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Developer to Revitalize Town Center Property

In July, Kensington Development Partners announced plans to acquire and redevelop the 20-acre Town Center property bordered by Old McHenry Road (Route 83) and Lake Cook Road. Plans are preliminary, and include a new, mixed-use development anchored by retail, restaurants, and multi-family residential with first floor commercial spaces. The Plan captures the ideas and concepts presented in the **Lake Cook Corridor Market Study and Plan**, which prioritizes the redevelopment of Town Center in Stage 1, due to its design and layout not being favorable for today's commercial tenants.

Kensington's total investment and project costs are estimated to exceed \$100 million. The developer's representatives have stated the firm was attracted to Town Center for many reasons, including its location in a strong community, the Plan's bold vision, and the Village's willingness to consider economic development tools such as a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district in the Corridor, which was

approved by the Village Board in July 2020 (see more information below). The image above presents one of the potential concepts Kensington has drafted for the property. Additional information and plans will be forthcoming later this year. Zoning approvals will begin later this fall and winter. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-2021.

Village Board Approves Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for Lake Cook Corridor

To help spur private development in the Lake Cook Corridor, including the redevelopment of the existing Town Center, the Village established a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District on July 20, 2020. This action builds upon recommendations of the Village's **2016 Economic Development Strategic Plan**. Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) is an economic development tool that helps municipalities make needed

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Letter From The Village President

This year has been a challenge for everyone. Things have definitely changed. People have lost loved ones; we cannot see the ones we love or do the things we used to enjoy. The pandemic has changed the way we live and how we approach our everyday lives. The important thing to remember is that our actions affect the people we come into contact with at all times. Please make sure your face cover or mask covers both your nose and mouth, and please also remember to practice safe social distancing.

While there are a lot of challenges, there is also a lot of hope. The Buffalo Grove community has truly come together to help one another. This digital version of the Village News features stories of how businesses, governments and residents are coming together to help each other. From a resident and Stevenson High School teacher who developed a unique way to present information to his students, to a 501(c)(3) located right here in Buffalo Grove that donated \$2 million in goods to those in need, to government agencies finding unique ways to assist essential workers with E-learning; BG Delivers!

Also featured in this edition is information about the ongoing road projects in Buffalo Grove. These projects are managed by the Village, the State,

and Lake and Cook County.

While it may be hard to find construction relief right now, this represents a significant investment in the infrastructure in Buffalo Grove that has been needed for a long time. Please make sure to stay up-to-date on construction projects by signing up for the construction Enewsletters, right on the Village's website. Please visit **vbg.org/enewssignup** to view a selection of different updates that can be delivered by email when there is information to communicate.

Please also make a point of shopping locally and patronizing stores, restaurants, gas stations, and other businesses located right here in Buffalo Grove.

I hope you all stay healthy and safe and remember to check in on your neighbors.

Sincerely,

Beverly Sussman

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Village President



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Face Cover Restrictions Tighten

COVID-19 cases continue to rise throughout the state, and in response, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker ordered new and tighter face cover restrictions effective Wednesday, August 26, 2020. The new guidelines are meant for patrons at all Illinois restaurants, bars and any establishment that serves food. Dining can still take place indoor or outdoor, but customers now must wear face covers over the nose and mouth any time that they interact with a staff member. Visit **coronavirus.illinois.gov** for the latest guidelines related to the pandemic.

UPDATED MASK POLICY:

Customers are required to wear a mask during all interactions with food service staff



RESTORE ILLINOIS

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

Village Manager's Message

With summer drawing to a close, the roller coaster that has been 2020 recently moved into a brand-new kind of school year that our children are now navigating, as well as a holiday weekend that normally draws thousands to our Village for an end-of-summer celebration. It is hard to believe that we've weathered six months of the COVID-19 pandemic and summer is almost behind us. Unfortunately, we did not have the opportunity to end this season together as a community during Buffalo Grove Days over the Labor Day holiday, which would have been in its 59th year. As we prepare for fall, however, there are so many ways we can continue our contributions to make Buffalo Grove a great place to live.

First, take time for yourself. In between Zoom classes or meetings, trying to figure out ways to keep the kids socially involved while socially distanced, working from home, plus all the other priorities to keep life running, try to take

a few minutes each day for yourself. Take a walk around the neighborhood, say "hi" to your neighbors or read a few pages in your favorite book. These times are difficult for all of us, which makes it even more important that we take time for our own peace and well-being.

Second, have you thought about ways you may want to give back to the community? There are so many great organizations in Buffalo Grove, doing even greater things for our residents. From the Vernon and Wheeling Township food pantries to the school foundations, Rotary/Lions clubs and the Buffalo Grove Community Foundation, there are many ways you can engage personally or as a family to help those in need.

Another way you can help to support our community is by completing the U.S. Census. The level of participation by our community members directly correlates with funding that will be received by our Village for the next decade.



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And finally, please keep in mind that small and family-owned businesses are the economic engine of our community. We all have our favorite dry cleaners, restaurants, jewelers, barbers/stylists, and merchants here in Buffalo Grove. Show your support for these entrepreneurs by ordering a meal out, leaving an extra tip, or referring your friends and family to them. They could definitely use our help during these challenging times.

I hope you have been able to make the best of a difficult summer so far, and I wish for your continued prosperity throughout the year. From our Village family to yours, stay safe and be well!



There's Still Time to Respond!

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the 2020 U.S. Census so far! Participation in the census is directly correlated with the level of funding the community receives for schools, hospitals, better roads, social services, and also impacts political representation. Please encourage your neighbors, friends and family who have not yet completed the census to do so!

Buffalo Grove is currently at an 83.5-percent response rate - help the Village reach our goal of 95-percent! Census workers have begun knocking on doors at residences that have not responded to the census. Please cooperate with them, as they are doing their job to make sure the Buffalo Grove community is counted.

The census survey is safe and secure, quick and easy and can be finished in three different ways:

- Online at my2020census.gov;
- Calling **844-330-2020** (English); **844-468-2020** (Spanish), and for other languages click [here](#)
- Responding **by mail**.

Buffalo Grove is counting on you to help shape our community's future!

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Make BG Count

100% BG Census Participation Rate
..... **95%** Goal Rate

83.5% ... **83.5%** Current Rate

The Census is quick and easy, and it's safe and secure! See how responding to the 2020 Census can make a difference in your community.

Visit youtube.com/watch?v=LXJz7ZfzAuM#action=share to view an informative video about the U.S. Census.

Town Center Redevelopment

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improvements, such as new roads and sewers, and can provide incentives to attract private development and new businesses. TIF helps to overcome the extraordinary costs that often prevent development and private investment from occurring, including remediation of environmentally contaminated properties, new infrastructure investments, and assembling small properties into a single larger parcel for redevelopment.

The TIF area encompasses more than 330 acres and includes key parcels such as Chase Plaza, Town Center, the Village Campus and the Buffalo Grove Golf Course. The estimated budget for the TIF is \$96 million which can assist public and private projects. These funds do not come directly

from the Village, but are instead generated over time based on new developments that occur within the district. For more information visit vbg.org/TIF.

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Timeline

2016

Economic Development Strategic Plan is approved, outlines major initiatives including redevelopment of Lake Cook Corridor.

2018

Lake Cook Corridor Market Study and Plan is adopted and showcases a community-driven vision for the Corridor.

**2019/
2020**

Lake Cook Road TIF District is considered and approved to help spur private development in the Corridor.

2020

Redevelopment of Town Center begins with preliminary concepts and design.

