



## THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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### STATE OF THE VILLAGE

*by Village President Angie Underwood*

Now that we are a month into the New Year, I hope it has been a healthy and happy start for you and yours. My personal goal of bringing more peace, joy, and prosperity into my life in the year ahead is also my sincere wish for the Village. Below is a recap of the major decisions that came before the Trustees in the past 12 months, followed by a look ahead at what to expect for Long Grove in the next few months.

#### SIGNIFICANT 2016 ACTIONS

- The four Village-owned building pads next to Archer parking lot were sold and our municipal water system was expanded from the deep well at Sunset Plaza to service these lots. Additional new business owners at the former Red Oaks property and the former Studio of Long Grove property partnered with the Village to further expand the water service. This will result in the opening later this year of a ballroom, dance & personal fitness studio, a new restaurant, and a craft brewery.
- Work was undertaken with the aid of consultants and community members on the update of our Comprehensive Plan. Stakeholder interviews, formation of a Steering Committee, and public workshops were held. Proposed updates should be before the Plan Commission for review later this spring.
- Adopted a 50/50 sales tax and property tax rebate incentive program to encourage new businesses, expansion of current businesses, and rehabilitation of buildings by property owners.
- Sent a joint letter with the Village of Hawthorn Woods to Governor Rauner and the Tollway Board asking to halt the Environmental Impact Study for the extension of Rt. 53.
- Denied referral to the Plan Commission of a request for a 4-story, 250 unit apartment building that was proposed for the former CF Industries property located between IL Route 22 and Cuba Road, west of Old McHenry Road.
- Invested in financial software as requested by staff to improve efficiency and transparency.

#### ON THE AGENDA FOR 2017

- Debate and discussion continues as the Board decides among the options for needed renovation of our iconic covered bridge: historic restoration, or demolition with a rebuilt one-lane or two-lane traffic flow.
- Work is continuing on our Comprehensive Plan update, aided by the guidance and expertise of our consultants on this project, Teska Associates.
- Two new Senior Living and Memory Care developments will open: Harbor Chase, on the corner of Rt. 53 and 83, and Arboria, on Rt. 53 between Long Grove Rd. and Old Hicks.
- The April 4<sup>th</sup> municipal election will bring changes to the Village Board with two trustees and the Village President choosing not to run for another term. Another Trustee seat will be vacated as soon as the new Village President takes office. The Trustee race has five candidates vying for three positions; the Village Clerk and Village President offices are not contested.

For more information on any of these upcoming or past items, please visit our village website: [www.longgrove.net](http://www.longgrove.net). Staff and elected officials can answer questions via phone or email. But even better, consider attending a Village Board meeting, held monthly on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Your involvement is needed and encouraged in the year ahead!

## **ROBERT PARKER COFFIN ROAD COVERED BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

The existing truss bridge was constructed some-time between 1900 and 1910. In 1972 the wooden cover was installed over the truss bridge. Due to the design (one-lane) the state and federal government identify the bridge as functionally obsolete. While the cast iron truss is in good condition, the cut limestone abutments are in poor condition requiring replacement.

The Village has been evaluating the structural condition of the existing bridge and potential repair or replacement options since December 2013. In 2014 the Village contracted with *Johnson Lasky Architects* (JLA) to further evaluate the condition of the bridge and identify potential options. JLA provided a detailed structural review of the bridge and offered the following options and estimated costs: (1) complete restoration \$432,000 or (2) replacement with new bridge with possible 80% federal reimbursement \$524,000 (\$104,800 Village Cost). Based upon the JLA report and the recommendation by former Village Engineer *ESI Consultants*, the Village Board made application for federal funding in order to preserve this as a possible option since the future federal funding of this program was in question and making application would preserve this option without obligating the Village.

In November 2015 the Village approved a proposal from Village Engineer *Gewalt-Hamilton Associates, Inc.* (GHA) and *Civiltech* to prepare detailed engineering reviews and analysis and develop plans comparing the restoration of the existing bridge (100% Village cost) vs. the federal design (20% Village cost). During the initial stages of this review, federal officials confirmed that the bridge design would need to be 2-lanes in order to be eligible for the federal funds. At this time the federal officials also strongly discouraged the Village from developing a formal opinion in support of the federal (2-lane) or local (1-lane) option until after the prescribed public meeting to be certain that public input was taken into consideration as part of any Village decision.

