

# VILLAGE NEWS



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## Buffalo Grove Asked and the Community Responded

The Village continues its ongoing efforts to gauge resident satisfaction with services provided to the community. This spring, a survey through the National Research Center was distributed to a representative sample of the community, as a follow-up to the most recent community survey that took place in 2017. The overarching goal was to measure public opinion in ten key areas related to community livability.



Selected households received three mailings, one week apart, beginning this March. Completed surveys were collected over the following eight weeks until April 30, with a total of 248 households completing the survey. This represents a 15-percent response level that is in line with average

response rates for a follow-up survey. Key findings include:

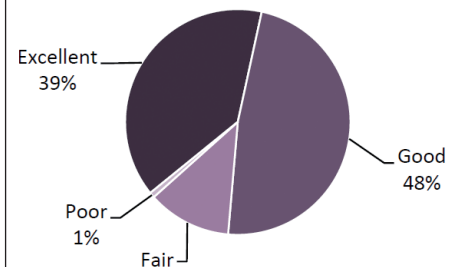
### Quality of Life and Inclusiveness

At least 80-percent of respondents gave an excellent or good rating

#### Quality of Life

*Measuring community livability starts with assessing the quality of life of those who live there, and ensuring that the community is attractive, accessible, and welcoming to all.*

#### OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE IN BUFFALO GROVE



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# Letter From the Village President

Things are looking up in the Village of Buffalo Grove and in the State of Illinois. The positivity rate for COVID-19 is at its lowest point ever since the pandemic began, and with most safety restrictions gone, things have truly opened up. It is wonderful that our restaurants and shops are finally open with no limits and can get back to business. Our Farmers Market opened on June 13th and will run through mid-October. For those who are vaccinated, masks are no longer required unless you are on public transportation (including airplanes), at a residential care or independent living facility, in a healthcare setting or at a business or workplace that requires that face covers be worn.

We are very happy that BG Days will take place during Labor Day Weekend. There will be a five-day carnival starting Thursday, September 2nd and three nights of musical entertainment at Mike Rylko Park. Please visit **bgdays.com** for more information as planning is ongoing. For the first time, the Village and the Buffalo Grove Park District will be working together to make this event happen, along with the BG Days Committee. Buddy Baseball, and Fun and Food for Residents with Disabilities will also take place, with help from the commissioners from the Rick Kahen Commission for Residents with Disabilities.

Throughout the pandemic, the Village has worked hard to keep our residents very informed, through ongoing communications in the following channels: Enews every Thursday, this Village Newsletter every two months and social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and LinkedIn. Village staff members also respond to all emails and phone calls when our residents or businesses reach out with questions or concerns. If you aren't yet signed up for our Enews or want to connect with any of our social media pages, please visit **vbg.org** and click 'Get Notified'.

Our BG Resident Academy is another way to stay connected, and airs live on the Village's Facebook page at **Facebook.com/VBGIllinois** Wednesdays at 1 p.m. A staff member provides residents with detailed information about Village services and operations, challenges our departments may be facing and other useful information; questions from those watching are answered live during this broadcast. Recordings of the BG Resident Academy episodes can be found on the Facebook page for those unable to watch it live. Village Board meetings are also broadcast live on the

Facebook page. The Village Website at **vbg.org** is a place where there is a wealth of information for our residents and businesses. We continue to encourage citizen engagement, so everyone is involved in the decision-making process for our community. Lastly, the Village launched the BG Delivers business directory in March at **bgdelivers.org**, because of the pandemic to help promote all Buffalo Grove businesses. This grew from the BG Delivers campaign we initiated at the start of the pandemic, which encouraged community spirit and support of both businesses and residents in those challenging early days, and throughout this pandemic.

The Village has recently won awards and honors, including the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; we ranked as the third Best Place to Live in Illinois, the fifth Best Place to Raise a Family in Illinois and ranked fourth for having the Best Schools in America! The Village also received an A Plus rating that cited low crime rates, a diverse resident base, business growth and quality of life; all these rankings and ratings were received from **niche.com**. The Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan was awarded the Merit Award for Planning and Analysis by the American Society of Landscape Architects Illinois Chapter, and the Village received the 2020 Project of the Year Award for Environment, for the Buffalo Creek Stream Bank Restoration from the American Public Works Association (APWA). The Police, Fire and Public Works departments have also received many awards and recognitions.

