# BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE NEWS





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A key recommendation from the Economic Development Strategic Plan was to help facilitate development and redevelopment opportunities. This recommendation has been implemented through various projects, including Woodman's Food Market. Groundbreaking for the project will take place by early fall at Deerfield Road and Milwaukee Avenue. This massive project has involved coordination with multiple government agencies and bodies, including Lake County, the Lake County Department of Transportation (LCDOT), as well as the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The project includes construction of a 242,000 square-foot Woodman's Food Market, a fuel center, convenience store, quick lube, and car wash. Shorewood Development Group will also be developing commercial property on the southwest corner of Milwaukee and Deerfield Parkway.





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## 2017 Village Board Meeting Schedule

September 18 Regular October 2 COW October 16 Regular October 23 **Civics Forum** November 6 Regular November 13 **Budget Presentation December 4** Regular **December 18** Regular















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## **Letter From The Village President**



I am pleased to highlight a variety of fall events that will take place in September and October in Buffalo Grove; each of them continues to show that our Village is a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

The Village's largest yearly event, Buffalo Grove Days, will be held Wednesday, August 30, through Monday, September 4, 2017. In this edition of the Village News, you will find an insert that details all the activities taking place this

year! Attendees can enjoy carnival rides, a food tent with local Buffalo Grove restaurants, and a beer tent run by the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce with microbrews from Buffalo Grove's own microbrewery, Prairie Krafts Brewing Company. There will also be entertainment for all ages, a craft fair and business fair, Fun and Food for Residents with Disabilities Day, the Rotary Duck Race, the BBQ Challenge, and Buddy Baseball. New this year will be a classic car, truck, and motorcycle show on Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. featuring cars made prior to 1988. The beer tent will also be open on Monday afternoon to coincide with this new and exciting event.

Our Farmers' Market is the social place to be every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot by the Spray N' Play in Mike Rylko Community Park, 951 McHenry Road. Rain or shine, our farmers are available each week to answer any questions, or provide information on how to prepare various fruits and vegetables.

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department will host its annual open house for children and adults in the community on Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Fire Department Headquarters Station, 109 E. Deerfield Parkway. There will be a variety of interesting demonstrations that will be both fun and educational for those who attend. This is a great event for the entire family, where free hot dogs and chips will be provided.

The Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band will host its 16th annual Fall Concert, 'No Strings Attached', on Sunday, October 29, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Buffalo Grove High School. The band will be performing wind band pieces, many originally for orchestra, but of course without strings! From jazz to classical, Bach to Mahler, to jazz great Dave Brubeck, if you like any of these styles of music, this concert has something to entertain you.

Finally, mark your calendars for the Buffalo Grove Days Community Blood Drive, which will take place Saturday, September 2, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Park District's Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive. To prepare for a blood donation, remember to eat well, stay hydrated, and bring a form of identification. To schedule an appointment, call LifeSource at 847-543-3768. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

Thank you to the Village staff and volunteers who organize and support these great community events, and I hope to see you at one or all of them this fall!

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## **Buffalo Grove Continues Economic Growth Initiatives**



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**2** Partnerships



3 Programs

The Village of Buffalo Grove continues to make progress on economic development initiatives, with many notable achievements happening in recent years. In February of 2016, the Village Board approved the Economic Development Strategic Plan, identifying how the Village can optimize its role to achieve long-term economic growth, which serves as a platform to leverage funding, partnerships, and programs with our private, public, and nonprofit partners. Since its approval, the Village has undergone various initiatives to implement the Plan.

For more information, visit vbg.org/898/Economic-Development-Strategic-Plan.



# LAKE COOK CORRIDOR MARKET STUDY AND PLAN

One of the Economic Development Strategic Plan's high-priority projects is the Lake Cook Corridor Market Study and Plan.

The project, which kicked off in early 2017, is exploring how the Village can best reposition the Corridor to optimize its growth potential. The Corridor provides a gateway from the Village to the community, offering more than one million square feet of commercial space, that is home to some important cultural and residential developments. The Corridor is facing various opportunities, and changes. challenges which include high commercial vacancy rates (especially in Town Center and Chase Plaza), older commercial buildings, and the widening of Lake Cook Road, which is planned for 2019. These factors reinforce the importance and timeliness of this project in developing a vision for the Lake Cook Corridor.