**MID
2021**

Construction for a new Town Center commences.
(Tentative)

BGLCC Ribbon Cuttings

Despite the pandemic, business growth is happening! The Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce (BGLCC) hosted two ribbon cuttings recently. The first took place at local restaurant Tasty Spin, 1038 Weiland Road on July 24, which was also celebrating its grand reopening under new ownership with an updated menu and upgrades inside the location. The second took place on August 4 for newly opened WJ Golf, a golf simulator business located at 1380 Busch Parkway in Buffalo Grove.



Buffalo Grove Receives Green Power Community Designation

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently designated the Village of Buffalo Grove as a Green Power Community. This means that Buffalo Grove is one of the top 50 communities across the country using more than 48 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power on a yearly basis, which represents 16-percent of community-wide electricity use. The EPA estimates that this kWh usage level is equivalent to the electricity use of more than 4,000 average American homes, annually.

What made this designation possible is the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, available to all Buffalo Grove residents and businesses. The program provides renewable electricity from nationally sourced wind power for 100-percent of participating ratepayers' electricity use, while advancing the voluntary green power market and development of other renewable energy sources.

Green Power Communities help to reduce air emissions and negative



health impacts, including those related to ozone, fine particles, acid rain, and regional haze. Visit epa.gov/greenpower to learn more.

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Public Works: There When You Need Them

During the month of September, Public Works has several seasonal projects planned that include street improvements, tree trimming, and parkway restoration. The department will also be working on improving the water system and addressing any leaks. Public Works remains diligent in providing essential services to residents and businesses, with a strong focus on maintaining the water system. While oftentimes water customers are notified

a few days in advance of a planned water shutoff for infrastructure improvements, there are instances where crews need to conduct an emergency shut off related to a pipe failure. We recognize the inconvenience this may cause and appreciate continued cooperation from the community as crews work quickly to repair the watermain so that water delivery can resume.

Even though the Public Works building

remains closed to the public due to the pandemic, community members can reach out with any questions or needs, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. by calling **847-459-2545**. For situations that occur after business hours, please call the police non-emergency number at **847-503-0564** and Public Works personnel will be contacted and respond to the situation.



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Meet the Director of Finance and General Services

During a Stay at Home order is normally not the optimal time to start a new position, but Buffalo Grove's Director of Finance and General Services, Chris Black, has made the best of it. He has now settled into his new role which began in early April, though his first day physically in the office was more than a month after his start date. He met his fellow staff members initially during a video meeting. According to Chris, he will mark the beginning of his career at Buffalo Grove as one for the record books!

Professionally, he brings more than 20 years of experience in local government finance and public administration to lead the Buffalo Grove Finance Department. Prior to being hired by the Village, he was the finance director for Rock River Water Reclamation District in Rockford, Illinois since 2016, where he reported to the executive director and

a 5-member board. Before that, he was the vice president and chief financial officer at Rock Valley College, the finance director for the City of Rockford, and the City of McHenry's city administrator. Chris holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Indiana University and has a Certified Public Financial Officer (CPFO) designation from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He serves on the board of directors for Goodwill Industries of Illinois, a volunteer position he has held since 2012.

Chris is married to his wife Julie, who is a registered nurse. They have two sons, Ben (26) who lives in Des Moines, Iowa with his wife Leah, and Matt (23) who recently moved to Buffalo Grove. He has always been a big sports fan, and enjoys basketball in particular. A die-hard fan of the Milwaukee Bucks, Chicago Cubs, and Bears, he also

follows golf, and track and field. His favorite vacation spots are Fontana, Wisconsin and La Jolla, California, his favorite TV shows are Mad Men and Sienfeld, and he loves Italian food - especially the pappardelle from Rosebud. The Village welcomes Chris!

WHO'S LISTENING?



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Roadwork: 2020 Finishing Up, Look Ahead to 2021

The Village of Buffalo Grove is excited to announce plans for the second year of the Infrastructure Modernization Program! The first round of projects in 2020 have been a huge success, with many finishing both ahead of schedule and under budget. More information about the conclusion of those projects can be found at vbg.org/constructionupdates.

