

Buffalo Grove Village News

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News for the Buffalo Grove Community



Buffalo Grove Elected Officials and Employees Give Back

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Water Cost Put Into Perspective

Road and Utility Construction Planned in 2016

Presently, two large scale road and utility construction projects are planned for 2016 on Village owned streets and utilities.

The first project will involve water main replacement, storm sewer improvements, curb replacement and roadway rehabilitation and is expected to begin in March 2016 and end in June 2016. The full execution of this project and all of its components are subject to budgetary constraints, competitive bid results, and Village Board approval. This project is known as the 2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project – Phase 1 will impact the following roads:

•**Mohawk Trail**

(Raupp Blvd. to Roberta Ct.)

•**Gregg Lane**

(Mohawk Trail. to Bernard Dr.)

•**Lauren Lane**

(Mohawk Trail. to Bernard Dr.)

The second project, the 2016 Street Improvement Project – Phase 2, is set to begin in June 2016 and completed in August 2016. The intent of this project is to perform the majority of the work while school is out of session, but it is possible it could extend into the start of the next school year in August. The roads involved in this project, along with their work type, are:

•**Golfview Ter.**

(Dundee Rd. to Covington Ter.)
- Full reconstruction of roadway, curb and base. Minor storm sewer improvements, as needed.

•**Parkview Ter.** (Golfview Ter. to end)

- Full reconstruction of roadway, curb and base. Minor storm sewer improvements, as needed.

•**Brentwood Cir.** (Parkview Ter. to end) - Full reconstruction of roadway, curb and base. Minor storm sewer improvements, as needed.

•**Covington Ter.** (Parkview Ter. to Golfview Ter.) - Full reconstruction of roadway, curb and base. Minor storm sewer improvements, as needed.

•**Golfview Ter.** (Dundee Rd. to approximately 200 feet south of Chenault Rd.) - Roadway resurfacing and spot curb replacement.

•**Dundee Pkwy.** (end to end) - Roadway resurfacing and spot curb replacement.

•**Plum Grove Cir.** (Arlington Heights Rd. to Country Ln.) - Curb removal and replacement, road resurfacing and minor storm sewer repairs.

Other construction projects may include roadway patching, sewer lining, crack sealing and a variety of other minor repairs. These repairs typically involve a low impact to residents and are frequently completed in just a few hours, however, if you have any questions pertaining to construction on Village roads please contact the Engineering Department at 847-459-2523. For more information about the projects with updates about the progression of design, execution and construction, visit www.vbg.org.



New and Expanding Businesses

Dunkin Donuts

245 McHenry Road

HP Tuners, LLC

701 Dartmouth Lane

Direct Vapes

1398 Busch Parkway

Q Nails Salon

209 W. Dundee Road

VSA, Inc.

1110 Lake Cook Road, Suite 353

Yes Education, Inc.

400 W Dundee Road, Suite 3

LED Lighting, Inc

1555 Barclay Boulevard

Alessandro Bosso USA

779 S. Buffalo Grove Road

Cress Chiropractic

1176 McHenry Road

Renalysis Medical Products, LLC

1548 Barclay Boulevard

AO Sushi

1178 McHenry Road

Jam Industries USA

1649 Barclay Boulevard

Department of Defense

485 Half Day Road, Suite 340



Community Blood Drive

The Buffalo Grove Blood Commission's Community Blood Drive is Saturday, March 5 at the Buffalo Grove Park District Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Blood supplies are low, so donating is more important than ever. All donors 18 years of age and older will be eligible to enter a random drawing to win prizes. Visit lifesource.org or call 877-543-3768 to schedule your lifesaving appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

A Message From The Village President



On February 7th, the Village hosted its annual volunteer reception to thank our amazing volunteers who work so hard to make the Village of Buffalo Grove a great place to live. Each year, the Village Board gives special recognition to volunteers celebrating significant milestones in their service to the Village.

Once again, I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their commitment and dedication to the Village of Buffalo Grove. "Here's to all of our volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay." (Robert Orben) Congratulations!

To start the process to become a volunteer, visit the Village's website at vbg.org and fill out a volunteer application form.

Speaking of volunteers, the Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band is hosting its 15th anniversary concert on April 24 at 7PM at the Stevenson Performing Arts Center. Don't miss this special performance as the band looks back to music from their very first performance and presents new music never performed by the band. The Jazz Band will also perform, covering Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" and the classic and ever current theme from Star Wars. Tickets can be purchased at Village Hall or on the Village's website!

