning. Supply chain woes and rising inflation are a concern, but my hope is that we will continue to see improvements as the year progresses.

Last year the following three new retail businesses opened in Long Grove: The Kamp K-9 full-service pet facility, the Sock Monkey Museum and Soft Wave Fish Company. So far this year, Compass Realty opened a new office in Long Grove at Fountain Square and plans are under review for two other businesses in the downtown. First, there is a plan to renovate the property at 405 Robert Parker Coffin Road, which was the former "Dog House," and convert it to a hot dog eatery. Second, a tea shop is planned at the building next door at 407 Robert Parker Coffin Road.

The Village Board also referred two proposed projects in the recently established Route 53 Gateway TIF district to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) for review. The first proposal was made by a company that wants to open an indoor shooting range in one of the Menards out-lots. Certainly, there is much to consider with this proposal, and nothing has been approved at this time, but the Board decided to review it as they have support from Menards – plus the sales tax potential is something to consider. The second project is for a self-storage facility at the northwest corner of Lake Cook and Route 53. The parcel is somewhat awkward with access being a challenge, which has limited the options for its development, so this could be a good use of the property. Both proposals will come back to the Village Board for deliberations after the PCZBA renders their recommendations. I expect that we will see new business openings accelerate based on the current activity.

Lynn Michaelson Cohen, our Architectural Commission (AC) Chair for 20 years, recently retired. I want to thank and recognize her for her long tenure and service to our Village. Jeanne Sylvester is succeeding Lynn as our new AC Chair, and I'm appreciative of her accepting the appointment. Finally, John Marshall once again has volunteered to serve as a commissioner on the AC and I want to thank him as well. He previously served the Village as a Trustee on the Village Board, as well as on the AC and the PCZBA.

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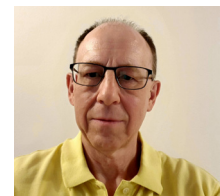
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Two Residents Step Up to Serve

The Village welcomed Jeanne Sylvester to her new role as Chair of the Architectural Commission (AC) in January. Jeanne is an attorney and a historic preservation consultant who has been a member of the AC for five years. She has a focus on maintaining the unique aesthetics of Long Grove as an upscale community with a natural and rural feel. She understands the importance of the downtown business district and the Village's other retail/commercial areas, and has said she will encourage thoughtful and careful development that meets today's lifestyle needs while maintaining the charm of Long Grove, which was Illinois' first historic district.

In February, the Village welcomed back John Marshall, who is returning to the AC after holding other Village and HOA volunteer roles. John served previously as a Village Trustee

from 2009 - 2017, and for several years earlier as a member of the AC and the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He has extensive experience as a general contractor working in residential and commercial construction, and has stated that he recognizes the value of community service.

The Village of Long Grove thanks both Jeanne and John for their ongoing service to the community!

Do you want to serve? There are a number of commissions/committees with volunteer opportunities with the Village. Residents interested in applying are encouraged to complete a volunteer profile sheet at longgroveil.gov/bc; forms can be emailed to Sherry Shlagman at sshlagman@longgroveil.gov for when openings on the Village's commissions/committees occur.

June Primary Election

As general election season approaches, there are some important calendar changes to note that apply this year. In past years, the Illinois Gubernatorial Primary Elections were held in March. This year, due to the delay in census data, the primary election will take place on Tuesday, June 28. The last day for in-person registration for the primary election is Tuesday, May 31 and early voting will begin June 13. The General Election will be on Tuesday, November 8 and will not only include the election of the Illinois Governor, but all State offices. Elections for positions held in the Village of Long Grove and other municipalities take place in odd years. The next election for local government, including elected positions for the Village of Long Grove, will be in the spring of 2023.

To register to vote, residents can apply in-person, online or by mail. For more information and locations to register, visit lakecountyil.gov/361/Voter-RegistrationInformation, or call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.



Route 53 Corridor Green Spaces

The Village continues to support efforts to protect greenspaces along the Route 53 corridor that was previously slated for the Route 53 expansion tollway project, which has now been abandoned. A task force organized by Midwest Sustainability Group (MSG) has been reviewing various ways to manage the corridor lands that would include preserving the land for non-motorized use and protecting environmentally sensitive areas. MSG held a meeting on January 28 with various stakeholders, including Village President Bill Jacob and other local officials, to discuss potential projects. The Illinois Department of Transportation presented an overview of the corridor lands and potential uses, such as surface water drainage, and locations for pathways, bike trails and multi-purpose transportation. The Lake County Forest Preserve District also gave an overview at this meeting of lands purchased for the Route 53 corridor and how some properties are in, or near existing wetlands that could be restored. Representatives from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission described opportunities for improving water quality and drainage restoration during the meeting as well. To learn more about the MSG initiative, visit midwestsustainability.org/portfolio/conservation-volunteering/.