Our residents and businesses have shown their resolve to keep Buffalo Grove a vibrant and welcoming community. Now that all businesses can resume normal operations, please remember to shop locally right here in Buffalo Grove. Visit **bgdelivers.org** to find and support our businesses.

Be safe and have a great summer. I hope to see you at BG Days.

*Beverly Sussman*

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Village President



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# Village Manager's Message

## Where Do We Go From Here?

As we slowly move our way out of the pandemic, it's time to take stock of where we are and where we would like to go as a community. I find it helpful to look back on some of our recent planning efforts such as the Lake Cook Road Corridor Plan and Market Study, the Infrastructure Modernization Program and the Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan. If you haven't had a chance to view these plans, you can find them all under the 'Future of Buffalo Grove' tab on our website at [vbg.org](http://vbg.org).

Before the pandemic, our community came together to develop some great ideas to reinvigorate our commercial areas, enhance quality of life, expand recreational and social opportunities, and plan for the next generation infrastructure

needed by our residents and businesses. I believe these plans are still relevant to the needs and desires in our community and, to that end, the Village remains very focused on these goals.

While we look back on those initiatives and continue to make progress toward those goals, we are also in an exciting time as we reinvigorate the community's Comprehensive Plan project. Started at the end of 2019, we had to put the planning process on hold during the pandemic because we couldn't accommodate the social interaction by our residents necessary to produce a good plan. We're back at it now and recently reconvened the steering committee for the plan for the first time since early 2020. Our steering committee is made up of your friends and neighbors – residents who



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have a vested interest in creating a plan that serves the needs of our community for the next 20 years. I hope you will take the time to get involved with the Comprehensive Plan project and provide us with valuable input!

In closing, I wish you and your family good health and best wishes for the summer season. Hopefully we are approaching the end of the pandemic and we can focus more clearly on the future of Buffalo Grove.



## BG Days is Back!

BG Days is back this year at Mike Rylko Park! While some of the events and activities have been modified, there will still be fun, food and festivities - including the carnival, food trucks and musical entertainment on stage. Visit [bgdays.org](http://bgdays.org) for the latest updates!

# Stuff the Squad Stocks Local Food Pantries

The Police Department partnered with several local grocery stores and schools during the month of May for a 'Stuff the Squad' event that collected nearly 4,000 pounds of food and more than \$600 in monetary donations. Food items were donated to food pantries that serve the Buffalo Grove community, all of whom have provided a valuable resource to residents as the coronavirus pandemic strained many household budgets. The Police Department extends its sincere appreciation to all who participated in this charitable event.



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**The National  
Community Survey**  
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for overall quality of life, their neighborhood, and Buffalo Grove as a place to live and raise children. This group stated they would also recommend living in Buffalo Grove to others. Three-quarters of those who participated praised the community for inclusivity and the fair treatment of all citizens, which both surpassed national comparisons. Overall, respondents stated they felt more connected to the community in 2021 compared to 2017.

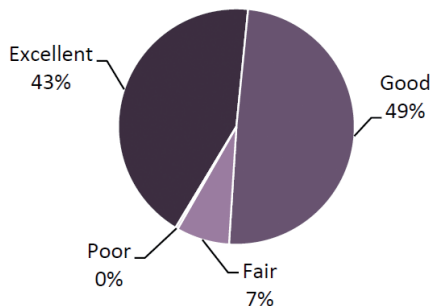
### Public Safety

Nearly all respondents gave positive evaluations related to their overall feeling of safety in the Village; similar percentages reported feeling very or somewhat safe in their neighborhood and the Village's commercial areas. Residents also stated they felt safe from property crime or natural disasters; relative to national comparisons, both of these ratings rank higher. Finally, nine out of ten respondents gave excellent or good marks for police/sheriff services, crime prevention, ambulance or emergency medical services, and fire services.

