# BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE NEWS





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# The Buffalo Grove Days Tradition Continues

Buffalo Grove Days (BG Days) began in 1961 and is the longest standing annual tradition in the Village.

This year, BG Days will run from Wednesday, August 28th through Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd.

Events and activities during BG Days include the Charity Softball Game which kicks off the festival on Wednesday evening. Bingo and a Bags Tournament will both take place on Thursday, along with the Carnival which opens Thursday and runs through Monday.

A variety of entertainment will be available during the festival, including live music for adults and children on the main stage and throughout the event, as well as kids crafts and other activities for children of all ages. Other attractions and events include the Community Blood Drive, Buddy Baseball, a Disc Golf Tournament, Dog Show, the Buffalo Grove Stampede (5K or 10K), Business Fair, the Rotary Duck Race, the BBQ Challenge, the Car Show, and Food and Fun for Persons with Disabilities. As you can see, there is something for everyone at BG Days!

Please visit **bgdays.com** for more information and refer to the insert in this newsletter for the full schedule!



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### Jpcoming Village Board Meetings

September 16, 2019	Regular
October 7, 2019	cow
October 21, 2019	Regular
October 28, 2019	Special
November 4, 2019	Regular
November 18, 2019	Special















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### **Letter From the Village President**



Beverly Sussman bsussman@vbg.org

The Village's largest annual event, Buffalo Grove Days, takes place this year from August 29th through September 2nd at Mike Rylko Community Park! In this edition of the Village News, you will find an insert that details all the activities taking place this year. I want to highlight several events happening at the festival.

Woodman's Food Markets has, for the second year, generously partnered with the Village to sponsor several activities during

the week. In addition to sponsoring the parade and the main act on Saturday night, Woodman's will donate all beverages and corn that local nonprofits sell during Buffalo Grove Days to help raise money for their organizations.

Previously, nonprofits had to secure their own product. Through this partnership, nonprofit organizations will no longer have to procure or manage inventory, pay entry or booth fees, or compete with other organizations for sales. In addition, Buffalo Grove Days will now offer fundraising opportunities to more nonprofit and charitable organizations in the community. By covering shifts in the corn and beverage sales booth, organizations will earn credits toward a portion of the proceeds for their volunteer time. This is a great opportunity for nonprofits to raise money while serving their community.

An exciting addition to the event this year is a Fine Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday organized by the Buffalo Grove Artists League, and generously sponsored by the Buffalo Grove Friends of the Parks Foundation. The Art Fair will now have a focus on fine art made by local artists in Buffalo Grove and the region. Make sure you stop by on Saturday and consider adding some local art to your home or office.

Once again, the carnival will include more rides! The carnival will be closer to all the activities taking place during the weekend. In addition, the beer tent, operated by the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, will also be closer to the main stage and the food tent.

As in past years, attendees can enjoy the food tent with local Buffalo Grove restaurants, a business fair, Fun and Food for Residents with Disabilities Day, the annual parade, the Rotary Duck Race, the BBQ Challenge, and Buddy Baseball. Coming back for its third year is the classic car, truck, and motorcycle show on Monday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. featuring cars made prior to 1988. The beer tent will also be open on Monday afternoon to coincide with this event.

Thank you to the volunteers and Village staff who help to put on this great event for the community! I hope to see you at one of the many events over Labor Day weekend.

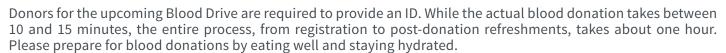
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### Buffalo Grove Community Blood Drive During BG Days

**When**: Saturday, August 31st from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. **Where**: Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive in Buffalo Grove

#### Did you Know?

- Approximately 38-percent of the national population is eligible to donate blood.
- Less than 10-percent of the national population donates blood.
- Each year, 4.5 million Americans would die without lifesaving blood transfusions.
- Every two seconds, someone needs blood.



Walk-ins are always welcome at the Buffalo Grove Community Blood Drive, but appointments are recommended. Blood Drives are conducted by Vitalant and hosted by the Buffalo Grove Health Commission. To make an appointment, please call Vitalant at **877-258-4825** or visit **vitalant.org**. To learn more, please visit **vbg.org**.



