

Village Spokesman

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



September/October 2012

“Top Transit Suburb” of Metropolitan Chicago — La Grange was named the “Top Transit Suburb” of Metropolitan Chicago in the July, 2012 Chaddick Institute Report. Our community was recognized as a “true walkers paradise” with a “dynamic public transportation culture.” The report talks about the “remarkably clean and well maintained” La Grange Road Station, its excellent bike facilities, well-lit parking areas, attractive landscaping, Amtrak service, and nearby Stone Avenue Station, summarizing that La Grange enjoys a “bundle of amenities that no other finalist can match.”



The Village’s redevelopment efforts over time have included a significant emphasis on transit-oriented development such as pedestrian friendly amenities and housing options that afforded residents an opportunity to utilize the excellent public transportation facilities available in La Grange. We are thrilled with being named to the top spot, following a designation by “Chicago Magazine” in 2010 as the best suburban downtown.



Electric Aggregation Referendum Question to be on the November 6, 2012 Ballot — a number of municipalities have considered or are in the process of considering electric aggregation to save their resident's money. La Grange is one of those communities. Aggregation allows Illinois municipalities to consolidate electrical energy consumption within their communities and leverage that demand in order to purchase electricity in bulk at a rate discounted below that of what an individual consumer pays.

On July 9, 2012, the Village Board approved a resolution to authorize placement of a referendum regarding an "opt-out" electricity aggregation program on the November 6, 2012 election ballot.

On November 6, voters will be asked if the Village should be given the authority to seek competitive bids for electricity services and to enter into a contract that would include residents and small businesses if lower electric bills can be realized. Under the program, eligible customers would be automatically enrolled in the program unless they choose to “opt out” of it.

Approval of the referendum does not obligate the Village to implement an "opt-out" electricity aggregation program if bids result in electricity prices that are higher than Com Ed rates.

For more information regarding electric aggregation, please visit the Village’s website at www.villageoflagrange.com/electricaggregation or contact Andrianna Peterson, Assistant Village Manager at 708-579-2315.

La Grange Warns Residents of Electric Aggregation Predatory Marketing Practices — Residents are asked to be aware of door-to-door electric aggregation sales by companies offering deals on electric rates, or suggesting that they are representing the Village’s electric aggregation program. Door-to-door solicitors must have a permit and a badge issued by the Village. If you are visited by a solicitor regarding electric aggregation or changing your electric service, and that person does not have a permit and badge issued by the Village, please contact the Police Department’s non-emergency number at 708-579-2333.

Residents may also be contacted by misleading telephone solicitors asking for enrollment confirmation information regarding a Village sponsored electric aggregation plan or other personal account information. At this time, no solicitor is authorized to contact residents on behalf of the Village, and residents should be wary of, and disregard, any claims from a caller saying that they represent the Village or are confirming enrollment in a Village program.

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**La Grange Fire Department Open House
Saturday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

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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. Dates and locations are as follows:

Monday, September 24, 2012 — Seventh Avenue School Gymnasium, 701 S. Seventh Avenue

Monday, October 22, 2012 — Ogden Avenue School Gymnasium, Ogden and Waiola Avenues

Monday, November 26, 2012 — 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, geared toward your specific neighborhood. However, residents are invited to attend any or all of these meetings. The event will conclude with a social hour and light refreshments.

We welcome your questions and comments!

“Night of Art and Jazz” — Friday, September 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. kicking off the West End Art Festival.

West End Art Festival — Saturday, September 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Both events are located in front of the Stone Avenue Station along Burlington Avenue between Brainard and Spring Avenues.

Comments or questions may be directed to our editor, Cathy Benjamin, at 708-579-2313
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