Please view a snapshot below of roadwork projects that are currently planned for this program in 2021:

Melinda/Hiwatha Water & Street Improvements

Timeline: January 2021 - May 2021

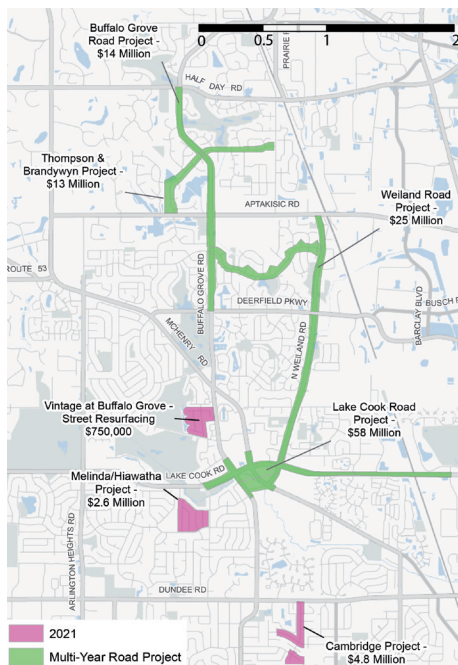
Location(s): Between Bernard Drive and St. Mary's Parkways on Lincoln Terrace, Rosewood Avenue, Hiawatha Drive and Melinda Lane

Work included:

- Replacement of all water main, hydrants and valves
- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway



**Year 2
Infrastructure
Modernization
Program - 2021**



Click the map to view additional information and an enlarged version which includes these and other capital improvement projects.

Vintage Street Improvements

Timeline: May 2021 - July 2021

Location(s): Chateau Drive, Claret Drive, Vintage Lane, and Lakeview Court and Drive

Work included:

- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway

Cambridge Water & Street Improvements

Timeline: July 2021 to November 2021

Location(s): Cambridge Drive and Court, University Court, Anthony Road and a portion of Dundee Road/Route 68 (water main only)

Work included:

- Replacement of all water main, hydrants and valves
- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway

Thompson & Brandywyn Street Improvements – Contract 2

Timeline: May 2021 - November 2021

Location(s): Thompson Boulevard from Buffalo Grove Road to Weiland Road and Brandywyn Lane from Aptakisic Road to Prairie Road

Work included:

- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway for all areas
- Some areas will have the road base repaired or replaced

Pavement Patching Project

Timeline: Estimated in June 2021

Location(s): Select areas of decayed pavement, Village-wide. Some areas of focus may include the Acacia Terrace neighborhood, Larraway Drive neighborhood, Lexington Drive and side streets, Johnson Drive, the area around Patton Drive, and the business park area near Barclay Boulevard.

Work included: Small areas of existing pavement will be ground out then replaced in a continual effort. The 'paving train' will move through these areas quickly and effectively.

Cambridge on the Lakes Lift Station Rehabilitation

Timeline: May 2021 - December 2021

Location: 226 Lake Boulevard

Work included:

- Rehabilitation of the existing lift station to replace parts past their useful life while creating a more reliable and maintenance free station
- Replacement of the existing force main that runs to Buffalo Grove Road

Lift stations are essential components of the sanitary sewer system that help convey sewage from a low point to a proper discharge area through a pipe called a "force main".

All the projects listed above are subject to available funding, successful bidding, and Village Board approval. The schedule reflects the current plan, and is also subject to change based on variables, many of which are outside of the Village's control.

As the multi-year projects like Lake Cook Road and Weiland Road wrap up for the winter, the Village will relay any new information regarding plans for 2021 and beyond in the dedicated roadwork Enewsletters.

To stay up to date on any of these projects, please sign up for updates at vbg.org/enewssignup. Thank you to all Buffalo Grove residents for their patience and cooperation during these projects. For additional information, visit vbg.org/constructionupdates.

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Recent Storm Response

Often noted as the behind-the-scenes first responder in local government, Public Works is there time and again when residents and businesses need them the most. A recent example occurred after the powerful winds and storms that hit Buffalo Grove on Monday, August 10. Public Works' Forestry Division was centerstage in dealing with the aftermath of the 100 mph winds and heavy rains that cut across most of the Village and left tree damage in their wake.

Tom Milas is the Forestry Manager and has been with the Village for 22 years. He is an ISA Certified Arborist and received the 2019 Professional Manager of the Year award from the American Public Works Association, among other accolades. He led his team as they worked overtime to respond to the storm event.

Public Works began to receive reports of the 100 mph winds late in the afternoon on Monday and braced for the aftermath. Within minutes, the fast-moving storm had reached the Public Works building.

"We watched a tree split in front of us and provided shelter to several people who had pulled into the parking lot for safety," Milas said.

As soon as the winds died down for safe passage, Public Works crews headed out and began clearing debris from the streets and roadways to ensure police and fire had access to all areas in the case of an emergency.

Collection of tree limbs and branches all over Buffalo Grove began the very next

day for areas in the public right-of-way and other Village properties. Residents received communications directing them to bring tree debris from their property to the curb for crews to pick up beginning the following Monday, August 17.

"We try to give our residents a weekend in between before running one lap through town for branch pick-up. That way if they work during the week, it gives them a breather and time to catch up," Milas said. "This also allows Public Works to finish service calls for hanging branches, and to collect all debris pushed aside during our initial response."

Overall, the damage in Buffalo Grove was widespread, but not as serious as in nearby communities. Crews had planned to pick up debris the entire week, but finished sweeping the Village by early Thursday.

The daily work of the Forestry Division helps to keep Buffalo Grove's 21,000 trees pruned and better able to withstand windstorms and other serious weather events. One of the benefits of the regular trimming cycle is that trees are thinned out in the canopy and able to let wind pass through them.

"It's not just removing dead limbs or undergrowth, it's also about promoting the structural integrity and health of our trees," Milas said.

Public Works is the long-term steward of many of the Village's assets. In addition to maintaining and caring



for our trees, the department is also responsible for important infrastructure including the water and sewer systems, roadways, and other public areas. Each team member plays an important role in ensuring these Village assets are maintained and fortified for the future and takes these responsibilities very seriously.

WHO'S LISTENING?



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September is National Preparedness Month!

Make sure disasters do not catch you off guard – be prepared in the event of the unimaginable. September is National Preparedness Month and a solid reminder that there are resources that can help you and your family to stay safe, whether an emergency is natural or man-made. Visit ready.gov/plan to learn more.

More than Putting Out Fires

Much has changed since the nation's first fire department was founded in 1679 on the east coast in Boston. While there once was a time when firefighters solely responded to structure fires, their responsibilities today, and for the Village of Buffalo Grove, go far beyond the fire hose. In fact, the ability to respond to a wide variety of emergencies has been at the core of services provided by the department, which was part of the first paramedic training program in the state back in 1972. Every Buffalo Grove firefighter also holds a paramedic license, which is the highest level of EMS certification. Today, services provided include capabilities in five distinct areas: fire suppression, emergency medical services (EMS), special rescue teams, fire prevention, and fire education for the public.

As community members have observed over the last several months through the pandemic, firefighter/paramedics have continued to play an essential role in the medical system by providing emergency, on-scene treatment, and transport to the nearest hospital. All department staff members are qualified to perform a wide variety of medical procedures,

ranging from treating individuals with cardiac arrest to allergic reactions, and everything in between.

The Fire Department is home to three special rescue teams. One is the Water Operations Team who performs water-based search and rescue, using underwater sonar, divers, and swift water rescue boats. Another is the Technical Rescue Team that performs rescues in complex situations, such as trench or building collapses and other unique accidents and situations. The Hazmat Team is the third and responds to chemical spills of varying sizes and types.

