

THE BRIDGE

JUNE 2024

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

A Message From The President

It was great to see all the activity in our village this past spring.

We officially kicked off the village hall renovation project with the 1850's circa Ruth Barn being moved to a new location on the village hall campus. It was amazing to observe as it was carefully moved and placed on its new foundation, and it seems fitting that this is all happening coincident with the 50th Anniversary of the Long Grove Historic Society. The Historical Society was formed in 1974 to accept the Drexler Tavern that was built in 1859 and has been serving as our village hall. At our board meeting on April 9th I recognized the Historical Society and the contributions all if its volunteers have made to Long Grove over the past 50 years.



There was much buzz around the village with the filming of the My Grown-Up Christmas Wish starring Mario Lopez. It was great to see the residents and other community members take part. I am looking forward to seeing the movie this fall.

Our downtown merchants hosted another successful Chocolate Fest as the weather was perfect! I had an opportunity to meet and thank the three new business owners that moved into the recently renovated building by the covered bridge. It is great to see the continued investment in the downtown, including the former Season's property that was built by Fred Sauer in 1873 as his personal residence. When complete, it will once again serve as banquet facility as well as a breakfast restaurant.

The Village applied for a federal grant through Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office to connect our downtown water system to Lake Michigan water. While we were successful in the awarding of funding, during the appropriations process the \$2.3 million the Village requested was reduced to just under \$1 million. The village board and staff will be working on the best approach to this project considering the reduced funding.

The Board recently awarded the 2024 road paving program to Builder's Paver LLC in the amount of \$ 705,778 which we jointly bid with Kildeer and Ela Township. The bid came

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SUMMER EVENTS

8/31 - 9/2 - IRISH DAYS
9/20-9/22 - APPLE FEST

UPCOMING MEETINGS

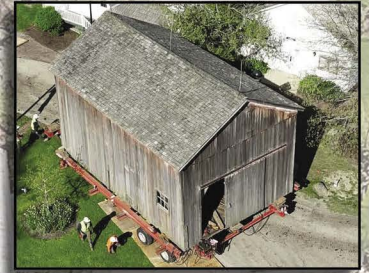
ALL AT 7:00 P.M.

ARCHITECTURAL
COMMISSION
6/17/24 7/15/24
8/19/24

PLAN COMMISSION &
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
6/18/24 7/16/24
7/2/24 8/6/24
8/20/24

VILLAGE BOARD
MEETINGS
ALL AT 7:00 P.M.

6/25/24 7/23/24
7/9/24 8/13/24
8/20/24



Village Hall Expansion Project Begins

After a year of logistical planning, we have begun work on the expansion of the village hall. Before the project could commence, the historic Ruth Barn needed to be moved to a new location on the village grounds adjacent to the Archer School building. A very wet spring season caused some delays, but Carmichael Construction expertly poured new concrete piers and prepared the ground for the barn move.

In early May, our engineering partner Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. and the highly skilled experts from DeVooght House Lifters made the barn move happen in two days.

In order to document this engineering feat, Gewalt Hamilton provided some amazing drone footage from the move, and our communications agency, Wisdom Bridge Marketing, prepared a compilation video for everyone to enjoy on the village's You Tube channel.

The next phase of construction is the replacement of a septic system that was installed in the 1970's. Village services will continue during regular business hours throughout the construction project. We'll continue to share progress updates on our social media sites.



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in approximately \$282,000 less than our engineer’s estimated cost. Because of inflation concerns, the anticipated pavement cost per square yard was \$40 but, it came in 37% less at \$27 per square yard. This is 17% less than last year and one of the lowest since we started our paving program 10 years ago. There are many factors that influence the bid pricing year to year, but Long Grove has been fortunate that paving costs have remained relatively flat compared to the \$ 32 per square yard that our 15-year paving plan was based on. After the work is completed, we will have repaved 83% of our village-maintained roads 10 years into our 15-year paving plan, 2.5 years ahead of schedule.

Regarding the possibility of launching a new program to provide financial assistance to those HOAs responsible for their own road maintenance, the board felt that we were not ready for a decision on that. My hope is that we will be able to revisit later this year.