The Village retained nationally renowned urban design and consulting firm HOK to lead this study and plan. HOK held the first public meeting in February of 2017, and a second this past July, which presented alternative visions for the future of the Corridor. The public was invited to view and provide feedback on these visions. Alternatives presented look to preserve and integrate existing residential developments and natural features, improve connectivity within the Corridor, develop a mix of uses that

can be supported by market research findings, and enhance the accessibility and quality of open space. HOK is currently reviewing and organizing the feedback from those meetings and will share it with the project's steering committee to develop a draft vision for the Corridor. Public comment on this draft vision will be invited in late summer/early fall, when HOK will begin work on the final plan. For more information, visit **vbg.org/LCC** 







#### **View BG Connect on Your Smartphone**

80%

of internet users own a smartphone, which account for over 33% of all Internet traffic

Did you know Buffalo Grove Connect is the Village's own app to let mobile phone users connect with relevant information? The app is available from both the Android and Apple stores.

These numbers are provided by impactbnd.com.

### BUFFALO GROVE FARMERS' MARKET

The 8th annual Farmers' Market has had an extremely successful season so far! With the cooler weather approaching, the appearance of apples and pumpkins will soon provide a visually colorful fall palette at this popular Sunday market.

National Farmers' Market week was recently celebrated by our vendors who donated products that were raffled off to more than a dozen lucky winners. Visit the Farmers' Market Facebook page at **facebook.com/BuffaloGroveFarmersMarket/** to view photos from this special event.

The Buffalo Grove Farmers' Market has hosted 32 vendors this season, which includes five new vendors. Foods offered include a vast selection of fresh fruits and vegetables grown in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. The 'side' vendors have been selling coffee, sweets, pet foods, honey, peanuts, mushrooms, doughnuts, breads, spices, fresh meats, and fish. Customers are known to leave the market with full tote bags!

Entertainment has been provided nearly every weekend, and several new nonprofits have shared information about the services they offer to the community.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks until the Market ends on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Please note that the Farmers' Market will not be open during Buffalo Grove Days on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AROUND TOWN

Recent Buffalo Grove development and redevelopment projects have occurred in the Village's

industrial corridors. Flex (formerly Flextronics) a premier, multinational firm that focuses on design, manufacturing, distribution, and aftermarket services for various products, opened its doors at 700 Corporate Grove Drive in 2015. The company has invested more than \$100 million in their facilities, hired more than

300 employees and was awarded Lake County's Manufacturer of the Year Award by the Alliance for Industry and Manufacturing.

Other recent key developments include Thermflo and Zonatherm Products Headquarters, located

on formerly vacant property at 875 Busch Parkway, and the redevelopment of an industrial



complex at 850 Asbury Drive. This industrial development activity speaks to the strength of this market and the Village's advantageous edge as an advanced manufacturing center.

# FARMERS' MARKET CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL SEASON



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT



The Village of Buffalo Grove, in coordination with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and the BG Environmental Action Team, is hosting a one-day Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event available to all residents, with proof of residency, who live in any SWANCC member community. A listing of all member communities can be viewed at swancc.org/swancc-membercommunities.

The document destruction event will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at 151 Hastings Drive (just north of Banner Plumbing).

For more information, visit **swancc.org/ recycling/electronics-recycling.** 

## DRIVING DISTRACTED

In May of 2017, the Buffalo Grove Police Department participated in Distracted Driver Awareness Week; a directed enforcement zone was conducted where police spoke with drivers about the distracted driving law. Many were aware of the law, but unaware of some important details contained in the state statute.

The Distracted Driving Law is stated as follows in the Illinois Vehicle Code: 625 ILCS 5/12-610.2 Electronic Communication devices.

A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device. An electronic communication device means an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a hand-held wireless telephone, personal digital assistant, portable, or mobile computer (laptop).

Navigation systems, which are integrated in the dashboard of vehicles, are not included. A cell phone may be used when operating a vehicle if it is in hands-free mode. This includes any type of Bluetooth® device, either portable or integrated into the vehicle.

There are some exceptions included in the law, which allow for the legal use of a device while operating a vehicle.

