



# Buffalo Grove Village News



## BG Gives Back



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The Village has employee programs in place that not only promote giving back to the community, but also encourage them to go above and beyond their job responsibilities, and support overall fitness and health.

Employee appreciation events occur on Fridays in September. These events are hosted by different Village departments to show appreciation to all employees, giving special recognition to employee milestones and highlighting 'Golden Ticket' winners. The Golden Ticket program promotes and rewards employees who make customer service a top priority and excel in their positions on a consistent basis.

Various organizations outside the village provide resources that encourage the physical and mental health of employees. These include a variety of wellness scans, and 'Lunch N' Learns' with topics ranging from retirement, financial planning, work-life balance and managing stress.

Giving back to the community is another top priority at the Village. In 2018, employees joined together to raise \$1,500 for United Way through the Village-wide 'Change Wars' where loose change was collected to make the donation. Village employees and the Village Board also support the American Cancer Society through participation and fundraising for the Buffalo Grove-Lincolnshire Relay for Life. This year, the Village raised more than \$4,000 for this worthy organization.

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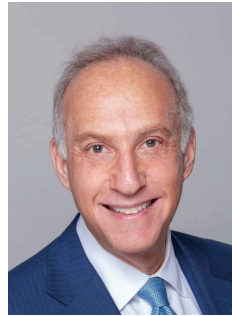
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BGTV  
Comcast Channel 6  
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Village Board meetings air everyday at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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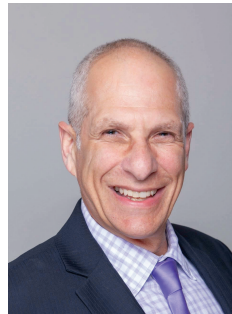
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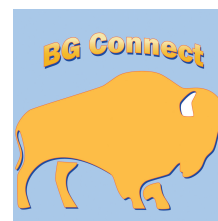
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### 2018 Village Board Meeting Schedule

November 4	Regular
November 18	Budget Presentation
December 2	Regular
December 16	Regular



Visit the Village of Buffalo Grove online at [vbg.org](http://vbg.org)



# Letter From The Village President



**Beverly Sussman**  
bsussman@vbg.org

Buffalo Grove has experienced another year of exciting economic growth and development!

In 2019, the Village welcomed the Shops of Buffalo Grove, a new retail and office development, on the southwest side of Deerfield Parkway and Milwaukee Avenue to complement the recently opened Woodman's Food Market. The 43,000 square foot development includes tenants such as Starbucks, T-Mobile, Mod Pizza, Chase Bank, Panera Bread, Chase Bank, ZIPs Dry Cleaner, Great Clips, and Solidcore.



*Shops of Buffalo Grove*

The Village also approved various plans that look to redevelop key properties along the Village's major corridors. This includes the Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH) medical offices along the Lake Cook Corridor at 15 S. McHenry Road and 125 E. Lake Cook Road. The Village Board approved a plan to redevelop the existing medical facility into a new 4-story medical office building to accommodate NCH. The project would also include a 4,900 square-foot retail component at the northwest part of the site. Along the Dundee Corridor, the Village Board approved plans for a substantial reinvestment in the currently vacant Cambridge Commons center. The plans include a new facade, landscaping, and signage to accommodate a new tenant (24 Hour Fitness). Along Milwaukee Corridor, True North Energy, LLC purchased the former Wool Restaurant at 185 N. Milwaukee Avenue and is redeveloping the site into a new Shell Gas Station and 3,500 square-foot convenience store.



*Rendering of the redeveloped NCH medical facility at 15 S. McHenry Road and 125 E. Lake Cook Road*

Over the past year, the Village focused on long term growth and development. In April, the Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan was approved as a component and update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will provide guidance for the properties in and around the Metra station area over the next 10-20 years. Thanks to the hundreds of stakeholders who participated in the plan's development. Efforts are now focused on plan implementation.



*Rendering of Easton Street and Main Street as discussed in the Prairie View Metra Station Area Plan.*

Finally, I would like to wish all of our residents a safe and happy holiday season and a great 2020!

*Beverly Sussman*



## Giving Back

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All Village departments give back by participating in various events throughout the year. The Fire Department supports the Muscular Dystrophy Association with events like the 'Fill the Boot' fundraiser. The Police Department raises funds for Special Olympics of Illinois through activities such as 'Cop on a Rooftop', the annual Plane Pull and the popular Trivia Night. The Village will continue to participate in these events in an effort to support ongoing efforts to give back to the community.

