



BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE NEWS



Village Promotes Giving Back



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The Village of Buffalo Grove has employee programs in place that not only promote giving back to the community, but also encourage going above and beyond job responsibilities. Additionally, the Village is focused on helping its employees to achieve overall fitness and good health.

This year employee appreciation events shifted gears, and included events on three Fridays in September, which were hosted by different Village departments to show appreciation to all employees. During these events, special recognition was given for employee milestones and 'Golden Ticket' winners were honored. The Golden Ticket program promotes and rewards employees who go above and beyond their job responsibilities.

The Village of Buffalo Grove works with various organizations to provide resources to encourage a high level of employee physical, and mental health. These resources include, but are not limited to, 'Lunch n' Learns' where topics range from retirement financial planning, to work-life balance and navigating stress.

Giving back to the community is another top priority at the Village of Buffalo Grove. In 2017, the Village raised \$2,932 for United Way and was selected as the winner of the 'Great Beginnings Award' for the 12th Annual Community Awards. The award was given to Buffalo Grove for its exceptional fundraising campaign, inspiring enthusiasm, creativity, and its passion to become involved in the greater community. Village Employees and the Village Board also support the American Cancer Society through the Buffalo Grove/Lincolnshire Relay for Life.

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BGTV
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Village Board meetings air
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2018 Village Board Meeting Schedule

November 13	Budget Presentation
December 3	Regular
December 17	Regular



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Letter From The Village President



Beverly Sussman
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Buffalo Grove has experienced another year of exciting business growth and development!

One of the largest businesses to open in 2018 was Woodman's Food Market which opened its doors at the corner of Deerfield Parkway and Milwaukee Avenue in September. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 9, 2018 to officially welcome Woodman's into the Buffalo Grove community. Prior to the store opening, Woodman's joined our community as a partner for our annual Buffalo Grove Days festival as a presenting sponsor

for mainstage entertainment and of the BG Days Parade. Additionally, Woodman's provided water and corn for our nonprofits to sell during the festival. Our nonprofits raise funds to assist in providing services to the community. This commitment and support is not only acknowledged, but greatly appreciated as well.



As part of the development around Woodman's, there will be an additional 43,000 square feet of new retail and office development on the southwest side of Deerfield Parkway and Milwaukee Avenue, led by Shorewood Development Group. The plans are still under development and a list of restaurants and businesses opening up will be announced towards the end of 2018/beginning of 2019.

Another great new addition to our industrial district is Business IT Source (BITS), a computer hardware and services company that recently relocated their headquarters to the Village from a nearby community. A fantastic grand opening was held on September 27, 2018. Welcome to Buffalo Grove!

Throughout 2018, the Village has welcomed more than 70 new, expanded or relocated businesses into Buffalo Grove. We look forward to more opportunities to continue to strengthen our business community in the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Village's volunteers who make this community a great place to live, work and raise a family. Even though the weather did not cooperate, we had another great Buffalo Grove Days and we could not have done it without our volunteers: the Buffalo Grove Days Committee, the Commission For Residents With Disabilities (CRD), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), MobileCom, the Health Commission, and the Police Department volunteers. Thank you again to the Farmers Market volunteers for another great year and for all of your time and energy at the market! If you are interested in volunteering with the Village, please contact Village Hall, at **847-459-2500**.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our residents a safe and happy holiday season and a great 2019!

Beverly Sussman

Metra Lot, Station and Platform Operation and Maintenance

The Village operates and maintains the Metra Parking Lot and the Metra Station at 825 Commerce Drive in Buffalo Grove. Maintenance responsibilities include snow and ice control in the parking areas and walkways to the train station, in addition to garbage removal, and maintenance of the station and warming shelters. The Village's responsibility at the Metra Station ends at the platform, as Village employees are not allowed to perform any maintenance on, or between the platforms. Metra is responsible for the platforms and the area in between the platforms. This includes, but is not limited to, snow and ice control on the platform, lighting, signage, and maintenance of the tracks and fencing.



