

Buffalo Grove Village News

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News for the Buffalo Grove Community

Buffalo Grove Police Offer Online Reporting

The Buffalo Grove Police are proud to announce they are now offering a new, online police reporting option for the public. This web-based reporting system will allow the public to file certain incident reports at their convenience.



Examples of reports that can be filed include identity theft, lost driver's license, lost property, harassing telephone calls, vacation house watch requests and more. The Buffalo Grove Police Department expects this internet-based reporting service to be a popular option for Village residents.

This service allows the public to file a report without having to wait for an officer to respond, or call them back. A temporary copy of the report can be printed upon submitting it. The report will be reviewed by police personnel and once approved, the filing person will receive an email with a copy of the report with no cost to the individual who filed it.

The report will transfer into the Buffalo Grove Police Department's records management system and receive the same investigation and statistical analysis as if the report had been filed by a police officer. This web-based reporting option will allow officers more time to address community needs while keeping pace with the public expectation to be able to complete services via the internet whenever possible.

The web-based crime reporting service is available at www.vbg.org/police.

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ThermFlo and Zonatherm Are Moving Into Town

A formerly vacant property at 875 Busch Parkway in the Corporate Grove industrial park will be developed with a more than 40,000 square foot office and warehouse building.

ThermFlo Inc. and its sister company Zonatherm Products have outgrown their current facility in Wheeling, and have chosen to expand in Buffalo Grove. Therm Flo Inc. designs and services HVAC and generators for commercial data centers, and Zonatherm Products is a distributor of thermal management products and other commercial and industrial power systems.



Rendering of the proposed building at 875 Busch Parkway

BUFFALO GROVE DAYS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why was Mike Rylko Park selected as the location for Buffalo Grove Days?

Beginning in 2015, the Village was notified of the scheduled widening of Lake Cook Road west to Raupp Boulevard in 2016 (this project was later delayed by Cook County to 2017). Once notified, the Buffalo Grove Days Committee immediately began making preparations for an alternate location, knowing that road construction and a widened Lake Cook Road would not be conducive to a safe event. After reviewing multiple sites, the group determined that Mike Rylko Park offered the largest contiguous space for the event and is the most centrally located area for all residents to enjoy the five-day festival.

Why was the BG Days parade held earlier in the day?

The Buffalo Grove Days Committee and Village staff recommended moving the parade to an earlier start time to allow for parade participants, including the high school marching bands, to walk the parade during a cooler time of day. In addition, with the new location and carnival setup, the festival grounds were ready to receive crowds for lunch and rides by noon on Sunday.

Will BG Days offer fireworks next year?

The Village and Buffalo Grove Days Committee continue to explore options for a fireworks display over the Labor Day weekend. Mike Rylko Park does not provide suitable distance between fireworks staging and viewing areas, nor is there proper separation from residential homes. The former launch site, Buffalo Grove Golf Course, is not visible from Mike Rylko Park.

Did the Village discontinue the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning?

The Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove previously sponsored and staffed the Sunday morning pancake breakfast. The club elected to end the breakfast on the new festival site – to focus its efforts on the Buffalo Grove Days Parade and the Rotary Duck Race.

A Message From The Village President



A very successful Buffalo Grove Days took place during Labor Day weekend. After many years on the Village campus, we hosted our first-ever Buffalo Grove Days at Mike Rylko Park.

As the saying goes, "it takes a village." Indeed, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contributions to BG Days: the BG Days Committee, the Commission For Residents With Disabilities (CRD), CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), EMA (Emergency Management Agency), the Buffalo Grove Police Department, the Buffalo Grove Fire Department, the Public Works Department, the Building and Zoning Department, the Buffalo Grove Park District, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the Staff and the Village Board. There are so many volunteers involved in making this great event possible, from local organizations to many of our local businesses. It is difficult to say thank you enough.

If you had a chance to attend this year's event, you probably noticed the incredible crowds and family

atmosphere. This year's Buffalo Grove Days offered great opportunities for food and entertainment, including: the main stage shows, kids' tent, excellent food offerings by local restaurants, the Rotary duck race, the parade, BG Stampede, bingo, charity softball, the carnival, Buddy Baseball, arts and crafts, dance shows and so much more. Craft beers were also offered for the first time by Prairie Krafts, a new craft brewer located right here in Buffalo Grove.

By all accounts, the festival was a great success. In addition to the many positive comments I received about the new location and offerings, carnival sales were at an all-time high and food vendors reported brisk sales. The Buffalo Grove BBQ Challenge had the highest participation to date - 23 grillers made over 70 plates of food! More ribs were grilled than any other food. The parade route along Bernard and Raupp was lined with families and had more than 90 parade entries. Food and Fun for Residents with Disabilities had a tremendous turnout on Monday as well.

