



THE BRIDGE

Adapting to a Digital World

The Village of Long Grove has steadily grown our digital presence since we recognize there are many different ways to connect with all of our residents. Currently, the Village has an online website presence at LongGroveIL.gov, along with social media pages on Facebook, Nextdoor, LinkedIn and YouTube, and utilizes the ConstantContact email platform. As the world becomes increasingly digital, the Village is committed to communicating efficiently, effectively and equitably. To connect with any of our digital communication channels, visit longgroveil.gov/community/page/get-connected. What you'll find:

Website: On the Village website, you will find the Village Board and Commission agendas and minutes, all building permit applications, business license applications, newsletter archives, the Village budgets, and much more. The website has a wealth of information for a variety of questions. If you need assistance finding something, call Village Hall at 847-634-9440.

Email: Constant Contact is the platform the Village uses to send our monthly e-newsletter, meeting agendas, notices and important announcements. We encourage all residents who have not already done so to sign up today at longgroveil.gov/signup.

Facebook: This platform is still growing, and we're working to find our voice in

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From the Village President



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I hope that you have enjoyed our summer which is quickly coming to a close, as we head into fall.

I wanted to provide an update on the Route 53 Task Force, of which I am one of the appointed members. The Task Force has now met five times and its charter is to study alternative uses of the expansion land that is within the Route 53 corridor. The mayors of Grayslake, Hawthorn Woods and Mundelein, as well as myself, were asked to give a brief presentation about our local community interests. My presentation included a map of the Route 53 corridor and the underlying zoning, plus the planned uses of the land in our Village. I also discussed in order of priority, the following:

1. Protecting as much as possible the Long Groves of Trees (our namesake), wetlands and natural habitats.
2. Providing a greenspace with paths for biking and walking.
3. Preserving our underlying zoning, including proposed land uses as laid out in the Village's Comprehensive Plan.
4. Potentially adding a commuter train station along the CN Railroad tracks on the north end of Long Grove.

Hawthorn Woods is aligned with this plan, whereas the views of Mundelein and Grayslake leaders differ, in that they are in support of a greenspace for now but would like to keep the option open for a road in the future. After the presentations, State Senator and Task Force Co-Chair Melinda Bush reminded the task force members that our charter was not about building a road, but to study the cost, feasibility, and environmental impact of alternative uses of the expansion land – including the potential impact on flooding in the area. Other Task Force objectives are to examine the short and long-term economic impact on the region and review all options for funding alternative uses. State Senator Bush's remarks were welcomed since putting an end to a more than 60-year debate on building Route 53 is a key objective for Long Grove. A written recommendation from the Task Force is due by the end of this year, and in the coming months, our members will need to agree on a vision and begin drafting the recommendation.

The Village Board passed a resolution honoring the life and service of Chip Ullrich who was a long-time resident of Long Grove, community leader and owner of the Village Tavern. Chip passed away on May 15th, and recently I presented a copy of the resolution to Mary Ann Ullrich, Chip's wife, which took place during the 60th anniversary celebration of their family ownership of the Village Tavern. The Village Tavern was established in 1847 and is the oldest tavern / restaurant in

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the social media world. Facebook has been a great place where the Village shares construction updates, information from County organizations, events in the Village, helpful resident reminders and more.

Nextdoor: The Village is experimenting with this social platform. Any post in Nextdoor should be visible to any resident in the Village; this is where information regarding security, events and notices is published. This content is similar to that of Facebook.

LinkedIn: The Village is working to gain ground in the economic development world. One of the goals of the Village Board is to use LinkedIn as a networking tool to encourage people to establish their business in Long Grove.

YouTube: Did you miss the board meeting? You can find videos on the Village's YouTube Channel. This is where you can find out what's happening with Village planning, engineering and development – among many other topics that are discussed at the bi-monthly Village Board meetings. The mission of Long Grove's Village President, Board of Trustees and administration is to deliver public goods and services efficiently effectively and equitably, not ever compromising public trust or the belief that government should serve a higher purpose. Through collaborative

governance, stakeholder engagement, and the highest levels of transparency, this unit of local government will pursue excellence over mediocrity in all areas of public policy and administration.

There are many ways to connect in today's world, with technology dramatically increasing our capacity to build connections. The Village strives to keep residents and businesses well informed by sharing information through electronic newsletters, print newsletters, and social media. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or know a business that would be a good fit for Long Grove, email us at info@longgroveil.gov.