# 'Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!'



This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is, 'Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!' The campaign aims to educate citizens about the small, but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe during a fire – and how to prevent them from happening in the first place. The Buffalo Grove Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), which has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017, U.S. fire departments responded to roughly 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 fire deaths and 10,600

fire injuries. On average, this would equal to seven people dying in a home fire each day for a four year period.

"These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. While NFPA and the Buffalo Grove Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location."

Buffalo Grove Fire Chief Mike Baker urges residents to remain aware of their surroundings to be prepared.

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Chief Baker "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, **visit fpw.org**.



### **Buffalo Grove Employee Spotlight:**

### Fire Department Administrative Assistant Linda Belfield



While the Fire Chief is the recognized head of the Fire Department, the person who is the 'glue' that holds everything together is the Administrative Assistant. The Buffalo Grove Fire Department is no exception, and Administrative Assistant Linda Belfield is always there to keep the records, answer the phone calls and respond to emails from citizens who reach out with a wide array of questions – ranging from the emergent to the routine. Additionally, Linda assists personnel with organizational needs and as the calm in the 'eye of the storm'.

Linda has been with the Village of Buffalo Grove for 18 years, the last five of those as the Administrative Assistant. Linda started in 2001 at the Police Department as a records clerk before moving to her present position. Linda always has a smile on her face, and a kind word for everyone. She listens patiently as a countless number of department personnel pass her desk and talk about recent adventures – both on and off-duty.

Linda is married to retired Battalion Chief Gary Belfield, along with being a proud mom and an even prouder grandmother. She enjoys everything Disney and even worked at the Disney Store for a short time. The Fire Department would not be the same without Linda, and both the Department and the Village appreciate everything she does!

# **Change Clocks and Smoke Detector Batteries**

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department would like to remind residents to check and change batteries for smoke detectors when changing clocks to 'fall back' during Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, November 3rd.

When taking calls throughout the year, the Fire Department oftentimes enters homes that do not meet the requirements of Illinois State Law when it comes to smoke detectors.

The State of Illinois' Smoke Detector Act states every dwelling unit, hotel and single-family home must have at least one smoke detector within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping. It also specifies detectors must be at least 6 inches from the wall if they are mounted on the ceiling, or 4 to 6 inches from the ceiling if placed on a wall. This Act mandates a smoke detector is placed on every level of a single-family home – including basements, but excluding unoccupied attics. Additionally, it requires multi-unit buildings have a detector at the top of the ceiling within each interior stairwell.



Smoke detectors in the home should not only be checked for functionality, but also checked to confirm they are placed in accordance with the law. For more information, please visit **ilga.gov** and search 'Smoke Detector Act'.

### **Connect with the Village of Buffalo Grove!**

The Village of Buffalo Grove utilizes a variety of communication channels to provide news and information information to residents, businesses and other stakeholders. These include a print newsletter, Enewsletters, social media pages and an emergency notification system.

This print newsletter – the Village News – is sent out six times per year to all residents and businesses in Buffalo Grove. The editions include January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October and November/December.

The Village of Buffalo Grove has six social media pages, including Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and Instagram, where general Village news is shared. The LinkedIn page is utilized for job openings and other business-related news, while the YouTube channel hosts videos produced by the Village relating to special events, education and other projects and initiatives.



An Enewsletter, which includes a range of general interest and community news is emailed every Thursday afternoon to subscribers. Also, a Business Newsletter is sent to members of the Buffalo Grove business community four times per year.

Citizen Alert is an emergency notification system that provides information about issues and topics that are more serious in nature, including severe weather, road closures, missing people, and the evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. Other emergency topics deemed to be urgent in nature, and which are relative to the life, safety and welfare of the greater community, also may be shared though Citizen Alert.

To learn more about each of these communication channels, or sign up for notifications from the Village, please **vbg.org** and click on 'Get Notified'.

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER** 

# **Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event**

The Village of Buffalo Grove will host an Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event in the parking lot behind Banner Plumbing, 151 Hastings Road in Buffalo Grove on Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Residents from Buffalo Grove and other SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Cook County) communities are eligible to participate. Materials will **not** be accepted from non-SWANCC residents, businesses, schools, or institutions; IDs will be checked for verification of residency. Please visit **swancc.org/swancc-member-communities** for more information on individuals and groups that are eligible to participate in this event.



