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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Summer Delight

Earlier this month, we were blessed with several days of perfect weather—sunny skies, comfortable temperatures, low humidity, and a minimum of mosquitoes. After the brutal winter we all endured, it was a pleasure to spend time out-of-doors, particularly dining alfresco. As we all know, one of the joys of living in Long Grove is the opportunity to enjoy nature and open spaces from our own backyards. But did you know that many of our local restaurants also offer delightful outdoor dining experiences as well?

My husband and I enjoyed a recent lunch on the outdoor deck of the Long Grove Café. While waiting for our food to arrive we were entertained by watching an unusual bird hunt for minnows in the Mill Pond. I snapped him with my cell phone camera, and identified him later as a Green Heron. We had just been admiring his cousin, the Great Blue Heron, earlier in the week as we sat outside Smokin' T's with our Bar-B-Que. Did you know you can view a whole rookery from that spot?

Recently, the Long Grove Artist's Guild sponsored an outdoor program by local artist Marie Roth, who creates American flags out of reclaimed barn wood. A perfect place to view this wonderful presentation was under the umbrellas of the outdoor dining tables at Enzo & Lucia's. It is such a lovely location to relax, enjoy a meal, and take in the sights and sounds of Fountain Square.

We have also been enjoying Long Grove's newest restaurant, The Chatter Box, which features a charming outside patio area bordered with flowers and plants. This is truly a local gathering spot, as our meal for two quickly became a meal for four when some friends from the Historical Society stopped by to join us. Dining at the table next to us were Long Grove neighbors, as well. Good food, good friends, and a beautiful summer night in our own Downtown.

Many other area restaurants offer outside dining, but so often these areas overlook a strip mall, parking lot, or busy road. Long Grove dining offers up a choice of attractive places to enjoy nature and the uniqueness of our Village. This season will be gone in the blink of an eye—enjoy it while you can!

-- Angie Underwood, Village President

INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW UPDATE

The Village Board has accepted a proposal from engineering firm Gewalt-Hamilton to do a comprehensive review of the current condition of the public roads in Long Grove. The information from this study, which will include cost projections for maintenance & repairs, will be used as a basis for discussions with the Board and residents in a series of workshops to begin in August. Village-wide economic development opportunities will also be studied and discussed with advice from consulting firm Business Districts, Inc. These workshops will be facilitated by the strategic planning firm Sikich LLP, with the goal of finding consensus recommendations on funding our infrastructure.

In the next few weeks, residents who have previously expressed an interest in serving on these committees will be contacted to determine availability and meeting schedules.

SOLICITATION PERMITS

Spring is the time when solicitors come knocking at the door. Due to Federal laws and Supreme Court rulings protecting First Amendment rights, municipalities may **not** prohibit door-to-door solicitation. All individuals and groups who wish to solicit in Long Grove, other than religious groups, must file an application to obtain a solicitation permit.

When a solicitation permit application is dropped off at the Village Hall, it is then forwarded to the Lake County Sheriff who does a background check. If the person passes the background check, the Village then issues a permit. The permit will have the Village logo as well as an embossed gold foil seal. The solicitor must carry the permit at all times. As a resident of the Village, you have the right to ask to see the permit. If the solicitor cannot produce a permit when asked, call the Lake County Sheriff at the non-emergency number (847-549-5200).

Hours of solicitation are from 10:00 a.m. until sunset. If you would prefer not to be bothered by solicitors, post a sign at or near your door indicating solicitors are not allowed. Once posted, it becomes illegal for a solicitor to approach your home or business.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

CHATTER BOX OF LONG GROVE

Right from the start everything about Long Grove's new restaurant Chatter Box is easy and comfortable. In close proximity to the entry, and having ample spaces, parking is a synch. Once inside, the rustic cedar walls and pine floors provide a warm and lively atmosphere. Proprietor Steve Besbeas's vision was to create a "conversational bar" for his visitors. He achieved this through his thoughtful detailing in the cozy first floor bar and the second floor dining area, which displays the largest big screen TV in all of Long Grove's dining establishments.