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



# Fire Department Water Rescue: Ready When Called Upon

*The Department trains on an ongoing basis to be prepared when emergencies and other events involve bodies of water.*

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department Water Rescue Division is made up of three separate teams, including Dive, Sonar and Swift Water Rescue. Each of these teams serve different and important functions in the case when a person, vehicle or evidence of a crime is believed to have entered a body of water. Members of all three teams must complete training and meet specific requirements depending on their specialties.



**Dive Team:** The responsibility of the Dive Team is for rescue and/or recovery in subsurface water.

**Sonar:** Sonar Team Technicians work with state-of-the-art sonar equipment to locate reported missing victims, vehicles, or other items that may be evidence of a crime and are believed to be under the surface of the water. Technicians work with the divers to direct them in real time to targets located by the sonar equipment.

**Swiftwater Rescue:** The Swiftwater Rescue Team responsibility is to complete rescues in fast moving flood waters. They are deployed in situations where a person is stranded in a vehicle located in moving water, or if they are swept into a fast-moving body of water.



Ongoing water rescue trainings are held in Buffalo Grove at the Combined Area Fire Training (CAFT) facility, which provides a range of training opportunities for Buffalo Grove,

and area first responders. The most recent training was held in August where members of the Buffalo Grove teams, along with members of ten area fire departments who trained together to recover a vehicle submerged in 15 feet of water. Objectives were to work with simulated witnesses and locate a missing vehicle. Once located, the vehicle was searched for possible 'victims'. The final objective was to locate points on the vehicle to determine the most efficient and safest way manner to remove it from the water, by a simulated recovery company.

With the change of seasons coming, the Fire Department Water Rescue Team would like to remind everyone to stay off frozen ponds and streams. Although the surface may seem strong enough to support your weight, there is no way to guarantee it is safe to walk on. Many factors can play into the strength of ice; these include the outside temperature, water depth, contaminants, snow melt and refreeze, and air pockets. Simple changes in the wind and sun can also affect the strength of the ice. In the event you were to fall through, attempt to remain calm and call for help. If you witness a person or animal fall through the ice, **do not try to rescue them by crawling out onto the ice** - as you may become a victim yourself. Please call **911** immediately in these types of situations.



Buffalo Grove Fire Department - jkleeman

Every member of the Buffalo Grove Fire Department is trained in surface ice rescue. Using specialized equipment, firefighters can safely traverse the ice and enter the water to rescue the victim. The Buffalo Grove Dive Team is also cross trained as ice divers in the event someone were to fall through and need to be rescued from under the ice.

All teams have members that are cross trained and can work in more than one discipline of water rescue. The Fire Department is a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). MABAS is designed to deal with large-scale events where assistance is requested or given to area fire departments. The Buffalo Grove Water Rescue Division has been involved in more than a dozen events in 2019 already, which have included drowning incidents, vehicles submerged in the water, and two high profile cases that involved missing persons in McHenry County.

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



# Symphonic Band Fall Performance



The Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band will be performing a selection of the best-loved classics in music – some from Europe and others from the Americas. Featured will be the energetic and exciting piece by Mexican composer Jose Moncayo ‘Huapango’ and the Band’s piano soloist Dawn Karis performing Julie Giroux’s ‘Córdoba’. Many people have heard the last movement of the Dvorak New World Symphony; the band will be treating the audience to that and the rarely heard version of the first two movements of this wonderful work. Not to be outdone, the Buffalo Grove Jazz Band will rock out songs from American jazz greats, including Buddy Rich’s ‘Norwegian Wood’ and Stevie Wonder’s ‘Isn’t She Lovely’.

An eclectic mix of music for many musical tastes and age groups will be performed. Tickets are \$8 for seniors and students (with ID), \$10 in advance for everyone else, and \$12 at the door. The performance will take place Saturday, November 16th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Vernon Hills High School, 145 Lakeview Parkway in Vernon Hills. Tickets can be purchased at the Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove, at the door, or online at [tickets.bgsb.org](https://tickets.bgsb.org).



## Landscape Waste Pick Up

**Reminder:** Landscape waste pick up runs through December 15, 2019. Landscape waste is picked up on the same day as your normal recycling pick-up day. Materials to be picked up should be placed out at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. on the day of pick up, but not before 5:00 p.m. the day prior to your pick up day.

### Landscape Waste Container Requirements:

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

If you have any questions, please call the Community Development Department at **847-459-2530**.

