



THE BRIDGE

Education on Open Burning

Open burning on your property can be utilized for prairie conservation, and also to burn certain items permitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the fire protection district in which you reside. In Long Grove, your district is either the Long Grove Fire Protection District or the Countryside Fire Protection District and can be found on your property tax bill. Conducting these types of burns can pose risks of out of control fires which in the past, have led to the severe damage of property including the total destruction of homes. Open burning does require a permit, and learning how to conduct one safely is imperative for your safety as well as that of your neighbors. The Long Grove Fire Protection District is hosting a free class to teach residents how to safely and properly conduct open burns on Saturday, September 18 at 10 a.m. at the Long Grove Fire Protection District Station, 1165 Old McHenry Road. The class will cover the two-step process of applying for an open burn permit with the Village and obtaining permission for an open burn within your fire protection district. Please call John Wiecek at **224-352-2520** or email jwiecek@lgfpd.org to reserve a seat.

Does your address have a burn permit with the Village? Residents planning an open burn are reminded to follow safety guidelines and permit requirements, in addition to contacting their local fire protection district prior to burning. Owners of burn sites are required to have a Village of Long Grove IEPA Burn Permit. Please check the following website to verify if your burn site is on the master list, or to submit a request form to be added to the list visit <https://www.longgroveil.gov/bc-cc/page/open-burn-general-requirements>.

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From the Village President



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I hope that you enjoyed your summer as fall is now upon us. It certainly was more normal this year than last, but the pandemic continues to challenge us all.

On August 12th, the U.S. Census Bureau released the long-awaited 2020 Census municipal population data. First, I want to thank everyone who completed the Census. It was good news for Long Grove, as our population increased a modest 4% to 8,366 from 8,043 recorded in 2010. We also fared better than many of our neighboring communities on a percentage basis of respondents, even though our initial recorded response rate was much lower than the State average. The issue is that our legacy U.S. postal address scheme uses RFD versus your actual street name, which caused a discrepancy in the response rate calculations. Despite repeated attempts to rectify this, the Census Bureau was not able to address it immediately and told us we would have to wait until the final results were tabulated. Long Grove has not experienced this issue in the past, but for some reason it became an issue this go around. Why this was so important is that any undercounting related to our population would result in critical funding reductions from the State, including the motor fuel tax which we use to fund road paving projects. Since our incorporation 65 years ago as a village, Long Grove has not ever levied a real estate tax, and that is why the population count remains so important to ensure we are able to maintain this policy going forward.

I want to congratulate and thank Kent Tinucci, who was recently sworn in as Village Trustee and who replaced Chuck Nora who resigned his seat. Thanks to Chuck for his years of service to the Village. Thanks and congratulations also go out to Michele Schmitke on her recent appointment as our new Village Clerk. I also want to thank Amy Gayton who did not run for re-election but agreed to stay on until we were able to backfill her.

The North Kruger Road reconstruction project turned out well. The Village was able to obtain Federal funding for the northern section of the road, which is slightly wider, and used all local funding for the southern section to preserve our mature trees. With the completion of this project, we have paved roughly 17 of the 29 linear miles of Village-owned roads. This puts the Village at 60% complete, so we are just under two years ahead of plan on our 15-year road paving program established in 2014. Two other projects still in the works for this year include the rehabilitation of the Stempel Parking Lot and installation of a new pathway on Robert Parker Coffin

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Welcome Reception Held for New Village Manager, Operations Director

The Village hosted a public reception on August 4 to welcome the new Village Manager, Greg Jackson, and Director of Operations, Denise Rosenquist, to their new roles. The event took place at Broken Earth Winery and was attended by residents, business owners, Village Trustees and Commissioners, along with County and Township officials.

The Village Board appointed Mr. Jackson as Village Manager in early June after a nationwide search. He served most recently as Village Administrator and Chief Financial Officer in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois and prior to that, City Manager in Highwood, Illinois and County Administrator in Woodford County, Illinois.

Ms. Rosenquist was appointed by the Village Board as Director of Operations in May and in July as Deputy Clerk. She previously worked in public service as a teacher, and over the last two years served as an intern for the Village while working to receive her Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Northern Illinois University (NIU).