Lastly, the state has passed their FY ‘24 -25 budget which includes \$1 million in funding to prepare a master plan for the Route 53 corridor, and advances our goal of converting the corridor into a greenspace for recreation and trail connectivity for our village.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Bill Jacob
Village President

Green Monday Electronics Disposal

Waste Management, the village’s provider of trash removal services, is committed to preventing electronic items from entering landfills and getting critical materials to the recycling system.

The next electronics pick-ups from Waste Management are scheduled for: **July 1 and August 5.**

If you have unused items and wish to dispose of them in an environmentally friendly manner, then Green Monday is your opportunity. Residents should call Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 and notify them about the item you will leave at the roadside.



Items accepted by Waste Management:

Computers	Electronic mice	Computer	Video Game Consoles
Televisions	Scanners	Monitors	Cable Receivers
Electronic Keyboards	Digital Converter Boxes	Printers	Digital Video Recorders
VCRs	Satellite Receivers	Fax Machines	Small Scale Servers
DVD Players		Digital Music Players	



A mild winter/spring season has permitted a great deal of progress on the Aptakisic Road reconstruction effort. Over the past few months road crew members have made marked progress on sewer line replacement and utility projects from Route 83 eastbound. We provide regular updates on traffic configuration changes and commuter updates on our social media channels.

Want To Get Involved?



If you’ve ever thought about becoming involved in local government, we have an opening on our Architectural Commission.

Individuals with experience in architecture and or construction, would make you an ideal candidate. Use the QR code to reach and complete the volunteer form.



LONG GROVE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Adam Harris has been appointed clerk of the Village of Long Grove. He was officially sworn in by Village President Bill Jacob at the April 25th Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Harris replaces Michele Schmitke, who recently resigned as her family moved out of the area.



A managing partner at the Harris, Harris, Cabrera Law Firm in Lincolnshire, Adam brings a tremendous amount of business experience to the village team. At the swearing in ceremony, President Bill Jacob added, “Adam moved his family

to Long Grove; he loves the community and wishes to give back by serving as our clerk. We are fortunate to have him, and look forward to the experience he will bring to village residents.”

Christmas Movie Captivates

Hollywood arrived in Long Grove in grand fashion, and the instant buzz began on March 25th when Mario Lopez, his wife Courtney, and their son Dominic began work on *My Grown-Up Christmas Wish*, a Great American Family Productions project, scheduled for release around Thanksgiving of 2024.

But much more than three weeks of glitz and glamor came to the village. The creative team decided to film the entire production

in our community, something quite unusual in today's highly portable film-making business. The village resources, elegance, charm, and friendliness of residents and business owners captivated these creative minds. So much so, in fact, that many Long Grove merchants and residents were cast as extras.

The Lopez family and crew members dined at our restaurants, bought gifts and souvenirs from boutique shops, and

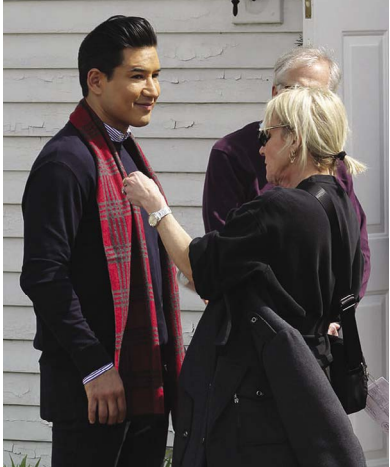
posed for prized selfies with hundreds of people during their time here.

Unity is the word that comes to mind from being part of this wonderful experience. People throughout the village joined together, accommodated long production schedules, offered their businesses for filming locations, and shared in the joy of something much larger – togetherness.

The TV news interviews, live taping of Access Hollywood with Mario, gear trucks, and yes, Christmas ornaments are now gone. But the unity and holiday-like atmosphere remain. It's back to business as usual, and perhaps the beginnings of a new niche as a welcoming, idyllic background for uplifting stories yet to be written.



Hearts and Minds



Frequently Asked Questions About Trees

As our name states, we are part of a grove, well known to residents, whose stewardship mission is to protect and plan for the future of the tremendous variety of trees we enjoy. Like any living thing, trees have a lifespan and require careful replacement designing for the enjoyment of future generations.

