

LONG GROVE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021

Greetings to all residents of Long Grove. I hope all the “Moms” had a great Mother’s Day and that everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend.

The May Council meeting was held in person, and virtually via video conferencing using Zoom. The June Council meeting is slated to be held in the same hybrid manner to accommodate residents wishing to attend either format. Please visit the City website for more information as the June 8 Council meeting date approaches.

As a reminder from last month’s newsletter, **Strawberry Fest** activities will resume this year on the 2nd weekend in June. The following text is a message from the Long Grove Civic League.

The Long Grove Civic League is happy to announce the traditional Strawberry Festival will be held Sunday, June 13, 2021. The festival will be a family friendly event with activities adjusted due to safety precautions.

Our race director is organizing a socially-distanced non-competitive race option on Saturday from 9am – 3pm. The Saturday race is open to families. The Sunday kids’ race will proceed as usual, starting at 9 am. The parade will be at 11:15 and follow its normal route. We encourage parade participants and observers to follow social distancing guidelines.

In the dining room, we will be serving strawberries and ice cream, but without the homemade shortcake. The basket raffle and 50/50 raffle buttons will be available Saturday during the race times, 9am – 3pm, as well as Sunday.

Other activities that will be included are food vendors, dessert auction (donated from local businesses), kids’ games, entertainment, and petting zoo. Some traditional activities will be omitted, such as bounce houses, and face painting.

We will be looking for volunteers to help make our event successful. Please contact Joni at 563-285-5829 if you are willing to help. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Strawberry Festival!

Beginning with the May newsletter, my company, Integrated Solutions, began a monthly “Long Grove Trivia” focused on the history of our town. We had multiple correct answers and all submitters’ names were placed into separate drawings for the “boys” and “girls”. Congratulations to Bill Oster and Cyndy Bauer on winning the May trivia contest.

If anyone missed the announcement in the May newsletter, each month there will be one or two trivia questions in the newsletter. Residents may submit their trivia answers to City Hall via email, in person, or at our drive-up drop box. There will be two winners each month consisting of one boy and one girl of all ages. All correct answers will be placed into respective boxes and the winners will be drawn by random selection on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Each of the winners drawn will receive a \$10 gift certificate for Whitey’s Ice Cream. Good luck to everyone who participates in our monthly trivia challenge. I thought it would be fun to learn some facts about Long Grove and to encourage learning about the town’s history.

The two trivia questions for June are listed below.

1. What was the name of the bank (that used to be the former City Hall) on the corner of First and Main Street?
2. What were the names of the bandits who robbed the bank?

I wish everyone my warmest regards for a safe and healthy June. Happy Father’s Day to all the “Dads” in our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Limberg, Mayor

UTV RENEWAL AND REGISTRATION REMINDER

Please remember to register or renew your UTV's by July 1st. Renewals and first time registrations require valid driver's license, updated insurance information, and cost \$15.00 payable by cash or check. For questions, please call City Hall or email clerk@longgroveia.org.

BIG ITEM PICK UP UPDATE & REMINDERS

Requests for one big item pick up per week are now due to City Hall by noon on Wednesday's. Republic will not accept appliances, e-waste, building materials, hazardous materials, propane or anything that is not able to be lifted by one individual (typically 50 pounds or less). Carpet must be cut into 5 foot sections and tied. For questions on how to dispose of household items that are not eligible for big item pick up, please refer to the Scott County Waste Commission website: <https://www.wastecom.com/default.aspx>.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FY21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that there is now on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk of Long Grove, Iowa, the proposed "FY21 Capital Improvement Plan." The FY21 Capital Improvement Plan and related informational documents can be obtained in person, via email request to clerk@longgroveia.org, and online at www.longgroveia.org: Documents, Capital Improvement Plan, FY21.

The City Council of the City of Long Grove, IA will meet on the 8th day of June 2021 @ 7:00pm, via Zoom due to COVID-19, and in person at City Hall, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the "FY21 Capital Improvement Plan." At this time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made. After receiving objections and comments, the Long Grove City Council may approve or deny the proposed FY21 Capital Improvement Plan.

CITY OF LONG GROVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 11th 2021

The City of Long Grove, Iowa met in open session electronically via Zoom due to COVID-19 and in person @ City Hall. Mayor Limberg called the Long Grove City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Roll Call: Present –Nancy Herrin, Cindy Blinkinsop, Kevin Green, & Michael Boddicker; Absent- Mark Abdon. The agenda was approved on a motion by Blinkinsop, seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried. Blinkinsop moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Herrin, all ayes, motion carried. The mayor welcomed guests.

A discussion took place regarding the two proposed drafts of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Both proposed CIP options consist of water rate increases with "Option 1" having no increase to property tax rates and "Option 2" having a \$2.00 per \$1,000 dollar valuation increase to the current city property tax rate. Herrin moved to approve and hold a public hearing on the proposed CIP draft "Option 1." The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop; Aye- Green, Nay- Boddicker, Absent-Abdon.

Green moved to approve the Solar Interconnection Agreement Documents & Forms prepared and presented by LEV Consultants. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried.

Green moved to approve the Grove Tap's request for street closure at the corner of First St. and Main St. to the front of City Hall between the hours of 6:00pm and 12:30am in order to host the Annual Strawberry Festival Street Dance. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried.

The council discussed setting a future committee of the whole meeting, date to be determined, in order to proceed with the process for water rate increases, updating the utility billing due date, and developing curb and gutter driveway regulations.

Green moved to approve a request from Herrin to increase the previously authorized watershed testing equipment purchase amount from \$300 to \$400. The motion was seconded by Blinkinsop, all ayes, motion carried.

After hearing committee and staff reports, the Mayor reported on an inquiry from Eldridge City Administrator, Lisa Kotter, to see if the City of Long Grove had any interest in preparing a float for the annual Eldridge Summer Fest & 150th Birthday Celebration. Following his report, the Mayor opened the meeting to public comments. After hearing public comments, Blinkinsop moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried.