

# Village Spokesman

Village of La Grange  
53 South La Grange Road  
La Grange, IL 60525



March/April 2015



**Municipal Elections: April 7, 2015** — Candidates for La Grange Trustee, Library Board and Park District will be held at regular polling places on Tuesday, April 7. In addition, there will be a referenda question authorizing a .75% increase in the Retail Use Tax (Sales Tax) in La Grange. Should it pass, the Village Board will vote to decrease the Food & Beverage Tax by 1% (a full elimination).

Proceeds from a “yes” vote will go for specific initiatives: storm water management, sewer repair, police and economic development.

As noted above, the increase in the Village’s local sale tax requires voter approval and is the subject of a “referendum” question on the April 7, 2015 election ballot. Note: this referenda does not negatively impact existing and additional projects north of 47<sup>th</sup> Street.

The final, Board-directed alignment of proposed revenues and spending priorities under the “referendum” budget is outlined in the table below:

REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS / IMPACTS OF REFERENDA			
	Proposed Revenue	Current	Proposed
1.	Increase Non-home Rule Sales Tax (requires voter approval).	0.25%	1.0%
2.	Eliminate Food and Beverage Tax. <i>(Only if referenda passes.)</i>	1.0%	0%
SPENDING PRIORITIES			
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
	Flood Mitigation Projects		Cost
1.	Add Village-wide sewer lining (based on critical need). <i>(Only if referenda passes.)</i>		\$500,000
2.	Add construction of the 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Relief Storm Sewer from Spring Avenue to East Avenue in 2016-17. <i>(Only if referenda passes.)</i>		\$11,720,000
3.	Add construction of a flood wall along Brainard Avenue between 49 <sup>th</sup> Street and 51 <sup>st</sup> Street in 2015-16. <i>(Only if referenda passes.)</i>		\$750,000
4.	Construction of a lateral sewer from the intersection of 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and 49 <sup>th</sup> Street to the new 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer in 2017. <i>(Only if referenda passes.)</i>		\$2,110,000
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
5.	Public safety (restore a police officer position in 2015-16).		\$100,000
6.	Restore Economic Development resources. <i>(Only if referenda passes.)</i>		\$50,000

The revenue enhancements generate approximately \$1.2M per year to fund a corresponding amount of annual debt service and operating expenditures. The allocation of resources of the “referendum” budget are Village-wide. For example, existing funding for the Maple Avenue Relief Sewer and other capital projects as budgeted, which may otherwise be delayed or re-appropriated in order to address the unique conditions south of 47<sup>th</sup> Street will be preserved. The capital maintenance sewer lining work, enhanced public safety and enhanced economic development activities have a Village-wide benefit. For more information on this topic, please visit the Village’s website at [www.villageoflagrange.com](http://www.villageoflagrange.com) under “Village News”.

Absentee Ballot applications are available at the Village Hall or on-line at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com). Early voting will take place Monday, March 23 through Saturday, April 4 at selected sites. Please visit the County’s website for additional information.

---

---

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE  
Village Hall  
53 South La Grange Road  
La Grange, IL 60525

Village Spokesman

PRESORTED STANDARD US POSTAGE PAID LA GRANGE, IL PERMIT NO. 34
--

**LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER  
LA GRANGE, IL 60525**

*Vehicle and Animal Licenses — Due April 30, 2015.*

*PURCHASE ONLINE at [www.villageoflagrange.com](http://www.villageoflagrange.com) on the home page under “How Do I...?”*

In order to qualify for a favorable postal rate, postal regulations require the Village of La Grange to deliver our publications to some residents outside the Village.



**“Spring Clean-Up” Day** — will be held the week of April 13, 2015, on your regular collection day only. The same rules apply as last year. Residents are required to affix three stickers in total to the unlimited household refuse set out for collection.

For recycling and waste reduction alternatives or for additional information, please visit the home page of the Village’s website at [www.villageoflagrange.com](http://www.villageoflagrange.com) or contact the Village Hall at 708-579-2313.

**Republic Services Rate Increase** — Effective May 1, 2015, the cost of a general refuse sticker and yard waste sticker for La Grange residents will increase by 20¢, from \$4.60 to \$4.80. This is a scheduled price increase pursuant to a five-year contract between the Village of La Grange and Republic Services approved in 2012.

As an alternative to purchasing stickers, residents can subscribe to either a 65-gallon or a 95-gallon toter subscription service for refuse collection. Toters are wheeled carts completely enclosed with an attached lid. When you subscribe to the toter service, you will be provided a 65-gallon recycling cart at no additional cost. The monthly cost of the 65-gallon toter service will increase by 70¢ from \$19.55 to \$20.25; and the 95-gallon toter service will increase by 25¢ from \$25.75 to \$26.00 per month. To establish toter service, residents should contact Republic Services at [www.republicil.com/LG](http://www.republicil.com/LG) or directly at 708-345-7050. Additional details regarding the residential refuse and recycling program are available on the Village’s website at [www.villageoflagrange.com](http://www.villageoflagrange.com), at the Village Hall or by calling 708-579-2313.

Comments or questions may be directed to our editor, Cathy Benjamin, at 708-579-2313  
[cbenjamin@villageoflagrange.com](mailto:cbenjamin@villageoflagrange.com)

---