

BG BRIEF

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023

Letter from the Village President

I hope this message finds you well. Summer is in full swing, and there's so much excitement going on here in BG. We've been Moving BG Forward this year with several big initiatives like our strategic plan, updated comprehensive plan and community branding project. It's been wonderful to hear from so many community members as we envision our future together. Keep an eye out for surveys and other opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas at vbg.org/forward.



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With our new Communications and Community Engagement Department nearing its first anniversary, we have re-imagined our Village newsletter (now the BG Brief)! After evaluating how we connect with the community and how our residents like to receive information, this refreshed newsletter is strategically condensed in size to balance the desire for an in-print, direct mail communication piece with cost considerations and electronic capabilities in mind. The Village News went online three years ago. Now, you'll once again receive need-to-know information, event notices and seasonal reminders directly in your mailbox. Given production schedules for this type of publication, our e-newsletter remains the preferred communication channel for timely news and stories. I highly encourage you, if you haven't already, to sign up for this weekly publication at vbg.org/enewssignup, and we'll email you what's new at the Village, things to do, service and other reminders every Thursday.

There's a lot of other great things in the works, including the kick off of remodeling construction at our new Public Works facility (see more inside). There's also tons of developments moving along as well as regular events happening all season! I wish you a safe and fun summer, and I encourage you to meet your neighbors and explore all of the wonderful amenities BG has to offer.

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Eric Smith, Village President

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What's HAPPENING

Adaptive reuse strategy for new public works facility saves nearly \$30 million



The Village Board approved construction bids to begin remodel construction work for the future Buffalo Grove Public Works facility at 1650 Leider Lane. By using an adaptive reuse strategy of an existing building, the Village will be able to deliver a modern facility at the lowest possible cost, saving nearly \$30 million.

A 2017 facility space needs assessment identified a larger and modernized facility for Public Works operations as a top priority. The new 173,000-square foot facility will provide enough space to accommodate PW operations now and well into the future, housing all engineering, equipment and maintenance functions will be under one roof. During remodeling and relocation, BGPW will continue operating out of its current facility at 51 Raupp Boulevard. Learn more and take a virtual tour at vbg.org/pwfacility.

Buffalo Grove Days brings together community spirit and entertainment

For many, it's their favorite time of year in BG: Labor Day weekend. It's when the magic of Buffalo Grove Days returns - the longstanding tradition where the community gathers, plays, dances and feasts! And this year's event is sure be a memorable one.

BG Days 2023 will be held Thursday-Monday, August 31-September 4. Your favorite activities are planned to return including the BG Days Parade (back after a three-year hiatus). In addition, there's a rockin' lineup of live music and entertainment planned, along with Rotary bingo and duck race, a slew of food truck vendors, kids activities, "Buddy Baseball" and more! The car show will make a return this year as "cruise-in" style, so you can see a range of classics to modern day rides! Learn more at bgdays.com.



Need-to-know *INFO*

BG Police roll out body-worn camera program

Officers have completed body-worn cameras (BWCs) training and testing is underway, with full department implementation planned for August. There are many benefits to officers wearing body-worn cameras including transparency, officer safety and accountability and additional documentation of interactions with the public and critical incidents. Learn more at vbg.org/bwc.

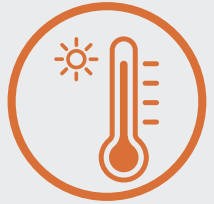


Make your block party memorable

Planning a neighborhood block party this year? Entertain the kids with an appearance by police, fire or public works crews and their vehicles! Appearance request should be received at least two weeks prior to your event at vbg.org/blockparty. Requests are not guaranteed, but we'll do our best to accommodate them.

Beat the heat

Keep an eye on weather forecasts and plan appropriately. During times of extreme heat, make sure to stay hydrated, avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages and avoid overexertion and strenuous outdoor activities. Stay cool at pools, splash pads, sprinklers and cooling centers. Check on the elderly. Take care of your furry friends too! Give them extra water, limit time outdoors and on hot pavement and never leave them in a car.



Drive safe and watch for children

School will be back in session mid-August. Keep our children safe by using extra caution near crosswalks, adhering to school zone speed limits, stopping for buses with a stop arm extended.

Take note of holiday schedules

Village Hall will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4. Normal business hours resume Tuesday, September 5 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Waste Management will also operate on a holiday schedule that week, with pickups delayed by one day.



Stay informed! Receive weekly news directly in your email inbox every Thursday by subscribing to e-news! Sign up at vbg.org/enewssignup.

Explore EVENTS in BG

JULY

- 2 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 4 Fourth of July Concert + Fireworks @ Willow Stream Park
- 9 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 16 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 23 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 27 Memory Café @ Alcott Center
- 30 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park

AUGUST

- 1 National Night Out @ Willow Stream Park
- 6 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 13 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 16 Butter Burgers and Badges @ Culvers of Buffalo Grove
- 20 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 24 Memory Café @ Alcott Center
- 27 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 27 Green Fair @ Mike Rylko Park
- 31 Buffalo Grove Days @ Mike Rylko Park

SEPTEMBER

- 1-4 Buffalo Grove Days @ Mike Rylko Park
- 2 Community Blood Drive @ Alcott Center
- 10 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 16 Secure Document Destruction Event @ Buffalo Grove Metra Station
- 17 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 24 Farmers Market @ Mike Rylko Park
- 28 Memory Café @ Alcott Center
- 28 Civics Forum @ Village Hall
- 30 Public Safety Open House @ Fire Station 26



Find more
community events:
vbg.org/calendar

Hosting an event open to
the public?
Submit information for
inclusion on the community
events calendar:
vbg.org/submitevent





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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