In all, Buffalo Grove's firefighter/paramedics spend more than 300 hours training each year to ensure the entire community has access to the best emergency services available. While a significant amount of time is spent in the classroom, all personnel participate in live training at the Combined Area Fire Training Facility (CAFT). This facility is in Buffalo Grove and is shared between five area fire departments. CAFT allows firefighter/paramedics to train alongside peers within their department and from neighboring towns to ensure



there is coordination at the scene of an emergency - and response is as seamless as possible. Among the training situations available at CAFT are vehicle extrications, fire suppression techniques, chemical spill response, and various types of special rescue responses.

WHO'S LISTENING?



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FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE CANCELED

Due to the current public health crisis, the 2020 Fire Department Open House has unfortunately been canceled. The Fire Department is looking forward to welcoming the residents of Buffalo Grove back to its 25th Open House in the fall of 2021!

Police Alerts for At-Risk Residents

The Police Department prides itself on safe, calm, and efficient resolutions when responding to calls. One way these goals can be achieved is when community members create an 'alert' with the department that provides information about individuals with special needs or those considered to be 'at-risk'. Examples may include a diagnosed illness, required equipment, precautions for first responders, emergency contact information, a physical description of the person with special needs, or

a favorite place if an individual goes missing. By providing this information, officers arriving on the scene can be better equipped to handle a variety of circumstances or situations. Persons with physical handicaps, therapy dogs, mental illness, or other needs may find this program helpful should the need arise for police assistance. Please contact the Community Relations Unit at communityrelations@vbg.org to create an alert for yourself or a loved one.

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Community Continues to Come Together

A local nonprofit, a community foundation, a public organization, and a local resident continue to show us all that *BG Delivers* through the pandemic - and beyond! Read below about GiveNKind who recently reached a major milestone, the connections it has created with the Buffalo Grove Community Foundation to assist in-need residents, how the Park District is assisting working parents by providing a safe place for their children to E-learn, and a local teacher whose creativity has helped to better connect teachers to their students. **#BGDelivers**

GiveNKind

One of the many positive stories to happen during the pandemic is right here in Buffalo Grove. GiveNKind, a Buffalo Grove-based nonprofit reached the major milestone of redistributing \$2 million in donated goods to nonprofits across the U.S. GiveNKind assists companies looking to get rid of surplus or unused items and goods in a socially and environmentally responsible way. The nonprofit acts as a broker and accepts new and lightly used items which are then distributed to 501(c)



(3) organizations who can use them to assist in need populations. Staffed completely by volunteers, GiveNKind works with more than 200 registered nonprofits. For every \$1 donated, the organization can place \$80 of in-kind goods with nonprofits who need them.

This nonprofit also presents a unique opportunity for Buffalo Grove residents. The Buffalo Grove Community Foundation, formed in 2019, funds local quality of life initiatives. It is one of the registered nonprofits with GiveNKind and therefore can accept items that would benefit Buffalo Grove residents in need. For more information about GiveNKind, visit givenkind.org or call **847-802-8977**.

Buffalo Grove Community Foundation

The Buffalo Grove Community Foundation made two special grants this year. One is the Foundation being a sponsor of the Vernon Township Backpackers program that provides backpacks and school supplies to under-resourced children in partnership with School District 21. The Foundation also partnered with the local chapter of the League of Women Voters and sponsored a free community event called *Anger to Action: Implicit Bias Training*. This provided education for participants on implicit bias, inclusion and diversity.

For more information about the Buffalo Grove Community Foundation, email Executive Director Evan Michel at emichel@vbg.org or call **847-459-2506**.



Park District Helps Working Parents

With most schools providing E-learning this fall, many working parents have struggled to balance work and assist their children with learning while at home. The Buffalo Grove Park District realized this need and put together the 'Pod Squad'. This is open to children in grades K-5 who are enrolled in School Districts 21, 96, 102 and 103, and for children of Village of Buffalo Grove employees. The program provides working families an opportunity to enroll their children in a safe, supervised, and quiet environment where they can remotely learn. The Park District is following all COVID-19 guidelines that are recommended by Illinois Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control.