### Safety

*Public safety is often the most important task facing local governments. All residents should feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and in the greater community, and providing robust Safety-related services is essential to residents' quality of life.*

#### OVERALL FEELING OF SAFETY IN BUFFALO GROVE

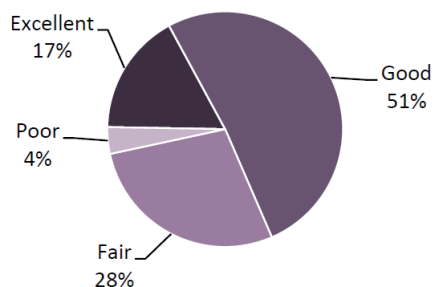


Other findings related to the economy, in addition to infrastructure and transportation, and include:

### Economy

Assessments from residents relating to economic development, the vibrancy of commercial areas and overall quality of business and service establishments improved since the 2017 survey, and two-thirds of respondents rated Buffalo Grove as a positive place to work. Survey respondents had mixed thoughts on the overall economic health of the community and employment opportunities. There is a national trend related to this type of response, which may be related to the COVID-19 crisis.

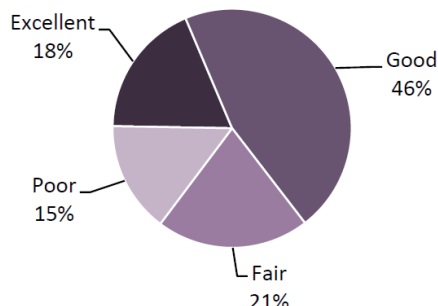
#### OVERALL ECONOMIC HEALTH OF BUFFALO GROVE



### Infrastructure and Transportation

Ratings of mobility-related services provided by the Village, such as street cleaning, sidewalk maintenance and traffic flow, increased from 2017 to 2020. Respondents felt more positive about the ease of travel by car and by

#### OVERALL QUALITY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN BUFFALO GROVE



# NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY OVERVIEW

The Resident Survey measures public opinion in ten key areas of community livability. In each area, residents report their perceptions about the quality of their community and related services, as well as their engagement within the community, and other metrics.

walking, and reported higher rates of walking or biking instead of driving, compared to responses nationwide.

### Next Steps

A member of the National Research Center's team will be facilitating a 'Next Steps Workshop' with the Village's Community Engagement Committee later this summer. This will include an interactive workshop to assist the Village in developing a strategy, and to offer recommendations to respond to, and improve ratings contained within the survey report. The results of this workshop will be used to help develop the Village's comprehensive communication and service delivery strategy, as well as strategic planning.

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# In Times of Emergency, MABAS Is There

When you have an emergency at home, you call 911 and fire or police personnel are dispatched to your aid. But what happens in instances of natural disasters, large fires like the recent one in Rockton, Illinois, or a collapsed building similar to what happened recently in Miami? Most fire departments do not have the staffing or specialized training needed for Technical Rescue or Water Rescue on a large scale. In Illinois and some surrounding states, fire and police departments can reach out to MABAS, otherwise known as the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. MABAS was designed to provide quick response with specialized units to a range of ongoing emergencies. There are 40 specialized operations teams ranging from HAZMAT, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) – including K-9 search units, Tactical Rescue and many more.

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department proudly supports MABAS and a number of its personnel are on special teams.



*The Buffalo Grove Fire Department is a proud member of MABAS*

In June alone, Lieutenant Steve Rusin participated as the Safety Officer in a multi-day training, in partnership with several government agencies, including the Wisconsin National Guard, MABAS' USAR team, and the Nebraska fixed-wing air units. Lieutenant Andy Russell was tasked as the Communication Specialist providing radio and communications support for the same training event, and at an additional training on Lake Michigan for the MABAS Dive and Side Scan Sonar teams. These teams coordinated with Chicago Fire Department and Air Support to rescue 'victims' in the water off of 95th Street Beach in Chicago.

Buffalo Grove Fire's Administrative Assistant Courtney Michaels participated in a newly-formed unit within MABAS this past month as well. She assisted in coordinating the response of 12 specially trained people in credentialing and accountability of people on scene. Michaels was



*Left to right: Lieutenant Steve Rusin is pictured with Administrative Assistant Courtney Michaels*

deployed to the Rockton ChemTool Fire to support the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in their response to the community. In the past, members have been sent to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, and the flooding that occurred in southern Illinois last year. For more information about MABAS, please visit [mabas-il.org](http://mabas-il.org).

