



BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE NEWS



BG Days

A Buffalo Grove Tradition

This history of Buffalo Grove Days goes almost as far back as the Village's incorporation in 1958.

Buffalo Grove Days began in 1961 and is the biggest and longest-standing tradition in the Village. It was created to commemorate the end of summer and the beginning of another school year. Also known as 'BG Days', it has grown over the years and continues to be an event that is enjoyed by the entire community, as well as by residents from neighboring areas.

One of the early goals the Village had for BG Days was to involve community organizations, as well as provide activities to encourage residents to stay in Buffalo Grove over the Labor Day weekend. This massive event was originally sponsored by the Buffalo Grove Jaycees, and the Village Board and local school PTA/PTO chapters managed the food stands. The Jaycees put on the fireworks display and the Buffalo Grove Recreation Association sponsored a picnic. Buffalo Grove Firefighters Association were in charge of Bingo, and later the Buffalo Grove Rotary sponsored the first pancake breakfast in 1980.

BG Days started out as a single day, then grew to two days in 1969, to three days in 1970 and four days in 1971 – and now it spans over five days, ending on Labor Day.

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Upcoming Village Board Meetings

August 20, 2018	Regular
September 17, 2018	Regular
October 1, 2018	COW
October 15, 2018	Regular
October 22, 2018	Special
November 5, 2018	Regular
November 13, 2018	Special



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Letter From The Village President



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The Village's largest annual event, Buffalo Grove Days, takes place this year from August 29th – September 3rd at Mike Rylko Community Park! In this edition of the Village News, you will find an insert that details all of the activities taking place this year. I want to highlight several exciting changes to the event this year.

Woodman's Food Markets has generously partnered with the Village to sponsor several activities during the week. In addition to sponsoring the parade and the main act on Saturday night, California rock band Eve6, Woodman's will donate all beverages and corn that local nonprofits sell during Buffalo Grove Days to help raise money for their organizations.

Previously, nonprofits had to secure their own product. Through this partnership, nonprofit organizations will no longer have to procure or manage inventory, pay entry or booth fees or compete with other organizations for sales. In addition, Buffalo Grove Days will now offer fundraising opportunities to more nonprofit and charitable organizations in the community. By covering shifts in the corn and beverage sales booths, organizations will earn credits toward a portion of the proceeds for their volunteer time. This is a great opportunity for nonprofits to raise money while serving

their community.

The carnival has also grown to include more rides! It will be expanded into the parking lot so it is closer to all of the activities taking place during the weekend. Previously separated, the business fair and craft fair have been merged together so attendees have opportunities to see what all the vendors have to offer. The beer tent, operated by the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, will also be relocated so it is closer to the main stage and the food tent – making it more convenient for attendees who want purchase food or beverages during the entertainment. A map with all of these exciting changes is included in the Buffalo Grove Days insert!

As in years past, attendees can enjoy a food tent featuring local Buffalo Grove restaurants, along with the craft fair, business fair, Fun and Food for Residents with Disabilities Day, the annual parade, the Rotary Duck Race, the BBQ Challenge, and Buddy Baseball. Coming back for its second year is the classic car, truck, and motorcycle show on Monday, September 3rd from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. featuring cars made prior to 1988. The beer tent will also be open on Monday afternoon to coincide with the second year of this successful event.

Thank you to the volunteers and Village staff who help to put on this great event for the community! I hope to see you at one of the many events over Labor Day weekend.

Beverly Sussman

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Many contests were held over the years, but one of the favorites that lasted for many years was the Homemakers competition sponsored by the Garden Club. Events included needle crafts, baking, canning, sewing and gardening. Points were assigned to the winner of each event, and the person with the most points and blue ribbons was named Homemaker of the Year!

Though there have been many changes and evolutions over the decades, this annual celebration is still a community event that brings residents together, providing opportunities to connect and catch up with old and new friends – there is something for everyone, so come out and enjoy Buffalo Grove Days 2018!

By Village Clerk, Janet Sirabian

BG Days Community Blood Drive Saturday, September 1

Give the gift of life! The Buffalo Grove Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Buffalo Grove Park District Alcott Center, 530 Bernard in Buffalo Grove.

To schedule your appointment, please call LifeSource at **877-543-3768**. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome. To prepare for a blood donation, donors are asked to eat well, stay hydrated and bring an ID.