Besbeas's eye for detail lies in more than the décor. His selection of a top-notch chef and trained courteous staff is based on a lifetime of experience in the restaurant industry. While growing up Besbeas's father owned the well-known Prime Table restaurant and taught him a thing or two about the business. When asked what lessons he learned from his father, Besbeas states, "Employers don't pay employees, customers pay employees." This advice guides Besbeas every day.

Clearly understanding roles of the restaurant's staff, Besbeas sought out top talent for the person to head the most important part of the business, the kitchen. Chef Chris Rybicki, educated at Le Cordon Bleu in Chicago, has put together a menu that will keep you coming back and yearning to sample something different every time. His Small Plates menu is extensive enough to satisfy any appetite, yet focused enough to make each item outstanding. Available are unique items such as Shrimp Ceviche with Mango Pineapple Salsa, Baja Fish Street Tacos with cilantro cabbage slaw, guacamole, pico & lemon Sriracha Aiola, or select from four different Flatbreads including Roasted Tomato or Smoked Salmon. For the more traditional pallet you'll find Fried Calamari, fancy Deviled eggs or the must try cheese filled Tater Tots. To top it all off, one can't leave without indulging in one of their cast iron cookies; a freshly baked chocolate chip cookie topped with Peterson's vanilla bean ice cream served in a mini cast iron skillet right out of the oven. It's difficult to order just one.

A few other details to note, the restaurant is well suited to accommodate small gatherings or private parties up to 40 people. Besbeas is especially focused on providing craft and IPA beers and touts Canyon Road wines. The house wine, Canyon Road Pinot Noir is smooth and flavor-full and deserving of its position.

Besbeas along with Chef Rybicki have truly brought a unique contemporary food style to Long Grove. After a thoroughly enjoyable evening in this new establishment, we highly recommend Chatter Box of Long Grove.

OPA!

Food critics at large,
Bob & Lisa Cohen, Michael & Lori Lyman, Bill & Saree Peltin

Chatter Box is located at 330 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove
(847)383-5492, email: chatterboxlg@icloud.com

Hours: Monday: closed, Tuesday-Thursday: Noon-11:00pm, Friday-Saturday:
Noon-12:00 a.m., Sunday: Noon-8:00 p.m.

ART SHOW FEATURING WORKS BY DONA BLUNT

July 19 - August 10



The Long Grove Artists Guild Gallery is featuring local artist Dona Blunt in a solo show titled, "Mini But Mighty," beginning July 19 and running through Aug 10. The public is invited to an Artist's Reception at the Gallery on July 20, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to find affordable art by a local artist. Dona's pastel paintings for this show are no larger than 19" x 23", just the right size to fit in your home or office. A percentage of every art sale goes to the Long Grove Arts and Music Council, a 501c3 organization that sponsors the outstanding free summer concerts on

Fountain Square.

Come to the Artist's Reception at 3 p.m. on July 20 and stay for the concert at 4 p.m.! Enjoy the Mississippi River Valley Creole music of CREOLE STOMP through the Gallery windows overlooking the square.



The Long Grove Artists Guild Gallery is on Fountain Square in Long Grove above the Potpourri Shop. The Gallery's summer hours are Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; or call for an appointment: 847-438-1160.

LONG GROVE ARTISTS GUILD FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

The Long Grove Artists Guild hosted a reception on Flag Day, June 14 to introduce their new art show, called "Oh Say, Can You See..." The exhibition included a variety of pieces that were judged by Liz Schrenk, an artist, photographer, and educator; Tony Stencel, a professional artist, historian and illustrator; and Nancy Schumm-Burgess, a writer, photographer, and author of five books on local history and the environment.

The first place winner in the youth entry was McKenna Kalesz for her piece entitled "Rural America". Her piece used found objects in a creative and sophisticated way to communicate a message about our relationship with the land in which we live. The first place winner in the adult category was Rita Price for her work entitled "The Ticking Clock". Her piece included many conceptual layers, evoking ideas of wartime, patriotism, and a hopeful vision for the future.

In addition to the art exhibit, there was a program, "Old Glory in Barnwood," presented by artist, Marie Roth. Marie uses reclaimed barn wood and paints on them American flags at various times in U.S. history.