President Beverly Sussman

Congratulations to the following volunteers celebrating milestones:

FIVE YEARS

Bicycle Committee - Larry Meyer
Buffalo Grove Days - Alan Danenberg
Board of Health and Blood
Jeff Battinus
CERT

David Karp Eugene Zmuda
Paul Smith Marlene Greenberg
Teresa Michael

Commission for Residents with
Disabilities

Beth Shapiro Jack Shapiro
Larry Sweica Frank Cesario

TEN YEARS

Arts Commission
Christine Gibson Sandy Greenberg
Board of Police and Fire
Commissioners
Jane Dibbern
CERT

Richard Wilson Raymond Karling
Commission for Residents with
Disabilities
Judy Samuels
EMA - Robert Giddens
Fire Pension Board

Arthur Malinowski Edward McKee
Police Pension Board - Kenneth Fox

FIFTEEN YEARS

Arts Commission
Bonnie Gold Gayle Pervos
Lynne Schneider
Symphonic Band
Howard Green Jim Osters
CERT/EMA
Judy Yublosky

TWENTY YEARS

Buffalo Grove Days
Karen Danenberg Ken Lazar
Police Volunteer - Ron Erickson

TWENTY FIVE YEARS

Electrical Commission - Harold Kabb

THIRTY YEARS

EMA - David Morton

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When Do I need a Building Permit?

A building permit is a license that grants legal permission for a homeowner or a business owner to start construction of a building project. Permits allow the enforcement of Village codes which have been adopted as law. The permit also provides the means for the Village to inspect construction to ensure that standards are met and appropriate materials are being used.

One of the most common questions that the Community Development Department gets as improvement projects are planned is, "Do I need a permit?"

The following is a sample of the types of work that require a permit:

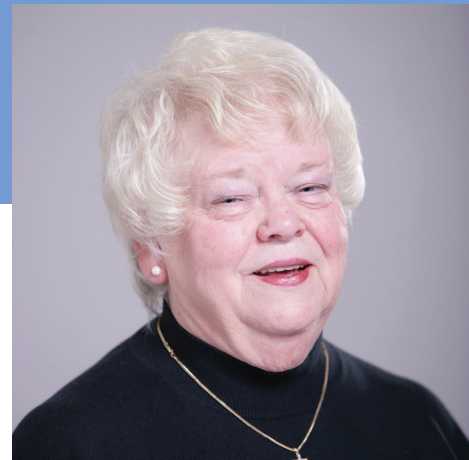
- **Additions** – Porches, decks, stairs and landings, gazebos and sheds.
- **Remodeling** – Kitchens, baths and basements.
- **Fence** – New or replacement.
- **Driveway** and apron replacement/modification.
- **Plumbing** – Underground lawn sprinklers.
- **Electrical** – Service upgrades and generators.
- **Swimming pools**, hot tubs and spas.

Some permits can be issued over the counter if all the required information is provided, such as:

- Air Conditioner and furnace installation/work.
- Roofing work.
- Sewer repair.
- Water heater installation/work.

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by the Village, the value of your investment could be jeopardized. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to make costly repairs.

Village staff is ready to assist you and explain the process to help ensure your project meets all applicable zoning and building safety codes. For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 847-459-2530 or BldgDept@vbg.org. Normal business hours are on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



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Village Clerk

The Village Clerk's Office is responsible for:

- Licensing
- Freedom of Information Act Requests
- Record keeping
- Voter registration
- Municipal Code
- Ordinances
- Resolutions
- Minutes

For more information, call 847-459-2511.

Receive a free Waste Cart

Waste Management Will Offer Waste Collection Carts Free of Charge May 1-May 31

Buffalo Grove households can receive either a 35-gallon, 65-gallon or 95-gallon commercial grade waste collection cart from Waste Management at no cost, between May 1 through May 31, 2016. Residents are reminded that requesting a change in cart size

outside of this specific one-month window will incur a charge. For more information, contact Waste Management at www.wm.com.



Get Out and Vote

March 15, 2016 Primary Election

The upcoming Primary Election will determine the two candidates who will compete for the office of President of the United States on November 8, 2016. The Primary election, will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, and will also choose which candidates will face off for State offices. The first day for early voting is February 29, 2016 and the last day is March 14, 2016. You may also vote by mail.

Individuals who are 17 years of age on March 15, 2016, but will turn 18 years of age prior to the November 8, 2016 General Election are eligible to

vote in the March 15, 2016 Primary Election. More information is available on the links below, for Cook County and Lake County voters.

Cook County:

<http://cookcountyclerk.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Lake County:

<http://countyclerk.lakecountyil.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

The County websites are excellent sources of information to learn more about registration, voting, and serving as an election judge. If you are able to serve as an election

judge, you will play an integral part of the election process. Judges are needed on a consistent basis in both counties.

The Primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents are reminded that voting is a privilege, and to exercise that privilege.