Police are aware that emergency situations may arise, which require the use of a cell phone. The term emergency is broad, and therefore classified into two categories: one being a personal matter that needs to be addressed immediately, and the other a medical crisis or public safety concern occurring to an individual or someone else. For the latter, the most appropriate action is to dial 911 immediately.

The law does not apply to those using a device to report an emergency situation if they are in continued communication with emergency personnel. Depending on the situation, the dispatcher will likely ask the caller to pull over to a safe location and wait for first responders. If a phone call must be made to address a personal matter, drivers are advised to

pull over to the shoulder or exit the roadway to a parking lot. If a driver is using their cell phone while on the shoulder of the roadway, the vehicle must be in park.

It is permissible to use a device while stopped if there is a prolonged period sitting in traffic, but the vehicle must be in neutral or park. Some examples of when a situation like this might occur would be waiting at a railroad crossing for a train to pass, or a temporary road closure due to a traffic accident or construction.

According to the National
Highway Traffic Safety
Administration (NHTSA), 3,477
people were killed by distracted
driving in 2015.

If the law and deadly statistics are not enough to keep drivers away from their devices while driving, Apple and Android operating systems have safe driving applications available, each with different offerings and levels of restriction. Some of the applications lock a phone down the minute driving ensues, but allows other applications to open, such as a music

player or navigation. Different options are not as restrictive; once a drive time is entered, no notifications will open until the drive time has been completed. Many insurance companies are offering discounts to drivers that use a safe driving application.

There are many situations that can distract a driver, but texting is the most dangerous. Sending or reading a text message takes a driver's eyes off the road for five seconds. At 55 mph, this is like driving the length of a football field with one's eyes closed.

More information can be found at ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs.

Please be safe, put it down, and drive.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE





The Buffalo Grove Fire Department will host its 22nd annual Fire Department Open House on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This popular, family-friendly event will be held at the Fire Department Headquarters Station, 109 E. Deerfield Parkway.

There will be demonstrations of vehicle extrications and a side-by-side sprinkler burn unit, a hands-on fire extinguisher training for adults, and the junior firefighter challenge which includes a fire pole. There will also be Fire Department equipment displays, puppet shows, and an appearance by the Flight for Life helicopter, along with free hot dogs and chips .

The open house is a kick-off to National Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 8 through October 14, 2017. Each year, fires cause 3,000 deaths and more than 21,000

injuries. This is equivalent to one fire death every three hours, and a fire injury every 34 minutes. Although there has been progress in providing education to prevent fires, these death and injury statistics are two to three times higher than what is reported in Western Europe and Japan. What is most tragic about this data is that almost all fires are preventable.

For more information, call the Buffalo Grove Fire Department Public Education Division at 847-777-6110.

### What to Do When the Smoke Alarm Sounds

Consider this scenario: It's 2:00 a.m. when the smoke alarm sounds, and the smell of smoke fills the air. What do you do? If a household does not have a fire escape plan in place, it could jeopardize the safety of everyone in the home, and even prove deadly.

In a typical home fire, there may be as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Therefore, home escape planning is so critical in a fire situation, as it ensures that everyone knows how to use that brief window of time wisely.

"Developing and practicing a home escape plan is like building muscle memory," said Fire Chief Mike Baker." That pre-planning is what everyone will draw upon to snap into action and escape as quickly as possible in the event of a fire."

The 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme is, 'Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!', and aims to educate the public about the importance of developing a home escape plan, and practicing it. The Buffalo Grove Fire Department is working to reinforce these potentially life-saving messages. Fire Prevention Week is Sunday, October 8 through Saturday, October 14, 2017.

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department encourages all households in the Village to develop a plan together, and practice it. A home escape plan includes ensuring there are

working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes locating two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place - such as a tree, light pole, or mailbox - that is a safe distance from the home.

Additional safety tips include:

- Draw a map of the home with all household members, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice the home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in the household, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case someone can't help them.
- Make sure the house number is clearly marked and easy for the firefighters to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

To learn more about this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, and home escape planning, visit **firepreventionweek.org.** 



Smoke alarm batteries should be changed at least twice a year. A good rule of thumb is to change them when the clocks are adjusted for Daylight Saving Time.

