



THE BRIDGE

The Governor's Order and Village Services

ue to recommendations from health officials, and in anticipation of the Illinois Governor's initial Stay at Home order that has now been extended through May 30, 2020, Village of Long Grove offices continue to be closed to the public. However, Village services continue as staff works remotely; staff members are reachable by calling 847-634-9440 and leaving a message, or by email. A list of email addresses for Village staff can be found at LonggroveIL.gov/administration.

Public services such as emergency response from the Lake County Sheriff's Department, Countryside or Long Grove Fire Protection District, remain unchanged. Trash pickup has also not been interrupted, but certain services have been suspended. More information is provided in the Waste Management article within this newsletter.

Need to Schedule a Building Inspection? Exterior on-site building inspections may still be scheduled provided that proper social distancing protocol is followed, and the inspector feels safe proceeding with the inspection. Inspectors are utilizing creative measures for certain interior inspections, and in some cases are either performing live video inspections or can accept photos. Email the Building Department at MROmanello@LongGroveIL.gov to inquire about scheduling an inspection for your specific project.

Further information and updates relating to Village services will be published on the Village's website at <u>LonggroveIL.gov</u>.

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From the Village President



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hope that you and your family are safe and well during these most uncertain times. I'm saddened by all of the casualties and my heart goes out to all those who have lost love ones and friends to the virus. It seems like it was just yesterday, that I attended a COVID-19 workshop on March 4th for elected officials, where I learned how easily the virus could be transmitted. However, I don't think anyone was prepared for what was going to happen next.

The Governor's Executive Order to stay at home, and the designation of select businesses as essential has created opportunities for some - but has temporarily closed so many businesses causing rapid unemployment. While I am glad that the Governor's extended order allows additional businesses to operate, it's still not enough. I am hopeful that as the curve continues to flatten, the governor will lift more restrictions. One thing is for sure, and that is this virus is not going away anytime soon and we are all going to have to learn how to live with it until we can find a cure. Social distancing, hand sanitizing and masks will all be in our routines for some time to come. I am however, looking forward to some of the simple things in life like being able to get a haircut, attending social gatherings, going out to eat and much more. I am sure that many of you are also feeling the same, as oftentimes we take most of these things for granted.

I do worry about our businesses in Long Grove, but I do also see an entrepreneurial spirit alive and well as many have had to reinvent themselves. It is great to see that you can still get everything from takeout, to groceries, paint, and even beer, curbside. I'm sure that you're already patronizing the Long Grove establishments, as they need our support. A listing of all Long Grove businesses can be viewed on our website at the following address, and can also be accessed from your mobile device at LongGroveIL.gov/business-directory.

Have you driven downtown to see the Robert Parker Coffin Bridge? It is a site to see as it has been lifted off the abutments and has been placed on a trailer just east of the Long Grove Community Church. The bridge will be refurbished, painted, and then once the new abutments are installed, it will be put back in place and a new cover installed. I am looking forward to this being completed by July, weather-permitting.

Barbara (Reed) Turner, a Long Grove pioneer that played an important role in shaping our community, passed away peacefully on April 9th

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Long Grove Park District Launches

Facebook Page

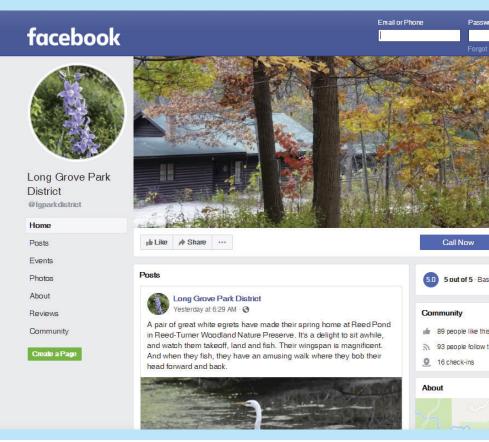
he Long Grove Park District recently launched their own Facebook page: facebook.com/lgparkdistrict.

"This is an opportunity for the Park District to relay information on news, upcoming events, seasonal programs and activities," said President of the Long Grove Park District Kent Tinucci.

The Facebook page will also be used to share the Village's unique natural beauty including woodlands, meadows, wetlands, wildlife and native plants through the posting of nature photos from Long Grove's forest preserves, nature preserve and parks.

Residents are invited to 'like' this page on Facebook.

The Long Grove Park District is a non-taxing public organization staffed by volunteers. Visit <u>lgparks.org</u> to learn more.



