



## **THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER**

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### **INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSHOP UPDATE**

On Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Village Board held the second in a series of workshops to address our Village infrastructure. Community volunteers representing a variety of Long Grove neighborhoods joined the Village Board members at this workshop to hear a presentation from consultant Bridget Lane of Business Districts, Inc. focusing on the topic of Economic Development. The goal of this workshop was to create a “common set of facts” by comparing Long Grove’s current revenue program to peer communities, and by analyzing potential revenue opportunities for the Village such as sales tax or other fees & permits. The goal of the entire workshop series is for the Committee to come to a group consensus regarding directions to be taken by the Village Board to fund ongoing infrastructure needs.

Some of the topics receiving the most discussion included:

- Potential remaining retail opportunities in Long Grove (former Geimer Property, small downtown parcels, Menard’s outlots, and the parcel south of Sunset Grove)
- Possible annexation of land north of Lake Cook and west of Hicks Rd.
- Inquiries about multifamily residential zoning and mixed use development
- Potential high volume uses of properties (auto dealership, mass merchandiser, gas station) to increase sales tax
- Streamlining the development review process and ways to attract developers
- Retail occupancy in Long Grove outside of the Historic Downtown is near maximum, but only approximately 50% in the historic crossroads. Recognition that although this is not a huge sales tax generator, it is part of the Long Grove brand.
- Potential additional revenue sources such as entertainment tax, food & beverage tax, utility fees, red light camera fines, pet fees, and video gaming.

To view the entire presentation materials from this workshop and the previous workshop on road conditions, please visit our Village website at [\(insert link here\)](#). The next workshop in the series will focus on the topic of Village finances, with a date currently being coordinated for early November.

## **FEMA FLOODPLAIN**

In 2013 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) identifying properties considered "Special Flood Hazard Areas" (SFHA) nationwide. Flood risk zones indicated on FIRM's provide a basis for establishing flood insurance coverage premium rates offered through the National Flood Insurance Program. These map revisions in some instances have resulted in properties previously not considered as SFHA's being now considered as flood risk areas.

To determine if your property is in a SFHA access the Lake County Illinois website (<http://maps.lakecountyil.gov/mapsonline/>). Utilizing your tax parcel identification number (available on your tax bill) use the "full search" function on this site. Once your property has been identified click on the "Legend" function and then the "FEMA Floodplain" option. Any SFHA's on your property should be visible. A link to the FEMA website is also available as part of the "full search" function.

If your property is in a SFHA you may contact FEMA directly at (877)-336-2627 (Option 1) for more information.

## **SOCCER FIELDS LEASED TO ELA SOCCER CLUB**

Recently, the Village and the Ela Soccer Club signed a 12 year lease agreement for the use of three soccer fields near Menards. When Menards purchased property in 2004 to build a store at Route 53 and Lake Cook Road part of the plan included building soccer fields for Long Grove residents/children to use. As the deal with Menards was being finalized, an option for the Village to purchase the three soccer fields from Menards was proposed. The Village decided to purchase the soccer fields; the plan was for the Long Grove Park District to lease those fields from the Village.

A brief timeline:

### 2007

- ♦ Village closes on purchase of soccer field property and begins developing plans to make improvements to the property.

### 2010

- ♦ Village awards contract to construction company to make necessary improvements.
- ♦ Long Grove Park District, after further consideration, chooses to formally reject the Village's offer to lease the soccer fields.
- ♦ Village entertains lease proposal from Grove United Soccer Club for use of the soccer fields.

### 2011

- ♦ Deal with Grove United falls through

### 2012

- ♦ Village contacted by Ela Soccer Club. Ela Soccer Club also explores other options.

### 2014

- ♦ Ela Soccer renews their interest in leasing soccer fields. A 12 year lease is approved by Ela Soccer Club and Village.

So what does this mean for the residents of Long Grove? For one thing, the property is being used for the purpose that was intended; but even more importantly, the children of Long Grove will have a place in the neighborhood to play soccer - benefiting from physical activity, gaining a knowledge of the sport, and learning how to be a team player.

For additional information on the Ela Soccer Club visit their website at <http://www.elasoccer.com> or call 847-726-6909.