## 2019 Golden Ticket Recipients

*The Village of Buffalo Grove’s Golden Ticket winners are listed below.  
These employees earned special recognition in 2019 for going above and beyond their job responsibilities.*

*Tyler Ankney*

*Joe Arizzi*

*Randy Buttlere*

*Ryan Chaffer*

*Amy Cholewa*

*Paula Close*

*Andy Dziekanski*

*Mike Fontanez*

*Steve Fritz*

*Kathy Gomez*

*Dave Gretz*

*Meghan Hansen*

*Jason Hartman*

*Kate Heffernan*

*Kyle Johnson*

*Wendy Koblas*

*LeConte Lewis*

*Jeff Mazurek*

*Shannon McMillon*

*Matt Mills*

*Marc Rossi*

*Susan Rydberg*

*Nick Smith*

*Richard Sparling*

*Forrest Thomson*

*Ron Weinert*

*Tom Wisniewski*

*Jeff Wells*

*Brittany Wilson*

*Mike Witt*



# Winter Snow Removal and Maintenance

*The challenges of winter maintenance are always a balancing act between the weather and road conditions, staffing levels, functionality of equipment, traffic, and many other emergency activities completed by the Public Works Department. Some of these are completed simultaneously during a snow event. Despite the variety of challenges, staff is dedicated to the task of winter maintenance and works tirelessly to meet expectations. The following are frequently asked questions/answers during the winter maintenance season.*

## **What are the “stripes” I see running down my street before a storm event?**

You should expect to see ‘stripes’ on your road prior to winter storm events, as Public Works will be completing anti-icing pre-treatment to roads throughout the community. Anti-icing is a cost effective, proactive first step towards achieving drivable roads during storm events as it helps melt falling snow, and prevents the bond between the road surface and snow from forming. These steps allow plows to cut all the way down to the pavement surface as they move down the road.

## **Why is snow pushed into my driveway by the plows?**

This is an unavoidable inconvenience. During periods of snow, plows will clear the roads moving from the ‘crown’ of the road (or middle of the road) towards the outside curb. Plowing activities will continue until all the snow has been removed from the road. During long snow events, this clearing may result in multiple plowing passes from the middle, all the way to the curb, and could result in large deposits along the road easement (or road edge) including driveway aprons.

## **Am I permitted to shovel or snow-blow my driveway into the street?**

No, this activity is prohibited by Village ordinance and is subject to a fine. In addition, residents who deposit snow into the road from their driveway or sidewalk assume liability in the case of an accident or injury resulting from this act. Residents are encouraged to shovel or snow-blow driveway snow ‘downstream’ from the direction of traffic (to the right facing the road from a garage).

## **When should I move my car off the street?**

The Village parking restrictions are clearly marked on posted signs throughout each neighborhood. In addition to the restrictions outlined on the posted signs, parking restrictions go into effect as soon as plowing operations have started. Residents are strongly encouraged to move vehicles off of the streets as soon as winter weather arrives, as the equipment often must pass between vehicles that are parked legally on the street, but create a potential hazard for the winter maintenance equipment and slow down the overall response of the winter maintenance program. Please watch the weather and move vehicles from the road if/when possible during winter weather.

## **What should I do if a plow damages my mailbox? Or my parkway?**

The Public Works Department repairs/restores damage to parkways in the spring, following the end of the winter season. Damage to the parkway should be reported to the Public Works Department as soon as it is identified. Public Works repairs/replaces mailboxes and mailbox support posts that have been damaged by a “direct strike” from the plow or plow vehicle. The Department does not complete repairs caused by snow thrown from the plow. When purchasing a mailbox, sturdiness should be a consideration so that it can resist the force, weight and weep of snow caused by plows. No repairs or replacements will be completed on mailboxes or

mailbox support posts that have been improperly installed. Mailbox installation guidelines and diagrams can be obtained at the Public Service Center, 51 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove, upon request.

## **Why won’t the Village plow my sidewalk or my driveway?**

The costs of such a program would be very prohibitive. Residents are expected to remove snow from their own driveways and sidewalks adjacent to their property so that pedestrians are not forced to walk in the street.

## **Is the Public Works Department responsible for winter maintenance on every road in Buffalo Grove?**

No. There are many roads throughout Buffalo Grove that are maintained by agencies other than the Public Works Department. State roads, and Lake or Cook County roads are each maintained by their respective jurisdictional agencies. A list of the roads and the responsible agencies can be found here [vbg.org](http://vbg.org) > **How Do I > learn more about> Snow Plowing** Report any problems to the appropriate agency.

