

Village Spokesman

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



July/August 2014



“Life is Good in La Grange” — Whimsical Garden Benches Summer Project — an outdoor art exhibit of garden benches are on display from June to Labor Day throughout the Village’s business districts. The garden benches benefitting the La Grange Pet Parade and other local charities will be auctioned on Saturday, September 6 from the West End Art Festival. For additional information, please visit the La Grange Business Association’s website at www.lgba.com.

40th Annual Downtown La Grange Art & Craft Fair — 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. The fair runs along La Grange Road from Cossitt Avenue to Burlington and west on Harris Avenue to Ashland Avenue.

“Night of Art and Jazz” — Friday, September 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Night of Art & Jazz kicks off the West End Art Festival featuring live music and an Artist Preview and Sale.



West End Art Festival — Now in its 19th year, the West End Art Festival will be held Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 7 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, acrylics, sculptures, woodworking, 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. Don’t miss this unique and relaxing weekend festival.

47th Street and East Avenue Intersection Study — At the Village Board Meeting on Monday, June 23, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) presented preliminary recommended improvements to the intersection of 47th Street and East Avenue.

IDOT's preliminary recommended improvements include signalization, sidewalks and drainage improvements. The proposed design would also restrict northwest bound traffic on Bluff Avenue (spur), allowing one-way traffic southbound only. Delineators (barricades) would be installed to prevent traffic from driving around railroad safety gates.

The Village President and Board of Trustees invite residents to comment on the proposed plan. The plan can be viewed on the Village’s website at www.villageoflagrange.com under News & Announcements on the home page entitled 47th Street and East Avenue Intersection Study. Please submit comments to Cathy Benjamin at cbenjamin@villageoflagrange.com.

Comments will be distributed to the Village Board and staff for consideration. Staff will evaluate both the IDOT proposal and citizen comments, and report back to the Village Board with a staff assessment and recommendation for the Village Board to consider. A future workshop discussion will be scheduled by the Village Board to finalize a consensus response to IDOT regarding the proposed improvements.

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Cossitt Avenue Water Main Lining Project — The anticipated date to start the Cossitt Avenue Water Main Lining Project is June 30, 2014. The project consists of reconstructing the existing 6” water main on Cossitt Avenue from Gilbert Avenue to Leitch Avenue. This water main was installed in 1925 and is in need of replacement. On May 12, the Village Board awarded a contract to Fer-pal Construction USA LLC of Elgin, IL for this project.

The water main will be reconstructed by utilizing a process called cured-in-place pipe lining technology. Cured-in-place lining involves inserting a new liner inside the existing pipe and curing it in place with hot water. A remote controlled machine is then sent inside the pipe to cut holes through the liner where existing water services are located. The purpose of utilizing this lining process is to provide a new, structurally sufficient pipe without excavating the entire roadway, removing trees and disturbing other landscaped areas. Estimated completion — August 2014.



La Grange Endless Summerfest at Gordon Park — The Park District of La Grange and the La Grange Business Association in cooperation with the Village of La Grange presents “La Grange Endless Summerfest” a three-day festival. The festival kicks off Friday, August 1 from 4 p.m. — 10:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3 from noon — 10:30 p.m. from the grounds of Gordon Park at the intersection of Ogden and Locust (just east of La Grange Road at the old YMCA property). This event will feature a music stage, carnival rides and games, children’s activities area, Community Business Expo and much more. A fireworks show will take place at dusk on Friday and Sunday. A petting zoo and special activities for children are showcased from noon - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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