Left to right: Village Director of Operations Denise Rosenquist, Trustee Bobbie O'Reilly and Manager Greg Jackson are pictured at the reception.

Meet New Village Trustee Kent Tinucci



Left to right: Village President Bill Jacob is pictured swearing in new Village Trustee Kent Tinucci at the July 27 Village Board meeting.

Kent Tinucci is Long Grove's newest Village Trustee and was sworn into office at the July 27 Board meeting. He was appointed to fulfill the remaining two years of the four-year term previously held by former Trustee Chuck Nora, and brings extensive business management and community service experience to the role, including previous leadership positions as President and Commissioner of the Long Grove Park District (LGPD), being employed for 27 years at Motorola in senior engineering and management positions. He also owned and managed an insurance agency, and previously held a license as an insurance producer. Trustee Tinucci holds a Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University Chicago.

Trustee Tinucci credits his organizational skills, work ethic, attention to detail and desire for continuous learning for his readiness for this new role. "Long Grove is a special place and I'd like to do my part to keep it special. I'll bring my ability to ask relevant questions, gather facts, analyze issues and make rational decisions along with my teamwork skills," Tinucci said. "I am a results-oriented person who strives for tangible, measurable results and steady progress."

Village Appoints New Village Clerk

Michele Schmitke was sworn into office as the new Village Clerk at the August 24 Board meeting after being appointed by the Village earlier in the month. Ms. Schmitke's professional background includes being a project coordinator at the University of Illinois Cancer Center and Department of Medicine, where she handled fiscal management, personnel, recruiting and marketing. She holds a Bachelor Degree in Movement Science and a Masters of Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan. She replaces Amy Gayton, who stepped down after serving in the role since 2016.



From The Village President

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Road - including a crosswalk at Route 83 to connect Sunset Grove Shopping Center to the downtown. I'm looking forward to seeing both projects completed soon.

The Lake County Forest Preserve, in partnership with Vernon Township, is looking at improving the crosswalk on Schaeffer Road just south of Richmond Lane near Lake Cook Road in the southernmost part of Long Grove. The current proposal is to regrade the crosswalk at the intersection so it is more handicap accessible, and to install flashing warning lights that would activate when someone crosses the street. Pre-COVID, the Schaeffer / Checker corridor was a popular cut through because of the undersized Lake Cook / Arlington Heights Road intersection. Efforts are underway to improve this intersection, but that is years away. In the meantime, cut through traffic is expected to increase as more workers return to the office. As a result, I fully support these enhancements to improve safety and to hopefully slow down traffic.

Stay well and I hope you enjoy the fall.

Village President - *Bill Jacob*

Commission and Committee Openings

The Village values the many contributions its commissions and committees bring to our community. Currently, the Architectural Commission (AC) and the Conservancy Scenic Corridor Committee (CSCC) have openings and the Village encourages residents with backgrounds that could benefit either of them to apply.

The AC is responsible for reviewing residential and business property requests, with an emphasis on preserving the rural, historical and architectural qualities of the Village that follow the Comprehensive Plan. This commission regularly meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of every month. The CSCC works closely with the Board of Trustees to maintain land conservation practices and advises the Board on matters impacting conservancy districts and scenic corridors. It meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. A second 'as needed' meeting date on the third Wednesday of the month may be held.



Residents who want to be more involved in local government and are willing to volunteer their time, talents and diverse perspectives are encouraged to become a member of a commission or committee. Please visit longgroveil.gov/bc where you can download, complete and submit the required volunteer profile form. While there are current openings on the AC and the CSCC, applicants are always accepted for future openings on other commissions and committees. For any questions, please call the Village at **847-634-9440**. All Village meetings and hearings are open for the public and meeting information and agendas can be found at longgroveil.gov/meetings.

Long Grove Improvement Projects Update

Robert Parker Coffin Road Pathway

The Village is contracting with Chicago Paving to build a multi-use bike and pedestrian pathway along Robert Parker Coffin (RPC) Road between Old McHenry Road and Route 83. The project includes the installation of a street-level crosswalk at the intersection of RPC Road and Route 83 at Sunset Grove. The \$185,000 contract is being funded by the Village and supported by a matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The project is expected to be completed by early fall, weather permitting.