Keep the Wreath Red

The 'Keep the Wreath Red' Program is a visual reminder for area residents to take additional safety precautions during the holiday season. Each fire station in Buffalo Grove places in public view a holiday wreath decorated with red bulbs that are constantly illuminated during the holidays. If a fire is directly caused by holiday decorations, one red bulb will be changed to a white bulb. By following the below tips, you can help to keep the wreath red.

Christmas Trees

- Consider an artificial tree, which are much safer and cleaner. If choosing a natural tree, 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 at all times. Place trees away from heat sources and a safe distance away from exits.

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 and do not overload electrical outlets (follow the manufacturer's 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 leaving the 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, such as 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; instead, use flashlights.

General Winter Season Safety Tips

Residents are reminded to keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of children. Other safety reminders include: avoid wearing loose fitting clothing near open flames of a fireplace, candle or stove, and burn only well-seasoned, dry wood in the fireplace. Also, do not burn holiday wrapping paper in the fireplace, because the paper burns too hot and fast, and could cause a fire in the chimney.

For more information, please contact the Buffalo Grove Fire Department Educational Division at **847-777-6110**.



2018 Golden Ticket Recipients

The Village of Buffalo Grove's Golden Ticket winners are listed below. These employees earned special recognition in 2018 for going above and beyond their job responsibilities.

Andrew Brown
Finance

Eric Weidner
Public Works

Kate Heffernan
Finance

Tyler Ankney
Public Works

Andrew Dziekanski
Public Works

Franceska Fabyan
Finance

LaConte Lewis
Finance

Tim Malinowski
Public Works

Beth Martin
Police

Jim Wargo
Public Works

Mike Font
Public Works

Scott Praner
Public Works

Chris Krase
Public Works

Karl Rosenberg
Public Works

Paula Close
Finance

Jake Doherty
Public Works

Don't Be a Victim This Holiday Season

Historically, credit card scams and package thefts rise during the holiday months. In 2017, the Buffalo Grove Police Department took several reports pertaining to stolen or missing packages, in addition to stolen credit card information.

For your financial safety, keep the following tips in mind to help keep your identity and bank accounts secure:

- Use EMV or chip-enabled cards. These cards should help lower credit card fraud, but only if you use the chip technology.
- If using a computer for online shopping, keep your software up-to-date. This will help guarantee that the most recent security issues have been addressed.
- Smartphones store a large amount of personal information; make sure to set a passcode on your phone.
- Update your passwords! Only 25-percent of smartphone owners change their passwords periodically. Ensure your password is at least 8 characters long; include uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols.
- Pay close attention to your financial accounts and report any issues to your card issuer immediately.
- Consider a credit card rather than a debit card. The most you'll have to pay for unauthorized use of your credit card is \$50.
- Think twice about opening a new account to capitalize on store holiday discounts. You may be sharing personal information with seasonal employees, some of whom do not undergo as rigorous of a background check. Also, keep in mind that opening a card for a short amount of time, then closing it, can have a negative impact on your credit score.

Below are tips to help keep delivered packages safe:

- If available when ordering online, pick a specific delivery time when someone will be home to greet the delivery driver and package.



- Have packages delivered to a location where someone can immediately retrieve them, such as to a trusted neighbor who is home during the day, or a place of employment.
- Opt in to text message delivery alerts for when packages arrive and ask someone to secure them if you are not at home. Should an item be stolen, this gives police a time frame of when the crime occurred.
- If possible, ask the delivery company to hold a package at their facility until you are able to pick it up in person.
- Installing a home security camera system or video doorbell can be a pricey investment, but also a great deterrent for potential thieves. The benefits of these systems include providing suspect and vehicle descriptions, as well as year-round surveillance.

For more information, please visit consumer.ftc.gov or contact the Buffalo Grove Police Department at **847-459-2560**.

Buffalo Grove Employee Spotlight: Management Analyst Kathryn Golbach



The Village of Buffalo Grove is proud to announce new Management Analyst, Kathryn Golbach. Kathryn has an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater in Urban Geography and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University in Public Administration. Prior to coming to Buffalo Grove, Kathryn served as a management intern, and then a full-time management analyst with the Village of Carpentersville. Her experience in municipal government includes finance, human resources and administration. Kathryn is actively involved in the local government community where she is a member of ILCMA (Illinois City County Management Association) and serves on the IAMMA (Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants) programming committee. In her free time, Kathryn enjoys spending time with her golden retriever Emma. The Village of Buffalo Grove welcomes Kathryn to the team!



Quick Fact

On Black Friday, 55% of parents check the availability of items on their smartphones prior to going to the store.

source: Verticalresponse.com



Winter Snow Removal

As the winter season of 2018 – 2019 begins to draw near, the Buffalo Grove Public Works Department is preparing all equipment to meet the expectations of program goals. The challenges of winter maintenance are all emergency activities completed by the Public Works Department. Some of these are completed simultaneously during a snow event. The following are frequently asked questions/answers during the winter maintenance season.

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 Public Works will be completing anti-icing pre-treatment to roads throughout the community. Anti-icing is a cost effective, proactive first step towards achieving 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 a 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 - but create a potential hazard for the winter maintenance equipment and slow 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.

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 the parkway should be reported to the Public Works Department as soon as it is identified. Public Works repairs/replaces mailboxes and mailbox support posts that have been damaged by a “direct strike” from the plow or plow vehicle. The Department does not complete repairs caused by snow thrown from the plow. When purchasing a 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, 51 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove, upon request.



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o meet challenges the needs and potential challenges the season brings. As in years' past, Public Works staff will undergo mandatory re always a balancing act between the weather and road conditions, staffing levels, functionality of equipment, traffic, and many other t. Despite the variety of challenges, staff is dedicated to the task of winter maintenance and works tirelessly to meet expectations. The

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.

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 Public Works Department. State roads, and Lake or Cook County roads are each maintained by their respective jurisdictional agencies. A list of the roads and the responsible agencies can be found here vbg.org/378/Snow-Removal. Report any problems to the appropriate agency.

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 is the contact telephone number if I have a question or a concern?

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The most snow to fall in a 24-hour period in the United States is 75.8 inches.

In 1921, over six feet of snow fell between April 14 at 2:30 p.m. and April 15 at 2:30 p.m. in Silver Lake, Colorado.

Snow has never been reported in Key West.

The coldest temperature on record for the Florida city (reached on January 13, 1981, and January 12, 1886) is 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

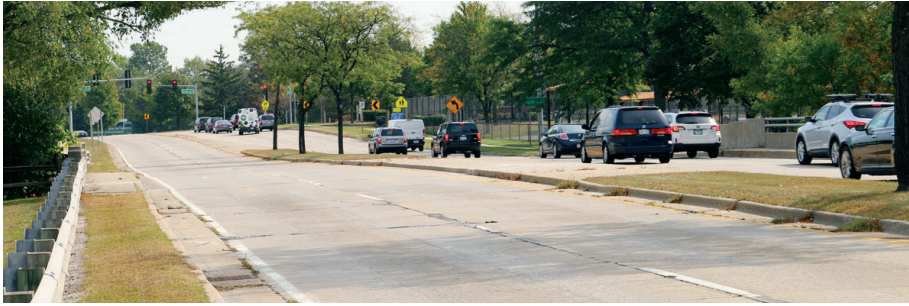
Snow is a mineral.

According to the National Snow & Ice Data Center, snow is a mineral because it is a naturally occurring solid, inorganically formed, and has a definite chemical composition.

This information courtesy of weather.com



2019 Roadwork Schedule



The Cook County Highway Department will be widening Lake Cook Road, from east of Raupp Boulevard to east of Lexington Drive, starting in the spring or summer of 2019. The Highway Department is currently working on property acquisition, and utility relocation is expected to begin soon. If you have questions, please call Cook County at **312-603-1600**. A website that will provide updates on this project will be available soon and communicated through the Village's social media pages and through the E-newsletter.

The Lake County Department of Transportation is planning to widen Weiland Road, between Lake Cook Road and Aptakisic Road, starting in the spring of 2019. Utility relocation has already begun in anticipation of the spring construction start. For questions, please call Lake County at **847-377-7400** or visit their website at lakecountyil.gov/3832/Weiland-Rd.