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*Lake Michigan MABAS Dive and Side Scan Sonar Teams Training*

## Employee Spotlight: Tim Malinowski

Tim Malinowski started his career with the Village in 1991 with the Forestry Section. He moved to the Street Section a year later and has been there ever since. His duties have included snow plowing, pothole repairs, asphalt work, concrete work, installing various street signs and helping other departments as needed. Tim says the best part of his job is leading the street sweeper program. "I enjoy sweeping the Village streets and take pride in knowing when I leave a neighborhood, all streets are clean and the neighborhood

looks good," Malinowski said. Like snow plowing, the sweeper program does not include State or county roads that run through the Village. Malinowski points to a sense of camaraderie with the residents while he is handling his sweeping responsibilities, and appreciates when residents wave hello and stop him to ask questions. In addition to his role in street sweep, Malinowski also enjoys helping out his teammates in Public Works with the other duties all in an effort to keep Buffalo clean and beautiful.





# Hidden Natural Gems in BG

Several years ago, the Village began converting many turf grass areas into naturalized planting areas. While it may sometimes seem like a jungle of stems, these native plants help keep ecosystems that exist on land and water - healthy. Extensive root systems help these ecosystems thrive without additional watering, while slowing down water run-off, reducing erosion, and filtering dirty water before it enters waterways. Native plants are also food sources for pollinators, such as hummingbirds, bees and butterflies.

The naturalized areas on Village grounds are maintained by the Public Works Forestry and Grounds Section. Once established, mature native plantings require less maintenance, water and added nutrients compared to most turf grasses or typical garden plants. Upkeep of these areas requires the scouting of each location for invasive plants.

Prescribed burns, specialized mowing and other methods are used to control unwanted vegetation and promote native plant and pollinator communities. The trained staff in the Forestry and Grounds Division also harvests and cleans native seeds from these areas to seed other locations throughout the Village which ensures future native areas will thrive.

Stop by the following locations to see native plants and some of the hidden gems of Buffalo Grove:

## Buffalo Creek Nature Preserve

This nature preserve is an area located east of Arlington Heights Road and is connected to the Buffalo Creek Reservoir and the Village's bike path system. Over



Buffalo Creek Nature Preserve



Farrington Ditch Natural Area

the last few years, it has undergone a transformation; the eroded stream banks were stabilized by utilizing grant funding, while the Forestry and Grounds Division extensively removed invasive species across the property. Today, the area hosts many species of native plants and vegetation that are flourishing under proper management from trained Public Works employees.

## Farrington Ditch Natural Area

This area is located at the east end of Farrington Drive and north of Willow Stream Park. It is visible from Farrington Drive on the east and from the pedestrian bridge over Route 83 that connects Willow Stream Park to Mike Rylko Park. With help from a partial grant, the Forestry and Grounds Division coordinated with local environmental advocates to remove invasive species and turf grass. The location was converted from an overgrown to a beautiful natural asset where prairie, woodlands and wetlands meet. The Farrington name comes from some of the early settlers of the Buffalo Grove area who would likely be proud to witness the area's transformation.

## Village Hall Basin

In 2017 the Village converted a turf grass detention basin west of Village Hall and north of Lake Cook Road, to a pollinator-

friendly area featuring a rich mixture of native plants. The Village partnered with Siemens and the Buffalo Creek Clean Watershed Partnership to bring this important educational area to fruition. Pollinator-friendly areas are continually sought to be converted with pollinator supporting plants throughout the Village each year.



Village Hall Basin

## WHO'S LISTENING?



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# BG was Bustling in 2020

Despite all the challenges presented through the pandemic, the Village was still bustling throughout 2020! More than 62 businesses opened, expanded and/or relocated in Buffalo Grove. In addition, the Community Development Department issued more than 2,686 commercial and residential permits, which represents a project valuation of more than \$58,416,791 that was invested into the Buffalo Grove community.