Our staff fields many calls throughout the year with specific questions about removal, planting, and trimming requirements.

Here are some of the common issues and answers:

Do I need a permit to plant a tree?

No. We do suggest calling J.U.L.I.E (800) 892-0123 to have underground utilities marked before digging. Striking a buried gas line, or worse yet, electrical cable could be deadly, and dangerous to the community.



When planting a tree are there any exceptions to be aware of?

Yes. Any planting within a conservancy area requires approval by the Conservancy and Scenic Corridor Committee. It is a good idea to check your plat of survey to verify any conservancy areas.

I have a dead tree on my property; is a permit required for removal?

Yes, all tree removals [with the exception of Ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer and Buckthorn] require a permit.

What emergency circumstances warrant tree removal without a permit?

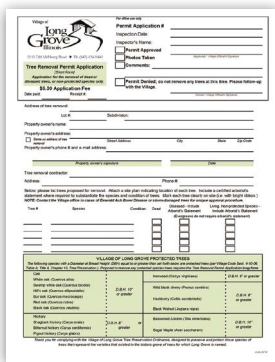
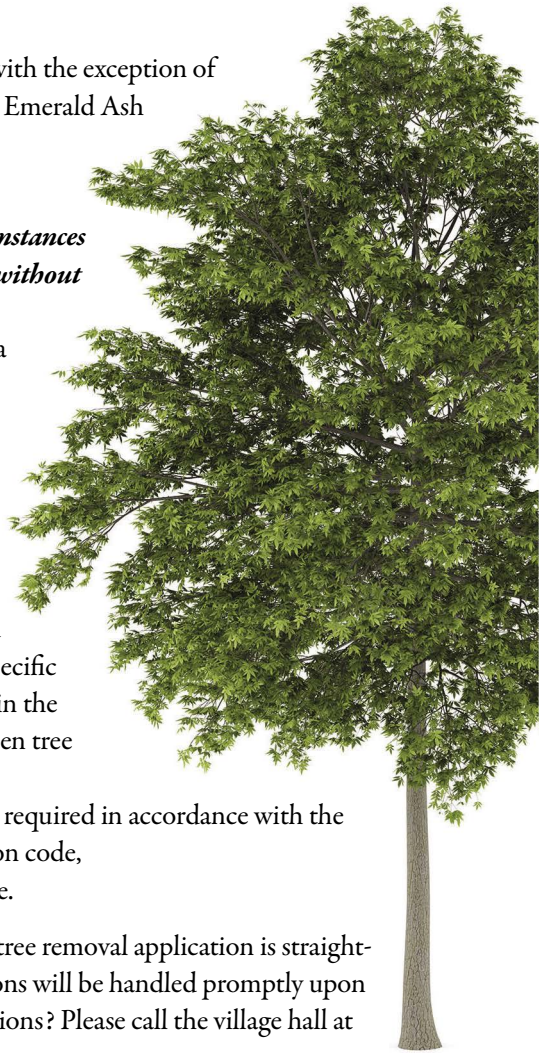
Only trees downed by a storm may be cleared without a permit.

Are some trees protected species?

What is the policy on those varieties?

If a desired tree removal falls under the list of specific species and sizes listed in the protected tree chart, then tree replacement and a security deposit will be required in accordance with the village's tree preservation code, available on our website.

The process to begin a tree removal application is straightforward, and applications will be handled promptly upon receipt. Still have questions? Please call the village hall at (847) 634-9440.



Join the Conversation on Social Media

The Village has been working to expand our social media presence. When urgent news or event information is available, we provide real-time updates on our social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, Linked In, Nextdoor, and YouTube. We also offer *Connections*, a monthly digital newsletter, emailed to those who opt-in to receive the publication.



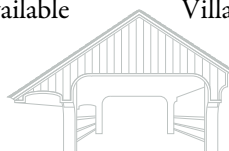
Facebook – For nearly twenty years, people have shared information with family, friends and colleagues on the world's largest social media network. We host a page with a variety of posts including emergency bulletins, meeting updates, and Village events.

Instagram is a free photo and video sharing platform available for iPhone and Android devices. The Village recently launched this channel to share news and partner/ community information in a visually compelling format.