As part of their Phase I engineering, GHA recently provided an updated project schedule and conceptual drawings and perspective comparing the existing (1-lane) vs. the federal (2-lane) designs with a replacement wooden cover to mimic the existing cover but that met the minimum opening width (lanes) and height. As part of this Phase I Engineering, the estimated costs for the replacement bridge were updated as follows: (1) Rehabilitate Existing Covered Bridge (25-50 year useful life) = \$850,000 (100% Village); (2) One Lane Covered Replacement (75 year useful life) = \$910,000 (100% Village); or (3) Two Lane Covered Replacement (75 useful life) = \$370,000 Village and \$1.03M federal (\$1.4M total cost). GHA also reported that the federal officials confirmed that they would not reimburse the Village for the 80% of the Phase I project cost if the Village chose to move forward with the 1-lane option.

During the January 24, 2017 Meeting, the Village Board requested additional details for review. While the current project schedule anticipates the public meeting in May of this year, the Village Board may move this meeting date up if they are satisfied that there is sufficient information and materials for the public meeting. The Village Board is very much aware of the significance of the existing one-lane covered bridge and is committed to continuing its due diligence to evaluate the various options, including the impact of the design on the downtown, the financial impact and the preferences of the Village Residents and Businesses. Further information will be provided on this important project in the coming Bridge Newsletter(s), including the date for the public input meeting. For further details on the project to date, please visit the Village's website [www.longggrove.net](http://www.longggrove.net) to view this information under the Quicklinks "[RPC Road Covered Bridge - NEW](#)" located on the left hand side.

## CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS – APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>

The Consolidated Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 4. Village residents will be electing a village president, village clerk, and three trustees. Running unopposed for *Village President* is *Bill Jacob* and for *Village Clerk* is *Amy Johns Gayton*. There are five candidates running for the *three trustee positions* including: *Anne Kritzmire, John Marshall, Rita O'Connor, Bobbie O'Reilly, and Patrick C. Tode*.

The Palatine Chapter of the League of Women Voters is organizing/sponsoring a “Meet the Candidates” night. Details of the event will be announced in the upcoming weeks and will be published in next month’s *Bridge*.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEERS

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to residents **Magdalena Dworak-Mathews** and **Jeanette Burger**, who have recently been appointed to serve on our village committees.

Magdalena is serving as the Secretary of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. She brings to us her experience as an attorney and as a volunteer with Administer Justice and the Polish Christian Center. She has also been a frequent contributor to *Long Grove Living* magazine and participates regularly in our community festivals and activities. Magdalena and her family have lived in Long Grove for 5 years and her children attend Kildeer Countryside School.

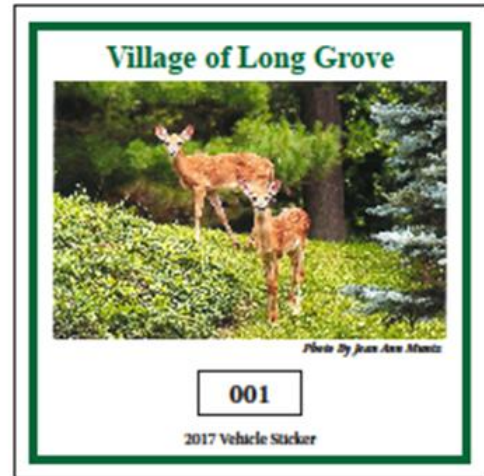
Jeanette is a chemist by profession, but has a passion for nature preservation. She moved to Long Grove 3 years ago and has been restoring the native plants on her private property. She is now serving on the Conservancy and Scenic Corridor Commission, with an eye on helping our public open spaces as well. Jeanette brings us her knowledge as a Master Gardener with the University of Illinois Extension, and volunteer experience with Wild Ones, Conserve Lake County, and Citizens for Conservation.

## 2017 VEHICLE STICKERS

In 2016, the Village held a contest for the photo that best captured the spirit of Long Grove, with the winning photograph to be featured on the 2017 Village of Long Grove vehicle sticker. We are pleased to announce that Jean Ann Muntz was the winner of the contest with a photo of two deer in a wooded area. The picture, which reflects wildlife coexisting with nature in Long Grove, was chosen by the Village Staff.