**KEEP GROWING BG!**



*Building Inspector Mike Kelly out and about conducting inspections.*

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## New or Expanding Businesses

During the period of January 1 to May 31, 2021, 34 businesses either opened, expanded and/or relocated in Buffalo Grove. These businesses include:

### Professional Services

Hair Cuttery  
KJ32 Dental Design  
Living Pono Counseling  
Experience Physical Therapy  
Bruce Gorlick, CPA  
Christine Altieri, State Farm Insurance  
Melvin J Mayster & Co Ltd  
Logistics & Statistics Inc  
Cozy Nails  
US LBM  
In2Great Pediatric Therapy Services  
Kospo USA Inc

Berger Excavating Contractors Inc  
Mathnasium of Buffalo Grove  
Progressive Psychological Healthcare  
Bobit Business Media  
Parkonect  
Hire Excellence  
Highview Capital Management, LLC  
Elemental Center  
Comfort Keepers  
OLIMP Corp  
RW Dunteman  
Vapor Bus International  
Roda Specialty Steel

Nu Tile & Marble  
AMIC Global inc  
Earth's Natural Alternative Ince  
Metan Group

### Dining & Catering

Spiced LLC  
Tandoori Samsa

### Retail

Kurti Collection  
Smoker's Hut  
Candle Envoy

## Comprehensive Plan – Planning for Our Future!

The Village has resumed its work on the comprehensive plan, which looks to establish a long-term vision for Buffalo Grove and explore the question: What will the community look like in 2040 and beyond? Learn more and join the virtual discussion on the **Engage BG 2040 Comprehensive Plan Webpage!**

**Engage BG**

**2040**  
COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN



# Infrastructure Modernization Plan Update

If you live or travel through Buffalo Grove this year, you can't help but notice all the improvements on roadways, utilities and in new developments and in new developments—there is progress being made! Information is provided below on how much longer you can expect to see the orange signs and barricades on your favorite routes. More information on the projects below can be found at the Village's Construction Updates web page at [vbg.org/construction](http://vbg.org/construction).

## Cambridge Project - Village Project: Planned November Completion

Underground utility work is underway for locations on Dundee Road, Cambridge Drive and Cambridge Court, in addition to University Court, and a portion of Anthony Road. The project will wrap up with turf repairs and roadway improvements.

## Thompson/Brandywyn - Village Project: Planned December Completion

The first stage of work is wrapping up on Thompson Boulevard and Brandywyn Lane with the focus on completing portions along Brandywyn affecting traffic to Meridian School. Work for both Thompson and Brandywyn will be substantially completed (and the detour route removed) by early November 2021.

## Lake Cook Road Project - Cook County Project: Planned December Completion

Contractors have made significant progress since the project started in 2019. Heavy reconstruction work is on schedule to be completed by the year's end with final landscaping/restoration work scheduled for next year.