Civics Forum

In late October of 2016, students from Stevenson and Buffalo Grove high schools participated in the Village's annual Civics Forum. The topic for this year's forum was whether or not the age to purchase tobacco products should be raised from 18 to 21 years of age in Buffalo Grove. Research conducted by participating students ranged from the financial effect it might have on the Village, to how much of a role local government should play in personal decisions.

To prepare their arguments, students met at Village Hall for an orientation to give them an overview of municipal government and to observe a Regular Village

Board Meeting. They then began to work on their presentations, which were made to the Village Board and the community at the October 26 meeting. Both sides of the issue presented their findings eloquently as students have in forums held in previous years.

The Village's goal for the Civics Forum is to acquaint high school students with municipal government so that they will become active, engaged

and involved residents in their future communities. Three students who participated in previous Civics Forums have since decided to pursue careers in municipal government because of their involvement.

A huge THANK YOU goes to the students and advisors for their participation in our Civics Forum. This important program could not continue without them!



It is up To You to Renew

In an effort to be more green by going paperless, the Illinois Secretary of State will no longer mail reminders to Illinois motorists in regards to renewal of vehicle stickers.

It is now the responsibility of Illinois vehicle owners to renew the stickers prior to their expiration date.

Motorists can sign up for e-mail reminders by visiting The Illinois Secretary of State online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "E-mail My Renewal Notice."

Residents who need to renew their vehicle stickers can do so by visiting their local Secretary of State facility, or by going online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com and clicking "License Plate Renewal." A registration ID and PIN provided by the state is needed. If you do not have a registration ID and PIN number, call the State's Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980.



Register Online

Citizen Police Academy



*Pictured above are graduates of the
2015 Buffalo Grove Citizen Police Academy*

Applications are now being accepted for the Village of Buffalo Grove Citizen Police Academy, which provides Village residents an opportunity to learn about a wide range of law enforcement activities performed by the Buffalo Grove Police Department.

Among the topics covered are the K-9 unit, traffic enforcement, firearms, forensics, criminal investigations, SWAT team and the operational structure of the Buffalo Grove Police Department.

The academy will take place each Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for eight weeks, starting March 30 and ending May

18, 2016. Enrollment is free and on a first come, first serve basis with a limit of 20 attendees.

Participants must be at least 21 years old and pass a background check. Classes are held at the Buffalo Grove Police Department located at 46 Raupp Boulevard.

Applications are available online at <http://www.vbg.org/DocumentCenter/View/1490> or can be picked up at the police department.

For more information, please contact Officer Tom Derken at (847) 459-2560 or email police@vbg.org.

Help Preserve Buffalo Grove's Water Environment

In accordance with state and federal storm sewer regulations, residents are reminded that it is unlawful to dump chemicals, paints, solvents or any other pollutants in inlets, creeks or streets. If you observe this type of activity, or have questions about pollution reports, stormwater quality concerns or any other related issues, they should be directed to the Buffalo Grove Public Works Department at 847-459-2547.



Putting the Cost of Water into Perspective

Each month the Village receives calls from water customers regarding high water bills and the overall cost of water in Buffalo Grove. The actual cost of the water itself is reasonably priced; high water bills are normally related to interior or exterior plumbing leaks and landscape irrigation. The Village currently charges \$4.56 per 1,000 gallons of water. The chart compares the cost of Village water to other water purchase options.

Annually, Village of Buffalo Grove water customers consume 1.1 billion gallons of water. Meeting that demand requires a substantial amount of infrastructure and staff. Additionally, the regulatory compliance required to ensure that water is safe for the public to consume is massive.

It is important to remember that the water available to residents in faucets, showers, and hoses is provided by the Village as a service to residents that has an substantial cost attached to it; that is in addition to a wide variety of services that residents are able to enjoy.

If you have additional questions, please contact Buffalo Grove Public Works at 847-459-2547.

Comparable: 1,000 Gallons of Water Cost

Village Water Delivered to your Tap (one Village billing unit)	\$ 4.56
Bottled Water (1 Gallon bottles)	\$ 990.00
Bottled Water (32 - .5L bottles)	\$ 1,178.70
Water Delivered to your Home (5 gallon bottles)	\$ 1,450.00

As demonstrated above, the cost of Village water is inexpensive compared to other water options available for purchase at local retail and delivery outlets.

Comparative Cost of 1 Gallon of Water to Other Consumer Products

Gallon of Village Water	\$ 0.00456
Gallon of Bottled Water	\$ 0.99
Gallon of Windshield Washer Fluid	\$ 1.58
Gallon of Gas	\$ 2.00
Gallon of Milk	\$ 3.46
Gallon of Orange Juice	\$ 3.97
Gallon of Laundry Detergent	\$ 9.97

Buffalo Grove Police

Bring Water to Flint Michigan

The community of Flint, Michigan is dealing with a catastrophic water crisis, where the water supply has been tainted with lead. The effects on the health of residents, especially children, is expected to have a negative and lifelong impact.