This is another example that shows BG Delivers, and our community is coming together to help one another during these unprecedented times.

Local Resident Makes E-Learning Easier

Bob Pinta, a Buffalo Grove resident and Stevenson High School Computer Science/Math Teacher, knew he would be teaching at home this fall, and realized his students would either be able to see him or what he was teaching, but not both. So, he went to work and built a wooden contraption to set his phone on when he taught, and directed his laptop camera on his face. This enabled his students to see him and his instruction!

After creating this solution, Bob and his wife Carolyn, also a local teacher at Twin Groves Middle School, posted a video of it on Facebook to benefit teachers anywhere. In just four days, it had 47,000 views. Bob then started taking orders from teachers who were also trying to solve this same problem! To date, Bob has received more than 750 orders for his innovative device to help teachers reach and teach their students more



effectively. His work was also featured in the Chicago Tribune and on WGN TV! Congratulations to Bob!



BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT

Dear Buffalo Grove Resident:

All things considered, I think it was a successful summer here at the Park District. While it was disappointing that we didn't have Willow Stream Pool, and had to cancel many of the community events that we all look forward to, we were able to run summer camp, and enjoy movie nights, concerts in the park, and the Kite Fly. In fact, we're looking to add an additional Kite Fly very soon.



Most of our indoor facilities are back open with limits on how many people can be in the building, as well as strict social distancing protocols. Additionally, we have implemented an online reservation system at the Fitness Center, which makes it much easier for people to workout in the building without having to wonder if the facility will be too crowded when they want to exercise. This has been very well received by our membership; and, we will continue to look for ways to implement technology, so that our community can safely and more easily enjoy different Park District amenities. Speaking of the Fitness Center, our general manager, Mike Schlewitz recently retired. We would like to thank him for his 8 years of service to the community, and welcome our new general manager, Joe Zimmermann, who comes to us from the Vernon Hills Park District.

We are still at a place with this pandemic where we are continuing with our monthly program guides. And, being that we have a combination of people in the community who are either more comfortable with online programming, as well as some who prefer in-person programming, many of our programs offer an option of both. Knowing that the phases can still go in either direction though, we are also planning many programs in a way that they can go back and forth between being in-person or virtual.

Our September program guide is currently out and available online; and, we are hoping to bring 2 months worth of offerings for October and November. If all goes well, our winter catalog will cover our regular winter season of December, January and February. These upcoming program guides will continue to only be available online. As the situation evolves, and we are hopefully able to continue planning far enough in advance for full programming seasons, we will look to possibly start mailing catalogs to residents again in 2021. But, it is difficult to know for sure, since we have no way of knowing how the pandemic will continue to affect our ability to remain open and offering programs.

As things change, we will continue to keep you informed. For updates as they happen, please visit the Coronavirus Information page on our website at bgparks.org. You can also sign up to receive our biweekly email newsletter on our website. And, if you have any questions, you can reach out to us by email at info@bgparks.org.

I hope you and your family remain safe and well.

Ryan Risinger
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Bingo Buddies

Wednesday, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21 and 28

1 - 2 pm

All ages welcome

Online

FREE

Calling all Bingo lovers! Here is your chance to shout Bingo right from the comfort of your own home. Join the party right from your computer, tablet or smartphone, as we play live Bingo by logging onto global.gotomeeting.com/join/583207405 (access code: 583-207-405). To download the GoToMeeting app ahead of time, visit <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/583207405>. Generate and print your unique Bingo card before we begin by going to bingobaker.com/play/3077867. Each time you click on the link, you can print a new card to play multiple cards. For more information, contact Terri Ebner at 847.850.2117 or tebner@bgparks.org.





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The Buffalo Grove Park District's charitable foundation.



HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY



Come out and catch that prize-winning fish at the Buffalo Grove Park District's annual Fishing Derby. Awards will be given for the longest fish, the most fish caught, the most unique catch and the most colorful fish. This event is for children only. Preregistration is required; no walk-up registration will be accepted. In case of inclement weather, call the weather hotline at 847.235.6857. For more information, please contact Megan Baird at 847.850.2119 or mbaird@bgparks.org.

Age: 1 - 14 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
161015-01	Fri	September 25	5 - 7 pm	\$3/\$4

Location: Green Lake Park

Lap Swim Registration

Welcome back to lap swimming at Buffalo Grove High School! Please come ready to swim, as locker rooms will not be available. **Please note:** Preregistration is required; drop-ins will not be allowed. For more information, contact Jenn Foreman at 847.850.2110 or jforeman@bgparks.org.

Age: 8 years and up

Code	Day	Date	Time	Fee
210318-07	Mon	Sept 14 - Sept 28	8:30 - 9:30 pm	\$18
210318-01	Tue	Sept 8 - Sept 29	8:30 - 9:30 pm	\$24
210318-02	Wed	Sept 9 - Sept 30	8:30 - 9:30 pm	\$24
210318-03	Thu	Sept 17 - Oct 1	8:30 - 9:30 pm	\$12
210318-04	Sat	Sept 19 - Oct 3	10:30 - 11:30 am	\$12
210318-05	Sun	Sept 13 - Oct 4	9:15 - 10:15 am	\$24
210318-06	Sun	Sept 13 - Oct 4	10:30 - 11:30 am	\$24

Location: Buffalo Grove High School

Fun Fridays

Friday, September 25

12 - 1 pm

Alcott Center

FREE

Fun Fridays is back, but will be held outside on the front lawn of the Alcott Center. Please bring your own chair and lunch. There is some shade from the trees; but, feel free to bring an umbrella if you would like extra protection. We will also be adhering to all safety and social distancing guidelines due to Covid-19. Our priority is the well-being of our guests. Entertainment will be Randy Walker. The program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. For more information, contact Terri Ebner at 847.850.2117 or tebner@bgparks.org.





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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday

8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Non-Emergency)

847- 537-0995

POLICE DEPARTMENT

(Non-Emergency)

847- 459-2560

PUBLIC WORKS

847-459-2545

CONNECT WITH BG!

The Village utilizes a variety of communication channels to provide important news and information to our community members. These include the Village website, this bi-monthly Village News, Enewsletters, and on social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, LinkedIn and YouTube. In addition to the weekly 'Enews' emailed to subscribers on Thursday afternoons, a Business Bulletin and road construction Enewsletters are also sent out on an as-needed basis. Please visit vbg.org/enewssignup to subscribe to the Enewsletter of your choice!



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Upcoming Elections

November 3, 2020 General Election

The 2020 General Election will take place on November 3 - and it is an important one! If you tune in to television, radio, or follow print publications, chances are you will hear about the presidential election as well as other elected positions that are open. If you are not registered to vote, you can do so at Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The last day you can register to vote is October 6, 2020. For more information, please visit the following websites:

State Board Elections:

elections.il.gov

Cook County Clerk:

cookcountyclerk.com/agency/elections

Lake County Clerk:

lakecountyil.gov/163/Elections

April 6, 2021 Municipal Election

Another important date to remember is April 6, 2021. This is the date of our next municipal election, which elects local leaders of the agencies responsible for the distribution of your property tax dollars.



The Village of Buffalo Grove will be electing three (3) trustees in the next election. Petitions can be circulated beginning September 22, 2020. Potential candidates may approach you at a store or a restaurant, or perhaps a knock on your door to ask you to sign his or her petition.

You must be a registered voter in the Village of Buffalo Grove to sign a petition, and since there are three trustee positions open, you can only sign petitions for up to three people. If you choose to sign a petition for someone wishing to become a candidate, that does not mean you have to vote for that person. You are simply giving them the chance to appear on the ballot. Petition filing will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020 at Village Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact us – we will be happy to help!

Janet Sirabian, Village Clerk

