



## **THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER**

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### **VILLAGE BOARD TO SEEK ADVICE FROM RESIDENTS AND EXPERTS**

The Village Board Roads Task Force held a series of Focus Group Workshops earlier this month on April 4th, 5th and 7th. Efforts were made to reach out to homeowners association representatives and other interested community members to seek input and new ideas on ways to address the Village's financial issues.

Based on the recent referendum results and suggestions from these workshops, on April 8 the Village Board voted to amend the November ordinance to remove the designation of public roads as thoroughfare or non-thoroughfare, to remove the stated policy relating to the funding of public roads, and remove any deadline for vacating public roads. Wording was added to the ordinance stating the intention of the Board to work collaboratively with the residents to seek solutions. To achieve this goal, Village staff members have already taken steps to seek outside peer reviews of the technical aspects (financial, engineering, and economic development) of the various suggestions brought forward from the public at the recent meetings. A comprehensive report of these reviews will be given to the Village Board and residents in the weeks ahead. This will provide the basis for establishing resident involvement in committees to work with the Board on collectively identifying solutions.

### **ONE MORE MONTH WITH INTEGRYS**

Integrys Energy Services will be extending their contract with Long Grove for an additional month effective with the May 2014 meter read until the June 2014 meter read, at which point Constellation will be the new electricity supplier. The one month rate with Integrys remains at 5.78 cents per kWh.

More than 1,887 Long Grove residents and small businesses enrolled in the Village's Electric Aggregation Program since February 2013 and collectively saved more than \$1.20 million as compared to what residents would have paid ComEd.

The contract with Constellation is for 35 months beginning with the meter read date in June 2014 and ending with the meter read date in May 2017. The guaranteed rate for the 35 months is 6.529 cents per kWh. Residents who were signed up with Integrys will automatically continue with Constellation, although residents can choose to opt out of the program.

## **CLEANUP WORK TO BE DONE IN BUFFALO CREEK FOREST PRESERVE**

Thanks to recent resident requests, the Village has been in touch with the Lake County Forest Preserve concerning the wooded areas bordering Long Grove. Forestry crews inspected the stretch along Checker Road and have identified approximately 40 dead or fallen trees that will be removed in the next 2-4 weeks. When you see workmen in this area, please know that their efforts are to help us better enjoy the beautiful natural areas that surround us.

## **CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL MAY 2, 3, & 4**

Historic Downtown Long Grove will be dripping in chocolate at the annual Long Grove Chocolate Fest on Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Savor gourmet treats including chocolate-dipped strawberries, donuts, brownies, fudge, and chocolate craft beer and martinis. Customize your chocolate experience by purchasing a \$5 chocolate tasting ticket. This ticket allows you to select different chocolate tastings, offered by participating merchants throughout town.

This family-friendly event includes rides for all ages - a rock climbing wall, obstacle courses, Fun Train Express, and Mayhem Monster Truck slides.

Passes to gain free entry into the Chocolate Fest were mailed to Long Grove residents. An entrance fee of \$5 will be charged for non-resident adults and children over 12.

For more information, contact the Visitors' Center at 847-634-0888.

## **LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL FILLING KEY POSITIONS IN 2014**

The Long Grove Arts and Music Council (LGAMC – [www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org)), an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is filling several Committee Member positions to direct, run and market its free Sunday afternoon Summer Concert Series, which provides an eclectic mix of singer-songwriter original music ranging from folk, blue grass, and chamber music to jazz, rock, and blues, with everything in between. The artists range from the locally known and beloved to nationally acclaimed Grammy award winning performers who give their all to our Summer Concert Series in the bucolic setting of Long Grove.

Please visit the LGAMC website at [www.lgamc.org](http://www.lgamc.org) to review these positions in greater detail if you are interested in being a part of this highly successful Summer Concert Series in historic Long Grove.

### **President/Director (voluntary)**

Exercise your proven leadership skills to inspire and manage the LGAMC and arts within the Village of Long Grove. Use your vision to set an exciting slate of acts for each season. Draw from your non-profit management experience to oversee fundraising activities including grants, lead long range planning and budgeting, and interface with the Village of Long Grove.

### **Audio Engineer (voluntary)**

Use your proven experience to create high quality audio with the cleanest possible sound for concerts ranging from simple acoustic guitar and vocal to bands with a full compliment of guitars, bass, drums, keyboards, and horns. Use your skill to work with bands to meet their needs and perform sound mixing during concerts. Master our state-of-the-art mixing boards and audio system design for memorable experiences for our audiences.

