



Village of La Grange to Kick Off Month-Long 140th Birthday Celebration August 8

This year marks the 140 year since La Grange, Illinois was founded 13 miles west of downtown Chicago in 1879 by Franklin D. Cossitt. From a small planned community to the dynamic destination it is today, La Grange has always been welcoming.

The Village of La Grange invites everyone to attend a FREE 140th birthday celebration on Thursday, August 8 at noon outside Village Hall at 53 S. La Grange Road. The event will include local elected officials and civic leaders, who will cut a custom designed exclusive 140th La Grange Village Hall replica birthday cake. Because a birthday party isn't complete without presents, the event will also feature giveaways for children and a drawing to win a \$100 LGBA gift card. 140 tokens, each redeemable for a scoop at Tate's Old Fashioned Ice Cream, will be hidden around downtown.

The birthday party kicks off a month of events and promotions celebrating the Village's 140th anniversary from August 8 -- September 8. Other events include a family game night with artistic game tables where families will play checkers, chess, and more together on August 15, hosted by the La Grange Business Association (LGBA). As part of the celebration the LGBA is selling "La Grange-Opoly", a limited edition game featuring local businesses and iconic properties on the game board including Lyons Township High School, the historic Stone Avenue Train Station, and the La Grange Theatre. La Grange businesses are joining in the celebration by offering special promotions through September 8. Tate's Old Fashioned Ice Cream will feature a signature La Grange Birthday flavor. Area restaurants will serve "throwback" cocktails inspired by recipes from the late 1800s.

Anniversary Activities - Village Hall

August 8, 2019

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

- Village of La Grange remarks and commemorative photograph
- Aracely's bakery custom designed Village Hall replica inspired 140 La Grange birthday cake that will be unveiled at noon at Village Hall
- La Grange Theater Marquee special birthday message
- Children's activities and giveaways
- Village of La Grange Farmers Market

Additional Anniversary Activities

- Limited edition LaGrange-Opoly board game available for purchase at Anderson's Books, Fair Game, Horton's Ace Hardware and Tates Ice Cream
- Family Game Night by the Village Hall fountain on August 15
- La Grange Historical Society Trivia Night at Fourteensixteen on August 28
- Tates Ice Cream limited edition La Grange Birthday flavor ice cream that will debut on August 8 at its location downtown
- 140 Tokens will be hidden throughout downtown that can be redeemed for one scoop of free ice cream at Tates until September 8
- Local downtown restaurants will feature La Grange throwback cocktails from the 1800's