

# Village Spokesman

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



March/April 2011



**“Spring Clean-Up” Day** — to be held the week of April 4, 2011, 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.

Examples of **ACCEPTABLE** items: appliances, bulk items (bicycles, fans, etc.), carpet (must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, and no more than 30 lbs in weight).

Examples of **UNACCEPTABLE** items: construction and demolition debris, scrap wood and lumber, paint, concrete, asphalt, rocks, bricks, car parts, tires, batteries, any type of fluid, ammunition, hazardous or medical waste, radioactive materials, yard waste, fencing, and railroad ties.

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 by contacting the Village Hall at 708-579-2313.

**Allied Waste Rate Increase** — Effective May 1, 2011, the cost of a general refuse sticker and yard waste sticker for La Grange residents will increase by 25¢, from \$3.95 to \$4.20. This is a scheduled price increase pursuant to a five-year contract between the Village of La Grange and Allied Waste approved in 2007.

As an alternative to purchasing stickers, residents can subscribe to a toter service for refuse collection. Toters are wheeled carts with a 96-gallon capacity. Each cart holds the equivalent of 3 cans of garbage. Toters are completely enclosed with an attached lid to prevent odor problems and keep unwanted pests out of your trash. The cart service is a clean and convenient way to store and dispose of garbage. Material outside the toter still requires refuse stickers. The cost of the toter service will remain the same at \$26.25 per month. Please contact Allied Waste directly at 708-345-7050.

**Vehicle and Animal Licenses** — Applications will be mailed out March 1<sup>st</sup> and are due April 30, 2011. Local ordinance requires that all vehicles housed or registered at a La Grange address must display a La Grange vehicle sticker.

Due to increasing costs related to the maintenance and repair of Village streets, the vehicle license fee has increased to \$30 for FY 2011-12 (the senior citizen fee remains \$5, one per household). This is the first increase in vehicle sticker fees in over 20 years. Truck fees also have increased depending on the weight of the vehicle, ranging from \$50 to \$110.

**PURCHASE ONLINE!** For your convenience, you will be able to purchase your FY 2011-12 vehicle and animal licenses online starting March 1, 2011. To use this **FREE** service, logon to the Village’s website at [www.villageoflagrange.com](http://www.villageoflagrange.com) on the home page under “**How Do I...?**” Please watch for additional details included with the license renewal applications.

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**Voter Registration and Absentee/Early Voting** — The last day to accept voter registration or transfers of registration for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election is Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Residents may register to vote in person from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays in the Administration office on the first floor of the Village Hall, 53 S. La Grange Road. Two pieces of identification are required, including one with your current address (photo ID's are not required).

Applications for an Absentee Voter's Ballot are also available at the Village Hall or online at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com).

Early voting will take place Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 31 at selected sites. A government issued photo ID is required to early vote.

Additional information regarding Absentee Voter's Ballot and Early Voting sites is available on the County's website at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) or by calling 312-603-0906.

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