



THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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LONG GROVE SUSPENDS ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

In 2012, the Village of Long Grove established an electric aggregation program. To date, the average participating ratepayer has saved \$635, for a cumulative Village savings of \$1,367,000.

The current electric aggregation program expires in May 2017. The Village received competitive bids to extend the program; however, the Village could not obtain rates that would be guaranteed to be lower than the ComEd rate. The Village will monitor the market and may re-establish the program should rates turn more favorable in the future. Participating ratepayers will receive a confirmation letter from ComEd in April, notifying them of the return to ComEd supply. **Residents do not need to take any action; they will automatically be moved back to ComEd** at their meter read date in May, which will be reflected on ComEd bills received in June.

Residents are encouraged to take a look at options for electric rates. It is anticipated that with the suspension of the Village's program residents may receive more solicitations from electric companies. When considering any solicitations, residents are strongly advised to avoid any monthly fees (that may be added to a fixed supply rate), early termination fees, and variable rates, which may float with no upward cap. Never provide your ComEd account number to a solicitor unless you have contacted them directly to enroll and you have reviewed all terms and conditions. Also avoid any "deadlines" associated with signing up for a program. If solicitors contact you in-person and indicate that they are associated with the Village's program, please contact the Village so that we can determine if the entity has a proper solicitor's license. For more information, visit www.PlugInIllinois.org.

If you have any questions regarding the program, you may call the Village's consultant, NIMEC, at 800-727-3820 to leave your question and callback number. You will be contacted by NIMEC within 24 hours.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS – APRIL 4th

The Consolidated Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 4. Village residents will be electing a village president, village clerk, and three trustees. Running unopposed for *Village President* is *Bill Jacob* and for *Village Clerk* is *Amy Johns Gayton*. There are five candidates running for the *three trustee positions* including: *Anne Kritzmire, John Marshall, Rita O'Connor, Bobbie O'Reilly, and Patrick C. Tode*.

The Palatine Chapter of the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" night on Monday, March 13 from 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) until 10 p.m. at Woodlawn Middle School Gym (6362 Gilmer Road, Long Grove). Everyone is welcome to attend.

COVERED BRIDGE UPDATE

On February 9th, the Village was notified that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has determined that our covered bridge is eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. IDOT subsequently informed the Village that because of this status, federal law would now prohibit the use of state or federal money to demolish the covered bridge. As a result of this and the many public comments received via email, petitions, and expressed in person at the February 14th Village Board meeting, the Trustees voted in a non-binding "straw poll" to discontinue spending any further time and money exploring the option of replacing the current covered bridge with a two-lane version built to federal standards.



Our Village staff and engineers will be meeting with the federal representatives in the next month to better determine what steps are needed to study and restore the bridge in accordance with the guidelines for eligibility for the National Register.

VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Good 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. Good planning ensures that the plans are realistic, gain public support, and are, consequently, implemented.

For approximately the past 18 months, the Village has been working on an update to the Comprehensive Plan. (The last time modifications were made to the Plan was in 1999.) As part of the revision process, a Steering Committee was formed to review and carefully scrutinize both the text and maps of the Village Comprehensive Plan. After a longer than anticipated review of the draft document, the update is nearing completion.

What's the next step in the current review process? A public hearing is required by statute to make modifications to the Village Comprehensive Plan. Within the next two or three months it is anticipated that a public hearing will be scheduled to present a draft of the proposed updates to the Plan. Once a date has been set it will be posted to the Village website (www.longgrove.net), along with the proposed draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the community to review.

For more information, visit the Village Web page or call Village Planner James Hogue at 847-634-9440. Your input and participation in this planning effort is strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated by the Village of Long Grove.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM CONTINUES IN 2017

SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) is pleased the electronics recycling program in Lake County will continue through 2017. Items such as televisions, computers, monitors, printers, and other electronic devices can no longer be thrown out with the garbage to end up as landfill. These items should be recycled.

Mobile collection events that occur during the year are announced 45 days prior to the event. To find out if an electronics recycling collection is planned, visit SWALCO's website at www.swalco.org.

There are four FREE residential electronics recycling collection sites within Lake County. These collection sites are open to Lake County residents only.

Year Round Drop Off Location	Address and Hours of Operation	Additional Information
Cuba Township: Road District Facility	28070 W. Cuba Road Barrington, IL Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 2:30 pm Excluding Holidays	
Grant Township: Road District Facility	26535 Molidor Road Ingleside, IL Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Excluding Holidays	
Grayslake: Public Works Facility	585 Berry Avenue Grayslake, IL Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Saturday 8:00 am to NOON Excluding Holidays	Also Accepting: Clothing & Textiles, Shoes, Mixed Paper, Cardboard, Plastic Containers, Glass Bottles & Jars, Steel Cans, Food Scraps
Highland Park: Recycling Center	1180 Half Day Road Highland Park, IL Every Tuesday 7:00 am to 1:00 pm 1st Saturday of the month 7:00 am to 1:00 pm Excluding Holidays	Also Accepting: Clothing and Textiles, Shoes, Polystyrene Foam: Cup, Containers & Packaging, Fluorescent Light Bulbs

**LONG GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
CPR/AED CLASSES
& FIRST AID CLASSES**

\$15 In-District/\$30 Out-of-District

For a schedule of classes offered
call the Long Grove Fire Protection District
847-634-3143



LWW League of Women Voters
of the
Palatine Area

is holding a

Candidates Forum

for

Long Grove Village Trustee



Monday, March 13th

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Forum starts at 7:00 p.m.

Woodlawn Middle School
6362 Gilmer Rd.
Long Grove, IL



League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, political organization whose mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government; to increase understanding of major policy issues; and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to any citizen over the age of 18, regardless of gender, color, race, or ethnic group.

Find out more at www.lwypalatinearea.org

REMEMBER?



**Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!**



**MARCH 12
AT 2 A.M.**

Time to change the batteries in your
smoke and CO detectors

SAVE THE DATE
**NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION
WEEKEND**



**Saturday, April 22
and Sunday, April 23**

Help clean up your neighborhood

Place filled garbage bags along the side of the road.
Waste Management will pick up the bags
Monday, April 24 *and* Friday, April 28

**Questions?
Call the Village office
847-634-9440**





March 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CSC Committee

March 1 7 pm Village Hall

Long Grove Park District

March 6 7 pm Reed-Turner Woodland

Board of Trustees

March 14 7 pm Village Hall

Architectural Commission

March 20 7 pm Village Hall

Board of Trustees

March 28 7 pm Village Hall