September is National Preparedness Month

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department is asking all residents to participate in National Preparedness Month 2018. This campaign represents a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. The goal for this year's campaign are to increase public awareness about the importance of family emergency preparedness.

Every American has the responsibility to ensure their family is prepared for the unexpected. National Preparedness Month is held each September and provides information on how to be prepared for natural disasters and potential terrorist threats. Simple steps include preparing an emergency supply kit, creating a family emergency plan and staying informed about different threats. For more information on how to be prepared, visit ready.gov/september.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) plays an important role for the Buffalo Grove Fire Department. The CERT program provides opportunities for citizens to receive emergency response training, participate in community exercises and volunteer to support local first responders. The team has been growing in numbers due to the concern and dedication of Buffalo Grove residents. CERT members increase the capacity of first responders by being deployed in non-emergency roles during emergencies, which

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018



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freed up fire, police and public works personnel to focus on directly managing emergencies.

For more information on National Preparedness Month, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at ready.gov. For more information on the Buffalo Grove CERT program and how to get involved, please call **847-537-0995**.

Buffalo Grove Employee Spotlight: FD Lieutenant Russell 'Russ' Anderson



After more than 35 years of service to the citizens of Buffalo Grove, Fire Department Lieutenant Russell "Russ" Anderson will be retiring on September 18, 2018. Russ began his career as a Paid-On-Call (POC) member of the Fire Department in January of 1983 and was sworn in as a full-time member of the department on August 16, 1988. Russ was promoted to lieutenant in January of 2009. Prior to his promotion, he held a number of positions in the department including team Leader of the Tactical Rescue Team (TRT) which is a team specially trained in the use of ropes and other equipment for high-rise and below-grade rescues. He also trained and tested Department personnel in emergency driving and in flash-over firefighting. Russ has served as the vice president of the Buffalo Grove Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association, Local 3177, of the International Association of Fire Fighters for more than 20 years.

Russ has always been active and after retiring he plans on spending his time focused on his many hobbies which include hunting, fishing, golf, boating and his favorite, snowmobiling. The Village of Buffalo Grove wishes Russ and his family well, and thanks him for his years of service.

Buffalo Grove Fire Department Hosts Annual Open House

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department is pleased to be hosting the 23rd Annual Open House on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Department Headquarters Station, 109 E. Deerfield Parkway in Buffalo Grove. This popular event will include demonstrations of vehicle extrication and a side-by-side sprinkler burn unit. Also included will be a hands-on fire extinguisher training for adults, in addition to the junior firefighter challenge, which includes a fire pole. There will be equipment displays, and an appearance by the Flight for Life helicopter. This event will include free hot dogs and chips for all who attend.

The annual Open House kicks off National Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 7 – October 13, 2018. Each year, more than 3,000 people die, and more than 21,000 people are injured due to fires. This is equivalent to one fire death every three hours, and a fire injury every 34 minutes. Although there has been some progress in preventing fires, these death and injury rates are two to three times higher than those rates found in Western Europe and Japan. The most significant tragedy about these rates is that nearly all of these fires are preventable.

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



Smoke Detectors: It's the Law

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department often finds that homes in the Village do not meet the requirements of Illinois state law when it comes to smoke detectors.



The State of Illinois' Smoke Detector Act governs rules around smoke detector placement and requirements. The legislation, which went into effect in July of 1988 states that every dwelling unit, hotel, and single-family home must have at least one smoke detector within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping. It also specifies that detectors must be at least 6 inches from the wall if they are mounted on the ceiling, or 4 to 6 inches from the ceiling if placed on a wall. This Act also mandates a smoke detector is placed on every level of a single-family home – including basements but excluding unoccupied attics. It also requires multi-unit buildings have a detector at the top of the ceiling within each interior stairwell.

Many older homes may be out of compliance with the law's requirements. These homes have had smoke detectors installed in the same place – sometimes for decades – and when new units were installed, they were installed in the same locations that are not in accordance with the Smoke Detector Act. Smoke detectors in the home should not only be checked for functionality, but also checked to confirm they are placed in accordance with the law. For more information, please visit ilga.gov and search 'Smoke Detector Act'.

Progress Continues for Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan

The Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan continues to move forward after the first public open house, which was held on May 10, 2018. Planning and design consultant, Ratio, has created an Existing Conditions Report for the area around the Metra Station. This report establishes a clear picture of what makes up the area today, including land use, zoning, transportation and infrastructure, in addition to market and economic elements.

