



Long Grove Times

Long Grove Historical Society's Quarterly Newsletter

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Ghost Walk Returns

You may recall that Long Grove had a few "Forty Niners" - residents who went to California in search of gold in 1849. Did you know Long Grove probably had some "Forty Eighters" as well? What's a "Forty Eighter?" In 1848, there was a revolution in Germany sparked by citizens who wanted increased political freedom, a more liberal government, and better living conditions. When the revolution failed, some ten thousand revolutionaries fled to the United States, where they were known as "Forty Eighters".

When you think of Long Grove's history, do you think of happy farmers in a little country village, all working hard, practicing the "Golden Rule" and just, generally, leading a calm, peaceful, agreeable life together? Well, that's one way of thinking of Long Grove History.

BUT, if you want to know some of the underlying truths, previously unrevealed rumors and realities and secret stories of the past, plan to attend the **Ghost Walk on Friday, October 24th, downtown Long Grove.**

Reservations Required - call (847) 438-1468 or e-mail: myrabuettner@comcast.net for your reserved tour time.

There'll be spooks, kooks and fascinating truths about the former residents of our town. (Ok, some of them, like the movies, are "based on the truth", but like the movies, they're entertaining.) Nothing too gory, many an unknown story, will be revealed at this 45 minute guided tour down memory lane to recall some of the lesser-known facts and fantasies about our town. Be sure to make reservations so you're departure time will be reserved for you. Donations of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under are requested. Please join us for an evening of fun.



Mark Your Calendars

- **Sunday, Sep 28th, 2:00pm**
Old Time Radio at Reed Turner Nature Center
- **Friday, Oct 24th**
Ghost Walk
- **Monday, Oct 27th, noon**
Book Club at Biaggi's

The HISTORICAL BOOK CLUB is meeting at Biaggi's restaurant in Deer Park at noon on Monday, October 27 to discuss the book **Fever**, by **Mary Beth Kean**. Of course we do get around to the book, but we enjoy each other's company and it is very social, pleasant time for all. Fever is the story of the young Irish immigrant who became an asymptomatic carrier of typhoid fever. Mary became a cook in upper class homes in New York City and was known as the first healthy carrier of the disease. She is hounded by a "medical engineer" who has her incarcerated and sent off to North Brother Island off New York. E-mail Gerri at gerridale@gmail.com or leave a message at 847-550-6292 if you're interested in attending.



All About Us...



The Long Grove Historical Society is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to preserve and disseminate the history of the Long Grove area. Annual membership is available for a donation of \$30 (individual), \$50 (family), or \$100 (sustaining). Members receive our quarterly newsletter as well as access to a variety of events held throughout the year. To become a member, send your donation to Margie Federer, LGHS Membership, 4423 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047, along with your name, address, telephone number, email. If you have any special interests, skills, or things you'd be interested in volunteering to help out with, be sure to let us know that as well.

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- Lee Bassett, Georgia Cawley, Gerri Campbell

The Society was formed in March, 1974, to accept the Drexler Tavern building as a gift. A joint project with the Village Board made possible the relocation of the tavern to a site behind the current Kildeer Country-side School. Today we know the building not as Drexler Tavern, but simply as Village Hall. Two additional structures have also been relocated to this area—one of the area's one room schoolhouses, Archer School, and a mid-1800's barn, Ruth Barn. The school and the barn form the core of the program we run each year for our local schools, so that our children can experience first hand what life used to be like in Long Grove. Last, but not least, a mid-1800's farm house was relocated to an area bordering the southwest corner of the Stemple Parking lot. "The Farmhouse", as we refer to it, houses our archives, a meeting room, and several restored "period" rooms that we open occasionally for tours. In addition to maintaining the above properties and our educational programs, we actively acquire items of local historic interest for our archives and conduct a variety of historical programs for current residents. We receive no tax dollars and exist solely from your contributions and our own fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your support!

*Historical Society Pictures...*saps from the Flag Day event this past June and the "ghostly players" from last year's ghost walk.



Pay Your Dues

It's that time of year—time to join up again for another year of membership. The Long Grove Historical Society is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to preserve and disseminate the history of the Long Grove area. If you have any special interests, skills, or talents, be sure to let us know that as well.