Scan the QR code to signup for the Village E-newsletter

Waste Pickup Now on Wednesdays

As of August 1, trash, recycling and yard waste pickup by Waste Management (WM) is now on Wednesdays for all Long Grove residences. Previously, pickups took place on Mondays or Fridays depending on your address. According to WM, the reason for this change is to provide more consistent and effective service delivery for all residents. No refuse or recycling carts should be placed by the roadside before 8 p.m. Tuesday and no later than 6 a.m. Wednesday. All empty carts should be removed from the roadside no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of garbage collection. All refuse and recycling containers should be stored in a location that is concealed from public view. For residents who have yard waste pickup, the final service date for this year is November 30.

Please note: As part of the agreement between Long Grove and WM - which is in effect until March 31, 2025 - all households are automatically enrolled and

billed for collection services – and no exceptions can be granted. WM provides residents with useful guidelines on trash collection and recycling of various materials, including yard waste and bulky items, which can be found at wm.com/us/local/il/long-grove/residential. For any questions, or to request a waste container repair or replacement, call WM at 800-964-8988 or visit their website.



Traffic Calming Studies Planned

This fall, the Village will be testing a variety of traffic calming devices and solutions due to traffic volume and safety concerns expressed by residents on Schaeffer Road and Checker Road, between North Arlington Heights Road and west Lake Cook Road. Among the different options are electronic speed signs, a traffic choker - which are curb extensions that narrow a street by widening the side-walks or planting strips, along with speed tables - devices that raise a vehicle's wheelbase to reduce speed. Traffic counters will also be installed on Checker Road to establish baseline metrics that will result from measuring speeds and volumes at peak times throughout the testing period. These efforts are anticipated to last approximately two to three months.



Road Rejuvenation

Recently, the Village Board approved applying an asphalt sealant to some of the roadways in Long Grove to extend the life of these roads by five to seven years. The sealant, Reclamite, is an environmentally safe rejuvenating agent that is sprayed on asphalt, acting as a preservative by sealing out excessive moisture and sealing in the asphalt oils. The road surface is prepared for this process by first applying the Reclamite, then



spreading a thin layer of sand that acts as a blotter and prevents the sealant from tracking on vehicles, and finally after a few days when the sealant is dry, the sand is swept up.

In August, Reclamite was applied to Indian Creek Road, Schaeffer Road, Roanoke Court, Dawn Court, Arlington Heights Road, Robert Parker Coffin Road, and Cuba Road.

Don't Get Scammed!

Scammers continue to get more and more creative when it comes to robbing people of their personal information and money. Please take note of recent scams being shared by the Lake County Sheriff, as well as the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) and avoid becoming a victim! Oftentimes, scammers are actually in states other than the ones they target, or even outside the country, according to the Sheriff's Department.



In recent months, the Sheriff's Department has learned that Lake County residents have been targeted by scammers who call and introduce themselves as someone who works for the Sheriff, even using the name of a real employee. The caller states that the intended victim has an arrest warrant or citation(s) due to a missed jury summons. Then, it's explained that in order for the victim to avoid an arrest, they can purchase a 'voucher'.

The IDFPR has reported that scammers are targeting the department's business license holders, by sending them fraudulent paperwork stating they must purchase a \$10,000 government bond to resolve an agreement between them and the IDFPR.

In both of these cases, each agency has publicly stated they will not (ever) call a resident to request money, or ask for payments in vouchers, gift cards, 'Green Dot' cards, Venmo or cryptocurrency. Additionally, both request that residents contact them to report any suspicious activity that you believe involves a scam. The Lake County Sheriff can be reached at 847-377-7020 and the IDFPR at 847-294-4900.

Residents are strongly advised to hang up immediately if you believe a scammer has reached you, document it to report it to the appropriate agency, and then block the number. Also, be sure not to provide personal information to anyone you don't know in a phone conversation, including when you are not at home.

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continuous operation in Illinois.

Our historic downtown business district has been bustling over the summer and the traditional festivals were in full swing, which is great to see! I attended the free movie screening of Christmas with Felicity at Brothers Field a few weeks ago, which showcased Long Grove. The Village was one of the sponsors of this event, which included the producer, John Boshier and cast participating in a brief Q & A introduction before the movie began. Boshier announced during the event that another movie is in the works that will also be filmed in our Village. I also attended the free Lake County Symphony Orchestra Patriotic Concert that was held at the Buffalo Creek Brewery in their Biergarten, which was also sponsored by the Village. It was a wonderful event that was well attended.