The Historical Society topped the day off with guided tours given by Aaron Underwood highlighting the history of Long Grove.

Flag Day Celebration in Long Grove



Admiring the hand painted Rivellino silk scarves & hand bags at the LGAG gallery are ladies from Country Meadows Elementary School (l to r) Ana Kontos, Roshel Rivellino, Nancy Wielondeh, Marsha Greenberg



1st Place winner in the Youth category of "Oh, Say Can You See..." Flag Art Show was McKenna Kalesz for "Rural America"



1st Place winner in the Adult category of "Oh, Say Can You See..." Flag Art Show was Rita Price for "The Ticking Clock"



Tina Mall, docent at the Long Grove Historical Society, led a tour of the Farmhouse on Flag Day.



Marie Roth presented some of her artwork - flags painted on old barn walls.



Historian Aaron Underwood led a Long Grove Historical Society walking tour of Long Grove on Flag Day.

ODDS AND ENDS

LONG GROVE ARTS & MUSIC COUNCIL

2014 Summer Concert Series

The Long Grove Arts & Music Council (LGAMC) has a fabulous lineup of entertainers for the 2014 summer concert series beginning Sunday, June 29 and returning Sundays through August 24 in Fountain Square in Historic Downtown Long Grove (Old McHenry & Robert Parker Coffin Road).

The LGAMC “Concerts in the Park” begin at **4 p.m.** and last until about **6 p.m.** and are free of charge. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets and sit back and enjoy the air of a summer Sunday afternoon listening to wonderful music. Guests may bring their own food and beverage, or have the option to purchase food from local Long Grove merchants.

The summer concert series schedule is as follows:

June 29 – Corky Siegel & Howard Levy

Two Chicago Greats! One Phenomenal Concert. An amazing kick-off to the best season yet. Corky Siegel has earned an international reputation as one of the world’s great blues harmonica masters. He is a composer, blues pianist, singer/songwriter, and recent winner of the Lila Wallace/Reader’s Digest/Meet the Composer’s national award for chamber music composition and the Illinois Arts Council Fellowship Award for Music Composition, Chicago Lifetime Achievement Award, and Chicago Blues Hall of Fame.

Howard Levy is a musician without limits. Composer, Grammy Award winner, multi-instrumentalist, he is best known for his astonishing harmonica playing, which has earned him the admiration of audiences worldwide.

July 6 – No concert this Sunday. Happy Fourth of July!

July 13 – Small Potatoes

Nineteen years ago, Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso, the Chicago-area duo known as Small Potatoes, decided to hit the road. They might not have had the best plan, but what they did have were great songs and musicianship, and the ability to put on a show. From the start, they’ve called themselves eclectic-maniacs and described their music as “Celtic to Cowboy”. They say it has taken them “years of careful indecision” to come up with a mix of music that ranges from country, blues, and swing to Irish, with songwriting that touches on all of those styles and more. They both sing, they both play guitars and an array of other instruments.

July 20 – Creole Stomp

Creole Stomp travels the country carrying the long tradition of Mississippi River Valley Creole music to audiences of thousands. Creole Stomp shows have become legendary and those who have seen them know the emotion and passion that literally jumps from the band. In fact, over the years the band has become informally known as “The Grateful Dead of Creole Music.” A favorite on the Cajun-Zydeco dance circuit, the band has also become a celebrated fixture at venues around the United States ranging from park concerts and theaters to folk and blues festivals.

July 27 – Harpeth Rising

They were so good last year, Long Grove had to have them back again. Harpeth Rising chose to name themselves after a river because water is both dynamic and powerful. These words also describe the music created by the three women – Jordana Greenberg (violin, vocals), Rebecca Reed-Lunn (banjo, vocals) and Maria Di Meglio (cello, vocals). Unapologetic genre-benders, they fuse Folk, Newgrass, Rock and Classical into a sound that is organically unique.

August 3 – Sons of the Never Wrong

SONS are as good as it gets when it comes to 3-part harmony within original, whimsical songs that spring from a great folk tradition. A trio made up of Sue Demel, Deborah Lader and Bruce Roper. For 20 years, Sons has been wowing fans with their music, humor, and outrageously fun live shows.