## **UPCOMING ELECTION**

November 4, 2014

*Voting by Mail (available until Oct. 30)*

Voters who choose to vote by mail may visit [www.LakeVoterPower.info](http://www.LakeVoterPower.info) to complete an E-request or download a paper form to receive a ballot by mail. Ballots will be mailed beginning September 25. Voted ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office postmarked no later than November 3.

*Early Voting (10/20 - 11/2)*

To locate your early voting site go to [www.LakeVoterPower.info](http://www.LakeVoterPower.info).

## **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE PETITIONS**

Petition packets for the Consolidated Election to be held April 7, 2015, can be picked up at the Village Hall beginning September 23 through December 22, 2014. Pick up hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents will be electing three Village trustees. Nomination petitions can be filed at the Village Hall beginning on December 15, 2014 at 8 a.m. and ending on December 22, 2014 at 5 p.m. For questions, call the Village Office at 847-634-9440 and ask for Village Clerk Heidi Locker-Scheer or call the Lake County Clerk's office at 847-377-2310 and ask for Debra Nieto.

## **VILLAGE TAVERN OF LONG GROVE A LOCAL GATHERING PLACE**

Our first restaurant critique focused on the new place in town. This time we are excited to share our review of not only the oldest restaurant and bar (in continuous operation) in Long Grove but in the entire state of Illinois. In fact, according to a recent publication on Thrillist.com the Long Grove Village Tavern was recognized by the Illinois Historical Society and ranks number 23 as the oldest bar in the entire United States! Established in 1847, the "Tavern" as known by locals, provides a lively, casual and comfortable atmosphere. Patrons love to gather alongside its magnificent 35' mahogany bar, which survived the McCormick Place Fire in Chicago. Originally known as the Presidents Bar, it was purchased in a sealed bid and brought to its current setting in 1967. Other historical relics include the grandfather clock dating from the Columbian Exposition (1893), and the same front door that graced the entryway when the Tavern first opened in 1847.

Proprietors Chip and Mary Ann Ullrich have been involved in the business for decades. Chip's parents purchased the tavern in 1962 from Jim Didier. Chip became active in 1971 after returning from the Vietnam War. Mary Ann entered the scene in 1975 and their son Adam currently takes an active role in the business as well.

The Ullrich family pride themselves on their reputation for delicious seasonal foods. Let's start with dessert first. The apple cider cupcakes with caramel buttercream frosting and homemade apple strudel are sure to please on chilly autumn days. Order those up with a scoop of Homer's homemade gourmet cinnamon apple or pumpkin ice cream and you have a meal in and of itself. During the holidays they'll be serving Homer's ever popular peppermint ice cream.

For seasonal main course dishes, the Tavern can tout their recent accolades from the Food Network. "Eating America" with host Anthony Anderson traveled across the country this past spring in search of the best festivals. Long Grove's Strawberry Fest caught their eye, as did the Tavern. In a local restaurant competition the Tavern was awarded first place for their fresh seasonal menu item, which had to include strawberries. The Tavern served up a shaved prime rib sandwich, marinated in strawberry beer topped with fresh strawberry salsa and melted Fontina cheese. Modified for the fall season, this prime rib sandwich is now topped with a horseradish sauce, and melted mozzarella cheese. You can still view the entire 30 minute Food Network program through "On Demand."

Other must try menu items are the Tavern's homemade chips and salsa. These were a big hit with everyone at the table. Of course we would be remiss if we didn't mention the juicy and delicious Tavern Burger made from local Dorfler's beef, specially ground to meet the chef's specifications, then hand pattied. Additionally, the Tavern makes all of their own soups, many of their salad dressings and cooks their Prime Rib in house using the same process as top chefs in the industry. What is truly comforting about the tavern menu is best stated by Mary Ann "We don't chase trends, yet we stay current with the market. You leave feeling like you've had a quality home cooked meal."

As of recently this historic restaurant can also tout a brand new activity - video gaming. This new endeavor will be “advantageous for business throughout the slower paced winter months” states Mary Ann.

With a cozy fire burning in the dining room and attentive service, we highly recommend you visit the Village Tavern to enjoy a bit of history, experience new activities, and dine on favorite foods presenting the best creations each season has to offer.

Additional Village Tavern notes:

**Friday Nights** (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) host a piano player and family sing-along, with a balloon artist.

