

Village Spokesman

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



November/December 2012



Economic Development — we are thrilled to announce the planned opening of several new restaurants in downtown La Grange. This holiday season, please shop and dine locally! Enjoy La Grange!

Smashburger, a fast — casual restaurant offering cooked-to-order burgers, fries, salads, chicken sandwiches and shakes, will be opening soon at 1 N. La Grange Road (former Border's location).

Cafe 103, coming soon to 9 S. La Grange Road featuring a restaurant with bar area, including cooking classes and retail sales.

Armand's Pizzeria, a restaurant and pizzeria specializing in pick-up/dine-in and delivery will be opening soon at 26 S. La Grange Road.



La Grange Holiday Walk — to provide our residents a magical evening filled with community spirit, the 21st Annual Holiday Walk sponsored by the Village of La Grange and the La Grange Business Association will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. As in the past, activities will start with an All-Village Sing on the Village Hall lawn, followed by Santa's arrival by fire truck and the traditional lighting of the "Village Tree."

The Holiday Walk will also feature merchants' open houses, Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Village Hall auditorium, strolling musicians, costumed characters, trolley rides, ice sculptures and a petting zoo. A S'mores station and bonfire will be set up at the Village Hall fountain area. Please come join us for this very festive event.



Village of La Grange "Town Meetings" — 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. The final of our three-part series will be held on Monday, November 26, 2012, at the 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, focusing on your specific neighborhood. The event will conclude with a social hour and light refreshments.

We welcome your questions and comments!

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*Electricity Aggregation Referendum Question
to be on the November 6, 2012 Ballot*

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.

Water System and Accountability Improvements — on September 10, 2012, the Village Board authorized the sale of \$2.2 million in general obligation, alternate revenue bonds to replace the Village's water meters and to upgrade the Village's East Avenue water pumping station. By replacing our aged and inaccurate meters, we anticipate a 5%-10% improvement in water accountability.

After the installation and successful testing of new water meter reading hardware and software, the Village is ready to proceed with replacing the majority of the 4,600 water meters within the Village. Participation in the program is required; however, there is no cost to residents for replacement of the water meter. **Please watch for an informational letter from the Village on how to schedule your meter replacement.** For additional information regarding the program, visit www.villageoflagrange.com under the Departments/Public Works/Water Services/Water Meter Replacement Program section.

Credit Cards Accepted — On-Line Water Billing Payment — Beginning November 1, 2012, customers can access the Village's credit/debit card on-line payment system at www.villageoflagrange.com under the Department/Finance/Water Billing section. Customers are required to register their account on-line, utilizing a current water bill. A **\$1 transaction fee** will be assessed by the software vendor at the time of **each** payment. Customers can still pay their water bills by mail, in person or automatic withdrawal (direct debit) from a checking account. To enroll for this **free service**, please visit the Village's website under the Water Billing section and complete and return a Direct Debit Payment Application form along with a voided check which authorizes the Village to initiate this transaction.

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