



THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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PRIMARY ELECTION - MARCH 18

Primary Election Day is March 18. Voters will decide on party candidates to represent them at the General Election in November. Long Grove residents will also vote on a referendum for a first-ever Village property tax. If the referendum passes, a property tax would be levied for a period of ten years, not to be extended, to pay for repairs on thoroughfare roads only. The annual cost would average \$166 for a home valued at \$750,000. This tax would be restricted to spending on capital infrastructure.

If you are a registered voter, you may vote early beginning Monday, March 3 through Saturday, March 15. Early voters are required to present to voting officials a valid Illinois driver's license, an Illinois identification card issued by the Secretary of State, or any other valid government-issued identification document containing their photograph and name. For a list of early voting location sites go to www.LakeVoterPower.info or call 847.377.2410.

Residents who are unable to vote early or on Election Day, may vote by mail; visit www.LakeVoterPower.info and complete an E-request for a ballot. The official ballot will be delivered to you via the U.S. Postal Service as an official ballot is not permitted to be sent electronically.

Under a new law, state election officials are required to share with campaign committees and political organizations the e-mail addresses of all voters using the new E-request option. Those who do not wish to have an e-mail address shared with political campaigns may complete, print, sign, and mail a paper form available at www.LakeVoterPower.info, email VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov, or call 847-377-2406 for the paper form.

WATER TESTING

About 90,000 Lake County residents rely on ground water from aquifers to supply their private wells. It's important for all users of private wells to have their drinking water tested annually to see if it meets the minimum drinking water standards.

In observance of National Groundwater Awareness Week in March, the Lake County Health Department will offer reduced water testing rates. Between **March 3 and March 13**, water analysis fees for testing for bacteria and nitrates will be reduced from \$16 to \$10 for residents who rely on a private well for their drinking water.

For the convenience of Long Grove residents, water sampling kits are available at the Village Hall (3110 Old McHenry Road). Residents may stop by Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to pick up a water testing kit. To have your water sample tested, bring it to the Lake County Central Permit Facility at 500 W. Winchester Road in Libertyville, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

TRASH AND YARD WASTE STICKERS

While it may be hard to believe, spring is on its way. We may be limping toward it, but before you know it warmer temperatures will be here, and with it yard cleanup. This year, there will be only one sticker for trash, yard waste and leaves. In the past, there were two separate stickers required.

The Waste Management trash/yard waste stickers, can be purchased at Sunset Foods in Long Grove or you may purchase directly through Waste Management by calling 800-964-8988. Waste Management will send the stickers to you via U.S. mail.

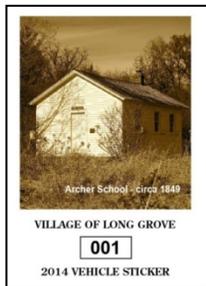
The trash/yard waste stickers are sold in sheets of 10 for \$25 (\$2.50/sticker).

OPEN BURN PERMITS

In order for the Village to obtain an open burn permit for its residents, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires the Village to apply for an annual permit which lists every property in the Village that can be issued an open burn permit for these properties from the local fire protection district. Each year, the Village of Long Grove sends the IEPA a list of properties that have requested to be included on the Village open burn permit. The list of the properties that have submitted application with the Village is available on the Village website (www.longgrove.net) under the "Environment" tab.

If you are interested in performing an open burn in 2014, please check the list to make sure your address is listed. If you are not on the list, please fill out an open burn permit application, which can be found on the Village website, and submit it to the Village (by mail: 3110 RFD; fax: 847-634-9408) as soon as possible. The IEPA often takes up to three months to add new addresses to the open burn permit list. If your property is on the IEPA list, you must contact the Long Grove Fire Protection District (or Countryside Fire Department) to obtain a permit to perform an open burn.

VEHICLE STICKERS



The Village of Long Grove 2014 vehicle stickers are available at the Village Hall. The cost remains at \$10 a decal. While vehicle stickers are not mandatory, residents are encouraged to purchase one if they park in other suburbs or in Chicago where a local sticker is required and where tickets are issued if one is not displayed.

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.

ODDS AND ENDS

LONG GROVE-KILDEER GARDEN CLUB

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will hold its regular meeting at Reed-Turner Woodlands on Monday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. Professional conservationist Tori Trauscht, through her presentation, "Amazing Native Illinois Plants," will talk about how native plants have restored habitats that now serve as flood control, water purifiers and habitat for a diversity of animals and plants. Tori will discuss why restoration is so important, and how, with a little help, Mother Nature takes over to promote healing of our natural areas with astounding results. She will focus on two local success stories: Reed-Turner Woodland's Sedge Meadow and Longview Meadow's wetland buffers.

The Club members invite guests to attend the meetings. For more information, call Jane at 847-566-5761, or membership chairperson, Gerri at 847-550-6292.

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.

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 lgpdrecreation@aol.com.

Park District Programs

The Park District Winter classes have started and many are well attended.

On January 24, the Park District held its first Friday Night Fun program at Kildeer School. A variety of sports and games kept the children on the move during the entire class. The kids that attended had so much fun and are ready to sign up for the next class to be held on February 21 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This program is for 3rd thru 6th graders. Call today to register your child for this fun and interactive program. The fee for this class is \$15.00 per child.

The Park District is offering a girls LaCrosse program in conjunction with the Illinois Girls LaCrosse Association. Check the Winter/Spring 2014 brochure on the Park District website for details. Registration is through the Long Grove Park District. Practices will be held at Hawthorn Woods.

A new session of Young Rembrandt's Art classes will be starting on February 27 at Kildeer School. Participants will be learning to draw a variety of art subjects during the February/March session.