I hope that you have a nice fall!

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Long Grove Is Growing!

Say hello to your new neighbors! Since 2010, Long Grove has seen a population growth of 4%! According to the most recent U.S. Census Data, 8,366 residents call Long Grove their home. With this increased population growth, the Village has posted new population signs. Keep an eye out next time you're driving home; you might just see one.



History Corner Long Grove Then and Now: Ruth Barn



According to the Long Grove, Illinois (Images of America Series), Ruth Barn was likely built by one of Long Grove's earlier residents, Irwin Ruth, who with his wife Leah, had five children in the 1870s census that listed his profession as a farmer. Today, this barn, which was likely built in the 1850s, sits behind the Long Grove Village Hall. It has been used as a museum that houses farm implements and blacksmith equipment in recent years for area schoolchildren to visit and learn about Long Grove's farming history.



Remembering the Life and Contributions of Warren Schmitt



Early in his career with Allstate Insurance, Warren Schmitt was posted at different offices around the country in three-year stints. In 1972, the New Jersey native got his next assignment in Northbrook, Illinois.

Warren and his wife, Karen, moved nearby to Long Grove. They didn't expect to put down roots here. They assumed they would stay for three years before Warren was transferred somewhere else. But it didn't quite work out like that; they never left.

Now five decades later, the fabric of the Village of Long Grove has a gaping hole. Warren passed away on Sept. 28, 2021, at age 92 after a long life of service to his family, environment, and community. He is survived by Karen, his wife of 49 years; their son, Thomas, of Chicago; and their nephew, Gregory, of New Jersey.

Known as a doer who never turned down a challenge, Warren's fingerprints are all over Long Grove all these years after he and Karen first settled here.

Countless people in the community fondly recall Warren's efforts as a preservationist, volunteer, and mentor to many. "He was very kind, and that sticks out in everybody's mind, I think," Karen said. "Also, he was a man of honor. If he said he was going to do something, he was going to do it. He just did it because he saw a need. That's Warren."

Warren began earning that reputation almost as soon as he moved to Long Grove, quickly becoming immersed in service to the community and never quite slowing down. Warren was elected to the village board as a trustee in 1975, just three years after they first relocated, and he served until 1979. He did not stop there, going on to become a member of the Fire Protection District Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, a founding member of the Long Grove Lions Club, and chair of the Village Conservancy Committee.

"When there was a job to be done, Warren was there. I'm not sure that we make volunteers like him anymore," said Bobbie O'Reilly, a current village trustee and longtime friend of the Schmitts who for years was also a member of the Lions Club with Warren. "What Warren learned early on is when you volunteer like that, you get more back than you give."

A Man of Service

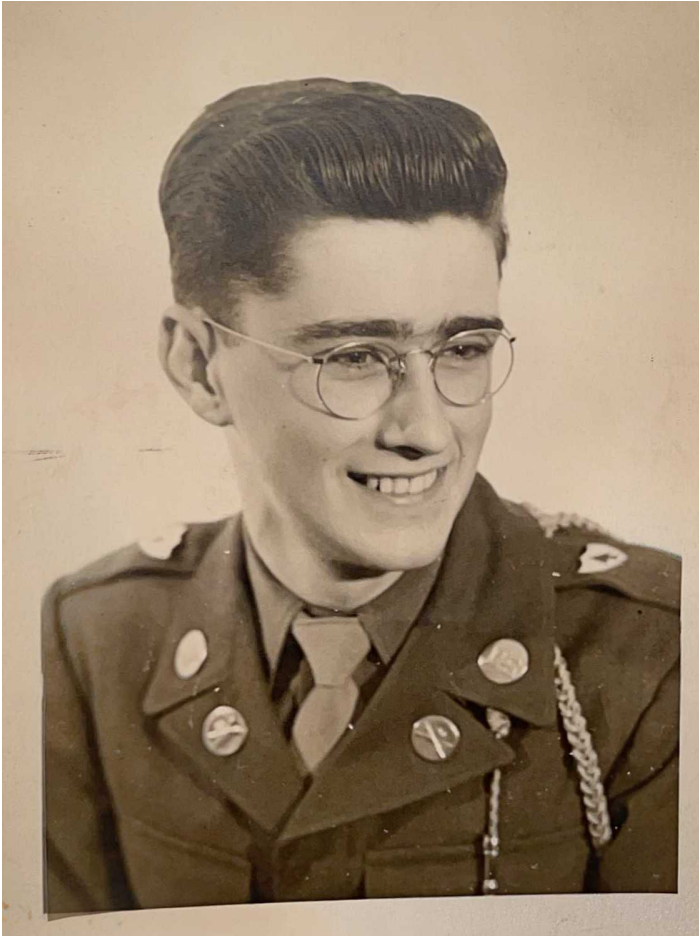
Karen traces Warren's sense of honor, loyalty, and duty back to his time in the military. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the Army and served a tour in Germany and France toward the end of World War II. He returned to the U.S. and earned a degree in accounting in 1952, but duty called again. Despite not being required to do so, Warren felt compelled to re-enlist to serve in the Korean War.