The Existing Conditions Report is an important component in creating a long-term community-driven plan that will guide the future of the station area. The plan will more specifically explore the future role of the train station and the area around it, and how it can best serve residents and businesses. Potential new land uses and development will be investigated and discussed in upcoming public engagement activities.

The Prairie View Metra Station area has become a distinct neighborhood in northern Buffalo Grove. It encompasses incorporated and unincorporated residential and commercial properties as well as open space in the general vicinity of the Metra Station.

The next step is to build off the Existing Conditions Report and develop a vision and plan for the area. Another community outreach meeting will be held this fall, with more information on a date and location coming soon. To be notified of the meeting, please sign up for project updates at the project's webpage: prairieviewbvg.com. The webpage also contains additional project information

including an overview and key materials to-date.

For any questions, please call Buffalo Grove's Principal Planner, Nicole Woods at **847-459-5539** or email nwoods@vbg.org.



Buffalo Grove 2017 Financial Reports Available Online and at Village Hall

The Village of Buffalo Grove has issued its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), and Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year which ended December 31, 2017.

The financial statements for the Village of Buffalo Grove can be found on the Village website at vbg.org/262/Accounting-Financial-Reporting and physical copies are available at Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove.

The CAFR is the annual audited financial statement for the Village. It is a transparent and useful document, due to the level of detail and full disclosure of the Village's operations and outcomes in the fiscal year.

The PAFR is a summary of the CAFR. It is a readily accessible financial document that highlights sections of the CAFR, Village operations, and outcomes for the fiscal year. This document is designed to be easily read by the general public, who may not have a financial or accounting background. The PAFR gives residents, businesses, or others interested individuals in Buffalo Grove the opportunity to understand financial outcomes of major projects and initiatives that the Village engaged in during the fiscal year.

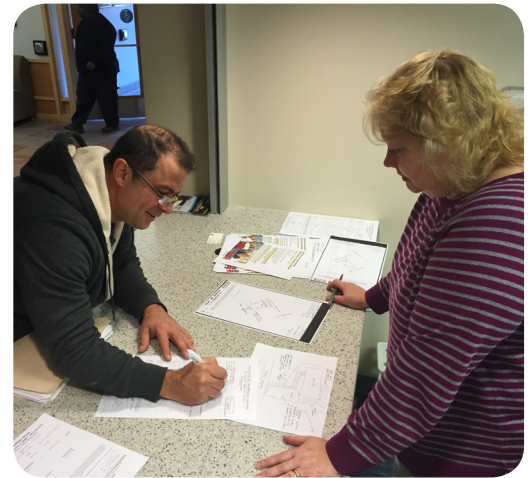
The Annual Treasurer's Report is a summary of unaudited financial data on a fund basis. This report includes compensation, and expenditures reported by vendor for the fiscal year. The financial data is a high-level overview of revenues and expenditures by fund.

All inquiries regarding the financial reports issued can be made to the Village of Buffalo Grove Finance Department by calling **847-459-2500** or by email at finance@vbg.org.

New RV Regulations in Buffalo Grove

The Village of Buffalo Grove recently approved new regulations for the outdoor parking and storing of recreational vehicles (RVs) on residential lots, which went into effect August 1, 2018.

The Village encourages all residents with RVs (boats, trailers, campers, etc.) to review these new regulations at vbg.org/rvregulations. Key information is provided on the website, which includes the types of RVs subject to the new code, as well as an overview of the new regulations. In addition, frequently asked questions and answers are provided, as well as links to helpful resources and tools, and information regarding how to request a variation from the new code. The Community Development Department can address any questions or concerns. Residents are encouraged to call the Department at **847-459-2530**.



Junior Police Academy Graduation Ceremony

Each year, the Buffalo Grove Police Departments hosts the Junior Police Academy for young people ages 12-15 who live in or attend school in Buffalo Grove. Participants get to know the officers that work in the Village, in addition to learning about traffic stops, evidence collection, criminal investigations and police tactics. The Academy also includes a K-9 demonstration, and a tour of the Buffalo Grove Police Department, where youth can observe officers hard at work and learn about the equipment law enforcement officers use on a daily basis.

