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Parks and Public Services Day announced

Buffalo Grove, IL – The Village of Buffalo Grove and Buffalo Grove Park District are teaming up to host Parks and Public Services Day on Saturday, May 20 at Mike Rylko Community Park. The public is encouraged to come out and enjoy this family-friendly event celebrating Kids to Park Day and kicking off National Public Works Week 2023.

The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the park's parking lot, located at 951 McHenry Road, adjacent to the Spray 'N Play. Live demonstrations will occur at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Demonstrations and activities will include:

- Touch-a-Truck.
- Stamp your initials in concrete.
- Snowplow demonstration.
- Parks vs. Public Works chainsaw competition.
- Watermain, hydrant and vehicle demonstrations.
- Specialized garbage truck demonstration.
- Free custard from Culver's.

Attendees will have the chance to win prizes for participating! Prizes include tickets to the 2023 Buffalo Grove Days carnival, Spray 'N Play and pool passes, 4-hours of play at WJ Golf, 4-hour pass to the Golf Dome, tickets for an upcoming event at the Community Arts Center and a customized street sign with winner's name!

"National Public Works Week shines a spotlight on our dedicated, service-minded employees who work every day to ensure our community is stronger, safer and better connected," said Deputy Village Manager and Director of Public Works Mike Skibbe. "Join us in celebrating these professionals and all they do that makes life better for all of us."

About Kids to Parks Day

Kids to Parks Day is a national day of outdoor play celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. The day connects kids and families with their local, state and national parks and public lands through thousands of park events that promote discovery and exploration in the great outdoors.

About National Public Works Week

Since 1960 National Public Works Week has helped energize and educate the public on the importance of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve everyday quality of life.

The American Public Works Association (APWA) announced the 2023 theme "Connecting the World Through Public Works" highlighting the way public works professionals connect us physically, through infrastructure, and inspirationally, through service to their communities, whether as first responders, or daily workers carrying out their duties with pride.

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