After his second tour of duty, Warren was honorably discharged. His final rank was captain.

"I think the dedication was inbred in him," Karen said. "I really do. He had that sense of service, which is why he went into the second war. He didn't have to go to Korea, but he did. It was a patriotism thing."

Warren's loyalty carried over into his professional career, too. By the time he retired in 1992, he had been with Allstate for 38 years. He ended his career as director of information security at the company's home office in Northbrook.

After retirement, Warren remained active in Long Grove and surrounding communities. As he continued to age, he



accepted his new limitations but always found another way to be helpful.

“He never gave up. He still wanted to be active and vital,” Karen said.

It’s only natural, then, that Warren eventually found himself on the Long Grove Fire Protection District Board of Directors in the 1990s. During this time, he met Jim Monroe, who spent 25 years as the Fire Protection District Board President and was also an active member of the Lions Club. The two became good friends as Warren helped out with everything from controlled burns to forest preservation to setting up the district’s first-ever accounting system, Monroe said.

“We became friends right off the bat. He was always trying to do something to improve things,” Monroe said. “He always had it in his mind to help other people.”

Warren took a particular interest in improving the lives of senior citizens. O’Reilly fondly recalled one event Warren organized in 2001. He recruited community members who owned classic cars to pick up local elders and bring them

into town for an ice cream social.

“It was such a hit,” O’Reilly said. “To bring in all the real senior citizens of the town for ice cream was just stunning. I wish somebody would do it again.”

Karen said Warren also put his computer skills to good use, volunteering in Palatine to give seniors technology lessons. But it wasn’t just people that Warren served. He was also fiercely protective of Long Grove’s natural resources, participating in highway protests, protecting native species, and serving in preservation groups.

In fact, protecting the environment was Warren’s favorite cause. He and a group of friends—all of whom are now also deceased—would be genuinely excited about going out on “teasel control” to clean up the invasive plant. “They were like little boy scouts,” Karen said.

Well-Regarded, But Humble

Warren was a prominent figure in the community, but by all accounts, he never sought recognition. He simply viewed his civic duties as a natural part of life. His low-key demeanor served as an example for many, such as John Kopecky, owner of The Country House of Long Grove. Kopecky was in his early 20s when he met Warren. The two were founding members of the Lions Club in 1984. He witnessed Warren become a mentor, especially for children and young adults in the community such as himself at the time.

“He was a pillar of the community, but it was not anything he sought,” Kopecky said. “That’s why I say he was a role model. He instilled in me patience and courtesy and that sort of thing—by example. He never lectured anybody.”

It was not just adults that could learn from Warren’s wisdom, though. When he and Karen first moved to Long Grove, they appreciated some of their older community members who could pass on generations’ worth of knowledge. As time went on, Warren became a “wise old folk himself,” Karen joked.

Neighborhood kids learned from Warren, especially regarding nature, conservation, and preservation.

He taught children about agriculture by taking some to Farm Heritage Shows in Wisconsin. In his own garden, he planted pumpkins and would let neighborhood children pick their own—but on the condition that they had to watch it grow from the start and let Warren teach them about farming along the way.



Warren was also active with the YMCA Adventure Guide program—then known as Indian Guides—that sees individuals and groups go on outdoor expeditions to help children connect to the outdoors.

“He was always instructing,” Karen said.

Even after almost 50 years of marriage, Karen said Warren’s passing has allowed her to learn new things about her late husband and feel an even deeper connection to him. She said friends told her stories at his funeral she had never heard. When going through his belongings, she found that his ice cream social event had received an Illinois Governor’s Hometown Award—something he had never mentioned to her.

On the other hand, Kopecky said he never heard Warren talk about his military service at all, something he attributed to Warren’s humbleness.