Support Our Many Businesses

The Sunset Grove Shopping Center at Route 83 and Aptakisic Road in Long Grove is home to a variety of businesses, shops, and services, and is conveniently located for residents and neighboring communities.

Long Grove businesses are appreciative of the support from the local community - both residents and visitors - that frequent the shops and restaurants. It is through the patronage of so many that Long Grove's businesses have been able to push forward and survive the challenges of the pandemic.

For a listing of stores and dining options, visit the Village of Long Grove website at longgroveil.gov/businessdirectory.

Shop Small Support Local



Verizon



The Tutoring Center



Sport Clips



Spa O



Zengeler Cleaners



CVS Pharmacy



Rosin Eyecare



Bentley's Pet Stuff



PNC Bank



Domino's Pizza



HAKU Sushi & Bar



Starbucks



Chase Bank



Sunset Foods



Sherwin Williams



Code Ninjas



Appell Dental Group



Burn Boot Camp



Coldwell Banker



Team Rehabilitation

Hopping Fun Events Downtown in April!

Mark your calendars for the spring 'B-Hops' events in April hosted by the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association.



Beauty Hops, Thursday, April 14: Local merchants will have their latest spring seasonal items on display at the Beauty and the Boutique shopping event—including clothing, accessories and beauty treatments, along with food and beverages. Participating businesses will have specials, discounts, giveaways and more for all who attend.



Beer Hops, Saturday, April 30: Downtown Long Grove will transform into the suburbs' biggest outdoor beer garden for the annual Craft Beer Festival! Attendees receive unlimited pours from several of the best local brewers while live music and good eats round out an afternoon dedicated to the art of craft brewing.



Bunny Hops, Saturday, April 9: Children of all ages and families are invited to bring their own baskets and collect holiday eggs and treats while Big Bunny presides over the ceremonies at the Long Grove Egg Hunt!



Visit longgrove.org/events-festivals for more information.

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Rather, sales tax revenues generated from Long Grove-based businesses are used to help cover costs for the many services provided to the community. Benefits from these revenues include infrastructure maintenance, road paving and improvements, snow plowing and more.



To enhance and strengthen communications and information-sharing with residents and stakeholders, the Village shares information weekly on [Facebook](#) and [Nextdoor](#). These social media channels are also utilized to help promote community events that take place in Long Grove to draw residents and visitors to enjoy the Village's many charms. For more information on other communications from the Village, including the bi-monthly newsletter, *The Bridge*, and the semi-monthly E-newsletter, visit longgroveil.gov/community.



History Corner Long Grove Then and Now: Scout and Forge 427 Robert Parker Coffin Road



The Scout and Forge is an antique workshop and showroom in downtown Long Grove and is owned by Matt and Meghan Potempa, who purchased the building to house their business seven years ago. The building is one of the few remaining dual commercial/residential buildings in the downtown and was originally constructed in the 1920s as a bungalow-style farmhouse. It is one of a few structures in the historic district that was ordered as a kit, and then shipped in pieces by rail and truck and constructed on-site. It served as a residence until the 1970s, when it expanded to include a commercial antique shop. The front portion was added at that time, and antique woodwork and architectural salvage pieces were brought in to finish the space, including copper downspouts and a spiral staircase in the center of the showroom - which came from the Stanley Fields estate of the Marshall Fields family of Long Grove.



Drive Safely: Stop the Texts/Stop the Wrecks

According to estimates from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety*, drivers travel daily about 25 miles and spend an average of one hour behind the wheel, which increases opportunities for driving distractions, impatience and fatigue that can lead to vehicle crashes. To help raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving, the Ad Council and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) created a Texting and Driving Prevention campaign aimed at showing drivers that no matter how “safely” they think they can engage in texting while driving, this behavior is always dangerous for the driver and others on the road. In addition, texting while driving is an illegal offense in Illinois and most other states.



Studies report the following figures:

- Distracted driving is deadly, claiming an estimated 3,000 lives and causing 280,000 injuries each year.
- Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of a football field.