There's still time to sign up for the Safe Sitter Class that is being offered on Saturday, February 22 from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This class is for 11-15 yr. olds. The cost of the class is \$73.00 plus \$17.95 material fee. Participants need to attend all eight hours of class to receive their certification.

If you have any questions about these and other programs, contact the Long Grove Park District at 847-438-4743, or visit their website at www.longgroveparkdistrict.com.

LONG GROVE ARTISTS GUILD

LGAG "Something About the Color Red"—February 15 - March 15

The Long Grove Artists Guild has opened their latest Invitational Art Show. The show continues through March 15. Some of the art is for sale. This show is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association & the 501c3 Long Grove Arts & Music Council.

The Long Grove Artists Guild Gallery shares Bldg 21 with the Potpourri and Lucy & Ethel's shops, 325 Old McHenry Rd in Historic Long Grove, IL. The entrance is on the Fountain Square side. The public is welcome on Saturdays & Sundays 11-5. Art guild members are at the gallery at those times to welcome you! For more information, contact: georgia@lgamc.org.



Girl Reading Book
by Olivia Sorenson

LGAG Diorama Show — April 5-26

Get ready for spring with the Long Grove Artists Guild Peeps® Diorama Show, April 5-26. The Guild is accepting entries of 3-D or 2-D artwork using the candy Peeps®. Entries can be dropped off on Saturday, March 29 or Sunday, March 30 at the Gallery. Come by for a reception on Sunday, April 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to see what creative things can be done with this sweet confection! For more information, stop by the Gallery for an application, or phone Marie at 847-942-2613 or Dona at 847-293-9101.



PEEPS® Diorama Show

Hosted by the Long Grove Artists Guild

April 5 - 26, 2014

Artist Reception: Sunday, April 13 2pm-4pm

Create your piece using actual PEEPS® candy of any variety; no other food materials are allowed. Be inspired! Search the internet for PEEPS® dioramas. Come up with your own Peep Creation!

Entries are due March 29 - March 30, 11am-5pm at the Long Grove Artists Guild Gallery located in Building #21, shared with The Lucy & Ethel's Shop 325 Old McHenry Rd & the Potpourri shop. Entrance off the Fountain Square side in Long Grove, IL

Entry Forms are available at the Gallery, open 11-5 Saturdays & Sundays.

Or, contact Dona: dona.blunt@newportpros.com

6TH ANNUAL LONG GROVE ICE MELTIN' BLUES



SATURDAY MARCH 1



Carl Weathersby
9:00 AM - Noon



Demetria Taylor & The Blues Band
Noon - 3:00 PM



Billy Branch & The Sons of Blues

6:00 - 7:30 PM (Dinner Show 1)

8:30 PM - 10:00 PM (Dinner Show 2)

\$10 cover charge per dinner show, Limited seating,
call Mary Ann Ullrich at The Village Tavern
847.634.3117 for reservations.

SUNDAY MARCH 2



The Corey Dennison Blues Band
9:00 AM - Noon



The Rockin' Johnny Blues Band

with Special Guest Singer Mary Lane

1:00 - 5:00 PM

For all free concerts, seating is limited and reservations are recommended.

Live Ice Carving Demo of
the Blues Brothers
Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
in Fountain Square

Enjoy or dine on
Blue Plate Specials, like
Blue Cheese Burgers at
participating restaurants
in town

Don't miss
Blue Light Specials
at participating
retail stores

Keep an eye out for **Jake
& Elwood**. They'll be
handing out "**Blues
Bucks**" redeemable in
retail shops

Rivellino School of
Art Hosts Youth and
Adult Art Classes
"Paint to the Rhythm
of The Blues"

Saturday & Sunday,
Reservations limited,
847.383.6673.



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Long Grove, IL
847.634.3117



235 Robert Parker Coffin Road
Long Grove, IL
847.955.8600



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"Ice Meltin' Blues Group Block,"
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breakfast voucher and a
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Blood Drive

Sponsored by Sunset Foods
and the Rotary Club of Long Grove,
Kildeer and Hawthorn Woods

Saturday, March 15, 2014, 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Located at the Donor Coach at Sunset Foods, Route 83 and Aptakisic

To schedule your appointment please contact:
LifeSource at [1-877-543-3768](tel:1-877-543-3768) or register online
at www.lifesource.org and use [sponsor code 275D](#)
Appointments Recommended.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION • EAT WELL • STAY HYDRATED • BRING ID

Please bring ID with you on the day of the blood drive. Proper ID is required to donate blood. A LifeSource or military ID, driver's license, or employee badge with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID. Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor full name will also be accepted.



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Rotary Club of Long Grove, Kildeer and Hawthorn Woods



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

ICE MELTIN' BLUES

March 1 and March 2

Historic Business District

Long Grove Park District

March 3 7 pm

Reed-Turner Woodland

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

March 4 7 pm

Village Hall

Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

March 5 7 pm

Village Hall

CPR/AED Class

March 6 6 pm—10 pm
For information, call Katie at 847-634-3143
\$15 *In-District Residents*

Long Grove Fire Dept.

\$30 Out-of-District Residents



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Turn clocks forward 1 hour

March 9

Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

March 10 9:30 am

Reed-Turner Woodland

Board of Trustees

March 11 7 pm

Village Hall

Architectural Commission

March 17 7 pm

Village Hall



PRIMARY ELECTION

March 18

For voter information visit www.LakeVoterPower.info

Long Grove Historical Society Meeting

March 19 10 am

Historical Society Farmhouse



FIRST DAY OF SPRING

March 20

Board of Trustees

March 25 7 pm

Village Hall