I hope you enjoyed this year's event and look forward to seeing everyone for a great Buffalo Grove Days in 2017!

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Village To Begin Dead Tree Removal Notifications

In the wake of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation, thousands of dead Ash trees remain on private property throughout the Village.

While dead trees located on municipal property are the Village's responsibility, those located on private property are the responsibility of property owners. A representative from the Village of Buffalo Grove will be walking through neighborhoods beginning in early October to educate residents about the potential hazards these trees present to the general public, as well as residents and their neighbors. Village employees will be inspecting properties to determine if trees are required to be removed.

Failing to remove dead trees from private property within thirty (30) days of notification is a violation of Section 12.20 of the Municipal Code. The Village encourages residents to receive more than one quote from licensed tree removal companies and ensure that they are working with a certified arborist. The Village will work with affected residents to determine an appropriate timeframe for tree removal to occur.

For more information, please visit the Village's website at www.vbg.org or contact Public Works at 847-459-2545 and an available member of the Forestry Staff will assist you.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) The Odorless, Colorless, Silent Killer!

On January 1, 2007, the Governor signed into law Public Act 094-0741 – The Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act. This requires property owners to install carbon monoxide detectors and to ensure they are in working order in all buildings that contain sleeping facilities. This includes single family dwellings.

Property owners are required to install carbon monoxide detectors in all dwelling units within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Building owners are required to provide and install the detectors and make sure they are operational at the beginning of initial lease. Occupants are responsible for maintaining and testing these devices during the lease period. Any problems with the detectors are to be brought to the attention of the building owner.



Willful failure by the building owner to install or failure of the occupant to maintain the detector(s) in operating condition is a Class B criminal misdemeanor. A second offense of this failure can result in prosecution for a Class 4 Felony. The building owner will be given a period of time to comply and at the end of that time they can be prosecuted if they have not complied.

Carbon monoxide detectors, like smoke detectors, are truly life saving devices that no one should be without. If you have not already installed one in your home or property, please do so as soon as possible. While you are at it, check and/or change the batteries in your smoke detectors as well.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Buffalo Grove Fire Department Public Education Office at (847) 537-0995 or www.vbg.org

New and Expanding Businesses

Cypress Data Solutions
1110 W. Lake Cook Road, Suite 195A

Tide Dry Cleaners
310 W. Half Day Road

Kindred at Home
135 Arlington Heights Road, Suite 106

Aramark
909 Asbury Drive

Lyudmila Schaible Drama Club
1399 W. Dundee Road

Atwater Medical Exchange
1620 Barclay Boulevard

Buffalo Group, LLC
1564 Barclay Boulevard

Cookies OMG LLC
105 McHenry Road

Edward Hines Lumber
1050 Corporate Grove Drive

Weekley Homes, LLC
316 Half Day Road

A Plus Marketinf, Ltd
1288 Barclay Boulevard
Excell Road Service, Inc.
1621 Barclay Boulevard

Patrice and Associates
701 Deerfield Parkway

Reverie Dance Academy, Inc.
1163 N. Arlington Heights Road

Corix Utilities
1087 Johnson Drive

Community Threads
1100 Lake Cook Road, Suite 115

La Presa Restaurant, Inc.
86 W. Dundee Road

Transistor, LLC
1619 Barclay Boulevard

BodyXpress
730 S. Buffalo Grove Road

MedTech Detect
1110 Lake Cook Road, Suite 270

The Swanson Group
1110 Lake Cook Road, Suite 372

Ford Gum and Machine Company
1615 Barclay Boulevard

Personal Appearance
301 W. Dundee Road

Vote In The April 4, 2017 Municipal Election

After every national election, I write that I know you do not want to hear one more word about elections, and I believe that is true more than ever after the current election process! BUT please keep reading – there will be a Municipal election on **April 4, 2017**.

In our local election, the following offices will be open:

Village Trustees – Three (3) – 4-year terms

Candidates began circulating petitions to obtain a spot on the ballot beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2016. You must be a registered voter in the Village of Buffalo Grove in order to sign a petition. You may sign three petitions for Village Trustee.

Petition filing begins in the Village Clerk's office on

Monday, December 12, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. If there should be more than one person in line at 8:00 a.m., a lottery will be held to determine candidate placement on the ballot. Petition filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016. If there should be more than one person wishing to file between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2016, a lottery will be held to determine candidate placement on the ballot.



Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the candidates – these are your friends and neighbors, and they are the elected officials that most directly affect your daily life AND your tax dollars – so be sure and vote on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Janet Sirabian, Village Clerk

Winter Maintenance What To Expect When To Expect It

As the winter season of 2016 – 2017 begins to draw near, the Buffalo Grove Public Works Department is preparing all of our equipment to meet the challenges that await us. As in years past, our staff will undergo mandatory equipment and program training in an effort to meet the expectations of our program goals.

The challenges of winter maintenance are always a balancing act between the weather and road conditions, staffing levels, functionality of equipment, traffic, and the many other emergency activities completed by the Public Works Department. Some of these are completed simultaneously during a snow event. Despite the variety of challenges, your Public Works Department is dedicated to the task of winter maintenance and will be working tirelessly to meet our expectations.

The following are frequently asked questions and their answers to help residents during the winter maintenance season.

What is the contact telephone number for the Public Works Department if I have a question or a concern?

During normal business hours, Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 847-459-2545
After hours, weekends and on holidays 847-459-2560
(this is the non-emergency Police Department number)

What are the “stripes” I see running down my street before a storm event?

You should expect to see “stripes” on your road prior to winter storm events, as the Public Works Department will be completing anti-icing pre-treatment to our roads throughout the community. Anti-icing is a cost effective, proactive first step towards drivable roads during storm events as it helps melt falling snow, and prevents the bond between the road surface and snow from forming. These steps allow plows to cut all the way down to the pavement surface as they move down the road.



Why is snow pushed into my driveway by the plows?

This is an unavoidable inconvenience. During periods of snow, plows will clear the roads moving from the “crown”

of the road (or middle of the road) towards the outside curb. Plowing activities will continue until all the snow has been removed from the road. During long snow events, this clearing may result in multiple plowing passes from the middle all the way to the curb and could result in large deposits along the road easement (or road edge) including driveway aprons.

Am I permitted to shovel or snow-blow my driveway into the street?

No, this activity is prohibited by Village ordinance and is subject to a fine. In addition, residents who deposit snow into the road from their driveway or sidewalk assume liability in the case of an accident or injury resulting from this act. Residents are encouraged to shovel or snow-blow driveway snow “downstream” from the direction of traffic (to the right facing the road from your garage).

When should I move my car off the Street?

The Village parking restrictions are clearly marked on posted signs throughout each neighborhood. In addition to the restrictions outlined on the posted signs, parking restrictions go into effect as soon as plowing operations have started. Residents are strongly encouraged to move vehicles off of the streets as soon as winter weather arrives, as the equipment often must pass between vehicles that are parked legally on the street. This creates potential hazards for the winter maintenance equipment, and slows down the overall response of the winter maintenance program. Please watch the weather and move vehicles from the road if/when possible during winter weather.

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**Suggested Location
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Winter Maintenance Continued

Why won't the Village plow my sidewalk or my driveway?

The costs of such a program would be very prohibitive. Residents are expected to remove snow from their own driveways and sidewalks adjacent to their property so that pedestrians are not forced to walk in the street.

What should I do if it is my garbage day, and plows are out clearing snow?

Garbage collection takes place throughout the community on a variety of different week days. During winter maintenance activities, residents are strongly encouraged to place their garbage cans and recycle cans back away from the curb, and inside the apron of the driveway so that blowing snow coming off the plow doesn't knock the cans over and create the need for cleanup. The closer the cans are placed to the curb... the greater the likelihood that they will be knocked over during plowing operations.

What should I do if a plow damages my mailbox? Or my parkway?

The Public Works Department repairs/restores damage to parkways in the spring, following the end of the winter season. Damage to your parkway should be reported to the Public Works Department as soon as it's identified. The Department repairs/replaces mailboxes and mailbox support posts that have been damaged by a "direct strike" from the plow or plow vehicle. The Public Works Department does not complete repairs caused by snow thrown from the plow. When purchasing your mailbox, sturdiness should be a consideration so that it can resist the force, weight and weep of snow caused by plows. No repairs or replacements will be completed on mailboxes or mailbox support posts that have been improperly installed. Mailbox installation guidelines and diagrams can be obtained at the Public Service Center upon request.

the "Second Shovel"

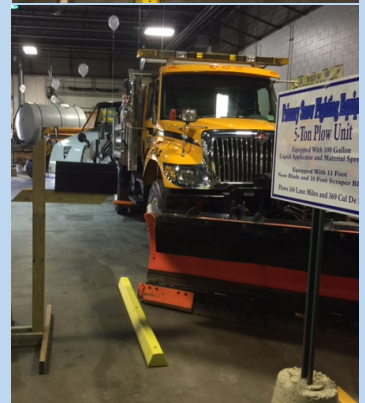
a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway, creating a heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the plow may help reduce the "second shovel."



