



BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE NEWS



Public Works Week is May 20-26, 2018



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Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, more than 29,000 members in the U.S. and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the important contributions Public Works has on daily lives of citizens.

The contributions that Public Works departments make include planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of local communities to improve quality of life.

'The Power of Public Works' theme for the 2018 National Public Works Week poster gives voice to the impact Public Works has on modern civilization.

Buffalo Grove Public Works provides the following services to the community:

- Providing clean water
- Disposing of solid waste
- Building roads and bridges
- Planning for, and implementing mass transit
- Removing snow on roadways
- Devising emergency management strategies for natural or manmade disasters

This year's Public Works Week poster honors the vital contribution Public Works professionals make every day in communities across North America. It invites the public to celebrate their quiet dedication and indispensable influence on the community's way of life.



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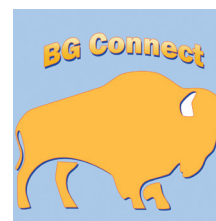


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Upcoming Village Board Meetings

May 7, 2018	COW
May 21, 2018	Regular
June 4, 2018	COW
June 18, 2018	Regular
July 16, 2018	Regular
August 6, 2018	COW



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Letter From The Village President



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I am very pleased to share some of the important planning projects and upcoming events taking place in Buffalo Grove.

The Village just completed the largest planning study ever undertaken in Buffalo Grove that has resulted in the Lake Cook Corridor Market Study and Plan. The Plan is a result of two years of planning and was shaped by public input received throughout the many public engagement activities hosted by the Village. The plan's objective is to determine how

the Village can best reposition the Lake-Cook Corridor so that it can optimize its growth potential. The first stage of the Plan focuses on redevelopment of the Town Center and Chase Plaza properties. The concepts for both centers are driven not only by public input, but by market realities. For more information about the Plan, please visit the project website here: vbg.org/LCC. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the planning process.

The planning in Buffalo Grove continues! The Village of Buffalo Grove has retained Ratio, a planning and design consultant, to guide the Village in developing a subarea

plan for the Prairie View Metra Station area. The project will produce a community-driven vision and plan. The plan will take into consideration the opportunities and challenges of the unincorporated areas, as well as Metra's North Central Service which provides service to the Prairie View Metra Station. This project, which kicks off this spring, will include community engagement. The project team would like to hear the thoughts and ideas of residents, property owners, businesses, local officials and other stakeholders. Please visit the project website at: prairieviewvbg.com to learn more about the project itself and community engagement opportunities. The subarea plan is anticipated to be completed by late 2018. For additional information and questions, please contact Buffalo Grove's Principal Planner, Nicole Woods at [847-459-5539](tel:847-459-5539) or nwoods@vbg.org.

Finally, it would not be the May/June Village News if I did not mention the kick-off of the 9th annual Farmers' Market season! The market will kick-off on June 17th and run until October 14th. The market is open each Sunday (except over Labor Day weekend) from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please visit the Farmers' Market Facebook page which will provide up-to-date information on the location of vendors and the entertainment of the week. Thank you to all of our volunteers who help to put on a great market!

Beverly Sussman

Youth Can Participate in the Junior Police Academy

The Buffalo Grove Police Department is hosting its 13th annual Junior Police Academy from Monday, June 11, through Friday, June 15, 2018.

Young people between the ages of 12 and 16 are welcome to take part in the week-long course, which starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at noon each day. Due to the program's popularity, the class is limited to Buffalo Grove residents and those who attend schools located in Buffalo Grove.

The members of the Buffalo Grove Police Community Relations Unit, along with officers assigned to specialized units, will educate youth in many different areas of policing such as traffic stops, crime scene investigations, evidence collection, building searches and more. The participants will have an opportunity to view a K-9 demonstration, as well as meet and interact with K-9 Hogyn and his handler, Officer Baron. Graduation is held on the last day of class and family members are encouraged to attend.

This is an exciting week that area youth look forward to. For more information, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Amy Cholewa at [847-459-2560](tel:847-459-2560), or visit vbg.org/police.

Did You Know?