About Paper: Workers will remove paper documents while residents stay in their vehicles. Paper is cross shredded on site and will be recycled at a mill to make new paper products. Only sensitive documents will be accepted, which can include medical forms, bank statements, personal files and retired tax forms. There is a limit of six (6) file boxes or paper bags per vehicle, and plastic or metal clips on binders must be removed.

- DO NOT bring paper in plastic bags. Plastic is a contaminant, as are photos, slides, and any non-paper items.
- DO NOT include magazines, greeting cards or newspapers, as these can be recycled at the curbside.

#### **About Electronics:**

Please remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes prior to bringing them to any SWANCC event.

For additional information about this and other SWANCC events, visit swancc.org.

# 2018 Financial Reports Available Online, at Village Hall

The Village of Buffalo Grove has issued its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), and Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year, which ended December 31, 2018.

The financial statements for the Village can be found on the Village website at **vbg.org/financialreports**. Physical copies are also available at Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove during normal business hours, Mondays from 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The CAFR is the annual audited financial statement for the Village. It is a transparent and useful document that details the financial outcomes of the Village in the 2018 fiscal year, in addition to the financial position of the Village moving forward. The CAFR provides full disclosure notes to the financial statements, statistical information on financial and non-financial performance measures, and historical trend data relating to performance measures.

The PAFR is a summary of the CAFR and highlights sections of the CAFR, Village operations, and a variety of outcomes for the fiscal year. This document is designed to be easily read by the general public, who may not have a financial or accounting background. The PAFR gives residents, businesses, or other interested individuals the opportunity to understand financial outcomes of major projects and initiatives that the Village engaged in during the fiscal year.

The Annual Treasurer's Report is a summary of unaudited financial data on a fund basis. This report includes compensation and expenditures reported by vendors for the fiscal year. The financial data is a high-level overview of revenues and expenditures by fund.

All inquiries regarding the financial reports issued can be made to the Village of Buffalo Grove Finance Department by calling **847-459-2500** or by email at **bgfinance@vbg.org**.

# **Buffalo Grove Comprehensive Plan Kicks Off this Fall!**



The Village is currently preparing to develop a new Comprehensive Plan in 2019. This type of plan outlines the long-term vision (15-20 years) of the community's desired physical environment, and addresses issues relating to future land use, transportation, housing, and economic development. Unlike past plans that have focused on specific areas – such as the Lake Cook Corridor Market Study and the Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan – the new Comprehensive Plan will examine the entire community with special attention to the Milwaukee and Dundee Corridors, since both are dramatically changing.

Buffalo Grove's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2009 and has reached the end of its useful life. A new, more modern plan that clearly articulates the desired vision for the community will help to guide the Village in its ongoing decision-making process. An updated plan will also build off and tie together many of the community's past and current initiatives into a cohesive vision and plan.

The Village has retained Ratio, the planning and design consultant that also led the Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan project, who will guide the Village through the comprehensive planning process. The project will kick off this fall. Community engagement will be a key component of the process and will include various in-person and virtual outreach events and opportunities. The Plan is anticipated to be completed in early 2021. To learn more visit **vbg.org/compplan** or call Nicole Woods at **847-459-5539**.



The Buffalo Grove Farmers' Market is a popular Sunday destination for area residents to enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables grown from local farmers, as well as other treats including breakfast sandwiches, freshly made donuts, smoothies, coffee drinks and more. There's also entertainment for the whole family, including live music, balloons, and face painting for the kids.

The market is held at Mike Rylko Park, 951 McHenry Road, and takes place Sundays from mid-June through mid-October, with the exception of Sunday, September 1st during Buffalo Grove Days. For more information, visit vbg.org/farmersmarket.

# Back to School Bus Safety

Local school districts are either back in session or will be soon. The Buffalo Grove Police Department strongly urges drivers to adhere to all laws regarding passing a stopped school bus, and in school speed zones.