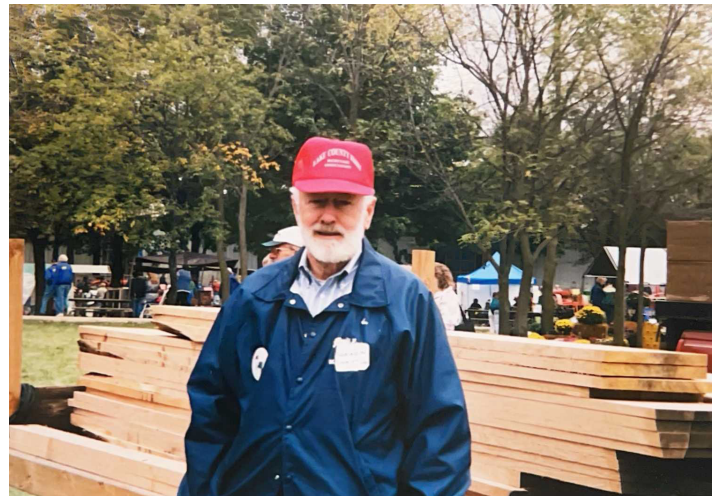
“He wasn’t the kind of guy to sit at the head of the table. He would sit in the middle. That reveals a lot,” Kopecky said. “He wasn’t a chairman. He was one of the guys, for sure.” Warren’s stature in the community could also cause some humorous unintended side effects. One such time that Kopecky recalled was during a Candy Day fundraiser for the Lions Club. On Candy Day, club members hand out candy in exchange for donations that go toward people with hearing loss or who are visually impaired.

The fundraisers were always great successes, but they came with a catch: Warren attracted many donations, Kopecky

recalled with a laugh, but he also drew such a long line of people who wanted to talk to him that he held up traffic.

Never Stopped Helping

For Warren, it truly was a lifetime of service. It wasn’t until just a few years ago—2018, when he was almost 90—that he finally retired from public service. At that time, the Village Board presented him with an award for his years of service to the community—a proclamation and a special clock. “He was very proud of that,” Karen said. “He never asked for it, but it touched him greatly. That was really the culmination of his volunteer career for the village, and he loved that.”



For the last year of his life, Warren lived at a local senior care facility, but that did not prevent him from trying to make plans. Karen said he came up with several ideas; his signature proposal was for the facility to create a butterfly garden—in line with his lifelong commitment to conservation efforts.

“They never saw anything like Warren come into that place,” Karen joked. “He was still sharp enough and interested enough in being a player. He still had enough interest in helping, fixing, doing until he couldn’t anymore.”

When it was time, Warren passed away peacefully. He was recognized, appreciated, and honored by people throughout the entire community. While those who knew and loved him are saddened to be without him, Karen said she also cannot be bitter or angry that he was taken from this world.

“He was blessed,” Karen said. “I can’t mourn the loss of Warren. He had a good life. He was proud of his son. What more does somebody want in life? He got to do just about everything that he really wanted to do, except have a firetruck on the front lawn and ski in South America. That’s pretty good.”

Back to School Bus Safety

Schools are now back in session, and that means more school buses on our roadways. Please remember to drive safely around school buses - not only when they are moving, but stopped as well when the stop signal arm is extended, or when lights are flashing. Not doing so can result in fines, the suspension of your driver's license, and other penalties depending on the number of offenses and when they occur.

Illinois law requires that motorists stop their vehicles in either direction on a 2-lane road when buses are picking up or dropping off children. Since children are getting on and off the bus during these times, it is critical for motorists to adhere to this law so children are not hit by a passing vehicle. This law is in effect for any location – including school property, parking lots, highways, and public or private roadways. The only exception is when a vehicle is traveling in the opposite direction on a 4-lane roadway, though caution should always be used when you are driving anywhere near a school bus.



Penalties for passing a stopped school bus have gotten tougher over the last couple of years. If convicted, motorists will now receive a mandatory 3-month suspension of their drivers license and a \$300 fine, in addition to mandatory court costs. A second offense that occurs within five years of the first carries with it a year suspension of a driver's license, and minimum mandatory fine of \$1,000. Additionally, motorists may also be required to attend traffic school and/or perform community service. Car insurance rates may also go up depending on your insurance carrier.

So when driving around a school bus, please remember to use a common-sense approach to protect the safety of our children and everyone on the road – use caution, and be sure to stop when you see flashing lights or the stop signal arm down!