Time to Complete the U.S. Census!

articipation by Long Grove residents in the U.S. Census will have a serious impact on the community for the next decade. The number of people who respond dictates the level of funding from the federal and state government, determines political representation, as well as other resources that will stay in place until 2040! That is why it is so important to take 15 minutes out of your day to complete the census survey.

Some residents have contacted the Village reporting they received two, 2020 Census questionnaires - one with the RFD address and one with the street name address - and were not clear on which one to submit. *It is recommended to submit the street name address questionnaire*. However, if you have already sent in your questionnaire under the RFD address, it will still be counted. Census staff is aware of the potential for duplicates and they will reference the questionnaires in order to avoid double counting. For more information, please visit census.gov.



Village Tavern Owners Win Grant



he Village Tavern has been in continuous operation since 1847, making it the oldest tavern in the State of Illinois. Recently, an extraordinary amount of luck was bestowed upon this iconic downtown Long Grove establishment. Owners Chip and Mary Ann Ullirich won a \$25,000 grant through a lottery offered by the federal government for restaurants and other hospitality businesses, due to aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mary Ann Ullrich said shortly after the governor's order to provide carryout, curbside or delivery only, and when assistance programs were announced, she began filling out paperwork to apply to be a recipient of the \$14 million grant. The Village Tavern was among 1,200 other small businesses that applied, and was one of 700 who received a grant. Winners were picked randomly through a lottery system.

"It's a gift and a blessing; this helps to ensure we can keep the lights on, because our monthly bills keep coming despite the pandemic," Mary Ann said. "This is one example of the many positive things that have come out of this whole situation." Other positives include the Village Tavern offering 'meals for heroes', which have been purchased by the dozens from area residents that end up being delivered to Good Shepard Hospital, which help to feed doctors and nurses working around the clock fighting the pandemic and caring for patients.

Customers have also been extremely generous. Ullrich said, that in many cases, large tips have been left to be passed on to Village Tavern restaurant staff.

"I think all of our Long Grove businesses are absolute examples of who needs assistance during these challenging times. Our frustration was that we thought we would not receive anything, so I am hopeful others in our downtown, or Village, and our state can get help, too," Mary Ann said.

She added that the support and true giving nature she has witnessed through the pandemic from both customers and the community have been truly inspiring. "We have seen so much kindness in so many ways, and we all are truly coming together - another blessing."

Support Downtown Long Grove Businesses

he Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association (HDLGBA) cares for Long Grove and are proud of where we live, work and play. The HDLGBA would like to thank the community for supporting local Long Grove businesses, and that people who continue to serve our community bravely during this uncharted time. Life will return to a new normal and we will be back to shopping, dining and sipping at all our favorite merchants, as well as enjoying our beloved festivals. The HDLGBA businesses look forward to the day when they can see all your smiling faces once again. When times are tough, Long Grove rises to the occasion.

Visit the following link to sign up for the HDLGBA Enewsletter: conta.cc/2ykBg0o

This community stands strong together. In the meantime, they would love to see your taillights...!

- 1. SHOP at <u>longgrove.org/shoppopgo/</u> or call businesses to place your orders.
- **2.** Drive up and POP your trunk. Orders will be placed safely in your vehicle.
- 3. GO home to enjoy!

Please visit the HDLGBA website at <u>longgrove.org</u> for specials, hours and information on how to support the business community. It really counts now more than ever.

Follow the HDLGBA on the social media pages below:

- Facebook.com/ShopDineLG/
- •Instagram.com/enjoylonggrove/
- •Twitter.com/visitlonggrove

 $\#ShopPopGo\ \#ShowUsYourTaillights\ \#LovinLongGrove$

Controlled/Prescribed Burns Banned Through Spring Season

ue to concerns that smoke pollution from open burns could aggravate respiratory conditions relating to, and resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, both the Countryside Fire Protection District (CFPD) and the Long Grove Fire Protection District (LGFPD) have banned open and controlled burns through the spring burn season. All burn permits previously issued are no longer valid.

These steps have been taken due to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. These state the health of high-risk individuals, including those with chronic respiratory issues, lung disease and moderate to severe asthma, could be further jeopardized due to smoke pollution caused by burning. Additionally, both fire protection districts must remain focused on answering 911 calls for those in need.



Responding to complaints about burning, or fires caused by them, would pull away vital life, safety and welfare resources that are needed for emergency response through the pandemic.

For additional information, please call the CFPD at 847-367-5511 and the LGFPD at 847-634-3143, extension 2520.