## **What should I do if it is my garbage day, and plows are out clearing snow?**

Garbage collection takes place throughout the community on a variety of different week days. During winter maintenance activities, residents are strongly encouraged to place their garbage cans and recycle cans back away from the curb, and inside the apron of the driveway so that blowing snow coming off the plow doesn’t knock the cans over and create the need for cleanup. The closer the cans are placed to the curb, the greater the likelihood that they will be knocked over during plowing operations.

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

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





# Police Share Winter Safety Tips

*Along with the winter months comes holiday travel near and far, and the Police Department wants to ensure everyone gets to their destination safely and secures their homes while gone.*



Below are some safety tips that can help to make the holiday season as safe as possible:

- Have your vehicle examined and tuned-up; something as simple as proper tire pressure can make a big difference when stopping vehicles quickly in severe/inclement weather!
- With cold weather comes the potential for drained car batteries; include jumper cables in emergency roadside kits inside of vehicles.
- Consider keeping an extra blanket or jacket in the vehicle in case you need to pull over, or are stopped for an extended period in cold conditions.
- Check road conditions through GPS apps, the news, or online prior to your departure. Sometimes the drive just isn't worth the risk; evaluate whether you need to go, or can wait until dangerous weather conditions subside.
- Make arrangements for packages to be retrieved from your porch or common area in a timely manner if you are not at home, or are away for an extended period of time. This helps protect them from being stolen and letting criminals know that no one is home.

The Police department also encourages residents to fill out vacation watch forms online whenever they are out of town - the link can be found at [vbg.org](http://vbg.org) > **How Do I** > **Request** > **Vacation Watch**.

## Recreational Cannabis

On June 25, 2019, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed into law the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA). The CRTA becomes effective January 1, 2020, and allows the possession and use of cannabis for recreational purposes for adults 21 years of age and older in Illinois. The Village of Buffalo Grove does not have the ability to prohibit the possession and use of cannabis for recreational purposes by adults under this law. More information concerning this topic can be found on the village's website at [vbg.org/recreationalcannabis](http://vbg.org/recreationalcannabis).



## Buffalo Grove Employee Spotlight: Administrative Assistant Melissa Boress



Melissa Boress has been with the Village of Buffalo Grove since 2017 as the Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Village Manager. Melissa plays an integral role within the office performing a myriad of administrative tasks, including assisting residents in the community. In addition to her support of the Office of the Village Manager, Melissa provides support to other Departments within the Village, and is always lending a helpful hand.

Melissa came to the Village with more than 20 years of experience in the legal field, holding a degree as a paralegal. She also owns a consulting company that offers paralegal services to various law firms.

Melissa is married to her husband and enjoys spending time together going on weekend getaways, traveling and spending quality time with family and friends. One of her biggest passions are her animals.



# Comprehensive Plan Open House

Engage BG

2040  
COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN



Come join the Village for the first public meeting relating to Buffalo Grove's Comprehensive Plan. **We want to hear from you!** Come learn what it's all about and help the Village plan for what Buffalo Grove could look like in 2040! The Open House will take place Wednesday, November 13th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Aptakisic Junior High School, 1231 Weiland Road in Buffalo Grove.

To learn more, and to sign up for updates, visit the Comprehensive Plan's website at [engagebg.org](http://engagebg.org).

For questions or comments, please contact Nicole Woods by calling **847-459-5539** or via email at [nwoods@vbg.org](mailto:nwoods@vbg.org).

## BG Days Charity Softball Game

Every year, Buffalo Grove kicks off Buffalo Grove Days with its annual charity softball game. This year, the softball game was renamed to honor devoted community member, Rick Drazner, who passed away in April.

The Rick Drazner Memorial Softball Game took place on Wednesday, August 28th at Emmerich Park. The tournament includes teams from the Village of Buffalo Grove, the Buffalo Grove Park District, and the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce. All teams gave their best, with the Village taking home second place.

A special shout out goes to the Village's team that came together to challenge the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce and the Buffalo Grove Park District.



Top Row (left to right): Scott Litwiler, Michael Witt, Tom Milas, Mike Skibbe, Steve Fritz, Mike Baker, and Michael Weidner. Bottom Row (left to right): Katie Golbach and Melanie Santostefano. Not pictured: Pat Brankin and Andrew Brown.