**Saturday Nights** host a variety of live music from jazz to country to blues. Check the website for details.

The Village Tavern  
135 Old McHenry Rd.  
Long Grove, IL 60047  
847-634-3117  
[www.villagetavernoflonggrove.com](http://www.villagetavernoflonggrove.com)

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

TIRE RECYCLING EVENT

# Tire Recycling Event

Friday, October 31, 2014; 8:00 to 1:00 pm

Lake County Division of Transportation, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville

For Lake County, IL Residents Only (No Businesses)

Passenger Car, Truck and Tractor Tires Accepted—NO RIMS ALLOWED



A rare opportunity to...

- Help the environment.
- Decrease the spread of West Nile and other mosquito-borne illnesses.
- Manage unwanted tires safely and conveniently.

*The event is in conjunction with the Illinois EPA. There is a \$1.00 per tire charge (cash only) to residents, to help offset costs of transportation and recycling of tires.*

The event is sponsored by SWALCO, Lake County Farm Bureau, Lake County Health Department and Clarke Mosquito. Please visit [swalco.org](http://swalco.org) for information or to view/print this flyer, or call SWALCO at 847-336-9340 with questions. **NO tire dealers, commercial trucking or businesses.**



## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

SWALCO will be holding a Household Chemical Waste Collection Event on Saturday, November 1 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Metra Train Station in Mundelein. Accepted articles include aerosol products; antifreeze and motor oil; fertilizers and pesticides; CFL light bulbs; varnishes; gasoline; household batteries; household cleaners; oil-based paints; prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements. For more information, please visit the SWALCO site at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

**November 1, 2014**  
**8:00 AM to 2:30 PM**



SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY, IL

*SWALCO also offers Year-round HCW Public Drop-off Events to collect unwanted HCW items at our Gurnee, IL facility, 1311 N. Estes. By appointment only - the second Saturday and the fourth Monday of every month (some exceptions apply). Sign up now online.*

# Mundelein

## Metra Train Station

### 205 N. Archer Avenue

**Accepted Materials:** Aerosol Products | Antifreeze & Motor Oil | Fertilizers/Herbicides/Pesticides | Fluorescent Light Bulbs/CFLs | Furniture Stripper & Varnishes | Gasoline & Kerosene | Household Batteries (Lithium & Rechargeable only) | Household Cleaners | Oil-Based Paints & Paint Removers | Prescription and over-the counter medicines and supplements (people & pet) - NO DEA Controlled Substances | Visit online for general list.

**Not Accepted:** Latex paint, DEA Controlled substances, business wastes, farm chemicals, propane tanks, lead-acid and alkaline batteries, explosives, medical wastes, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and household electronics.

HCW collections sponsored by SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) are for Illinois residents ONLY. If you would like to learn more about SWALCO programs and services, visit [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or call 847-336-9340.



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## ODDS AND ENDS

### LONG GROVE ARTIST'S GUILD HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

Looking for a unique or hand-crafted item for the upcoming holiday gift season? Then stop by the Long Grove Artists' Gallery starting on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>. There you will find items made by local artists—hand-printed scarves and ties, notecards, jewelry, paintings, wooden toys and many other items. What a great way to support the Gallery while you are completing your shopping list!

The Long Grove Artists Guild Gallery is on Fountain Square in Long Grove above the Potpourri Shop. The Gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit [www.longgroveartistsguild.org](http://www.longgroveartistsguild.org).



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

### Warm Hands and Hearts this Holiday Season

Long Grove is "Smitten with Mittens"! The Long Grove Business and Community Partners will be collecting mittens (new or gently used clean) between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve to donate to those in need. Stop by the Visitors' Center at 308 Old McHenry Road to drop off your donation.

### 'Tis the Season to Visit Long Grove

Charming, historic downtown Long Grove is *the* destination for the holiday season. Visitors will enjoy a variety of family fun beginning Thanksgiving weekend through Christmas Eve, such as the Humbug Scavenger Hunts for kids. Head to [VisitLongGrove.com](http://VisitLongGrove.com) for upcoming details about additional family-friendly winter weekend activities including our annual tree lighting ceremony, cookie walk, snowman building, caroling, storytelling, kids' Humbug coloring contests, Christmas with Santa, and more! Plus warm up with hot apple cider in the Visitors' Center!

Enjoy shopping for unique gifts at Long Grove's specialty shops, plus dining, entertainment and fun for the whole family. Collect receipts between Nov 28. - Dec. 24 totaling \$150 (excluding tax and gratuity), and receive a free gift from The Visitors' Center!