In recent years, there have been well-publicized tragedies involving death or serious injury to young children while getting on or off school buses. October of 2018 was a particularly heinous month, when nine children across the U.S. were struck in one week, and five of them were killed.

Drivers involved in these preventable crashes have been charged with reckless homicide, aggravated assault with a motor vehicle, and other charges relating to excessive speed and disobeying a school bus stop arm.

The only time a vehicle is not required to stop for a school bus is when both the vehicle and the bus are on a four-lane roadway (for example, Lake Cook Road) and the bus is stopped in the opposite direction from which a driver is traveling. Any other time, a driver must stop before meeting or overtaking (passing) a school bus that is stopped and loading or unloading passengers. A smart practice is when in doubt, STOP.

School bus stop arm violations carry stiff punishments; a first-time convicted violator will incur a \$150 fine



and their driving privileges will be suspended for three months. A second violation carries a \$500 fine and a one-year license suspension.

School speed zones are in effect between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days when children are present. School zones have a posted 20 mph speed limit and carry a minimum ticket fine of \$150 for the first violation, plus a mandatory court appearance. Any subsequent violations carry a minimum \$300 fine.

The Police Department believes strongly in enforcing school bus and school zone speed limits and will be heavily monitoring these areas now and throughout the school year. For questions or concerns, please contact Traffic Unit Sergeant Michelle Kondrat via email at <a href="mailto:mkondrat@vbg.org">mkondrat@vbg.org</a>.

# **Major Village Road Construction Projects**



There are two major road construction projects in Buffalo Grove that have already begun/are currently planned; the Weiland Road Improvement Project and the Lake Cook Road Project.

The Weiland Road project began in early July and will run from Lake Cook Road to Aptakisic Road. This project is being managed by Lake County and will include the widening of one through lane in each direction to two through lanes in each direction in this project area. Street lighting will also be installed within the project limits, in addition to a noise abatement wall and other improvements in different portions of the project area.

The reconstruction of Lake Cook Road is expected to begin this fall and will run from Raupp Boulevard to Hastings Drive. This project will be managed by Cook County and will include the widening of two lanes to three lanes in each direction, as well as street lights and noise abatement walls. In addition to Lake Cook Road, improvements will also be made on Buffalo Grove Road, McHenry Road (Route 83) and Weiland Road as part of this project.

For additional information on either of these projects, and to sign up for project updates, please visit lakecookweiland.com.

### **Only Rainwater Down the Drain**

The Public Works Department would like to remind residents that only rainwater should go down the drain.

Storm drains and roadside ditches channel into rivers, streams, inland lakes, and then move into Lake Michigan. Motor oil, pet waste, leaves, grass clippings or dirty water that comes from washing a car can enter a storm drain without the water being treated, and can end up poisoning fish, birds and other wildlife, as well as find their way into drinking water supplies. Residents are reminded not to dump these substances, or anything else down the storm drain or into a ditch. Additionally, please be aware that dirt, litter, branches and grass clippings can clog storm drains and can cause flooding.



#### **Steps Residents Can Take to Prevent Water Pollution:**

- 1. Sweep up driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down with water or blowing debris into the street.
- 2. Never dump anything down a storm drain or into a ditch.
- 3. Plant bare spots in your yard.
- 4. Compost yard waste.
- 5. Use fertilizers sparingly and avoid pesticides.
- 6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- 7. Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- 8. Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil. Just four quarts of oil can form an eight-acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm drain.
- 9. Pick up after your pet.
- 10. If you are on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped regularly.

Please report anyone dumping materials into a storm drain or ditch to Buffalo Grove officials by calling **847-459-2525**.





### **Park District Buffalo Grove Days Events**

#### Disc Golf Tournament

The Buffalo Grove Park District will host their annual Doubles Disc Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Friends of the Park Foundation. Teams will consist of 2 players, scoring in a best-shot format. Teams will be playing 2 rounds of 18 holes, one round at Willow Stream Park, and one round at Twin Creeks Park, and there will be a 36-team limit. Play will be by PDGA rules and PDGA approved golf discs are required. This is an all ages tournament and will be played rain or shine. If there is thunder and/or lightning the day of the tournament, the Park District will determine a new tournament date. Lunch will be served between rounds at Twin Creeks Park and immediately following the tournament will be an awards ceremony at Willow Stream Park. There will be an early bird registration fee of \$17 to those who register before August 24. Please note: Check-in will be at Willow Stream Park.

