

La Grange, Illinois

The Village Spokesman

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Pedestrian Safety

The Village continues to address pedestrian safety and traffic management issues throughout the community. We are currently concentrating on the following initiatives to enhance pedestrian safety in the 47th Street corridor:

- The Village re-aligned the curb cuts and sidewalks on 47th Street between La Grange Road and 9th Avenue.
- The Village examined the corridor west of La Grange Road and installed two curb cuts on the south side of 47th Street at Leitch Avenue.
- The Village had a private contractor apply long-lasting, highly reflective thermoplastic paint to establish parallel bar crosswalks on cross streets within the entire 47th Street corridor. Residents are encouraged to cross at 47th Street's signalized intersections and at the 9th Avenue pedestrian crosswalk.
- Pavement markings at the signalized intersection of 47th Street and Edgewood Avenue have been enhanced.
- Village staff met with KLOA, the Village's traffic consultant, to develop plans to enhance safety and visibility at the 47th Street and 9th Avenue crossing. It was determined that pedestrian-activated flashing yellow beacons would achieve the best balance between pedestrian safety and traffic flow. The Illinois Department of Transportation has provided conceptual approval of the enhanced pedestrian crossing design, but requires plans and permit approval before installation can begin.
- We have requested proposals from our traffic consultant to conduct speed studies for the 47th Street corridor, the Ogden Avenue corridor, and La Grange Road south of 47th Street. Such studies are required by the State for consideration of our request to lower the speed limit on these roadways.
- We have also asked our traffic consultant to submit proposals for enhancing the Central Business District crosswalk at Calendar Avenue and La Grange Road.

The Village will continue to provide updates regarding the progress of these efforts at Village Board meetings and via email.

CBD Street Resurfacing Project

On Monday, July 13, work commenced on resurfacing streets within the Central Business District (CBD). The following street segments are included in the resurfacing project:

- Burlington Avenue from Kensington Avenue to La Grange Road
- Calendar Avenue from Ashland Avenue to La Grange Road
- Harris Avenue from Ashland Avenue to La Grange Road
- Harris Avenue from La Grange Road to Sixth Avenue
- Ashland Avenue from Harris Avenue to Burlington Avenue

Construction will cause travel delays and on-street parking will be impacted on a daily basis. Residents are encouraged to utilize the Calendar Court parking lot and the Central Business District parking structure for their parking needs.

The project is expected to be substantially complete by Labor Day. The Village will endeavor to minimize conflicts with the start of the 2009-10 school year.

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