Landscape and Waste Pickup Information

For the remainder of the fall season, landscape waste will be picked up on the normal recycling pickup day through December 15, 2018. For holiday waste collection, weekday holidays will delay collection by Waste Management one day for the remainder of the week. For example, if a holiday falls on a Thursday such as Thanksgiving (November 22, 2018), then Thursday customers will be collected on Friday, and Friday customers will be collected on Saturday.

Landscape waste containers should be contained in 32-gallon special yard waste paper bags. Also acceptable are 32-gallon rigid, unlined waste containers marked with a large "X" (at least 12 inches in diameter so it can be seen from the truck).

Acceptable items include:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Vegetative plants
- Brush and small trees (brush and tree limbs up to 3.5 inches in diameter must be bundled in 4-foot lengths, tied with string or cloth, and not exceed 70 pounds in weight)

Non-acceptable items include:

- Indoor plants
- Flower arrangements
- Trees larger than 3.5 inches in diameter
- Dirt or stones
- Sod
- Pine cones

Holiday Tree Pickup:

- Holiday Trees will be picked up the first two weeks in January on the regular pickup day, and trees must be a maximum of 6 feet or cut in half. Trees MUST be clean (no bags/tinsel)

If you have any questions, please contact the Village of Buffalo Grove or you can visit the Village's website at vbg.org/128/Refuse-Recycling or visit wm.com and search 'Buffalo Grove'.

Annual Metra Lot Parking Pass

Beginning December 1, 2018, the Village of Buffalo Grove will begin selling the 2019 annual parking permit for the Metra Commuter Lot, 825 Commerce Court in Buffalo Grove. This permit is valid from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and is \$450. The annual permit is only available for purchase at Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove, and saves commuters \$50 yearly compared to daily parking permits, and \$30 compared to purchasing six, bi-monthly passes. The annual pass provides 24-hour access to the Metra Commuter Lot.

The Village will continue to offer bi-monthly and daily parking passes for the remainder of 2018. Bi-monthly passes are available for purchase 30 days before the parking cycle begins and can be purchased online at vbg.org/163/Finance, at Village Hall, or by mail for \$80. Daily parking is \$2 per day and is available through the "Passport Parking" app for smartphones, by calling **847-380-4332**, or at any of the five pay terminals on-site, which accept cash or credit cards. Four of the terminals are inside the Metra Station and one is in the warming shelter adjacent to the station (located on the southbound side of the platform). Parking passes or daily permits are required Monday through Friday. There is no charge for parking in the lot on weekends or on federal holidays. Daily parking expires at midnight on the date of purchase unless a long-term parking space (available for up to five consecutive days) is utilized. The spaces for long term parking are numbered 505 through 514. Parking enforcement is handled by the Buffalo Grove Police Department.

Please contact the Village's Finance Department if you have any questions **847-459-2500**.