### **Media Relations Coordinator (voluntary)**

Use your skills in public relations and community outreach to promote our Summer Concert Series. Prepare attention-grabbing press releases and coordinate with Village of Long Grove Business and Community Partners. Promote concert information in a wide range of print, electronic, social media and broadcast media to maximize exposure. Demonstrate your interpersonal skills working with media relations from our performers.

### **Committee Member (voluntary)**

Assist in all aspects of LGAMC operations, including planning, budgeting and marketing. Participate actively in Sunday concerts with setup, takedown, snack bar operations and crowd interaction. Exercise your team player attitude and comfort in interactions with colleagues, performers and patrons.

### **PEEPS DIORAMA SHOW**

The Long Grove Arts & Music Council hosted a Peeps Diorama Show. People were asked to submit a diorama made out of marshmallow Peeps. Judging the entries were Village President Angie Underwood and Skycrest Veterinarian Dr. Kristin Wojcik.

First place winners in the five categories were:

**CHILD:** Rachel Curtis for "One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for Mankind!"

**ADULT:** Rhonda Popko for "Peeps at the Pipes & the Peep Choir"

**GROUP:** Marie Roth & Lynn Benson for "They're Multiplying Like Rabbits!"

**FAMILY:** Carrie Radon & Tim Lowry Family for "Some Peeps Over the Rainbow"

**BUSINESS:** Mary Ann Ullrich for "Music at the Long Grove Village Tavern"



**ODDS AND ENDS**  
**FREMONT TOWNSHIP**  
**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT**

On May 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Fremont Township will be holding an electronics recycling event. Document shredding with a limit of two copy paper size boxes per car will be available. The event will be held at the Fremont Township building at 22385 W. IL Route 83. For more information, contact Jean Sumda at 847-566-5115 or Fremont Township Supervisor, Diana O'Kelly at 847-223-2847.

**LONG GROVE-KILDEER GARDEN CLUB**

*Annual Plant Sale - May 17 and 18*



The Annual Plant Sale will be held May 17-18 (rain or shine) at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center (3849 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove). The sale features perennials and native plants direct from members' gardens. Also featured are heirloom tomatoes and assorted herbs. Plants are offered on a first-come basis. The hours are: Saturday 9:00-3:00 and Sunday 10:00-3:00. For more information, call Sue at 847-703-0649.

The sale is held in conjunction with the Annual Botanic Art Sale.

*Garden Walk - June 27*

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will hold its Annual Garden Walk on Friday, June 27, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Walk begins at Reed-Turner Nature Center (3849 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove), followed by a luncheon at The Grove Country Club. Several notable gardens will be open for viewing for the driving tour, rain or shine. Maps and directions will be provided. Local vendors and artists will be present to showcase their products and services, and provide door prizes. The cost of the event is \$35.

The garden walk benefits local student internships at the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve.

Reservations are required by June 14. For further information or to make your reservation, contact Stacy at [stacyjslogan@gmail.com](mailto:stacyjslogan@gmail.com).

**FASHION SHOW - MAY 8**



A Mother's Day Boutique Fashion Show will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at the Grove Country Club (3217 Route 53). Clothing and accessories from several shops in Long Grove will be featured including Beata's Soul Art, Bella Donna Boutique, Cleo Jewelry & Gifts, Olivia's Boutique, Prairie Smoke, and Trio Boutique. Cocktails and shopping will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a fashion show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each, which includes hors d'ouerves, wine, and sweets.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Alayna at The Grove Country Club - 847-550-1089 ext 5111 or [aharber@golfatroyal.com](mailto:aharber@golfatroyal.com)

## LONG GROVE PARK DISTRICT

### *Birdhouse Project*

Prepare for Spring by entering the Long Grove Park District's first Annual Birdhouse Contest.

This is an opportunity for anyone or any club or team to let their creativity show. You do **not** need to be an expert carpenter... or even a novice one. This contest is about you and how you imagine a birdhouse might be designed and built. Think "what would a bird like"?

Birdhouses will be judged on the basis of functionality and creativity. Birdhouses may be designed as outdoor functional "real bird use" bird houses or as indoor décor. Any non-toxic material can be used. Entries may be 3 dimensional or 2 dimensional (paintings, quilts, collages, etc.) but must be original creations (no photographs of existing birdhouses). All entries become property of the Long Grove Park District and will be part of the Silent Auction to benefit the Reed-Turner Nature Preserve. [For those of you who would like to participate but simply do not have the time, you may donate a (new) purchased birdhouse for the Silent Auction.]