## Deerfield Parkway Patching - Lake County Project: Planned August Completion

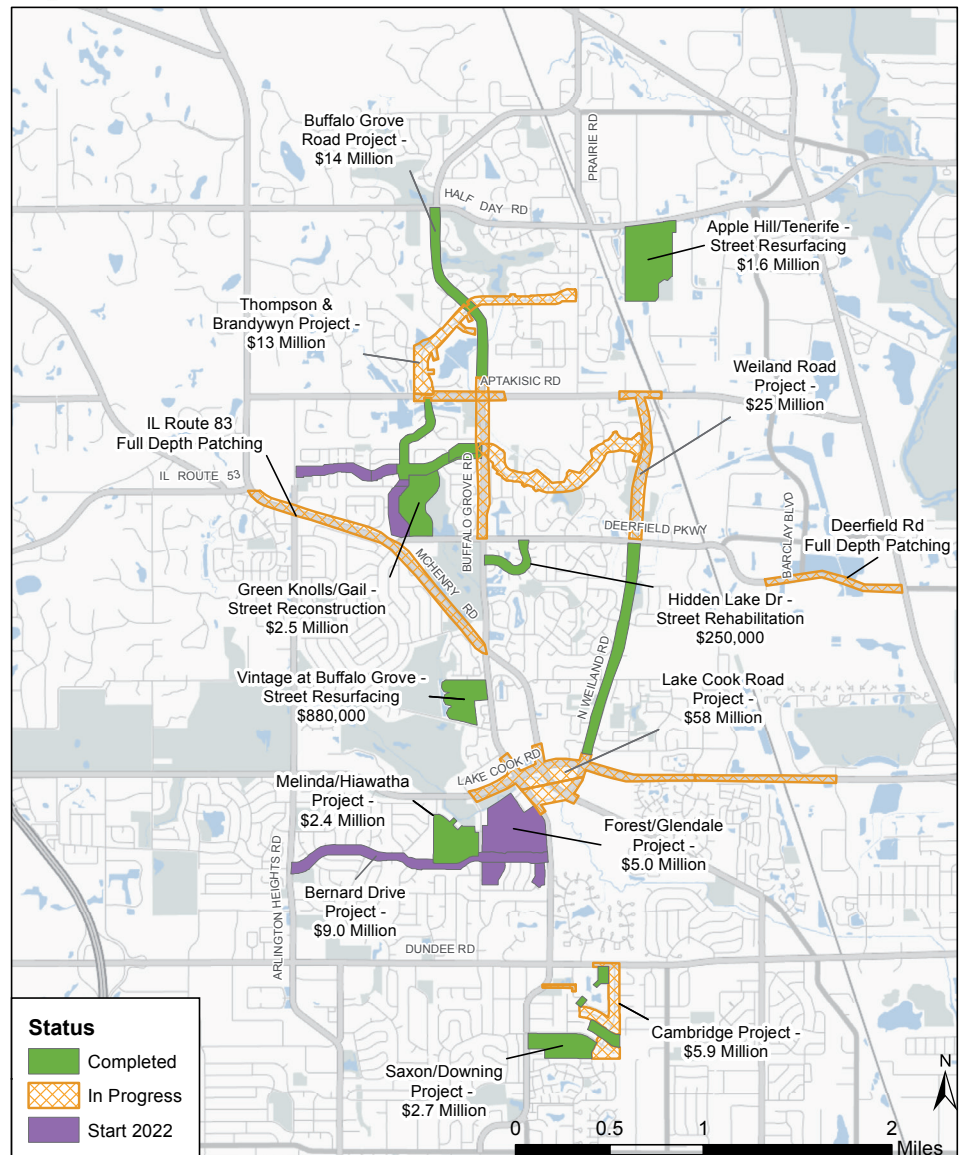
Lake County has begun concrete repairs on Deerfield Parkway. The start of this work was initially delayed to coordinate with the work progress on Aptakisic Road to reduce impacts to east-west traffic.



## Infrastructure Modernization Program

### Progress Update

GIS Consortium



## Weiland Road Widening North of Deerfield Pkwy - Lake County Project: Planned September Completion

The majority of the new pavement on Weiland Road and Aptakisic Road has been completed. Work on the median areas and traffic signals is underway and is on schedule for substantial completion in the fall.

## Route 83 Patching - IDOT Project: Planned September Completion

IDOT's concrete repair work on Route 83

is progressing as anticipated with a scheduled completion date in the early fall.

## Buffalo Grove Road Aptakisic Road to Deerfield Parkway - Lake County Project: Planned December Completion

Heavy reconstruction work is ongoing on Buffalo Grove Road at the intersection with Aptakisic Road, and south to Deerfield Parkway. Substantial

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completion of the roadway construction is anticipated in the late fall.

### Completed/Substantially Completed Projects

**Apple Hill/Tenerife** Street Resurfacing  
**Green Knolls/Gail** Street Reconstruction  
**Hidden Lake Drive** Street Rehabilitation  
**Saxon/Downing** Utility and Street work  
**Melinda/Hiwatha** Utility and Street work  
**Vintage Area** Street Resurfacing  
**Thompson/Brandywyn:**

- Thompson Boulevard between Buffalo Grove Road and Brandywyn Boulevard
- Brandywyn Boulevard between

- Thompson Boulevard and Aptakisic Road
- Weiland Road widening south of Deerfield Parkway– \*Lake County Project
- Buffalo Grove Road north of Aptakisic Rd – \*Lake County Project

### Projects Beginning in 2022

**Bernard Drive** Utility Work  
**Forest/Glendale** Water Main and Road Reconstruction  
**Thompson/Brandywyn** Boulevard Reconstruction:

- Thompson between Brandywyn Boulevard and N. Arlington Heights Road
- Brandywyn Boulevard between Thompson Boulevard and Deerfield Road

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# Symphonic Band Live Music Returns!

The Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band will be performing their first live concert in 21 months on **August 5 at 7 p.m. at Willow Stream Park** in Buffalo Grove. The concert is free and everyone is invited to come and hear a traditional Summer Concert in the Park (something many of us have sorely missed) – please bring lawn chairs and blankets. **\*In the event of rain, the concert will be rescheduled to Sunday, August 8th at the same time and place.**

Now in its 20th year of music-making, the Symphonic Band consists of 70 adult musicians. This is a program provided through the Village which was started in 2001 by founding Music Director, Howard Green. The group was in the midst of preparing the annual Spring Concert in March of 2020 when, like all performing groups across the world, the band shut down operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We never *really* went away but we did stop rehearsing in person when the pandemic began,” said Green. “We kept our presence alive by posting some of our ‘Best of’ and seasonal performance recordings on our Youtube and Facebook channels throughout the pandemic, but we are absolutely elated to be back together and performing live for our community.”



Green added that he hopes to resume regular rehearsals of both the Symphonic and Jazz Bands this September and invites anyone who plays an instrument and is vaccinated to join them in the fall.

Both the Symphonic and Jazz Bands' past performances can be heard on their Facebook Page at [facebook.com/bgsb.org](https://facebook.com/bgsb.org), its YouTube Channel at [youtube.com](https://youtube.com/bgsb.org) by searching 'Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band' or at the Village's website at [vbg.org/symphonicband](https://vbg.org/symphonicband). Inquiries about joining can be directed to Evan Michel at [emichel@vbg.org](mailto:emichel@vbg.org) at 847 459-2506, or to Mr. Green at [howard.green@yahoo.com](mailto:howard.green@yahoo.com).

At this upcoming performance, the Band will open with a tribute to all the heroes

of the past 16 months with Copland's 'Fanfare for the Common Man' followed by light music from the movies and musicals, including 'The Magnificent Seven', 'Raiders of the Lost Ark', theme songs from James Bond movies, and Mary Poppins, as well as a few marches and other summer fare. All attendees who have served as police officers, firefighters, paramedics, health care workers from any health care organization, supermarket employees, postal workers, and other essential workers will be invited to stand and be recognized as heroes.

Tell your friends and neighbors about this joyous gala return of live music and summer fun by the revitalized Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band!





BUFFALO  
GROVE  
PARK  
DISTRICT

Buffalo Grove Park District presents



### FOOD DRIVE

Bring a nonperishable food item to National Night Out. All items collected will be distributed through local food pantries supported by the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council.

# Tuesday, August 3

Willow Stream Park - 651 Old Checker Road

## 5 - 7:30 pm

- ★ Business Expo
- ★ Buffalo Grove Fire and Police Department Greetings
- ★ Free giveaways
- ★ Food available for purchase from Dorfler's Meat Market

## 6 - 8 pm

Live music with **Motown Nation**

Sponsored by:



# TOTS In The Park

2 FREE Fridays For Everyone • 10:30 - 11:15 am • Alcott Center • 530 Bernard Drive

FREE performances for children of all ages.

Find a circle in the grass for your family to sit, dance, and sing with us in the park. A face covering will be required for all participants 2+ years old when outside of a circle. Bring an umbrella, blanket, and sunscreen, and join us for some fun in the sun!

For more information, please contact Allison Oberst at 847.850.2146 or [allison@bgparks.org](mailto:allison@bgparks.org).



July 16

Scribble Monsters



July 30

Todd Downing: Tall Tales and Silly Songs







BUFFALO GROVE  
FRIENDS OF THE PARKS  
FOUNDATION

The Buffalo Grove Park District's charitable foundation.



# CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Saturday, August 28  
Willow Stream Pool

Sponsored by: **ROSE**  
PEST SOLUTIONS

Join us for our first ever Cardboard Boat Regatta! This event will challenge amateur boat builders to design, build and navigate a boat made entirely of cardboard. Each boat will then set sail or sink in Willow Stream Pool, as each team competes for a variety of awards and trophies. Registration will be done by team (maximum of 3 people), with only one person from each team needing to register. All rules will be emailed out Monday, August 2. For more information, contact Jenn Foreman at 847.850.2110 or [jenn@bgparks.org](mailto:jenn@bgparks.org).

Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
160312-01	7 - 17 years	Sat	Aug 28	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	\$25
160312-02	18+ years	Sat	Aug 28	2 - 4 pm	\$25

**Location:** Willow Stream Pool



**Big Deal Summer Cabaret**  
**Music In The Moonlight: Best Of Broadway**  
July 16 and 17 at 7:30 pm  
Willow Stream Park



Join us for an evening of song at the Big Deal Summer Cabaret: Music in the Moonlight! This unique musical production, starring some of the area's most talented adult and teen performers, will be a treat for the whole family. Featuring many of your favorite songs from Broadway and beyond, this cabaret style show is not to be missed. Performances will be at the Dan Schimmel Pavilion at Willow Stream Park on Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17 at 7:30 pm. If necessary, a rain date performance is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, July 18 at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are available for only \$12 per person (plus a 95¢ service fee), and are available for purchase at [bigdealproductions.org](http://bigdealproductions.org). Seating for the concert will be general admission at the large, outdoor park venue. Grab a lawn chair or picnic blanket, and settle in for an fantastic evening of entertainment. Concessions will be available for purchase. The concert will go on unless weather conditions make it unsafe to do so. Please plan accordingly. For more information, contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or [lindsay@bgparks.org](mailto:lindsay@bgparks.org).

**BG Singers Concert**  
August 27 and 28 at 7:30 pm  
Willow Stream Park

Directed by Linda Rosen  
Choreography and Assistant Direction by Charla Silver

Join the BG Singers for a fantastic evening of music under the stars! The choir will celebrate some of their most beloved hits from past performances. Performances will be held at the Dan Schimmel Pavilion at Willow Stream Park on Friday, August 27 and Saturday, August 28 at 7:30 pm.

General Admission tickets are available for only \$12 per adult or \$5 per child ages 10 and under (plus a 95¢ convenience fee). Tickets will be available for purchase at [bigdealproductions.org](http://bigdealproductions.org) starting on July 29. If necessary, rain date performance is scheduled for Sunday, August 29 at 6:30 pm. Grab a lawn chair or picnic blanket, and settle in for a delightful evening of musical entertainment. Concessions will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or [lindsay@bgparks.org](mailto:lindsay@bgparks.org).





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### VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Non-Emergency)

847- 537-0995

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(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](http://vbg.org/enewssignup) to subscribe to the Enewsletter of your choice!



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## Little Free Library

A ribbon cutting ceremony was hosted by the Police Department for their new Little Free Library on Thursday, June 10 outside the main entrance of the station at 46 Raupp Boulevard, where the Little Free Library is located.

Young people are encouraged to visit the library and are welcome to stop into the station and meet members of the department. In addition to providing reading materials for young community members, the books also offer a distraction for children who accompany their parents to the police station, in what can sometimes be a stressful situation.

Community Relations Officer Matthew Mills brought the concept of the Little

Free Library to the department, and its creation was truly a team effort. The library was designed, constructed and painted by Officer Ross Valstyn, while Officer Mills supplied the original donation of books. Moving forward, the Vernon Area Public Library District will contribute books to keep the library stocked.



## Farmers Market

The Buffalo Grove Farmers Market is held each Sunday from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at **Mike Rylko Park** (951 McHenry Road) now through October 10.

Visit the market's diverse array of vendors for locally grown fruits, vegetables, gourmet coffee, pastries and more!

- Phase 5 Guidance and CDC Guidance will be observed at the market.
- The Farmers Market will not take place during BG Days
- The Environmental Fair will take place Sunday, September 19.

For more information, visit [vbg.org/farmersmarket](http://vbg.org/farmersmarket).