Stempel Parking Lot

The Stempel Parking Lot reconstruction project includes resurfacing the entire parking lot, widening the accesses for two-way traffic to Robert Parker Coffin Road and Old McHenry Road (east of The Chatterbox), removal of the landscape timber islands to increase the number of parking spots and installation of underground conduits for future electric vehicle charging stations. The project is expected to cost the Village \$453,000, with a State grant of \$200,000 to help cover costs. The Village's goal is to complete the project as quickly as possible to minimize the disruption to local businesses; however, portions of the parking lot will be unusable from time to time. The project is expected to last approximately four weeks; project updates and the timing for the remaining construction phases will be announced in future communications.

Lake County Force Main

Later this year, the Lake County Department of Public Works is planning to replace the sanitary sewer force main along portions of Three Lakes Drive and Robert Parker Coffin Road. The County has agreed to reroute their sanitary sewer through the Archer Parking Lot to minimize potential disruption to residents and area businesses. Additional information and updates on this project will be provided in future communications.

Volunteers Restore Trails at Reed-Turner Woodland



The Long Grove Park District (LGPD) held a workday earlier this summer at Reed-Turner Woodland, where volunteers groomed several miles of hiking trails and relaid new wood chips as part of a path restoration project. LGPD strives to keep the trails well covered with wood chips to prevent soil erosion and provide a clean walking surface for visitors, especially in hilly areas where chips have been washed away by heavy rainfalls. Whenever possible, LGPD uses chips made from trees that specifically fell or died at Reed-Turner Woodland and not those made from trees outside the Woodland. This helps prevent the potential for bringing diseases or pests into this protected nature preserve.

If you're interested in lending a hand to the all-volunteer board or at a future workday event, please contact LGPD at [847-438-4743](tel:847-438-4743) or email syoung@lgparks.org to be added to the volunteer list. There are ongoing opportunities to keep Long Grove parks and preserves beautiful. Volunteers can bring a garbage bag and work gloves to pick up litter at Buffalo Creek Park (downtown, next to the Village Tavern) or at the Reed-Turner Woodland. Other options include utilizing gardening gloves and a weeder to pull weeds at the entrance garden or pollinator garden at Buffalo Creek Park. LGPD appreciates everyone's time!

LGPD is a non-taxing public organization staffed by volunteers. Visit lgparks.org to learn more.



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SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)

Lake County has a goal of recycling 60% of its municipal waste and to divert as much material from landfills as possible; however, only 48% of municipal waste is currently being recycled. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) partners with the Village of Long Grove to encourage residents to participate in the many free recycling programs available to all community members.

Household Chemical Waste

SWALCO has a household chemical waste drop-off facility located in Gurnee that accepts residential chemicals such as cleaning products, oil-based paints/varnishes, flammable liquids, garden chemicals and automotive products. The facility is free for residents and is available by appointment only. For more information visit swalco.org/164/Household-Chemical-Waste-HCW.

Electronics Recycling

SWALCO supports four residential electronics recycling drop-off locations that are open year-round and free to Lake County residents. Electronic items such as televisions, monitors, computers and printers are some

of the most common items accepted that are no longer allowed in the regular trash, and a limit of up to seven electronic items may be dropped off per visit (excluding miscellaneous cords and cables). For more information, visit swalco.org/159/Electronics-Recycling.

The Clothing and Textile Collection Bin

located in the Archer Parking Lot (Archer Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road), allows residents to deposit new and used clothing and household textiles to be reused and recycled. The program is a full-circle process that reuses or recycles nearly 95% of the materials collected. Accepted items include new and gently used clothing, hats, backpacks, blankets, sheets, towels and other household textiles. All fabrics will be accepted, whether they are clean, ripped or dirty. Donations can be placed directly in the bin, which is open 24/7, or next to it in sealed plastic bags. Please note: shoes, cushions or pillows 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.