The first gas station in Buffalo Grove, circa 1929. The Welter Gas Station was located on Route 83, just north of where Lake Cook Road is today (Lake Cook Road did not exist then). Besides gas, the station also sold Coca Cola and ran a pumpkin stand in the fall.

(Photo courtesy of the Raupp Museum)

Quick Facts to Expand Your Knowledge.

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 on Buffalo Grove streets.

The Clean Water Act authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to regulate point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program.

'Point sources' are generated from a variety of municipal, construction and industrial operations, including treated wastewater, processed water, cooling water and stormwater runoff from drainage systems. In place since 1990, the NPDES Stormwater Program regulates discharges from municipal



separate storm sewer systems (MS4s), construction activities, industrial activities and those designated by EPA due to water quality impacts.

If residents observe activities that are believed to be adding pollutants into inlets, creeks, or on streets, or have questions about pollution reports or stormwater quality concerns, they are asked to contact the Public Works Department at **847-459-2547**.

For more information on Buffalo Grove's NPDES program visit vbg.org/588/NPDES-Annual-Report.



Buffalo Grove Public Works Employee of the Year: Jeff Wells



We congratulate Water Section employee Jeff Wells on his selection as the Employee of the Year in Public Works. In order to be eligible for this award an employee has received an Employee of the Month award and showed sustained excellence in their work throughout the year. Each month, employees nominate their peers and the Employee Recognition Committee reviews those nominations and awards a finalist.

As a water employee in our distribution section, residents would most likely see Jeff on the street operating heavy equipment for water main and hydrant repairs. On a day to day basis, Jeff brings his energy and enthusiasm to all work assigned. He is known for his high standards of performance and is always willing to share his vast knowledge across many trades, allowing him to be a mentor to other employees. He continues to seek out knowledge in the water industry as well, having attended multiple trainings outside of his normally assigned schedule.

You'll also see Jeff involved in community events such as the Public Works Open House each spring and as a key member of the Buffalo Grove Days set-up team each summer. He is one of the best the Public Works Department has to offer the community – congratulations to Jeff!

Buffalo Grove Hydrant Flushing 2018 Information and Schedule

Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants through Saturday, May 26, 2018. Flushing will begin at 5:30 a.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m.





Hydrant flushing is a yearly preventive maintenance activity, performed to inspect the operation of a fire hydrant, measure the flow (gallons per minute) produced at the hydrant nozzle, and to remove any sediment that may have collected in the system between flushing.

Signs will be posted throughout the area where hydrant flushing will occur 24 hours in advance of the operation.

Residents may experience cloudy and orange colored water during hydrant flushing operations. While the water is safe to drink, it can discolor clothing. Residents are advised to check the water color before starting a load of laundry during this time. Any questions regarding this program can be directed to the Public Works Department at **847-459-2545**.



2018 Hydrant Flushing Schedule

-  **Area 5** Lake Cook Road north to Aptakisic Road from Weiland Road on the west to Milwaukee Avenue on the east: Until Monday, May 7.
-  **Area 6** Lake Cook Road north to Checker Road and Old Checker Road, from Buffalo Grove Road on the east side to Arlington Heights Road on the west side: Tuesday, May 8 – Friday, May 11.
-  **Area 7** Lake Cook Road south to Dundee Road from Buffalo Grove Road on the east side to the Village limits on the west side: Monday, May 14 – Tuesday, May 22.
-  **Area 8** All areas south of Dundee Road, from Cambridge subdivision on the east to Village limits on the west side: Wednesday, May 23 – Saturday, May 26.



New RV Regulations in Buffalo Grove

The Village of Buffalo Grove recently approved new regulations for the parking and storing of recreational vehicles (RVs) outside. Under the new regulations which will take effect on August 1, 2018, a single-family property can store up to one RV on the driveway from Tuesday, May 15, to Sunday, September 30. During the remainder of the year, the outside storage of an RV is allowed in the rear and/or side yard of a lot and must meet zoning setbacks. The RV must also be screened from public view with landscaping or fencing, and be parked on a hard surface such as asphalt or pavers.

Residents who have questions regarding these new regulations can contact the Community Development Department at **847-459-2530**.