Sustainability Corner: SWALCO!

The Village partners with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County to provide options to residents on how to safely and responsibly recycle many different items. Please visit swalco.org to review the full list of programs available to residents of Long Grove and neighboring communities.



Clothing & Textile Collection: A Responsible Option for a Growing Issue

Located in the Archer Parking Lot (Archer Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road), the full-circle program is a partnership between the Village and SWALCO, that allows residents to deposit new and used clothing and household textiles to be reused and recycled. These items are the fastest growing waste stream in the U.S., with 85-90% of them ending up in landfills. Accepted items include new and gently used clothing, hats, backpacks, blankets, sheets, towels and other household textiles. Donations can be placed directly in the bin, which is open 24/7. **Please note: shoes, cushions, pillows, rugs, fabric scraps and vinyl products, are among items that cannot be accepted.** More information on this recycling program can be found at swalco.org/187/Clothing-Textiles, along with a list of acceptable and unacceptable items.



Reuse-A-Shoe: Someone Else Can Walk in Those Shoes!

Residents can drop off shoes and all types of footwear (no ice skates or rollerblades) at several of SWALCO's year-round sites. There are numerous drop-off sites including in Vernon Hills, Lake Zurich and Deerfield, among others. Visit the Reuse-A-Shoe page for more information at swalco.org/184/Drop-Off-Locations.

Historic Downtown Events Fall-Winter

The Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association is bringing back all its beloved traditions for fall and winter 2022. Below is a preview of the upcoming festivals and special events planned by the association this fall, along with a teaser for Vintage Holidays! Visit LongGrove.org for more details and other must-do's in our historic downtown.



Apple Fest: September 23 – 25

The annual harvest festival that brings “bushels of fun” to the downtown area will return for another year of apple fun this fall. From caramel apples to apple tempura, Apple Fest’s claim-to-fame are the hundreds of delicious apple-inspired treats for apple lovers young and old. But wait, there’s also a vendor village, party bands, thrill rides, games, and timeless activities for all ages!

Halloween Town: October

Our historic downtown morphs into Halloween Town again this October providing families with many opportunities to enjoy the harvest season and the Village’s timeless charm. Some of the events planned include DIY Scarecrow Day – where scarecrow engineers are invited to build their own custom scarecrows, Witches Night Out – where stores stay open late for witches and warlocks to have fun shopping, sipping and dining, and the Pet Costume Parade – where dogs are invited to woof it up in costume while they prance around with their owners through the streets of the downtown.



Save the Dates for Vintage Holidays: November - December

This one-of-a-kind family experience is a tribute to vintage holiday memories. On weekends from Black Friday through the Sunday before Christmas, Long Grove luminates with a Christmas tree parade and twinkle lights, strolling costumed carolers and musicians, appearances by Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse-drawn sleigh rides, and some of the best holiday shopping, eating and drinking options in the suburbs!

Find Your Way Around the Village Website



Park District Offers 2022 Fall Programs for Kids and Adults

On The Long Grove Park District is offering a variety of programs for youth and adults this Fall. For complete information, go to lgparks.org, click on 'Programs and Registration' at the top of the home page, and then click on the 'Download Our Brochure' icon. If you need assistance, call the Park District at 847-438-4743.

Youth Programs include: Horseback Riding, Basketball, Soccer, Figure Skating, Fencing, Tennis, Flag Football, Hockey and T-Ball.

Adult Programs include a few nature presentations at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center, as well as Photography, Yoga and Tennis.

The Long Grove Park District is a non-taxing public organization staffed by volunteers.





Village Meetings

Board of Trustees
September 13, 2022
September 27, 2022
October 11, 2022
October 25, 2022

**Plan Commission and
Zoning Board of Appeals**
September 6, 2022
September 20, 2022
October 4, 2022
October 18, 2022

**Conservancy/Scenic Corridor
Committee**
September 7, 2022
September 21, 2022
October 5, 2022
October 19, 2022

Architectural Commission
September 19, 2022
October 17, 2022

Please visit
LongGrovelL.gov/meetings
for the most up-to-date meeting
information.

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

November Election

This year's general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, and will elect the Illinois governor, as well as State offices, including those that represent the Village of Long Grove. If you're looking for information about the November election, including candidates that will be on your ballot, voter registration, polling places and more, visit the Lake County Clerk website at lakecountyil.gov/332/Voter-Services.



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