Choose Local Businesses During the

Pandemic!

hen you need to go shopping for essential items - please consider choosing Long Grove businesses that remain open first, for essential needs such as food, toiletries and items for your home - among others!

Additionally, our restaurants and food service businesses that provide curbside pickup, carryout or delivery also need your support! Visit <u>LongGroveIL.gov/business-directory</u> for a list of all Long Grove businesses!

Let's all work together to support our business community throughout this challenging time!



Waste Management Service Changes

aste Management would like to remind residents to bag all trash when putting it out for pickup. As more people continue to follow the Stay at Home order, the volume of pickups also continues to grow. Please note: Latex gloves should be discarded along with the normal trash and not in the recycling bin. Also, bulky item collection has been suspended temporarily. This includes weekly items or extra call-in service for large items normally left outside the cart for pickup. For more information, visit wmm.com/alerts for up-to-date service information. Residents can also sign up for WM email and/or text alerts. Please also note: The time of day that carts are picked up may vary relative to the normal pickup times. WM asks that residents have carts out ready to be serviced the night before pickup day.



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at the age of 100. Barbara will be remembered for so much - but her dedication to conservation and preserving open space, including the donation of the 36-acre Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve, will remain part of her legacy for generations to come. When things get back to normal, I look forward to being able to conduct a ceremony in her honor.

Finally, it is great to see everyone working together to help each other during this pandemic. I know that we will have some challenges in the weeks and months ahead, but I also know that things will get better and I'm looking forward to those days. I hope that you, your family and friends, all stay well.

Village President - Bill Jacob

Honoring Barbara (Reed) Turner

arbara (Reed) Turner is one of the individuals who played many important roles in the history and building of Long Grove. On Thursday, April 9, 2020, Barbara passed away at the age of 100.

"The Village of Long Grove mourns the loss of Barbara (Reed) Turner, who represents the true spirit of our community, and who was a pioneer in many ways that have played a part in building Long Grove's legacy," Village President Bill Jacob said.

In honor of her 100th birthday in June of 2019, the Village honored Barbara's contributions by proclaiming it, '*Barbara Turner Month*'.

The daughter of Long Grove's first Village president, Barbara made many contributions of her own to the Village, which included donating her family's land as a nature preserve that Long Grove residents enjoy to this day, called the Reed Turner Nature Preserve. She served the public as a Long Grove Village Board member and president of the Long Grove Park District Board. In addition to many other leadership roles and achievements, Barbara also was a founding member of the Long Grove Historical Society and the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club. The following link contains the Village's newsletter article about Barbara featured in the July/August 2019 edition of '*The Bridge*' LongGroveIL.gov/barbara-reed-turner.



Robert Parker Coffin Road Bridge Update

he Robert Parker Coffin (RPC) Bridge has now been removed for the final stages of improvements to be completed. This project is expected to be completed by the end of this summer.

Please visit this link longgroveil.gov/rpc-bridge for updates and pictures to see how the repairs proceed. This information is updated weekly.



The Robert Parker Coffin bridge contractor utilized the crane shown in this photo to install the first test steel pile on the east side of Buffalo Creek. As this work needs to be completed from the east side of the creek, the contractor will be bringing in a larger crane to the site next week to install the test pile on the west side of the creek.







Upcoming Meetings

Board Of Trustees

May 12, 2020

May 26, 2020

June 9, 2020

June 23, 2020

Economic Development Commission

May 12, 2020

May 26, 2020

June 9, 2020

June 23, 2020

Plan Commission And Zoning Board Of Appeals

May 19, 2020 (tentative) June 2, 2020 June 16, 2020

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee (CSCC)

June 3, 2020 June 17, 2020

Architectural Commission (AC)

May 18, 2020

June 15, 2020

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.

Get Connected with Long Grove

his newsletter, 'The Bridge', is normally mailed to all Long Grove residences every other month - but this edition was not mailed due to the changing information related to COVID-19. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call 847-634-9440 and request one.

If you're not signed up yet to receive the semi-monthly E-newsletter emailed out to subscribers after monthly board meetings, you can find the sign up at LongGroveIL.gov under the 'Looking For' tab. Archives of the Village's previous E- and print newsletters can also be found on the Village's website by searching 'newsletters'. Under the 'Looking For' tab you can also sign up for Connect CTY. This notification service is a communication tool that alerts residents and businesses to public safety, health, welfare and other community concerns. For critical situations - texts and voicemail messages are utilized to dispense emergency information.

For questions please call 847-634-9440.

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