Both of Long Grove's fire protection districts (Long Grove and Countryside) are dedicated to maintaining the safety of our residents, and as a community want to share the following safe-driving reminders:

- Buckle up every trip, every time.
- Clean windshields and windows before departing, and drive defensively with headlights on at dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Designate a passenger for calling and texting; drivers should keep cell phones “out of sight, out of mind.”
- Don't drive after consuming alcohol; plan for a designated driver when needed.
- Drive more slowly when there is fog, rain and snow.
- To avoid speeding, allow extra time to drive to your destination and enjoy the ride.



* Sources: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, NHTSA, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

Firefighters Support St. Baldrick's Foundation

Several firefighters and paramedics from the Long Grove Fire Protection District (LGFPD) and the Countryside Fire Protection District (CFPD) are shaving their heads to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer awareness and research. Firefighters, police personnel and military troops have been shaving their heads to support St. Baldrick's fundraising since 1999, raising millions of dollars each year in donations.

Firefighter Paramedic Dan Mulcahy is the LGFPD chair of this year's event in Long Grove. He explained that while some organizations spend their funds on research for adult and childhood cancers, every grant funded by the St. Baldrick's Foundation is dedicated to childhood cancer research. He added that our firefighters and paramedics are dedicated to bringing awareness to childhood cancer and demonstrating their concern for families affected by childhood cancer.

LGFPD firefighters will stage the shave in late March or early April and plan to open the event to the public. If any restrictions related to the pandemic are in place, the event will be held in-house and closed, and the LGFPD will share images and updates on its website at lgfpd.org/. For questions or information on pledging donations, call the LGFPD at 847-634-3143 or email dkauffman@lgfpd.org.

Firefighters with the CFPD are also planning on raising funds for the foundation. Their team is the Countryside Fire District Seasoned Heads and they plan to share fundraising information on their Facebook page at facebook.com/countrysidefireidist.

For more information, visit stbaldricks.org.



Take a Wildflower Walk through the Woodland

It still may be cold outside, but there are some truly amazing wildflowers that break through the frigid soil to give us hope and beauty as winter ends and spring begins. Known as ephemerals, these perennial wildflowers emerge quickly in late winter and spring, and die back to just their underground root or bulb for the remainder of the year.



There's no better place to see these pops of color than at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve. With its diverse terrain of field, woodland and streams, the preserve provides a host of spots for different wildflowers. And because they have been protected for decades in the preserve, they flourish. You can find a poster with photos and names of the wildflowers in the outdoor kiosk at the preserve, located at 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove. For more information on the preserve, which is managed by the Long Grove Park District, visit lgparks.org



Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club's Upcoming Activities

Spring is right around the corner, and to hurry it along, the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club can help you start your own garden! The club meets the second Monday of the month at the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center at 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove, unless there is a field trip scheduled. Following are upcoming gardening activities hosted by the club that are open to members and non-members, and are being held at the Center:

Monday, March 14, 10 a.m., Gardening Presentation: Gardening consultant and educator Kim Hartmann will present 'The Soil Health of Your Garden: Testing, Amending, Composting'. Preparing the condition of your soil is the most important thing you can do to start a successful garden.

Monday, April 11: Annual Soupfest

Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 15: Annual Plant Sale

If you are interested in attending any of these events or to learn more about the club, please contact Paula VanSingel at [847-478-0000](tel:847-478-0000) or Paulavanwatson1@gmail.com.

Property Code Amended to Allow Pool Covers



The Village has updated a property maintenance code on requirements for safety enclosures for residential swimming pools, spas and hot tubs that now allows for either an enclosure fence or a self-closing powered safety cover. Previously, the code mandated that an enclosure fence was required at a minimum. Please note: Powered safety covers need to be compliant with ASTM F1346 and Section 305 of the Swimming Pool and Spa Code, have self-latching locks and be in good operating condition. The amendment also reinforces the responsibility on homeowners to ensure that fence gates and doors are kept closed and latched, and safety covers are fully closed and secured at all times when swimming pools, spas and hot tubs are unattended. More information on the ordinance amending the code can be found here: <https://www.longgroveil.gov/pools-hottubs-spas>.