Only Rain Down the Drain

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead to inland lakes, streams, rivers and to Lake Michigan. Any motor oil, pet waste, leaves, grass clippings or dirty water from washing a car that enters a storm drain gets into the water without being treated.

Residents are reminded not to dump the above substances, or anything else down the storm drain or into a ditch. Pollutants that get into storm drains can poison fish, birds and other wildlife, and can find their way into drinking water supplies. Dirt, litter, branches and grass clippings can also clog storm drains and cause flooding. Be sure to report anyone dumping materials into a storm drain or ditch to Buffalo Grove officials by calling **847-459-2525**.



How Residents Can Prevent Water Pollution:

1. Sweep up driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down with water or blowing debris into the street.
2. Do not dump anything down a storm drain or into a ditch.
3. Plant bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Use fertilizers sparingly and avoid pesticides.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
7. Take your vehicle to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
8. Check vehicles for leaks and recycle motor oil - just four quarts of oil can form an eight-acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm drain.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. If you are on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped regularly.

Buffalo Grove Named Tree City USA for 30th Year

This year, Buffalo Grove was named a 2017 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the 30th consecutive year Buffalo Grove has been awarded the honor of being named a Tree City USA.

Buffalo Grove achieved this recognition by meeting the Tree City USA program's four requirements, which include having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Public Works Forestry Section, along with the Village as a whole, have had many successes in 2017 pertaining to tree planting and growth.

- Buffalo Grove celebrated Arbor Day by handing out 903 sapling trees to all the third-grade classrooms in the Village.
- Forestry staff trimmed 5,370 trees, focusing efforts to achieve a five-year cycle trimming program.
- There were 153 trees planted in 2017. Buffalo Grove remains focused on species diversity as trees are planted throughout the Village.
- Forestry staff removed an acre of buckthorn (an invasive shrub or tall tree) undergrowth from a woodland area and began a habitat restoration project with the help of grant funding.
- Five of Buffalo Grove's ISA-certified arborists became credentialed as municipal specialists. For this credential, arborists were tested on the areas of public relations, administration, risk management, and policy and planning as they pertain to municipal arboriculture.



TREE CITY USA®

For more information about the Tree City USA program, visit arborday.org/TreeCityUSA. For more information about Buffalo Grove's Forestry Section, visit vbg.org/310/Public-Works-Operations.

Lawn Irrigation and Safe Drinking Water

In an effort to provide the highest quality of water, and to comply with federal and state regulations, the Village requires that all water customers with lawn irrigation systems have a reduced pressure zone (RPZ) type backflow prevention device installed.

This device must be tested yearly prior to the irrigation system being pressurized and started up in the spring. The tests must be performed by a State Certified Inspector and results need to be entered in Backflow Solutions' web portal database once certification of the device is completed. Backflow Solutions provides online backflow management and cross connection control programs to municipalities and water purveyors, helping to organize, streamline and improve compliance with EPA regulations.

Q. What does a backflow prevention device do?

A. A backflow prevention device prevents the flow of non-potable (and possibly dangerous) water from your lawn into your house, and then into the public water supply.

Q. Does it really need to be tested every year?

A. **Yes.** To keep your family and the community safe, these devices need to be checked regularly to be certain they are in working condition. This is also a requirement of both state and municipal codes:

'I.E.P.A. Title 35 Section 653.802 part e subpart 1' - Each device shall be tested at least annually or more frequently if recommended by the manufacturer.

'Village of Buffalo Grove Municipal Code 13.05.110 A.2' - Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices shall be tested at the time of installation and annually prior to system start up or more frequently if recommended by the manufacturer and required service performed within five days.

Q. Are there different kinds of RPZ type backflow devices?

A. Yes, but only RPZ-type devices are acceptable for lawn irrigation systems. If you have any other type of device, it will not pass the inspection.

Q. Where can I find a Cross Control Device Inspector?

A. Buffalo Grove will fax, email or mail lists of State Certified Inspectors who have completed work in the Village. For this list, contact the Public Works Department at **847-459-2545**. Residents may also contact the organization BSI for a list of certified plumbers at **800-414-4990** or by visiting bsionlinetracking.com/customer. For any other questions regarding backflow tests, please contact Public Works Utility Superintendent David Haisma at **847-459-2545**.