### Now is the perfect time...

Just in time for the holidays, there isn't a better season to conduct business in Long Grove. Recent retirements by merchants and landlords have made prominent spaces available for lease, sale, or development for the first time in 30 years.

These spaces are suitable for the smallest of boutique style businesses to more established businesses looking to expand, and for fast casual dining to restaurants seating 50 and more.

For more information on Downtown Long Grove and local merchants visit [www.visitlonggrove.com](http://www.visitlonggrove.com) or call the Visitors' Information Center at 847-634-0888.

## **LONG GROVE GARDEN CLUB**

The regular monthly meeting of the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Reed-Turner Woodlands Nature Center, 3849 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will feature a "Create-a-Wreath" Workshop. There will be a minimal charge to cover the cost of materials. Attendees are asked to bring a glue gun, if possible. Guests are welcome. To reserve a space, please contact Jane at [laystrom1@comcast.net](mailto:laystrom1@comcast.net) or 847-302-0991.

Taking the place of the December meeting is the annual Holiday Luncheon December 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The celebration is at Concorde Banquets, 20922 N Rand Road, Kildeer. In addition to the program, guests are encouraged to bring mittens, hats, scarves and toiletries to be donated to the Vernon Township Food Pantry. There will be a charge for the luncheon, and reservations are required. For more information, please contact Jane at [laystrom1@comcast.net](mailto:laystrom1@comcast.net) or 847-302-0991.

The Garden Club welcomes new members. Meetings are held at Reed-Turner on the second Monday of each month. Please contact Gerri at [847-550-6292](tel:847-550-6292) if you wish to join or seek additional information.

## **LONG GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### *Heritage Farms Program*

On Sunday, November 2 at 2 p.m. at the Reed Turner Nature Center (3849 Old McHenry Road - about half a mile south of Route 22), Long Grove Historical Society will host a presentation about the heritage farms of Lake County. Jim Menzer, treasurer of the Lake County Heritage Farm Foundation, will make the presentation.

The Lake County Heritage Farm Foundation is a nonprofit 501c3 organization dedicated to the preservation of the cultural heritage of Lake County, IL.

The joining of the Long Grove Historical Society with the LCHFF for this presentation is one more opportunity for Lake County residents and others to learn about the cultural roots of this area and the many opportunities for local history to be accessible to people of all ages.

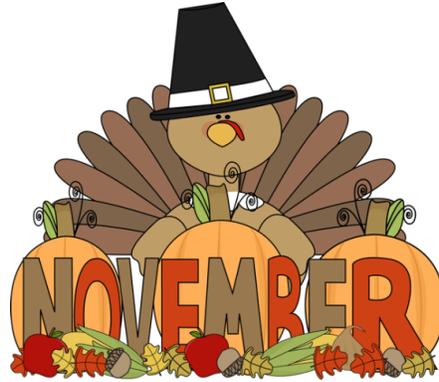
The program is free and open to the public.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### *KIRK PLAYERS PERFORMING VELVETEEN RABBIT*

The Long Grove Historical Society will be hosting a very special event on Sunday, December 7, when the Kirk Players will present the play, *The Velveteen Rabbit*; there will be two performances - 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. This wonderful, interactive play for children and adults of all ages promises to be a holiday season favorite. The play will be held at the Long Grove Village Hall (3110 Old McHenry Road). To purchase advance tickets go to the Kirk Players website, [www.kirkplayers.org](http://www.kirkplayers.org) or click on the following link: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=kirk>. You may also contact the Kirk Players by calling the Box Office at 847-521-6192.

In the spirit of the holiday season, the Historical Society is asking everyone to please bring a nonperishable food item, which will be donated to a food pantry.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER

### Long Grove Historical Society

*Heritage Farms of Lake County*

**November 2** 2 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

### Long Grove Park District

**November 3** 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

### Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

**November 4** 7 pm Village Hall

### Conservancy/Scenic Corridor Committee

**November 5** 7 pm Village Hall

### CPR/AED Class

**November 6** 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*

### Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

*Create A Wreath*

**November 10** 9:30 am Reed-Turner Woodland

### Board of Trustees

**November 11** 7 pm Village Hall

### Architectural Commission

**November 17** 7 pm Village Hall

### Board of Trustees

**November 25** Canceled