

LONG GROVE NEWSLETTER MAY 2021

Greetings to all residents of Long Grove. I hope everyone had a wonderful and joyful Easter. The weather is warming up and I'm already seeing May flowers from all of the April showers.

The April Council meeting was held in person, and virtually via video conferencing using Zoom. The May 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 May 11 Council meeting date approaches.

The City held a public forum regarding the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on April 20 at 6:00PM. Anyone wishing to view the presentation may do so by clicking the link that is posted on the City website at www.longgroveia.org. A public hearing date for the CIP will be determined at the May Council meeting.

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!

The Long Grove Civic League is also hosting their annual **City-Wide Garage Sale** on Saturday, May 8. Residents wishing to participate may contact the Civic League for additional information.

Be sure to visit the **Alan Shepard Elementary Outdoor Buy One Get One Free Book Fair Friday**, May 7th from 1:30 - 4:00 and Saturday, May 8th from 8:00 - 2:00. The carts will be in front of the main doors and filled with a variety of picture books to young adult titles. We hope to see you at the BOGO Book Fair!

Beginning with this May newsletter, my company, Integrated Solutions, is sponsoring a monthly "**Long Grove Trivia**" focused on the history of our town. 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 for 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.

The first two trivia questions are listed below.

1. Lone Grove takes its name from the long, narrow strip of timber, that stretched between which two towns?
2. What year was Alexander Brownlie's sod house built?

Good luck to everyone who participates in this our new 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.

I wish everyone my warmest regards for a safe and healthy May. Happy Mother's Day to all the "Moms" in our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Limberg
Mayor

CODE RED NOTIFICATION UPDATE-HYDRANT FLUSHING

An additional notification category of "hydrant flushing" has been added to the city's CODE RED system. All residents currently receiving notifications can now log into their managed accounts and include this notification option, if desired. The Code Red sign-up/log-in link can be found on the city website, www.longgroveia.org. Please call City Hall at 563-285-4904 or email clerk@longgroveia.org for any questions or assistance with Code Red.

REMINDERS

Open Burning of dry leaves, brush, vegetation, twigs, sticks, and logs, is permissible only between the hours of 8am - 4pm on Wednesday & Saturday (Burn Days) & **Recreational Fires** are permissible everyday between 8am-12am. Fires must be continuously attended during these hours and completely extinguished outside these hours, generating no smoke. Excess smoke is considered a nuisance. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

Yard Waste pick up is Tuesday mornings. Brush & tree trimmings will be picked up if bundled and tied in manageable bundles. Yard waste should be in yard waste bags with a sticker. Bag & sticker (\$1.50) are available for purchase at City Hall. Bags without stickers will also be picked up (\$1.00 ea.) and added directly to the monthly utility bill.

CITY OF LONG GROVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13th 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 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Present –Nancy Herrin, Mark Abdon, Kevin Green, & Michael Boddicker; Absent- Cindy Blinkinsop. The agenda was approved on a motion by Herrin, seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried. Herrin moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Boddicker, all ayes, motion carried. The mayor welcomed guests.

Boddicker moved to approve presenting the public with two drafts of the Capital Improvement Plan at the April 20th public forum, one with no tax rate increase and the other with a \$2.00 tax levy increase. The motion was seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried.

Herrin moved to approve Northland Securities Contracts for Municipal Advisement services. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried.

Herrin moved to approve allowing up to \$300.00 for the purchase of watershed testing supplies. The motion was seconded by Abdon, all ayes, motion carried.

Boddicker moved to approve the Scott County Library Semi-Annual Tax Levy of \$15,893. The motion was seconded by Herrin, all ayes, motion carried.

Herrin moved to approve the contract from LL Pelling Co. for Spring Seal Coat Maintenance not to exceed \$26,000. The motion was seconded by Boddicker, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Director, Saladino, reported on pending street maintenance, hydrant flushing, completion of electrical work, and a slight increase in the rental cost for the sewer-jetter.

The Mayor reported that former council member Brandon Cronise, who is currently abroad contracting for the Department of Defense, has gifted the City with a ceremonial American Flag flown over combat. After hearing committee reports, the Mayor opened the meeting to public comments. With no public comments, Abdon moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Green, all ayes, motion carried.