Remember, if you are building a functional house, the most important factors are the size of the entry hole and the ability to easily open and clean it. For a list of hole sizes by bird species, go to: [http://www.wild-bird-watching.com/Building\\_Bird\\_Houses.html#sthash.0ugSJgom.dpbs](http://www.wild-bird-watching.com/Building_Bird_Houses.html#sthash.0ugSJgom.dpbs).

The contest is open to ages 8 and up in three age categories: Youth (8-12), Teen (13-17) and Adult (the rest of us).

All entries will be on display at the Reed-Turner Nature Center during "For the Birds Weekend", May 3-4, 2014. The weekend will include presentations by bird experts on some of your favorite feathered friends, bird walks through the Nature Preserve, refreshments, and a Silent Auction of the Birdhouse entries, with proceeds benefitting the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve. Prize ribbons will be awarded to the winners in each category.

So have some fun, help support the Nature Preserve, and gain some appreciation of just what those little feathered critters have to do to build their own home sweet home.

All participants must register in advance. To obtain an entry form and contest rules, go to the Long Grove Park District web site at, <http://www.longgroveparkdistrict.com>, call the Park District at 847-438-4743 or email [lqpdrecreation@aol.com](mailto:lqpdrecreation@aol.com).

## LONG GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### *Harriet Beecher Stowe*

*Sunday, May 4*

A dramatic presentation of Harriet Beecher Stowe will be presented by actress Paddy Lynn on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. An avid opponent of slavery, Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was one of America's most influential women during her lifetime. When President Lincoln met her, he remarked, "So you're the little woman who started the big war?" Her work and life will be dramatized in this insightful and emotional one-woman show by Ms. Lynn, a well-known and respected actress.

The Village Hall is located at 3110 Old McHenry Road, behind Kildeer Countryside School. (Take the road marked Village Hall, off Old McHenry and follow it all the way back to the Village Hall. No reservations required. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

In cooperation with the Long Grove Artists Guild, the Long Grove Historical Society will have tours of their antique farmhouse available on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Farmhouse is located on the Stempel parking lot (last building behind Red Oaks, turn down the lane between Red Oaks and Beans and Leaves and follow to the end of the parking lot). No reservations required.

The Flag Day celebration will include Historical Society activities on Fountain Square as well as at the Farmhouse.

## FARMERS' MARKET

The Long Grove Farmers' Market will open on June 8 and run every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 12. As in past years, there will be a wide array of locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, heirloom sweet corn, fresh cut flowers, gourmet coffee, and free-range, non-GMO fed, no antibiotic large brown eggs. New this year is Simply Wicked Art offering original artwork in various mediums and a monthly car show. Stop by to see the bountiful selection.



**THE LONG GROVE  
FARMERS' MARKET**

**Sunday June 8th - October 12th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Vendors come from miles around to participate in this great event that promotes our local community. Enjoy the bountiful selection, then stroll through historic Long Grove and shop.

**The Farmers' Market will offer:**

- Organic vegetables and foods, including Gluten free
- Wide array of locally grown fruits and vegetables
- Savory baked goods
- Heirloom sweet corn & popcorn
- Artisan breads & pastries
- Gourmet coffee
- Fresh cut flowers
- Free-range, non-GMO fed, no antibiotic large brown eggs
- Health products

**NEW to the Market**

- Vendor, Simply Wicked Art offering original artwork in a wide array of mediums\*
- Monthly Car Show \*

*\* The artisans and monthly car show will rotate weekends throughout the month, review schedule at [villagetavernoflonggrove.com](http://villagetavernoflonggrove.com).*

**LONG GROVE**  
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**Farm Fresh EGGS**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY

### **CPR/AED Class**

**May 1** 6 pm—10 pm Long Grove Fire Dept.  
For information, call Katie at 847-634-3143  
*\$15 In-District Residents \$30 Out-of-District Residents*

### **CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL**

**May 2, 3 & 4** 10 am - 6 pm **Downtown Long Grove**

### **Long Grove Historical Society**

*Harriet Beecher Stowe Program*

**May 4** 2 pm Village Hall

### **Long Grove Park District**

**May 5** 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

### **Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals**

**May 6** 7 pm Village Hall

### **Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee**

**May 7** 7 pm Village Hall

### **Board of Trustees**

**May 13** 7 pm Village Hall

### **Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club**

*Annual Plant Sale*

**May 17** 9 am to 3 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

**May 18** 10 am to 3 pm

### **Long Grove Historical Society Meeting**

**May 21** 10 am Historical Society Farmhouse

### **Architectural Commission**

**May 19** 7 pm Village Hall

### **Board of Trustees**

**May 27** 7 pm Village Hall