When the situation came to the attention of Buffalo Grove Police Chief Steven R. Casstevens, he immediately contacted Flint Police Chief James Tolbert to offer assistance. Chief Tolbert said the water situation was having a catastrophic impact on first responders who are working to keep the community safe, amid the serious circumstances.

“This is what professionals do in times of crisis. We step up and help each other,” Chief Casstevens said. On January 30, 2016, three full tractor-trailers donated by Graebel

Van Lines, Hillside Towing and A-Express Towing and Recovery helped to deliver 2,500 cases of bottled water to first responders in Flint—courtesy of the outreach efforts of the Buffalo Grove Police Department.

The enormous amount of bottled water came about through donations from the Buffalo Grove community.

A team from the Buffalo Grove Police Department volunteered their time to personally deliver the water collected, and included Chief Casstevens, Deputy Chief Michael Szos, Officer Ross Valstyn and Officer Shannon McMillon.

Thank you to all who donated to this cause!



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The Village of Buffalo Grove Gives Back

The Village of Buffalo Grove's elected and appointed leaders share a common philosophy about giving back to the community, and that is exemplified in efforts put forth each year. Elected officials, Village employees, entire departments and even employee family members are involved in a variety of philanthropic efforts and causes.

Following is a list of the individuals and groups who participated in 2015, and the causes they raised funds for and/or supported through participation:

- Village Manager Dane Bragg, Police Chief Steven Casstevens and Fire Department Battalion Chief Shawn Collins are all Buffalo Grove Rotary Club members, and together raised \$2,400 for the 2015 Rotary Club Duck Race, which benefitted local youth education, literacy and programs for the homeless.

- Deputy Village Manager Jenny Maltas, who lost her mother to breast cancer, has been involved in Relay for Life since 2004. Her team at Relay for Life raised \$25,000 in 2015 for the American Cancer Society.

- Director of Public Works, Mike Reynolds, participated in "Hustle up the Hancock" in February of 2015, and completed the Half Climb (52 floors). Reynolds raised \$1,745 for the Respiratory Health Association, and plans on participating in the event again on February 28, 2016. He has raised nearly \$1,500 so far.

*Throughout 2015,
nearly \$80,000 was
raised for various
charities and causes.*

- Firefighter/Paramedic Clark Pound has run in the Chicago Marathon since 2012 with Team Determination, which also raises funds for ACS. Pound lost his mother to cancer in the summer of 2015.

- Village Engineer Darren Monico's wife Amanda raised \$2,700 for St. Jude's Research Hospital by participating in the Nashville St. Jude's Half Marathon

in April of 2015. Both Monico and his wife have pledged to raise \$3,000 and plan to participate in the half marathon this coming April.

- Buffalo Grove Village Board members have been involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Buffalo Grove/Stevenson high schools since the late 1990s. Led by Trustee Jeff Berman, they form a team and participate in the event, and encourage the community to do the same.

- The Buffalo Grove Police Department raised \$32,000 for the Special Olympics in 2015. Twenty-one sworn members of the department also took part in a 'Movember Campaign', where each wore goatees for the month of November and raised \$1,160. Funds were earmarked for education and research on men's health issues.

- Village employees as a whole raised \$2,372 for Community Health Charities and its sub-charities which include Susan G. Komen, Ronald McDonald House, the American Diabetes Association and others. Employees also competed in 'Change Wars' and the Fire Department won the challenge and donated \$404 to Autism Speaks

- The Buffalo Grove Fire Department participated in the annual 'Fill the Boot' fundraiser and raised \$12,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Giving back to the community is strongly encouraged.



Members of the Village Board Relay For Life team pose for a picture at the Buffalo Grove /Stevenson High School event.







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Health Department

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Fire Department

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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

BGTV

Comcast Channel 6
AT&T U-Verse Channel 99
Village Board meetings air everyday at
8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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2016 Village Board Meeting Schedule

March 21	Regular Meeting
April 4	COW Meeting
April 18	Regular Meeting
May 2	COW Meeting
May 16	Regular Meeting
June 6	COW Meeting
June 20	Regular Meeting
July 11	COW Meeting
July 18	Regular Meeting
August 1	COW Meeting
August 15	Regular Meeting
September 12	COW Meeting
September 19	Regular Meeting
October 17	Regular Meeting
October 24	Civics Forum
November 7	Regular Meeting
November 14	Budget Hearing
December 5	Regular Meeting
December 19	Regular Meeting

Where do you get your information about the Village of Buffalo Grove? Visit www.vbg.org to find news and information, to report a concern to Village staff and view important Village documents.

www.vbg.org: Information for the whole community!