August 10 – Carrie Newcomer

Returning for her fourth time to the Summer Series, Carrie Newcomer has been described as “a soaring songstress” by *Billboard*, a “prairie mystic” by the *Boston Globe* and *Rolling Stone* wrote that she “asks all the right questions.” One of the definitive voices of the heartland and progressive spirituality, Newcomer has the ability for sharp observation of the world. Newcomer has attracted a devoted following with her warm voice, exquisite melodies, and an irreverent yet spiritual view of the world. As in the work of poets Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry, Newcomer’s songs are based in the ordinary, and infused with images from the natural world.

August 17 – Alfonso Ponticelli & Swing Gitan

Alfonso Ponticelli and Swing Gitan is Chicago’s premier gypsy-jazz band. The group plays the 1930s-style music of guitarist Django Reinhardt -- foot-tappin’ swing played on acoustic instruments. It’s a blend of the jubilant swing of early jazz with the feisty passion of gypsy music, plus a strong dose of guitar pyrotechnics and virtuosic improvisation.

August 24 – Maia Sharp & Friends

Maia Sharp has had her songs recorded by The Dixie Chicks, Bonnie Raitt, Trisha Yearwood, Keb’ Mo’, Cher, Edwin McCain, David Wilcox, Art Garfunkel, Paul Carrack, Lisa Loeb and many more. She produced Edwin McCain’s last album *Mercy Bound* (429 Records) and most recently two songs for Art Garfunkel’s retrospective double album *The Singer* (Sony). And through it all, Maia has continued to record her own albums. She has five solo releases and one collaborative project with Art Garfunkel and Buddy Mondlock that have all been critically acclaimed and enthusiastically embraced by press and radio. Maia Sharp will be joined by Miami-native pianist and guitarist, AG, who has recorded nine albums and licensed music to television shows such as *Grey’s Anatomy*, *One Tree Hill*, and *Gossip Girl*, and Garrison Starr, a recording artist with two EPs, one live album and fifteen years in the business under her belt. Amazingly talented musicians and songwriters on their own, bringing these three together makes for an extraordinary day of music.

Concerts are rain or shine! For more information on the summer concert series visit www.lgamc.org. If you have any questions about the LGAMC or if you would like to contribute, please contact: Tobin Fraley at info@lgamc.org or call 847-722-8989.

LONG GROVE PARK DISTRICT

Summer Programs

Have you checked out the Long Grove Park District website lately? They are offering a variety of sports programs, and many activities that your kids and you will enjoy during your summer break. It’s time to turn off the TV, computer, and X-box and join in a class to get some exercise, make new friends, and learn something new.

All classes are listed in the Park District program on their website www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

Have a great summer!

FARMERS' MARKET NOW OPEN

The Long Grove Farmers' Market opened on June 8 and will continue to 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.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JULY

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1 7 pm Village Hall

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

July 2 7 pm Village Hall



INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4

Village Office will be closed

Long Grove Park District

July 7 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

CPR/AED Class

July 10 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*

FARMERS' MARKET

July 6 9 am - 1 pm Historic Business District

Board of Trustees

July 8 7 pm Village Hall

FARMERS' MARKET

July 13 9 am - 1 pm Historic Business District

LGAMC SUMMER CONCERT

July 13 4 pm - 6 pm *Small Potatoes*
Fountain Square

HARLEY DAY

July 19 10 am - 6 pm Historic Business District

FARMERS' MARKET

July 20 9 am - 1 pm Historic Business District

LGAMC SUMMER CONCERT

July 20 4 pm - 6 pm *Creole Stomp*
Fountain Square

Architectural Commission

July 21 7 pm Village Hall

Board of Trustees

July 22 7 pm Village Hall

BOOZE, BREWS & BLUES

July 26 12 pm - 7 pm Village Tavern

FARMERS' MARKET

July 27 9 am - 1 pm Historic Business District

VETERANS PIG ROAST & CONCERT

July 27 11 am - 8 pm Village Tavern

LGAMC SUMMER CONCERT

July 27 4 pm - 6 pm *Harpeth Rising*
Fountain Square