Additional information on backflow prevention devices can be found at the following websites: abpa.org and epa.gov.

Buffalo Grove Steps Up Dead Tree Enforcement Efforts

In the wake of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation, thousands of dead ash trees remain on private properties throughout Buffalo Grove. Dead trees of any species are in violation of Village ordinance and pose a possible hazard to the general public. The responsibility of removing these trees rests solely with individual property owners. Inspections will begin in late spring after the trees leaf out and continue through late fall. Village employees will be out inspecting properties and issuing violation notices where appropriate.

Residents that are found to be in violation of the code will be issued a violation notice letter and have 30 days for which to comply. The Village will work with residents to become compliant before citations are issued. For more information, visit the Village's website at vbg.org, or call Public Works at **847-459-2545** and speak to a Forestry staff member.

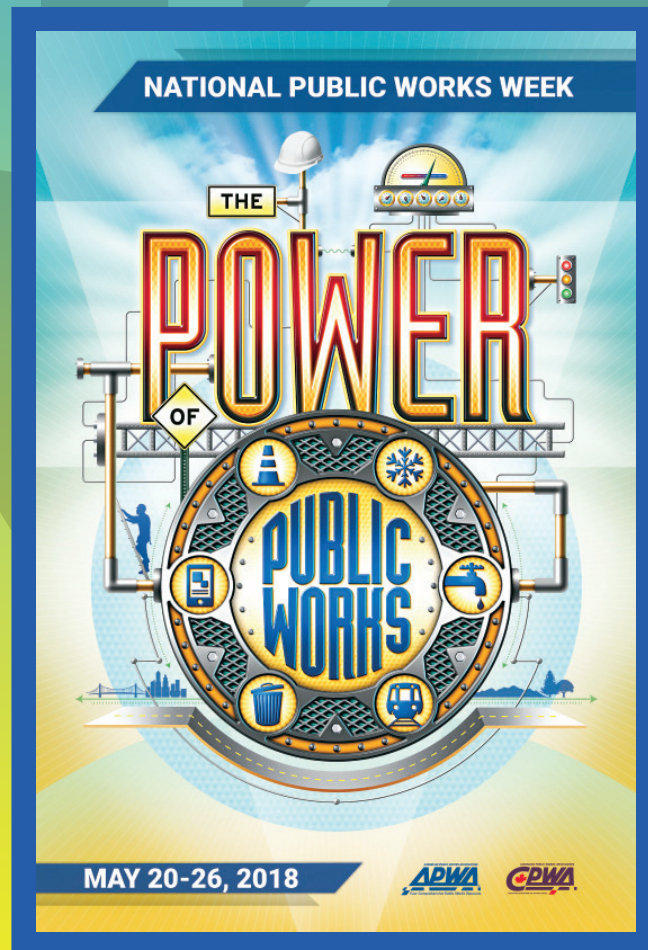


Public Works Open House

**The Village of Buffalo Grove Would Like To Invite You
To Learn About Public Works And Have Fun Doing It!**

**"Touch A Truck" with over 15 Vehicles
Two Live Demonstrations at 11:00am and 1:00pm
Fun For All Ages**

Free Snacks



Rain Or Shine

**Saturday May 19, 2018 10:00am - 2:00pm
51 Raupp Blvd. Buffalo Grove, IL**

Arbor Day 2018 Celebration

Arbor Day was first observed as a formal holiday in the year 1872 in Nebraska when a resolution by J. Sterling Morton proposed, "To set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit," which was accepted by the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. That year, April 10 was declared Arbor Day, and as a result, more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on that date. J. Sterling Morton has since become known as the Founder of Arbor Day, and to honor him, Arbor Day has been celebrated on his birthday, April 22, for many years.

National Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in the month of April throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories. While other holidays celebrate a past event, Arbor Day celebrates an ongoing concern for future generations. Trees planted represent the belief that in the future, bountiful vegetation will be available to benefit the wildlife habitat, as well as provide for erosion control, wood products, and shelter from the sun and wind.