Village Organizes Hospitality & Food/Beverage Job Fair

In response to the challenges many restaurants and service-related businesses are facing due to the recovering economy, the Village organized a job fair on August 9 at Joanie's Pizzeria to assist those seeking employees. Opportunities featured at the event included servers, prep and line cooks, baristas, customer service personnel and more. All Long Grove businesses were invited to participate, and Joanie's Pizzeria, The Village Tavern, as well as Sunset Foods and Starbucks in the Sunset Grove Shopping Center took advantage of this opportunity. Area residents were invited to see what the businesses had to offer, and interviews were conducted on-site.

Village Manager Greg Jackson thought it vitally important to provide this assistance to any Long Grove business seeking new team members. "The Village is steadfast in doing whatever we can to support our local businesses at a time when they simply want to hire so that they can continue to serve the public," he said.



Downtown Fall Festivals are Back!

The fall season promises something fun for everyone as the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association (HDLGBA) hosts the return of these favorite events:

29th Annual Apple Fest:
Friday, September 24 -
Sunday, September 26



One of the Midwest's largest tributes to apple season, Apple Fest abounds in countless apple delicacies, from fresh apple cider donuts to apple wine. Fest goers can participate in exciting activities such as family fun in Fountain Square and a classic carnival. Other entertainment includes live music and headline groups playing on multiple stages throughout town. Apple Fest is an ideal opportunity to explore the newly renovated downtown and enjoy unique family-owned shops, boutiques, restaurants, wine bars, breweries and small-town hospitality. Hours: Friday, 12 – 11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Visit longgrove.org/festivals/apple-fest/ for more information.

Halloween Town:
Saturday, October 9 -
Friday, October 29



Historic downtown will once again transform into Halloween Town in October. Highlighted by a variety of exciting seasonal events and atmosphere, Halloween Town offers families an opportunity to enjoy the sights, sounds and thrills of fall with Long Grove's vintage small-town setting as the backdrop. It's also a chance for fans of historic Long Grove to re-experience its newly renovated pedestrian comforts such as brand-new sidewalks and night-time lighting. Key Halloween Town 2021 dates include:

- Saturday, October 9: Scarecrow Day
- Thursday, October 14: Witches Night Out
- Sunday, October 24: Pet Costume Parade
- Friday, October 29: Downtown Trick or Treating (tentative)

Hours vary for each event. Please check the HDLGBA website for more details at longgrove.org/festivals/halloween-trick-or-treating.

History Corner Long Grove Then and Now: The Long Grove Creamery and Cheese Factory



The building that is now The Olive Tap at 240 Robert Parker Coffin Road was originally the Long Grove Creamery and Cheese Factory, built in 1879. The business was managed at one time by early resident George Quentin and burned down in 1897, but was immediately rebuilt. The Creamery continued making superior-grade butter and cheeses for decades, shipping products to Chicago and New York City. In 1908, Bowman's Dairy in Gurnee purchased the Creamery, and later in the 1960's it was bought by Dean Foods. The Village's offices were also located in the building for a time in the 1970's.





Upcoming Meetings

Board of Trustees

September 14, 2021
September 28, 2021
October 12, 2021
October 26, 2021
November 9, 2021

Economic Development Commission

October 7, 2021
November 4, 2021

Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

October 5, 2021
November 2, 2021

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

October 6, 2021
November 3, 2021

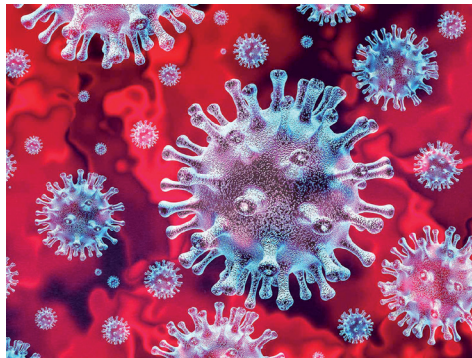
Architectural Commission

September 20, 2021
October 18, 2021

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.

COVID-19 Updates



Information continues to evolve and change relating to County and State mitigations to defend against the transmission of COVID-19 and the emergence of the Delta variant. Residents are encouraged to visit the Lake County Department of Public Health website at lakecountyil.gov/148/Health-Department-Community-Health-Cente, and the Illinois Department of Public Health website at dph.illinois.gov/ for the latest information and updates.

If you have not already gotten vaccinated and would like to learn more or review frequently asked questions, please visit the Centers for Disease Control website at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html.

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