From the Village President

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There is nothing significant yet to report on the Route 53 Task Force that was created to study alternative uses for the Route 53 expansion land. Two meetings have taken place so far, laying the groundwork for future discussions. In the last meeting, the Illinois Department of Transportation reviewed the property that the State acquired in the corridor. The Lake County Forest Preserve highlighted the ecological areas in, and adjacent to the corridor, and Lake County Storm Water Management reviewed the area from a floodplain and storm water management perspective.

I hope you enjoy the spring.

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Support Our Environment

Help Eliminate Teasel

Teaseal is a highly invasive plant that continues to take over areas in the Village by smothering native plants that feed and protect wildlife. These native plants add to the natural beauty of Long Grove and need to be protected - and residents can do their part to help!



What is teasel? Teasel plants are biennials that spread thousands of seeds in their second growing year, and can tolerate harsh growing conditions. Spring is an ideal time to treat the green, rosette-shaped plants by applying a 2,4-D herbicide that is not likely to harm other plants in the vicinity that are still dormant. Rosettes can also be dug up using a dandelion digger, but it's essential to get the entire root to prevent resprouting.

For the fourth year, the Village Board recently approved a \$10,000 grant for the Long Grove Park District to continue its ongoing teasel eradication efforts. The Park District will focus on State and County road right-of-ways, Park District property and other areas where teasel is present. Learn more about teasel and how to help eliminate it here: lgparks.org/teasel-learn-about-it-control-it/.

Sustainability

Waste & Recycling Services for Residents

Since 1991, the Village has been collaborating with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) to promote a variety of local waste and recycling programs. The Village also contracts with Waste Management for weekly pickups of residential recycling and trash. To be good neighbors, residents are encouraged not to leave refuse and recycling containers out for pickup before 8 p.m. on the evening before their collection day, and to bring empty containers back to where they are stored, as soon as possible after the collection takes place. All containers should be stored in a location that is hidden from public view. More information on residential services and pickup schedules, including holidays, can be found at wm.com//us/local/il/long-grove/residential.



For recycling of clothing and textiles, the Village has installed a collection bin in the downtown Archer Municipal Parking Lot for donations of new or gently used items. The bin is accessible 24 hours a day, year-round, and is made possible through a partnership with SWALCO. For more information, visit swalco.org/402/Long-Grove-Guide-to-Recycling-Right.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

YES!



METAL
Steel & aluminum
containers and foil



PAPER
Cardboard (flattened),
office paper, newspaper, magazines

**Clean &
Empty**
LEAVE CAPS
& LIDS ON



**FOOD &
BEVERAGE
CARTONS**



GLASS
Bottles & jars only



PLASTIC
Bottles, tubs,
& jugs only

NO!



**Do Not Bag
Recyclables**



**No Plastic Bags
or Product Wrap**
Return clean
to retailer



No Tangles
Hangers, hoses,
wire, cords,
ropes or chains



**No Food, Liquid,
Diapers, Batteries,
or Needles**



No Big Items

Electronics, wood,
propane tanks, scrap
metal or styrofoam

For other options,
visit swalco.org for
our online "Where Do
I Recycle This?" guide



**No Clothing,
Textiles or Shoes**

Visit swalco.org for a list
of Clothing & Textile or
Reuse-A-Shoe collection
drop-off sites

To find out more about recycling in Lake County, Illinois, or what you can do with items not accepted in your recycling cart (including other recycling and reuse programs), visit swalco.org or contact SWALCO at 847-377-4950.

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Upcoming Meetings

Board of Trustees

March 8, 2022
March 22, 2022
April 12, 2022
April 26, 2022

Economic Development Commission

March 3, 2022
April 7, 2022

TIF Joint Review Board

March 17, 2022

Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

April 5, 2022

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

April 6, 2022

Architectural Commission

March 21, 2022
April 18, 2022

Please visit
[LongGroveIL.gov/meetings](https://www.longgroveil.gov/meetings)
for the most up-to-date meeting
information.

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

Beautification Weekend

Long Grove residents are encouraged to take part in the yearly Neighborhood Cleanup on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24. During these two days, any trash picked up by residents around the community can be left at the roadside in garbage bags, which will be collected by Waste Management during the week of April 25. For any questions, please call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.

The annual cleanup effort follows Earth Day – which is on Friday, April 22. The theme for this year's event is Invest in Our Planet. Earth Day is a global event that is meant to raise awareness about preventing pollution and maintaining a clean habitat, while encouraging everyone to celebrate the preservation of our environment. Founded in 1970, Earth Day now includes events that are organized around the world in more than 190 countries.



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