

# The Village of Long Grove Illinois E-News

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## Greetings!

As you likely know, a significant portion of Lake County, including Long Grove, had substantial rainfall Wednesday. Unfortunately, some of our subdivisions experienced flooding as a result. [Lake County has since proclaimed a state of emergency](#). Though Long Grove did fare better than many of our neighboring suburbs, the Village continues to work with our engineering firm to evaluate areas where we can help alleviate flooding now, or try to reduce or eliminate it in the future. We'll be sure to keep everyone posted.

Despite these weather challenges, I hope you are enjoying your summer, and I welcome you to the first edition of our new E-newsletter. This, along with other expanded communication efforts (see below) are part of a larger emphasis on ensuring the Village of Long Grove keeps our residents and businesses as informed as possible about local government news, and other information that impacts all of us.

You'll be hearing from new members of our Village Board in the coming months through these communications. As a Village, we will be facing some challenges, including uncertainty from our state capitol and how that will impact Long Grove, as well as the recent approval of a multi-million-dollar study for the proposed Route 53 extension (more on that below, too). Thank you to everyone who reached out to the Tollway Board to provide your thoughts and feedback on this very important issue.

On the positive side, there is exciting new business growth in our historic downtown and in other locations around the Village. Two examples are Long Grove's first Starbucks, opening soon in Sunset Grove, and our first microbrewery, Buffalo Creek Brewing, in the downtown. It's great to see the progress we are making, and there is much more to come. I hope that you will find our new communications helpful in keeping you up-to-date on what is going on in our village, and I look forward to seeing you around town.

Bill Jacob, Village President

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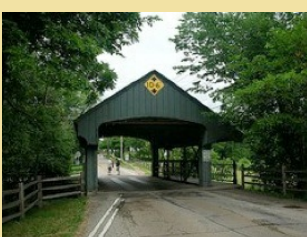
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## Covered Bridge Update



The covered bridge that connects Robert Parker Coffin Road to downtown Long Grove is in need of repair. Village officials have been considering a number of options to repair or replace, to ensure the bridge is safe

## Village Strengthens Communication Efforts for Residents and Businesses

At the [Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Village Board meeting](#), Village trustees unanimously approved a contract with an outside communications firm to strengthen the number and types of communications from the Village to its residents and business owners.

Among these new efforts are this E-newsletter, which will be emailed to subscribers every other Thursday at

10:00 a.m., in addition to a printed newsletter to be mailed to all residences and businesses in Long Grove on a bi-monthly basis - beginning with the September/October edition. Residents and businesses that are not signed up for the E-newsletter can do so by [visiting the Village website](#). A Village Facebook page will also be launched in the coming months. More information on this new social media presence will be available in upcoming communications.

**Connect-CTY** is another method of communication, which is a village-to-resident notification system. This service allows the Village to send personalized voice messages to residents and businesses regarding specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues, such as emergencies and local community matters. If you have **NOT** already signed up, or you would like to provide additional contact information, please click [here](#).



## Upcoming Roadwork and

for those who travel over it, while respecting its historical significance.

These options include:

**OPTION 1:** A two-lane bridge at a Village cost of **\$448,561** - which represents 20-percent of the total cost; federal funding is available for the remaining 80-percent. The total cost of this project would be \$1,642,961.

**OPTION 2:** Repair of the existing single lane bridge at a Village cost of **\$918,660**.

**OPTION 3:** Replace portions of the bridge at a Village cost of **\$846,680**.

**OPTION 4:** Complete replacement of the one lane bridge at a cost of **\$1,163,880**.

For a detailed summary of these options, please click [here](#).

The Long Grove covered bridge recently moved one step closer to being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. On June 30, 2017, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency unanimously recommended the bridge receive federal landmark status. The Historical Society and the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association (HDLGBA) were a driving force behind this effort. A final decision by the Agency is expected by fall, which will help guide the Village on what can be done to preserve the bridge and ensure it can be enjoyed for generations to come.

A portion of the proceeds from Strawberry Fest, which is produced by the HDLGBA were earmarked to assist with bridge restoration work, and totaled \$15,000. Funds raised from private sources to help defray the cost of restoring the bridge are both helpful and welcomed; the Village receives no revenue through property taxes to assist with these types of expenses.