Friday, June 15, 2018 was the final day of the five-day program, and when participants attended a graduation ceremony where each was presented with a plaque to recognize their completion of the Academy.



Buffalo Grove Symphonic & Jazz Bands Present Women in Music

The 17th annual fall concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at Buffalo Grove High School.

The year 2018 has been declared, 'The Year of the Woman'. What many people may not know is that while compositions by male composers have been regularly featured in concert music throughout history, celebrated female composers in both Classical and Jazz have been creating monumental works for centuries. These esteemed artists go all the way back to Mozart's and Mendelssohn's sisters, Maria and Fanny (respectively), Clara Schumann, and Amy Beach, who was the first prominent American female composer.

The Buffalo Grove Symphonic and Jazz Bands and founding Music Director Howard Green will be presenting pieces from some of the best female composers of the modern period, including Joan Tower, Julie Giroux and Carolyn Bremer. The Jazz Band will perform popular works by Sia, Mary Lou Williams, Lisa DeSpain and Ann Ronnell.

The featured soloist will be Jean Bishop, principal flute of the Elgin Symphony, in the Concertino of Cecile Chaminade.

Completing the program will be music that features women as the central subjects of the music, such as, "Orb and Scepter March" written by William Walton in honor of Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953, "Elsa's

Procession to the Cathedral", "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's "Turandot", music popularized by Diana Krall, and selections from "Chicago" conducted by the Band's Associate Conductor, Allison Rakickas.

The program will as always, be entertaining, inspiring, eclectic, varied and guaranteed to provide the audience with something for everybody's tastes.

Tickets are available at the door, purchased directly from band members, or online at tickets.bgsb.org and are also on sale at Buffalo Grove Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove. Ticket prices are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and \$8 for seniors and students with an ID, at all times. The fall concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28 at Buffalo Grove High School, 1100 W. Dundee Road in Buffalo Grove.



Police Warn Residents About Scams

The Buffalo Grove Police Department continues to receive reports of scams in the community, and residents are reminded to remain aware of them.

Scams include internet scams, IRS scams, "Grandparent" scams and more, all of which aim to steal as much money as possible from the victim. These scams are typically aimed at the elderly population, or those who may be confused more easily than others.

In a typical scam, the scammer relies on the victim being too scared or nervous to tell others about the situations they present, and then convince the victim to pay them hundreds or even thousands of dollars to make the situation go away.



A common form of payment requested by the scammer is in the form of gift cards. The Buffalo Grove Police Department has placed SCAM ALERT warnings in convenience stores as well as pharmacies, which serve as visual reminder for the purchaser to evaluate why they are purchasing a gift card, to think about who the intended recipient will be, and consider whether or not they are being scammed. For more information or to report a scam, please contact the Buffalo Grove Police Department at **847-459-2560**.



Reminder

Residents are reminded that the Farmers' Market will **not** be held on Sunday, September 2, 2018 due to Buffalo Grove Days. The market will continue its regular Sunday schedule on Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Mike Rylko Park. For more information, visit the Farmers' Market on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/buffalogrovefarmersmarket) by searching 'Buffalo Grove Farmers' Market'.

Buffalo Grove First Responders Day Activities



The first annual First Responders Day was created to help educate residents about the Village's first responders, which includes Police, Fire and Public Works Department personnel. Though ongoing training, each of the Departments are ready to address emergency issues if they were to arise in the Village.

The Buffalo Grove Police Department joined the Buffalo Grove Fire Department, Northwest Central Dispatch and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) at the Farmers' Market on Sunday, July 8, 2018.

This event gave local residents and community members the opportunity to meet employees from each department in a friendly and relaxed environment. Representatives from each respective agency answered questions and passed on valuable information pertaining

to safety programs, volunteer opportunities, and how the 9-1-1 system operates.

On hand were police cars, fire trucks, and public works vehicles for everyone including both children and adults to explore. Employees from each of the agencies agreed that it was a great chance to engage with residents and explain a little bit of what they may encounter on a day-to-day basis.



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ONE-DAY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION 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 which is available to all residents who live in any SWANCC member community.

**Saturday, September 15, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

151 Hastings Drive, Buffalo Grove
(just north of Banner Plumbing)

IDs will be checked for verification of residency in a SWANCC member community. Please check the SWANCC website for additional information at swancc.org/recycling/electronics-recycling.