Buffalo Grove celebrated Arbor Day this year on April 27 by handing-out sapling trees to all third-grade classrooms at local schools. Each year, 1,000 trees are passed out to be planted by children who can care for them and watch them grow. The hope is that children and the community are inspired to share this emphasis and concern, and continue this tradition for generations to come.

Public Works Open House and Touch-a-Truck: Saturday, May 19, 2018

In conjunction with National Public Works Week, the Buffalo Grove Public Works Department will host an Open House/Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Service Center, 51 Raupp Boulevard.

Public Works staff will be on-hand to answer questions regarding their vital role in the community. Equipment will be on display and demonstrations will occur at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Public Works looks forward to seeing everyone there!



Buffalo Grove Celebrates 60 Years



In the March/April edition of the Buffalo Grove Village News, the origins of the Buffalo Grove area back in the 1830s were outlined. Although the exact origin of how Buffalo Grove got its name remains uncertain, the traditional account is that along with the Pottawatomi Indians and the English and French settlers, the buffalo left the Wheeling woods in the morning and grazed their way diagonally to Long Grove. The buffalo drank and rested along the 'Buffalo Creek', a name it earned after a buffalo skeleton was found beside it.

Between the 1840s and the 1950s, the area became a farming community with all the usual farm commodities. It had a special reputation as an important dairy farming area, supplying milk, cheese and other dairy products to the metropolitan Chicago area. Until the early part of the 20th century, the Weidner Cheese Factory on Dundee Road, just west of Buffalo Grove Road, was the principal industrial interest in the area. The dairy farmers met the daily 7:00 a.m. 'milk train' in Wheeling, which transported the Buffalo Grove milk to Chicago for processing and consumption.

In 1926, the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois offered electric power to the farms of the Buffalo Grove area. In 1930, the first concrete road to be built in northern Illinois was opened – Dundee Road. This great improvement allowed automobiles to operate in the area and opened the way for technological, commercial and residential growth in the area.

After World War II, there was a demand for homes outside the city of Chicago, which led to a wave of new 'suburban' settlers in the Buffalo Grove area. A builder, Al Frank acquired close to 100 acres of land from the Raupp family, and in 1957, built three model homes on St. Mary Parkway and began selling them. The development consisted of approximately 1,000-square-foot homes on quarter-acre lots for around \$15,000. Early residents had no sidewalks or streets. Cars were parked on Buffalo Grove Road and residents walked on paths and unpaved lanes to reach their homes.

Buffalo Grove has come a long way in 60 years and residents can be proud of the rich and wonderful history of the community!



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- JULY 17** ★ **SPOKEN FOUR** TOP 40 Special Time 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- JULY 24** ★ **BILLY ELTON** ROCK
- JULY 31** ★ **JOHNNY RUSSLER & THE BEACH BUM BAND** CARIBBEAN
- AUGUST 7** ★ **SWAY CHICAGO** MOTOWN Special Time 6 - 8 pm

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Flag Day

Thursday, June 14 • Veterans Park

Free Hot Dogs at 4:45 pm • Program begins at 5:30 pm

Flag Day is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and unity as a nation, with a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans, and many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon. Join us at 5:30 pm at Veterans Park, located at 1300 N. Weiland Road in Buffalo Grove, as we proudly celebrate Flag Day. The Buffalo Grove Fire Department's Honor Guard will be presenting the colors. Our guest speaker will be Officer Matthew Mills from the Buffalo Grove Police Department. Speeches, music performed by the 85th Army Band's Woodwind Quintet, and changing the flags will also be part of this fascinating program; and, there will be free hot dogs beginning at 4:45 pm. There is no rain date for this event.

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WILLOW STREAM POOL PARTY

Saturday, July 7 • 12 - 3 pm

Splash into summer at Willow Stream Pool for a pool party! Join us for some fun in the sun, food and games. We will have a Winter Wonderland theme this year. Admission is \$3 and free for pool pass holders.



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There's no need to buy a ticket or rent a movie on these 3 Friday nights! Available seating is guaranteed in our 54-acre theater that will feature a 40-foot screen and surround sound. Concessions will be available for purchase or bring a picnic of your own. In the event of inclement weather, movies will be rescheduled to the rain dates listed. If there are multiple rainouts, information will be posted at bgparks.org.