### Long Grove Bridge Quick Facts

- 1) Built in 1906
- 2) Steel Truss Bridge with a Pedestrian Walkway
- 3) Only 2 of its kind in northern Illinois, and 33 in the state of Illinois
- 4) The Village has tabled the subject of the Bridge until additional pertinent

## Other Village Projects

### Storm Water Drain Improvements at Three Lakes Drive

This project was completed the week of June 26, 2017. These improvements were made to address stormwater issues on the Village right-of-way, and will help to prevent heavy floods after rainfall, which came at high costs to the Village to remediate.

### N. Krueger Road Improvements

A second public meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, July 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at [The Grove Country Club](#) regarding proposed roadway improvements for N. Krueger Road between Route 22 and West Gilmer Road. The Village performed a comprehensive tree inventory and evaluation on the project's impacts on existing trees. To preserve as many trees as possible, the Village will be presenting alternative plans that utilize federal funding for the improvements north of Eleanor Drive, and Village funding for the southern half of the project. Additional maps and exhibits will be available for viewing at the Public Meeting. Written comments may be completed at the meeting or mailed in prior to the close of the comment period on August 4, 2017. Mailed comments are to be sent to David Lothspeich, Village Manager, Village of Long Grove, 3110 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, IL 60047. All interested persons are invited to attend and provide input. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the Village Manager via e-mail at [dlothspeich@longgrove.net](mailto:dlothspeich@longgrove.net) or call 847-634-9440. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## Route 53 Proposed Extension: The Latest Updates



Credit: IIRoute53.org

The proposed extension of Route 53 to Route 120 has been a topic of debate for decades, and continues to be a possibility. Most recently, the Illinois Tollway Board approved a \$25 million Environmental Impact Study (EIS), despite [opposition from the Village of Long Grove](#), as well as leaders from a number of area municipalities.

The current facts in regard to this issue are as follows: 1) the Tollway Board reports that the study could take two to three years to complete, 2) the most recent plans do not take into consideration the recommendations of a Blue Ribbon

Advisory Council that suggested a 45 mph speed limit, and a four-lane parkway to Route 120, 3) the current plan under consideration would move forward with a traditional highway continuing from Lake Cook Road due north and west to Route 120, and 4) many area municipalities, including Long Grove, would have to forfeit land and homes if this project comes to fruition.

## Village of Long Grove Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing Process

The Village has been working on an update to the [Comprehensive Plan](#) for the last 18 months. A "Public Hearing Draft" of the proposed updates to the Village Plan has been completed and is posted on the Village website. Public hearings are required by State Statute to make any modifications to such documents; the most recent Comprehensive Plan was completed in 1999. **The first public hearing will be held on August 15, 2017 at [The Grove Country Club](#).** The latest information regarding this project continues to be updated on the [Village's website](#).



Municipal planning is a rational process for determining the location, intensity, and amount of land that development will require for future land use needs, while protecting and preserving the natural environment and established character of the community. Plans should be based upon goals and objectives that have been produced and accepted by the community. The Village is working to ensure the plans included in the Comprehensive Plan are realistic, that they gain public support, and are implemented. For more information, visit the Village website or contact Village Planner James Hogue at 847-634-9440. Input and participation from residents regarding this planning effort are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated by the Village of Long Grove. Click [here](#) to visit the **project website**, enter your email address to follow and receive email updates. Click [here](#) to enter

## Village of Long Grove

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Village Clerk  
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Please email [info@longgroveIL.gov](mailto:info@longgroveIL.gov) to provide feedback about this newsletter and other expanded communication efforts.

## Community Calendar



*(click on the events below for more information)*

Thursday, July 13, 2017

[Second Informational Meeting  
N. Krueger Road Improvements](#)

Saturday, July 15, 2017

[Village Board Strategic Meeting](#)

Sunday, July 16, 2017

[Annual Cars & Cigars Fundraiser](#)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 6:00 p.m.  
Village Hall

[Special Village Board/Plan  
Commission & Zoning Board of  
Appeals Meeting](#)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:00 p.m.  
The Grove Country Club

[Special Village Board Meeting](#)

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Long Grove Village Board Meeting  
(Coming Soon)

Fridays and Sundays  
July 26 - August 30, 2017

[Arts and Music Council Free Friday  
Movies and Sunday Concerts](#)

Thursday, July 27, 2017 \*\*  
*(for businesses, schools, and government  
only, no personal electronics recycling)*

[Solid Waste Agency of Lake County  
\(SWALCO\) Hosts Electronics  
Recycling Collection\\*\\*](#)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Long Grove Village Board Meeting  
(Coming Soon)

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

[Public Hearing for Long Grove  
Comprehensive Plan](#)

*To view all upcoming Village of Long Grove public meetings, agendas  
and minutes, click [here](#).*

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