## Who Maintains the Buffalo Grove Metra Station?

The Village operates and maintains the Buffalo Grove Metra Station and Parking Lot at 825 Commerce Drive. Ongoing maintenance responsibilities of Village Staff include snow and ice control in the parking areas and walkways to the train station, garbage removal, and building maintenance of the station and warming shelters. Village employees are **not** permitted to perform any maintenance on, or between the platforms, as Metra is responsible for these areas. Metra also handles snow and ice control on the platform, lighting, signage, and maintenance of the tracks and fencing.



## Metra Station State Parking Tax Increase Effective January 1, 2020

The daily fee to park in the Buffalo Grove Metra Station Parking Lot is \$2. Commuters can purchase passes at a reduced rate through the Village; bi-monthly passes are \$80 and annual parking passes \$450. Passes can be purchased in person at Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard, in Buffalo Grove or online by visiting [vbg.org](http://vbg.org) and search 'commuter parking lot'.

The State of Illinois will be assessing a parking tax effective January 1, 2020, of 6-percent on the daily fee and 9-percent on the bi-monthly and annual passes. All funds generated by this tax are collected by the Village and submitted to the State of Illinois.





# New, Expanding and/or Relocating Businesses

## Professional Services

*The UPS Store (relocation)*  
113 McHenry Road

*Trona Solar, LLC*  
251 Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 113

*A Plus Marketing, Ltd. (additional location)*  
1282 Barclay Boulevard

*Fram Group Operations, LLC*  
485 Half Day Road, Unit 425 & 430

*Smiles of Buffalo Grove*  
1215 McHenry Road, Unit 130A

*Architectural Windows & Millwork, Inc.*  
180 Lexington Drive

*Black Star Distrubtion, Inc.*  
358 Lexington Drive

*Progressive Psychological Healthcare S.C. (expansion)*  
1100 Lake Cook Road, Suite 130

*Creskide Dental, LLC*  
135 Arlington Heights Road, Suite 185

*Axeplosion BG, Inc.*  
178 McHenry Road

*Solidcore Chicago, LLC*  
1561 Deerfield Parkway

## Professional Services *continued*

*L.A.C.E., Inc d/b/a Great Clips*  
1543 Deerfield Parkway

*Insperty Support Services, L.P.*  
2150 Lake Cook Road, Suite 710

*Tolmar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*  
485 Half Day Road, Suite 400

*Epic Academics, Inc.*  
132 McHenry Road

*In2Great Pediatric Therapy Services, Ltd. (additional location)*  
325 Dundee Road

## Dining & Catering

*Grand Jakes Fresh Mexican Grill in BG, Inc. (Relocation)*  
799 Buffalo Grove Road

*Poke Hale*  
1207 Dundee Road

*MOD Pizza*  
1555 Deerfield Parkway

*Garden Berry Café of Buffalo Grove, Inc.*  
340 Half Day Road

## Retail

*T-Mobile Central, LLC d/b/a T-Mobile*  
848 Milwaukee Avenue

## Holiday Light Recycling Offered Free of Charge

Buffalo Grove, in partnership with Elgin Recycling and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is offering a Holiday Light Recycling Program to all SWANCC area residents, free of charge. All Buffalo Grove residents are eligible to participate. Holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at either of the following locations on the Buffalo Grove Municipal Campus.



### Buffalo Grove Village Hall

50 Raupp Boulevard

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

December 26, 2019 through March 31, 2020

847-459-2530

### Buffalo Grove Police Department

46 Raupp Boulevard

24-hour drop-off

December 26, 2019 through March 31, 2020

847-459-2560

Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program.





BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT



**GOLF DOME**  
at the Buffalo Grove Park District

### Hours

**November 9 - December 8**

Monday - Friday

9 am - 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday

7 am - 8 pm

**December 9 - April 11**

Monday - Friday

9 am - 9 pm

Saturday

7 am - 9 pm

Sunday

7 am - 8 pm

> Driving Range

> Putting Green

> Retail Shop

> Private & Group Lessons

> Gift Certificates

> Open for walking weekday mornings from 8 - 9 am

### Fees (Per ½ hour)

Weekdays, before 6 pm

\$11

Weekdays, after 6 pm

\$12

Weekends

\$12

5-Hour Pass

\$95

Season Membership Pass

\$600

Open for daily  
golf practice  
**November 9**

**801 McHenry Road**

(½ Mile West of Buffalo Grove Road)

**847.353.7575**

# VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, November 11 ★ Community Arts Center

**FREE** Lunch from 12:15 - 1:15 pm ★ Ceremony at 1:30 pm

Join us as we honor all veterans, their families and friends. The event will feature a keynote address from VFW Post 981 Post Commander Mike Smoger, music performed by the 484th Army Band's Woodwind Quartet, and VFW Post 981 will present and remove the Colors, as well as pay tribute by presenting the flag for each branch of service. Lunch will be served before the program; and, all veterans who attend will also receive free membership in the Park District's Club 50. This is sure to be a day that will be remembered by everyone. All ages are invited to this special celebration of our veterans.

