

Village Spokesman

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



May/June 2014



Electric Aggregation — The Village’s first one-year contract with First Energy Solutions (FES) to supply Village residents and certain businesses with electricity will expire in June 2014. The Village has decided to suspend the electrical aggregation program next month until such a time that greater savings can be achieved.

In 2013, approximately 89% of eligible residents and 80% of eligible businesses are participating in the program, saving both over \$500,000 as compared to what they would have paid ComEd.

La Grange residents will return to the ComEd default rate starting in June (the new pricing would be reflected in the July bill). Market electricity rates have trended upward and the savings between aggregation programs and ComEd rates have narrowed within the past year.

ComEd will send a letter (anticipated the week of May 12) advising residents that their accounts will revert to the ComEd default rate, and that residents will continue to have the option of selecting another supplier for up to two billing cycles, just like they were able to do under FirstEnergy. After two billing cycles, residents will then be required to remain with ComEd for an additional 10 billing cycles (for a total of 12 months). Residents interested in switching to an alternative supplier would need to do so as soon as possible. Residents can view a list of available alternative provider offers on the Citizens Utility Board website located at www.citizensutilityboard.org/ciElectric_cubfacts_alternativesuppliers.html.

The Village will continue to evaluate pricing from alternative suppliers over the next 30-45 days. If competitive pricing can be found prior to mid-June 2014, and is deemed to be in the best interest of residents, the Village will have the option of considering switching residents to the alternative supplier.

Additional information regarding the La Grange Electric Aggregation program is available on the Village’s website www.villageoflagrange.com/electricaggregation. For general questions regarding electrical aggregation, please contact the Village at 708-579-2315.



Farmers Market — Every Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from May 8 through October 23, 2014, on the northern surface parking area of the parking structure, off of Harris Avenue. This outdoor market offers homegrown veggies, fruits, flowers and much more. For additional information, call the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 708-387-7550.

“Life is Good in La Grange” — Whimsical Garden Benches Summer Project — This summer the La Grange Business Association and the Village of La Grange presents “Life is Good in La Grange” an outdoor art exhibit. Local businesses and organizations sponsor a garden bench which is then decorated by an artist or group. La Grange welcomes unique, hand-painted and colorful garden benches that will be placed on display throughout the Village’s business districts beginning late May and will remain on display throughout the summer. A walking map of the exhibit will be available at all participating businesses and organizations. For additional information, please visit the La Grange Business Association’s website at www.lgba.com.

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68th Annual La Grange Pet Parade — For the past 68 years, children of all ages have delighted in one of our community’s most treasured events — the “La Grange Pet Parade”. This colorful crowd-pleasing event is sponsored by Pets and Pals Charities, Ltd. We hope you can join us on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to observe the pageantry of children showcasing their pets, marching bands, floats and clowns. The Pet Parade provides wholesome fun and entertainment for the whole family.

39th Annual Downtown La Grange Craft Show — Will be held on Saturday, July 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with over 175 tents exhibiting unique arts and crafts items created by Midwest artisans, many of them new to this year’s show in downtown La Grange. For information on exhibiting at the La Grange Craft Show, please contact Craft Productions, Inc. at 815-878-2728 or info@craftproductionsinc.com. For more information about the event, please visit the La Grange Business Associate’s website at www.lgba.com.

WSCCI 9th Annual Computer Recycling Drive — To be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lyons Township High School South Campus, 4900 S. Willow Springs Road, Western Springs, IL. This event offers FREE recycling of electronics, batteries, cell phones, metal, etc. For additional information, please visit the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s website at www.wsccl.org.

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