

# Village Spokesman

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



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## *Join Us for Some Great La Grange Events!*



**La Grange ROCKS Rocking Chair Auction** — this event will be held on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the Village Hall front lawn and plaza. The auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Local restaurants will participate in a “Taste of La Grange” by providing beverage and appetizer portions of menu items.

**La Grange Sidewalk Sale** — La Grange retailers are getting together for an end-of-summer sidewalk sale to be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the La Grange Business Association, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sidewalk Sale will take place in La Grange Business Districts. Pick up a prize card from a participating merchant, visit a minimum of 12 member stores, and you could be a winner of one of dozens of great prizes. Shuttle transportation will be available to and from the shops at the West End Business District

**2011 Patriot Day Remembrance** — A commemoration ceremony to honor the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and the military personnel who have died in the war against terrorism will be held on September 11, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941, 900 S. La Grange Road. A keynote address will be delivered by Major General Dennis Celletti, Commander of the Illinois Army National Guard. Residents of the La Grange area are invited to join together in this uniting ceremony.

**West End Art Festival & Evening of Art & Jazz** — Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, the West End Art Festival will be held Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Presented by the La Grange Business Association, in cooperation with the Village of La Grange, the festival is located in front of the Stone Avenue Station along Burlington Avenue between Brainard and Spring Avenues. The festival will showcase paintings, sculpture, wood, ceramics, photography, jewelry, watercolor, acrylic, oil, glass, drawings, and mixed media creations of jury-selected artists from around the country. Other highlights include live music, food from local La Grange restaurants and children’s art activities.



**“An Evening of Art and Jazz”** will be held on Friday, September 16, from 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. featuring live jazz music by Akalibrio and an Artist Preview and Sale. Drinks and appetizers will be available for purchase. Don’t miss this unique and relaxing weekend festival.

**Race Unity Rally** — The CommUNITY Diversity Group will host the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Unity Rally at the La Grange Village Hall on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is Bea Young, Founder of Bea Young Association LLC, who will discuss the educational achievement gap. CEP’s “Watch My Feet” dance troupe will also be performing. Please join us as we celebrate diversity in our community!

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**La Grange Fire Department Open House  
Saturday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

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**Back to School Safety** — As traffic and pedestrian safety is a priority for the Village of La Grange, and to ensure a safe environment for school-aged children by increasing public awareness, the Village would like to provide motorists, residents and parents with the following safety reminders:

- ✓ The speed limit around schools is 20mph. Please drive carefully.
- ✓ Parents and children should use designated walking routes to ensure safety.
- ✓ Please obey crossing guard commands; this applies to everyone.
- ✓ Parents should consider establishing a “walking school bus” whereby an adult accompanies a group of neighborhood children walking to school.
- ✓ Drivers must stop and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians when a person is walking with a green light or has entered a crosswalk before the traffic signal has changed.
- ✓ Motorists must stop before passing a school bus when it is loading or unloading passengers. Motorists must remain stopped when the signal arm is extended and lights are flashing.
- ✓ Parents are asked to exercise extra caution and allow themselves additional time for student drop-off and pick-up.
- ✓ Cell phone usage is prohibited while driving on a roadway in a school speed zone.
- ✓ The La Grange Police Department will be patrolling around schools to ensure child safety.

The Village asks that all motorists drive carefully through La Grange.

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