New, Expanding and/or Relocating Businesses

Professional Services

All-Pro Technologies, Inc
723 Hastings Lane

EZPlay, LLC
1678 Barclay Boulevard

Roots Therapeutic Academy
733 Hastings Lane

Servpro of Buffalo Grove
1098 Johnson Drive

Swift Prepaid Solutions
2150 Lake Cook Road, Suite 110

Edward Jones
1100 Lake Cook Road, Suite 140

D & F Vapor, Inc.
1475 Busch Parkway

Micratech, LLC
1548 Barclay Boulevard

Club Pilates North Buffalo Grove, LLC
388 Half Day Road

Allied Graphics, Inc.
1298 Busch Parkway

Heritage Products
1298 Busch Parkway

Transistor, LLC
1606 Barclay Boulevard

Fonestore
2150 Lake Cook Road, Unit 540

C.D.E. Collision Damage Experts
920 Deerfield Parkway

Carl Zeiss Industrial Metrology
1605 Barclay Boulevard

Certasun, LLC
1582 Barclay Boulevard

Kolb Clare & Arnold, PSC
1110 Lake Cook Road, Suite 150

Hao Dance Arts, LLC
802 S. Buffalo Grove Road

G Anthony's Hair Salon, LLC
109 N. Arlington Heights Road

ABC Cleaners
1659 N. Buffalo Grove Road

Professional Services

G Treasury SS, LLC
2100 Lake Cook Road, Unit 1100

Lake County Grading Co., LLC
1144 Lake Cook Road

Third Coast Chiropractic, Inc.
1618 Barclay Boulevard

A Touch of Physicians Management Co.
355 W. Dundee Road, Unit 200

Primary Staffing, Inc.
783 S. Buffalo Grove Road

A Plus Marketing, LTD
1298 Barclay Boulevard

Accurate Care, Inc.
1335 Barclay Boulevard

Allstate Insurance
1201 McHenry Road, Suite 121A

Derick Dermatology, LLC
750 Lake Cook Road, Suite 270

Eve Nails & Spa
1012 Weiland Road

Fambro Management, LLC
1292 Barclay Boulevard

Zebra Technologies Corporation
1377 Barclay Boulevard

Carey Smolensky Productions
160 Lexington Drive, Suite A

Dennen & Simons, LLC
1400 Lake Cook Road, Suite 145

Great Northern Insurance Agency, Inc.
1619 Barclay Boulevard

Blackjack Lighting, LLC
1541 Barclay Boulevard

Kormet LZ, Inc.
1110 Lake Cook Road, Unit 190

Springtime-Santa, Inc.
1578 Barclay Boulevard

Xellia Pharmaceuticals
2150 Lake Cook Road, Unit 1015

Pragma Edge, Inc.
2150 Lake Cook Road, Suite 560

Dining & Catering

Aragvi Georgian European Bakery
136 McHenry Road

Nawabi Hyderabad House Biryani Place
228 McHenry Road

Tortorice's Pizzeria
217 W. Dundee Road

Sushi Maru Express, Inc.
1550 Deerfield Parkway

Tomatillo Taco-Ville, LLC
1267 W. Dundee Road

Flappy's Pancake House
131 W. Dundee Road

Retail

Boost Mobile
1200 W. Dundee Road

Woodman's Food Market
1550 Deerfield Road



Giving Back

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Additionally, Village departments give back at various events throughout the year. The Buffalo Grove Fire Department supports the Muscular Dystrophy Association through events like 'Fill the Boot' and the Police Department raises funds for Special Olympics of Illinois through a variety of activities including 'Cop on a Roof Top' and the annual Plane Pull at O'Hare Airport.

For more information, please contact the Buffalo Grove Village Hall at **847-459-2500**.



BUFFALO
GROVE
PARK
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GOLF DOME
at the Buffalo Grove Park District

Hours

November 10 - December 9

Monday - Friday

9 am - 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday

7 am - 8 pm

December 10 - April 13

Monday - Friday

9 am - 10 pm

Saturday

7 am - 10 pm

Sunday

7 am - 8 pm

> Driving Range

> Putting Green

> Retail Shop

> Private & Group Lessons

> Gift Certificates

> Open for walking weekday
mornings from 8 - 9 am

Fees (Per ½ hour)

Weekdays, before 6 pm

\$11

Weekdays, after 6 pm

\$12

Weekends

\$12

5-Hour Punch Pass

\$95

Season Membership Pass

\$600

Open for daily
golf practice
November 10

801 McHenry Road

(½ Mile West of Buffalo Grove Road)

847.353.7575

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 10 ★ Community Arts Center

FREE Lunch from 12 - 1 pm ★ Ceremony at 1:15 pm

Join us as we honor all veterans, their families and friends. The event will feature a keynote address from Medal of Honor recipient Allen J. Lynch, and music by 484th Army Band's Woodwind Quintet. VFW Post 981 will present and remove the Colors, as well as pay tribute by presenting the flag for each branch of service. All veterans in attendance will receive a free 2019 Club 50 membership. Lunch will be served before the program. All ages are invited to this special celebration of our veterans.

Sponsored by:



Just For Kids Holiday Shop

Tuesday, November 27 & Wednesday, November 28
5 - 7:30 pm
Alcott Center

Come and let your child do their one stop holiday shopping with us. Children will be able to come in and shop with one of our holiday helpers. Gifts will range from \$3 to \$8 and will be wrapped and ready to go.