Sponsored by:





## Just For Kids Holiday Shop

Tuesday, December 3 & Wednesday, December 4  
 4:30 - 7 pm  
 Alcott Center

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



## Santa's Mailbox

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

Please send letters to:

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

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.  
 Only letters received by December 15 will be answered.



## The Supper Club

A Night of Dining, Dancing and Entertainment

Saturday, January 11  
 6 - 9 pm  
 Community Arts Center



Join the Friends of the Parks Foundation for a fun evening, where you can dress in your favorite 50s "Rat Pack" attire (encouraged, yet optional), and dance the night away. Included in the price is dinner catered by The Continental Restaurant, dancing and live entertainment. There will also be beer and wine available for purchase. The cost is \$30 per person; and, the deadline to register is December 20. Proceeds will benefit the Park District's fee assistance program. For more information, please contact Beth Wanland at 847.850.2104.

## BG Singers Encore! Presents Holiday Harmonies Concert

Saturday, December 7  
 2 pm  
 Community Arts Center

BG Singers' Encore!, the traveling performance group of the Buffalo Grove Park District, is excited to present their holiday concert, Holiday Harmonies, at the Community Arts Center on Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm. This fun and family-friendly concert will feature many of your favorite holiday classics, along with some brand new and festive tunes. Join the group for a family holiday sing-along after the performance.

All tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door, and will go on sale at [bigdealproductions.org](http://bigdealproductions.org) on November 4. Bring a canned item to donate, and receive a candy cane after the show! For more information, please contact the Community Arts Center at 847.850.2175.

## Camp registration begins December 2

Buffalo Grove Park District residents that were in camp the previous year will priority register for camp before regular registration begins. Residents new to camp may register their child beginning December 2 at the Alcott Center during regular business hours. If registering for the first time as a resident, you must provide proof of residency. Nonresident registration will begin January 20. Visit our website at [bgparks.org](http://bgparks.org) for detailed information and a list of camps offered, or call 847.850.2100.







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## Census 2020: What You Should Know

Census Day is April 1, 2020 – and this is an important date for you and our community. Your participation in the census count determines how much federal funding the Village of Buffalo Grove receives, and determines congressional representation, as well as numerous needs for the community.

This is the first census that will be largely completed online. **Most households will receive a postcard between March 12 – March 20, 2020** asking them to respond online to the 2020 census. This will be the easiest and most efficient way to be sure you are counted.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by Federal law; answers can only be used to produce statistics and cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to the U.S. Census Bureau are kept completely confidential. The information cannot be shared with anyone, including other government agencies.

A complete count is vital to the community, and ultimately to you, so I urge you to be sure that you

respond as quickly as possible when contacted by the U.S. Census Bureau. I would also urge you to communicate the importance of a complete count to your friends and family, whether they live in Buffalo Grove or in another community.

The Census Bureau is also recruiting 400,000 temporary full-time and part-time workers. The pay is competitive, hours are flexible and there is paid training. Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) or call **855-JOB-2020**.

Please contact Rati Akash in the Community Development Department at **847-459-5592** or email [rakash@vbg.org](mailto:rakash@vbg.org) to get involved with Census outreach initiatives, or if you have any questions.

Janet Sirabian, Village Clerk

## Give the Gift of Life this Holiday Season

The Buffalo Grove Community Blood Drive is conducted by Vitalant and hosted by the Buffalo Grove Health Commission. The winter Blood Drive will take place on Saturday, December 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Alcott Center, 530 Bernard Drive in Buffalo Grove.

### Did you Know?

- Approximately 38-percent of the national population is eligible to donate blood.
- Less than 10-percent of the national population donates blood.
- Each year, 4.5 million Americans would die without lifesaving blood transfusions.
- Every two seconds, someone needs blood.

An identification card is required for all donors, and the actual blood donation takes about 10–15 minutes. The entire blood donation process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes about one hour. Please prepare for your donation by eating well and staying hydrated.

Walk-ins are always welcome; however, appointments are recommended. To make an appointment, please call Vitalant at **877-258-4825** or visit [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org).