Despicable Me 3
June 22
(rain date June 28)



The Nut Job 2
July 6
(rain date July 12)



Sherlock Gnomes
July 27
(rain date August 2)



Buffalo Grove Park District

Environmental Action Team

Green Fair

Sunday, June 24

8 am - 12 pm

Mike Rylko Community Park



The Environmental Action Team is sponsoring the 7th annual Buffalo Grove Green Fair on Sunday, June 24 from 8 am - 12:30 pm at Mike Rylko Community Park. This free event for the whole family will provide information and activities to help residents learn about the small steps they can take at home, work and in the community to improve our environment and make Buffalo Grove a greener and healthier place to live.

Items being collected for recycling and repurposing include bicycles and bicycle parts, small electronics, eyeglasses, hearing aids, keys, clothing, shoes, crayons, books, CDs, DVDs, game discs, knives, scissors, blades, flower vases, coat hangers and small working appliances. Sorry, we cannot accept televisions or CRT monitors. For a complete list of exhibits, activities and collection items, visit bgeat.org.





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Pet License Update

Buffalo Grove will no longer require the purchase of an animal license, which went into effect Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Illinois law requires all pets to be vaccinated under the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5) and have the vaccination tag on their pet(s) at all times. The vaccination tag is provided by the vaccinating veterinarian who is required to file the animals' information with Cook or Lake County, depending on where the animal lives. Other tags that identify the pet owner's information are helpful to public safety when trying to reunite lost pets with their owners. Microchipping your pet is another way to help recovered pets get home safely.

Dog park permits can be purchased in person at the Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive in Buffalo Grove. While pet licenses are no longer required to purchase a dog park permit, dog owners must provide current vaccination records. For more information, please visit bgparks.org.

Buffalo Grove Community Blood Drive

Saturday, June 2, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive

Giving blood saves lives. To schedule your life-saving appointment call Life Source at **877-543-3768** or visit lifesource.org and use the code BG98. While appointments are strongly recommended, walk-ins are also welcome. Please bring an ID when checking in. To prepare for a donation, please eat well and stay hydrated.

Buffalo Grove Farmers' Market

The Buffalo Grove Farmers' Market is celebrating its 9th season! The Market will be open each Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting June 17 through October 14, 2018.

The Farmers' Market has gained a solid reputation among the Chicago area farmers' market circuit. Each one of the Buffalo Grove vendors from the 2017 season are returning, in addition to new vendors that have been added to entice shoppers.

This year, additional activities will be held in conjunction with the Farmers' Market, including the Green Fair on June 24, and the celebration of Farmer's Market Week on August 5, where baskets will raffled off containing donations from participating vendors.

First Responders Day will also be held to honor those who serve with the Police and Fire Departments' Please check the Farmers' Market Facebook page, facebook.com/BuffaloGroveFarmersMarket, for updates on both events as more details become available.

The Buffalo Grove Farmers' Market is also offering Business of the Week spaces for sale, as well as free spaces for nonprofit groups, limited to four groups per week. To learn more about these available spaces, as well as volunteer opportunities, please contact Peggy Starczewski at **847-459-2500**.

For more information, visit vbg.org/619/Farmers-Market.

Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan

As mentioned in the Village President's letter, Ratio, a planning and design consultant, has been hired by Buffalo Grove to guide the Village in developing a subarea plan for the Prairie View Metra Station.

The planning study conducted by the consultant will provide insight into optimal ways to leverage the assets around the Station, which will assist in achieving a vision and redevelopment goals. The overarching goal of the plan is to encourage and provide opportunities for development, while creating a vibrant destination within Buffalo Grove that benefits both residents and visitors. The development of a vision for Prairie View Metra Station offers the potential for new and unique business attractions, and branding opportunities for the local community.

For meeting and events updates, more about the project team and additional information, visit the project website at prairieviewbg.com. Further inquiries can be directed to Buffalo Grove's Principal Planner Nicole Woods at **847-459-5539** or nwoods@vbg.org.