Thank you to all of our Long Grove photographers who entered the contest.

The Village 2017 vehicle stickers - which are *not* mandatory - are available at the Village Hall. The cost is \$10 a decal. To receive your decal, you may send a check made payable to the Village of Long Grove; include your name, address and the number of vehicle stickers you would like. You can also stop by the Village Hall to pick up a decal. The Village Hall is located at 3110 Old McHenry Road, behind Kildeer Countryside School and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## WINTER?!

With the mild weather we've had in January, many walkers, runners, and bikers who ordinarily remain indoors during winter have been able to get outside to enjoy the warm temperatures. As a reminder before heading out, make sure you are visible to drivers - wear bright or light colored clothing or reflective garments; always carry an ID, cell phone, and flashlight or headlamp; and have a buddy with you.



If you plan to be out of town for awhile, have someone check on your home periodically to make sure everything is all right. In extremely cold weather, the thermostat may need to be adjusted and water may need to trickle from the faucets in order to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting. Whoever is watching your home should walk

through the house to make sure there are no leaks from the roof, no signs of anyone having been in the house, or unwanted animals. Knowing someone is keeping watch on your home will remove the worries of being away.

## RECYCLING LATEX PAINT

From time to time the Village will receive a call asking what to do with leftover latex paint. In the past, SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) recommended using kitty litter or shredded newspaper to soak up whatever paint was leftover in the can and then placing it by the curb for garbage pickup.



Through SWALCO, the Village recently learned of a way to recycle latex paint in an environmentally friendly way. EPaint, a company located in Arlington Heights, will collect old latex paint then recycle 98% of it making new paint products that are sold by retailers throughout the U.S. EPaint has processed over one million cans and has recycled thousands of gallons of paint that would have otherwise been sent to a landfill.

There are several places in the area to drop off cans of latex paint. A nominal fee is charged to recycle the paint. For more information, contact EPaint at 847-666-8351 or visit their website at [www.epaintrecyclingsolutions.com](http://www.epaintrecyclingsolutions.com).

## LONG GROVE-KILDEER GARDEN CLUB Members Roundtable and Soupfest

On Monday, February 13, the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club is hosting a Members Roundtable and Soupfest at Reed Turner Nature Center starting at 11 a.m. Bring tales about your gardening experiences and learn some new ideas and techniques. Did your garden suffer from pests or disease or do you have a new tool or resource you would like to share? Or just come to listen and learn and enjoy conversation with fellow gardeners to recover from the holiday stresses and winter doldrums.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Gail Petersdorff at 847-556-9069 or [g.petersdorff@att.net](mailto:g.petersdorff@att.net).



## LONG GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CPR/AED CLASSES & FIRST AID CLASSES

*\$15 In-District/\$30 Out-of-District*

For a schedule of classes offered  
call the Long Grove Fire Protection District  
847-634-3143





# Fall in Love



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN  
*Long Grove*



*Shopping*

longgrove.org

*Dining*



**May**  
**19, 20, 21**



**June**  
**23, 24, 25**



**September**  
**22, 23, 24**

## 2017 LONG GROVE FESTIVALS



**WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER & FALL - LONG GROVE HAS IT ALL**

- Great Live Music
- Children's Activities
- Merchant Booths
- Food Booths
- Free Parking



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN  
*Long Grove*

308 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, IL

**AUG. 19 & 20**



**SEP. 2, 3, 4**



**OCT. 7**



**OCT. 14**



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**February 2017  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**CPR/AED Class**

**February 2** 6 pm - 10 pm  
*\$15 In-District Residents*

Long Grove Fire Dept.  
*\$30 Out-of-District Residents*  
For information, call Jeff 847-634-3143

**Long Grove Park District**

**February 6** 7 pm

Reed-Turner Woodland

**Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals**

**February 7** 7 pm

Village Hall

**CANCELLED**

**Architectural Commission**

**February 13** 7 pm

Village Hall

**Board of Trustees**

**February 14** 7 pm

Village Hall

**Board of Trustees**

**February 28** 7 pm

Village Hall