Age: 12 years and up

Code Day 221007-01 Sat August 31 9:30 am - 2:30 pm \$20

Location: Willow Stream Park & Twin Creeks Park





#### Dog Show

Dogs and their owners are invited to join us and have the best dog gone fun you can imagine at our annual Dog Show for all Buffalo Grove dogs. All amateur dogs can enter events such as best-groomed, celebrity look-alike, best couple (dog and owner), best trick, waggiest tail and best costume. Prizes and raffles are included. No advanced registration is needed. Free for all dogs and owners.

Date: Saturday, August 31

Time: 11 am

Location: Willow Stream Park (Dan Schimmel Pavilion)

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### Performing Arts Highlight Show

The Year In Review Date: Saturday, August 31

**Time**: 12:45 pm

Location: Buffalo Grove Days Main Stage

#### Buffalo Grove Stampede 5K/10K

Details and registration information are available at bastampede.org.

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Date: Sunday, September 1

**Time:** 7:30 am

Location: Fitness Center

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50th Anniversary Tree Program and Buffalos for Sale



The Buffalo Grove Park District is offering members of our community and surrounding areas the opportunity to purchase a commemorative tree in select parks, and an American Buffalo statue, in celebration of our 50th Anniversary

Details are available at

bgparks.org/50.aspx.









The Buffalo Grove Park District's charitable foundation.

### **BG Singers Annual Performance**



Friday, September 13 at 7:30 pm Saturday, September 14 at 3 pm Sunday, September 15 at 3 pm

Community Arts Center 225 McHenry Road • Buffalo Grove

Love music and movies? Then come join the BG Singers, as they entertain the community for their 27th season with Now Showing: Music from the Movies. The show features selections from The Greatest Showman, La La Land, Pitch Perfect 2, Free Willy, A Star Is Born, as well as many selections from such memorable animated films as Sing, Hercules and Anastasia. The fully costumed and choreographed show will be a delight for all ages. Please join us at the Community Arts Center on September 13 at 7:30 pm and September 14 and 15 at 3 pm.

Tickets for the performance will be available online at basingers.org starting on August 1. Tickets for seniors (ages 62 and up) and children (ages 12 and under) are \$15, and tickets for adults are \$17. All tickets purchased at the door will be \$20. For more information, contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or lindsay@bgparks.org.

### **Upcoming Fall Special Events**

#### Kite Fly

Join us as we celebrate Flying 4 Kids, a statewide Kite Fly to promote park districts, recreation agencies, and the park district youth license plate. Bring your kites, and enjoy a day out in the park, playing and exploring wind and motion. There will be activities, games, face painting and fun for the whole family. Small kites will be available to purchase for \$2, while supplies last.

Date: Saturday, September 14

**Time**: 10 am - 12 pm

Location: Mike Rylko Community Park (near the Spray 'N Play)

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#### Trick-or-Treat Trail

You never know who you will see at our Trick-or Treat Trail! Walk through the trail, where friendly characters will hand out candy to all children. There will be face painting, games with prizes, crafts, and more family fun. This event is a no scare zone; and, parents must accompany children during the event. Doors will open at 11:30 am.

**Age:** 1 - 12 years

Date: Sunday, October 27 Time: 11:30 am - 2 pm

Location: Community Arts Center



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### Buffalo Grove Fire Department 24th Annual Open House



1051 Highland Grove Drive Saturday September 14th 2019 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

**Events, Activities, Demonstrations** 

- Vehicle Extrication Demonstration
- Junior Firefighter Challenge
- Fire Extinguisher Demonstration
- Firefighter Clothing Display
- House of Hazards
- Helicopter
- Fire Pole
- Kids Fire Safety Smoke House
- Puppet Show
- Side By Side Sprinkler Burn Unit



### **Fun for All Ages!**

Visit our station for a close-up look at firefighting equipment and vehicles.

Call **847-777-6110** for more information.