Poor Condition



Good Condition



Is the Public Works Department responsible for winter maintenance on every road in Buffalo Grove?

No. There are many roads throughout Buffalo Grove that are maintained by agencies other than the Buffalo Grove Public Works. State roads and County roads are each respectfully maintained by the jurisdictional agency. Problems or issues on these roads should be reported directly to the jurisdictional agency.

Recycle Your Holiday Lights

The Village of Buffalo Grove, in conjunction with Elgin Recycling and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is offering a Holiday Light Recycling Program to all SWANCC area residents, free of charge.

All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the following two locations at the Buffalo Grove Municipal Campus.



**Solid Waste Agency of
Northern Cook County**



Village of Buffalo Grove Village Hall
50 Raupp Boulevard
Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
From November 11, 2016 – March 31, 2017
(847) 459-2530

Village of Buffalo Grove Police Department
46 Raupp Boulevard
24-hour drop-off
From November 11, 2016 – March 31, 2017
(847) 459-2530

Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program.

Buffalo Grove Fire Department Works To “Keep The Wreath Red”

The “Keep the Wreath Red” Program is a visual reminder to our residents to take additional safety precautions during the holiday season to ensure it is a safe and happy one. As the season begins, each fire station in Buffalo Grove places in public view a holiday wreath decorated with red bulbs. The wreaths are illuminated constantly. If a fire is directly caused by holiday decorations, one red bulb will be changed to a white bulb. Please see the below safety tips:

Christmas Trees:

- Consider an artificial tree; they are much safer and cleaner. Select only fresh trees that are deep green in color, have a strong scent of pine, and do not lose their needles readily.
- Do not rely on chemical sprays to make your tree flame resistant.
- Keep trees in water-holding stands and keep stands full of water. Place trees away from heat sources and a safe distance from exits.

Holiday Lights:

- Buy and use lights approved by a national testing laboratory.

- Discard any lights that have frayed or worn cords, cracked sockets, broken or loose connections, bare wires, or operate intermittently.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Do not overload electrical outlets (follow the manufacturers instructions for the number of strings that can be plugged in together).
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you leave your home or before going to bed.

Candles:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, like clothing, books and curtains.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Keep candlewicks trimmed to

one-quarter inch and extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get to within two inches of the holder. Candles should be extinguished before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.

- During power outages, avoid carrying a lit candle. Use flashlights.

Winter Season tips:

- Keep matches, lighters and candles out of children's reach.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Keep candles in sturdy holders and away from combustibles.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing near open flames of a fireplace, candle, or stove.
- Burn only well-seasoned, dry wood in your fireplace.
- NEVER burn Christmas paper wrapping in your fireplace. The paper burns too hot and too fast and could cause a fire in your chimney.

By following these tips, you can help to “Keep the Wreath Red” this holidays season.



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Village Hall Hours

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Office of the Village Manager

(847) 459-2525

Office of the Village Clerk

(847) 459-2525

Finance and General Services

(847) 459-2500

Building and Zoning

(847) 459-2530

Health Department

(847) 459-2530

Fire Department

(Non-Emergency)

(847) 537-0995

Police Department

(Non-Emergency)

(847) 459-2560

Public Works-Operations

(847) 459-2545

Public Works-Engineering

(847) 459-2523

Arboretum Golf Club

(847) 913-1112

Buffalo Grove Golf Club

(847) 459-5520

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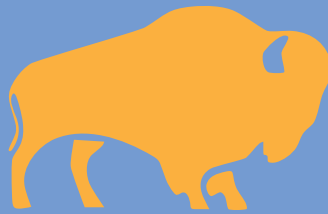
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2016 Village Board Meeting Schedule

November 14 Budget Hearing
December 5 Regular Meeting
December 19 Regular Meeting

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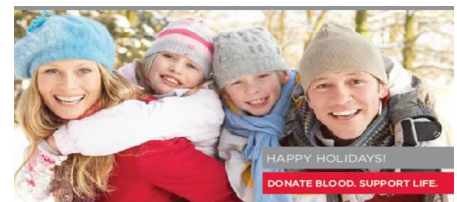
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Buffalo Grove Fire Department Blood Drive

**December 16, 2016
2:00pm to 7:00pm**

**FD Headquarters
1051 Highland Grove Dr.
Buffalo Grove IL 60089**



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