Linked In has become the world's largest online business networking platform. The Village uses this channel to share news and interact with fellow government agencies and business organizations throughout Illinois.

You Tube – has taken the world by storm, offering everyone an opportunity to create, and host video content on this worldwide outlet. We host our own channel, stream live board meetings and post video recordings of Trustee meetings and other newsworthy features.

We encourage all residents and businesses in the area to follow the Village social media channels, and join the discussion, sharing helpful suggestions and commentary.

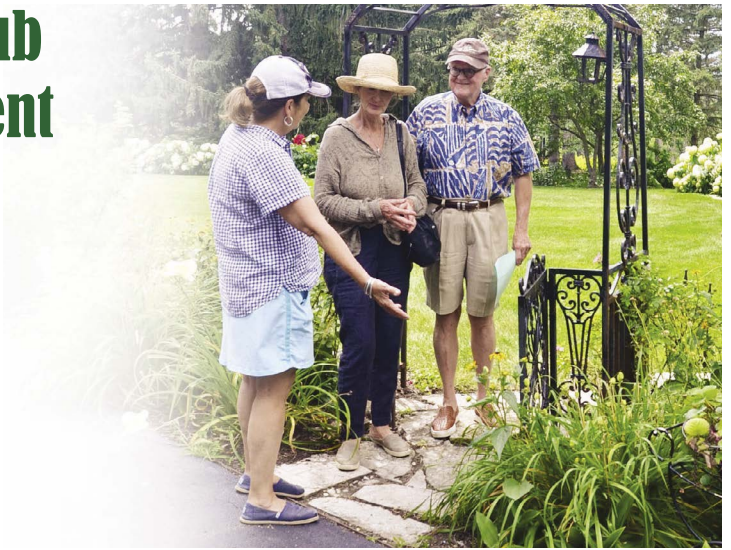


Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club Holds Annual Garden Walk Event

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will be holding their annual Garden Walk on Friday, July 19th, 2024. This always popular event is a great opportunity to get up close and personal with a few of the area's beautiful private gardens. These personal landscapes will inspire you with ideas for your own garden. This year, the tour includes four different gardens, followed by an optional lunch at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center in Long Grove.

The club's annual Garden Walk started over 20 years ago, and originally was a members-only event. Over time, it became open to the public with over 100 attendees. The Garden Walk is the club's second largest fund raiser, and it's still a bargain at \$30 with lunch or \$20 without lunch.

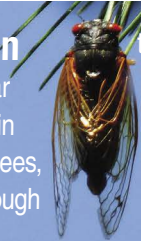
Attendees meet at Reed-Turner Woodland, 3849 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove, between 9 and 10 am, to pick up their information packet. Then, they use their GPS to go off and enjoy the four gardens at their own pace. It usually takes about 3 to 4 hours. Those having lunch will return to Reed-Turner.



Registration, lunch choices and payment can be done online at: <https://form.jotform.com/241458800339054>. Deadline for Registration is July 8, 2024. We encourage you to register early as we are expecting a high demand this year! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Penny at (602) 304-8725 or Helen at (847) 302-2760.

Cicadas Making Their Presence Known

Back in 2007, was the last time we experienced the 17-year periodical Cicada (Brood XIII). Their familiar "song" began in mid-May as the temperatures climbed just south of 90 degrees, creating sufficient soil warmth as their cue to emerge. Although



they are loud and, to some, disturbing, cicadas are only around for a brief time for mating and egg-laying rituals, with newly hatched cicadas returning to the ground and hibernating until their next appearance in 2041. The brood is here, so keep watch over this natural marvel and protect young trees until their finale.

Welcome New Businesses (Uniquely Long Grove)



We are pleased to welcome Parakeet Pilates Studio, Rachel's Whimsical Boutique, and Blooming Boutique Floral Shop to the village. These merchants have recently opened their doors downtown near the covered bridge.



Shopping local helps reduce environmental impact from less driving, and also adds an element of community and customer service often missing in online commerce. Locally spent dollars typically recirculate in town, so let's band together, and do business with a neighbor.



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Long Grove Fire Protection District – **847-634-3143**



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