Santa's Mailbox

Santa has made special arrangements with the Buffalo Grove Park District as a special helper to answer all the letters from boys and girls in Buffalo Grove. Letters will be answered to each child who drops off a letter. **Please Note:** This is for Buffalo Grove Park District residents only. School teachers who wish to have their students' letters answered must have prior approval.

Please send letters to:

Santa Claus
c/o Buffalo Grove Park District
530 Bernard Drive
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
Only letters received by December 10 will be answered.



Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Do you think your decorating skills are better than the rest? Enter the Buffalo Grove Park District's Holiday House Decorating Contest. We will be awarding prizes for 2 categories - best theme and most creative. If there is snow on the ground, we will also be judging who can make the best snowman. All displays will be judged on Thursday, December 13 between 6 - 9 pm. This contest is for Buffalo Grove Park District residents only. For more information on how to nominate a neighbor or yourself, please contact Allison Oberst at 847.850.2146 or allison@bgparks.org.

BG Singers Encore! Presents Holiday Harmonies Concert

Sunday, December 16

2 pm

Community Arts Center

BG Singers Encore!, the travelling performance group of the Buffalo Grove Park District, is excited to present a holiday concert, Holiday Harmonies, at the Community Arts Center on Sunday, December 16 at 2 pm. This fun and interactive concert will feature some of your favorite holiday classics, along with some brand new and festive tunes. Join the group for a family holiday sing-along after the performance.

All tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door, and will go on sale at bigdealproductions.org on November 14. Bring a canned item to donate, and receive a cup of hot cocoa after the show. For more information, please contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or lindsay@bgparks.org.

Camp registration begins November 30

Buffalo Grove Park District residents that were in camp the previous year will priority register for camp before regular registration begins. Residents new to camp may register their child beginning November 30 at the Alcott Center during regular business hours. If registering for the first time as a resident, you must provide proof of residency. Nonresident registration will begin January 21. Visit our website at bgparks.org for detailed information and a list of camps offered, or call 847.850.2100.





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Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089

Census 2020: Why Your Participation is Important

Over the next two years, Buffalo Grove Village staff will be working closely with community leaders and the U.S. Census Bureau to prepare for, and kick-off the 2020 Census in Buffalo Grove. Your participation in the decennial (every ten years) survey is important to help achieve the most accurate count possible. Here's why:

Appropriation of Seats in Congress State Legislatures:

The U.S. Constitution requires that the government take a decennial count of people living in the U.S. and then appropriates congressional seats based on the numbers. In addition to federal government, census outcomes also affect representation and district boundaries for the state government and other local government bodies.

Allocation of Federal and State Dollars: Federal and state governments rely on census data to allocate federal and state dollars for roads, schools, health services, social services, and environmental programs. The U.S. Census states that census data was utilized to distribute over \$675 billion in federal funds in 2015.

Future Development and Businesses: Developers, retailers, distribution centers, home builders, health care centers, and businesses are consistently analyzing

census data to explore development and expansion options. Developers and the Village of Buffalo Grove will look towards 2020 census data to help shape planning and economic development efforts throughout the Village.

Better Understanding of our Community: The census helps us as a community, region, state and country to better understand important trends and patterns. On a local level, the census data has been utilized to help the Village understand the strong senior segment of our population and their need for more diverse housing options than what is currently provided.

The Village is committed to helping all segments of the population to participate in the 2020 Census. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Buffalo Grove Community Blood Drive

The Buffalo Grove Blood Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Buffalo Grove Park District Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Give the gift of life. Visit lifesource.org or call 877-543-3768 to schedule your life-saving appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Charity Softball Game

Every year, the Village of Buffalo Grove kicks off Buffalo Grove Day's with its annual charity softball game. On Wednesday, August 29, the Village Softball Team played the Park District and won. The Village advanced to the second round where they beat the defeating champs, the Chamber of Commerce Team, and took over the championship title.

A special shout out to the Village's team led by Team Captain Tyler Ankney (MVP), Mike Baker, Colin Wotring, Sergio Ortiz, Jason Hartman, Nick Smith, Molly Smith (MVP), Chris Stilling and Mike Witt. Congratulations on the win!