Please complete the form below, cut along the dotted line, enclose a check made payable to Long Grove Historical Society, and mail back to:

Long Grove Historical Society
C/O Margie Federer
4423 RFD
Long Grove, IL 60047

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 \$500 Patron Membership
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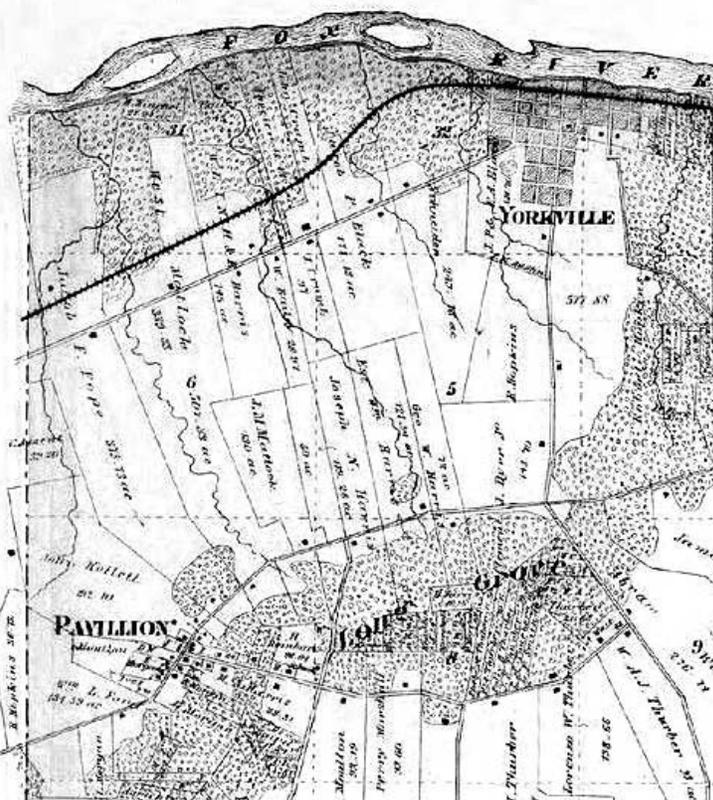
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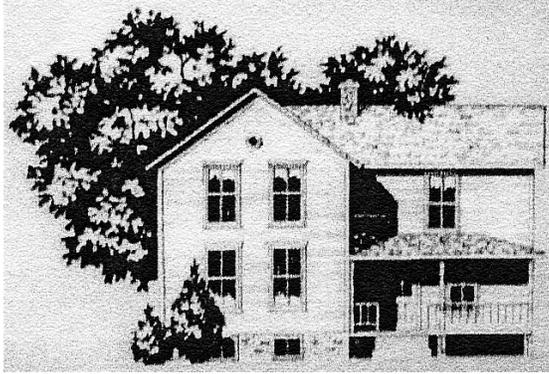
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Long Grove's DOPPELGÄNGER

In 1834, travelling through Illinois, they came across a long grove of trees, and decided that would be a good place to settle—ready access to game, and wood for building and fires. They built a now famous church and a country school. They called the place Long Grove. Sound familiar? It all happened in Kendall County, just southeast of what we would now call Yorkville. In the 1840's, a "suburb" of this Long Grove, called Pavilion, sprung up closer to the road. When Pavilion became a stagecoach stop, it gradually replaced Long Grove as the dominant community center in the area. And then there was that matter in 1847 when some upstart town in Lake County named their Post Office Long Grove (that would be us). When Kendall's Long Grove/Pavilion filed for their Post Office in 1849... Long Grove was already taken, so they went with Pavilion. Pavilion lost prominence with the advent of the railroad that went through Yorkville, and there really isn't anything left of it today.





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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Have you ever been an audience member at an old-time radio program? Did you ever listen to "Little Orphan Annie", "Jack Armstrong, All American Boy", "The Shadow", or "Inner

Sanctum Mystery"? Have you ever wondered how radio programs were produced and how the sound effects were made?

Before television, computers and video games came along, people gathered around the radio to listen to these and other popular programs and let their imaginations "see" what was on the radio. If you'd like to relive or understand how radio programs were projected across America, join us at

Reed Turner Nature Center on Sunday.

September 28th at 2:00 p.m. to sit in the audience and watch the "Those Were the Days Radio Players of Lake County" show you what it was like to be at a live radio broadcast. These professional announcers, actors and sound effects people will demonstrate to you how a radio program was conducted. Bring your children and grandchildren. These productions are fun, informative and "clean". This will be fun! Open to the public.