### CRIME MAPS

Access up-to-date police activity and more information, through the Village of Buffalo Grove's GIS System

Buffalo Grove Police would like to remind residents to utilize the Geographical Information System (GIS) maps to view up-to-date police activity. This tool is located on the Police Department's webpage, within the Village website at vbg.org/117/Police.

Click on the 'Current Crime Map' icon, to connect to the GIS map. The legend on the right-hand side of the screen identifies what types of crimes have occurred in the Village, and when.







INTERESTING THINGS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW **ABOUT BUFFALO GROVE** 



#### **PIONEERS**

The very first pioneers who arrived in the Buffalo Grove area came from New England around 1834, but the town wasn't incorporated until 1958.



#### A TALE OF TWO COUNTIES

Buffalo Grove is located in both Cook and Lake counties. making it one of only 14 towns in Illinois that are located in two or more counties.



#### WORLD RECORD

Buffalo Grove resident Ivan Zoot holds the Guiness World Record for giving the most haircuts in one hour (34). That record was set in 2008 and still remains unbroken.



WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

### Neighborhood **Watch Groups**

Buffalo Grove Police are asking residents to help make the Village as safe as possible.

have been shown to be an effective way to combat crimes neighborhoods, building relationships with other community members and the police. A member of the Buffalo Grove Police Department will assist residents in getting their program started, as well as share information on crime prevention.

If a neighborhood has any police@vbg.org, or call the non-emergency line at 847-459-2560 and ask for the Community Relations Unit.

#### **GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE** DONATE BLOOD



#### **Buffalo Grove Days Blood Drive**

The next Buffalo Grove Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Buffalo Grove Park District Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive.

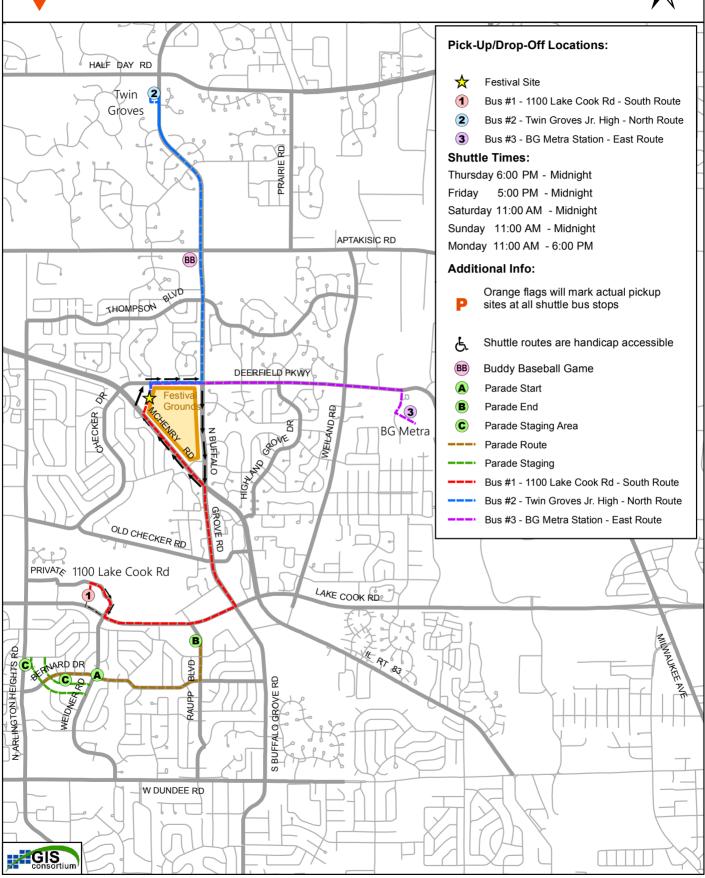
To prepare for a blood donation, eat well prior to donating, stay hydrated, and bring a form of identification when you check in. To schedule an appointment, call LifeSource at 847-543-3768.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, visit lifesource.org.



### 2017 Buffalo Grove Days: Shuttle Stops







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## **Buffalo Grove Fire Department** 22nd Annual Open House



109 E. Deerfield Parkway **Saturday, September 23, 2017**10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**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.