



BG BRIEF

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023

Letter from the Village President

I am thrilled to celebrate the tremendous success of our recent Buffalo Grove Days event! What an incredible weekend it was, filled with joy, music and a true sense of community. It was wonderful to see the parade return this year, with so many community groups, businesses and entertainers. So many showed up to celebrate BG! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers who made this event possible. Your hard work, devotion and passion for our town shone brightly, making BG Days a memorable experience for all who attended.



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We have some exciting developments that are shaping the future of BG. First, I want to bring your attention to the 16-acre redevelopment project on the Dundee Road corridor. Yes, I'm talking about the long vacant site of the former Rohrman auto dealerships! This transformative project will enhance BG's aesthetic appeal and provide new opportunities for businesses and residents alike. See more details in the "What's New?" section.

But the good news doesn't end there! I often hear from residents the desire for more entertainment and restaurant options. The Clove is still under construction and promises just that. In fact, its first new business, Chick-fil-A, has recently opened! Plus, several existing businesses have undergone renovations, and they are ready to serve you. The former IHOP site across the street is going to see some action now as well, with Lazy Dog coming to town. Together, these establishments will add to our dining and entertainment options, contribute to our local economy and create jobs.

It's booming here in BG, and our energy is contagious. We've built a foundation and paved the way for development, and the market is responding with modern, innovative and experiential plans that align with our vision. As we look forward to the exciting developments ahead, let us remember that our strength lies in our unity and community spirit. Together, we will continue to make Buffalo Grove a wonderful place for residents and businesses to call home.

Eric Smith
Eric Smith, Village President

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What's HAPPENING

Electrifying development coming to long-vacant Dundee Road property



It's time to get excited! A 16-acre redevelopment is coming to the long-vacant property at 915-945 Dundee Road, formerly occupied by the Rohrman auto dealership. The site will be anchored by a Tesla dealership and feature two adjacent retail tenants, plus luxury residential units in the back next to the existing residential area. A newly created Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District makes this redevelopment feasible. Don't worry - it's not a new tax for you. Put simply, a TIF is a commonly used economic development tool that generates a pool of money for reinvestment within the TIF area - an area which to date has seen little growth and development through private investment. This strategic move will help revitalize the area and boost the local economy. More details are forthcoming at vbg.org/development.

Lake Cook Road corridor takes shape

The community-driven Lake Cook Corridor plan is coming to life. The highest priority project was the Town Center redevelopment, which is under construction now! The Clove will provide a central space for BG residents to gather, shop, dine and enjoy. Already, Chick-fil-A has opened, and Guzman y Gomez is not far behind. There's been a lot of progress with the grocer and residential buildings as well. Adjacent to the Clove, the Lake Cook Road and Route 83 intersection continues to evolve. Last year, the roadway project was completed, as was the new, award-winning Northwest Community Healthcare building. Now, new buildings have been constructed for Wild Fork and Veterinary Emergency Medical Group on the southeast corner, leaving just one corner anxious for activity. Lazy Dog Restaurant is wagging its way into that prime spot on the northeast corner of the intersection where the former IHOP was located. Known for its innovative twists on American dishes served with small mountain-town hospitality, Lazy Dog is poised to become the go-to spot for locals. Plus, its expansive outdoor seating area allows you to enjoy your meal fireside with your dog at your side. If all goes as planned, construction will begin next spring. Learn more at vbg.org/development.



Need-to-know *INFO*

Moving BG Forward

The Moving BG Forward initiatives (strategic plan, comprehensive plan and community branding) are making great progress. Research has been completed and the plans and creative are begin developed. Thank you to all who participated in surveys, focus groups, workshops and other community engagement sessions. Find the latest updates at **vbg.org/forward**.



Landscape waste collection

Leaves and landscape waste should be bagged for curbside collection. The week of December 11 is the last week of the year to place this waste at the curb. Remember to never rake leaves or debris into the street. Doing so can lead to flooding. Don't want to bag leaves? Recycle them into your lawn by mulching them with a lawnmower - it provides excellent nutrients to the soil!

Seasonal maintenance tips

As the weather cools, it's a great time to take care of seasonal maintenance items around your home, such as tuning up your furnace, checking and changing batteries (if needed) on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, cleaning your dryer vent system, draining outdoor faucets and irrigation pumps and cleaning and inspecting gutters, downspouts and eaves.



Donate Toys for Tots this holiday season

Consider grabbing an extra toy for a child in need this holiday season. The annual Marine Toys for Tots Foundation Collection will collect new, unwrapped toys in the Police Department Lobby between November 1 and December 4.

Take note of holiday schedules

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, as well as Monday, January 1.

Waste Management will also operate on a holiday schedules each of those weeks. For the November holiday week, only Thursday and Friday pickups will be delayed by one day. For the December and January holiday weeks, all pickups will be delayed one day.



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the public?
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events calendar:
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OCTOBER

- 1 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 1 BG Singers Concert: Kaleidoscope @ Community Arts Center*
- 4 National Coffee with a Cop Day @ McDonald's
- 5 Social Work in Law Enforcement Presentation @ Community Arts Center, Room 20
- 7 Family Concert: Alina Celeste & Mi Amigo Hamlet @ Vernon Area Library*
- 8 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 15 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 20 Trick or Treat Trail @ Community Arts Center
- 21 Arts & Crafts Fair @ Community Arts Center
- 21 Super Saturday: Begin Bilingual Rocks @ Indian Trails Library*
- 23 Meet and Greet BG Police Chief @ Vernon Area Library
- 25 Enchanted Night at the Museum @ Raupp Museum
- 25 Bowling with Buddies @ Bowlero*
- 26 Memory Café @ Alcott Center*
- 28 Howl-o-ween Pooch Parade @ Willow Stream Park
- 28 Drug Take Back Day @ BG Police Department
- 28 Resource Fair @ Indian Trails Library
- 29 Trick-or-Treat Drive Thru @ Fire Station 26



NOVEMBER

- 3 A Broadway Love Story @ Community Arts Center*
- 4 Family Concert: Scribblemonster @ Vernon Area Library*
- 4 Experience Diwali, A Festival of Lights @ Community Arts Center*
- 8 Season opens @ Golf Dome
- 11 Veterans Day Celebration @ Community Arts Center
- 11 The Buffalo Grove Jazz and Symphonic Band, Vernon Hills High School*
- 12 BG Singers Performance @ Vernon Area Library
- 16-19 Mean Girls, Jr. Performance @ Community Arts Center*
- 18 Celebrating Diwali through Dance and Storytelling @ Vernon Area Library*
- 30 Memory Café @ Alcott Center*

DEC

- 2 Community Blood Drive @ Alcott Center
- 6-7 Just for Kids Holiday Shop @ Alcott Center
- 9 Family Concert: Julie Helenius @ Vernon Area Library*

*Registration or ticket is required via hosting organization.



VILLAGE HALL

Monday:

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

Tuesday – Friday:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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