

# Village Spokesman

Village of La Grange  
53 South La Grange Road  
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## *Behind-the-Scenes Look into the La Grange Police Department*



The Village of La Grange Police Department has developed a Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) to educate La Grange residents and business owners about the structure and activities of the police department. The program is free. The CPA is not a "training" course but is an exciting "informational" class that offers a behind-the-scenes look into the La Grange Police Department.

The Citizen's Police Academy brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant. The goal of the La Grange Citizen's Police Academy is to strengthen the partnership between the La Grange Police and the community. Close interaction builds trust and confidence. By strengthening this relationship, a stronger team approach could be used to handle law enforcement issues that may challenge our community.

The Academy meets at the police station every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. starting on August 24, 2010. Using both hands-on and classroom instruction, each of the 11 sessions focuses on various aspects of police work. During the academy, participants will be given an opportunity to ride along with a La Grange police officer during a shift, process a crime scene, and observe the inner workings of the communications center.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at [www.villageoflagrange.com](http://www.villageoflagrange.com). Click on "Departments" and then "Police". On the left hand side of the screen, click on "Citizen's Police Academy".



**Pedestrian Safety** — On Thursday, July 22, Governor Quinn signed HB 43 into law (PA 96-1165). HB43 requires vehicles to stop and yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, rather than yield the right-of-way by slowing down and stopping if necessary. This change in wording is expected to provide the statutory clarification necessary to improve enforcement efforts and increase driver awareness of pedestrian safety.

Although the new law goes into effect immediately, we are awaiting information from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to provide motorists and pedestrians with proper guidance as to operating rules and enforcement.

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*West End Art Festival* — Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. adjacent to the Stone Avenue Station in historic West End Business District of La Grange.

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.



## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Village of La Grange Town Meetings

The elected officials of the Village of La Grange invite you to a series of Town Meetings. The Village periodically conducts Town Meetings to further promote communications between Village officials and residents in a small group setting. Dates and locations are as follows:

**Monday, September 27** Seventh Avenue School Gymnasium, 701 S. Seventh Avenue

**Monday, October 25** Ogden Avenue School Gymnasium, Ogden and Waiola Avenues

**Monday, November 22** Community Center, 200 Washington Avenue

A brief business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion with the audience, geared toward your specific neighborhood. However, residents are invited to attend any or all of these meetings. The event will conclude with a social hour and light refreshments.

**We welcome your questions and comments!**

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