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## All Things Snow: Answering Your Frequent Questions

The Public Works Department takes great pride in its responsibility to keep our roads clear and safe during winter storm events. Each event is different, bringing a variety of elements together that are treated on a case by case basis. It involves thoughtful planning and effective and efficient execution.

The goal is simple: Maintain pavement surfaces on Village-owned and maintained streets. Such maintenance requires resources are available and assigned, with efforts always focused on safety and ability of emergency vehicles to travel throughout BG during winter storm events. After an event ends, the goal shifts to clear streets “curb to curb” as soon as possible, with an understanding that differing levels of snow and ice accumulation will affect overall maintenance time. Crews aim to have all streets cleared 12 hours after the end of an event, however there are resource limitations and extenuating circumstances of the particular event

that may prevent our team from reaching that goal.

It's important to remember that different areas of the Village may receive snow removal services from alternative units of government, such as Lake County, Cook County or the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), among others. If you don't know which agency maintains a given road, visit the “Snow and Ice Control map in our Community Portal: [www.vbg.org/portal](http://www.vbg.org/portal). You can enter your address, or a nearby location, to discover which agency controls snow and ice activities for individual roads.

We've compiled a list of frequently asked snow and ice-related questions to help you prepare for the events and know what to expect.

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# Letter From the Village President

Happy New Year, BG! I hope you had a happy holiday season. We accomplished so much together in 2022, it will be hard to top it this year. I wish to share my gratitude to the Village staff and volunteers that serve on our many commissions and committees for their dedicated service and for continuing to move our Village forward and achieve success.

### We have a lot to look forward to this year.

We'll continue to see construction progress at The Clove. The transformation is already a sight to be seen. Many of the former Town Center structures have been demolished, making way for our highly anticipated commercial, residential and entertainment district. Throughout the year, we'll see the build out of an anchor grocer, the residential and commercial building and Guzman y Gomez and Chick Fil-a in the outlots, plus remodeling of the building north of Old Checker Road will be completed. If you're interested in receiving project updates in your email inbox, sign up for our list at [www.vbg.org/theclove](http://www.vbg.org/theclove).

While it may seem far out, the summer events season will be here before we know it. The Village recognizes that there are more event venue space coming to the community soon,

with the Village owned-park at the Clove and planned renovations at Mike Rylko Park. BG's future is full of opportunities to bring new, additional events to the community.

Think cultural arts, visual arts, live music, car shows...the sky's the limit! Events bring the community together and enhance our quality of life, so we want to be very thoughtful in how we plan them going forward. So, we are creating a new Community Events Committee, and we're looking for BG residents interested in volunteering their time to help envision the future of both current and prospective community events in Buffalo Grove. Participation can be as little as showing up at an event the day of, or as extensive as helping plan an event from the start. If you are interested in joining the committee of volunteers, please complete the application at [www.vbg.org/volunteer](http://www.vbg.org/volunteer). I can't wait to see what the future holds.

*Beverly Sussman*

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Village President



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## Recycle Your Christmas Tree at the Curb

If you celebrate Christmas, and you go for the real trees instead of artificial, you are probably looking to part ways with said tree. Good news!

Residents can place two Christmas trees at the curb for free collection by WM on your waste pickup day during the first two weeks of January.

### Just remember:

- All decorations, stands, etc. must be removed.
- Must be free of snow/ice for curbside disposal.
- Do NOT place trees in plastic bags.
- Must be placed on parkway (the area generally located between the street and sidewalk).
- Must be under six feet in length (cut in two if longer).





# Village Manager's Message

It's a new year filled with new opportunities. I am thrilled to share that BG continues to have a robust economy, and much of that can be attributed to our business-friendly attitude and efforts to attract new and support expanding businesses. In 2022 alone, we had 62 new businesses open, and seven existing businesses expanded. There were also 11 businesses that changed ownership and 16 businesses that relocated within Buffalo Grove. Please check out the list below, and support our local businesses as often as possible.

It's exciting to see some of our long-term plans coming to life, especially along the Lake Cook Corridor. Progress continues on the Town Center redevelopment project ("The Clove"), and additional developments along Lake Cook Road are taking shape. The Ricky Rockets gas station was completed. The adjoined commercial retail spaces are being built out and will soon be ready to open. Construction is also underway for the Wild Fork and Veterinary Emergency Group, located in the outlots of the Northwest Community Healthcare property. We'll



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continue to see progress in this area throughout the year, as we look forward to these developments bringing added conveniences to our residents and value to our economy.

## Support our Local Businesses

Whether you're headed out for a meal, shopping for household needs or finally getting that oil change, consider fulfilling those needs at a local business here in BG. The more you shop local, the more that spending stays in and boosts our local economy.

### Welcome New BG Businesses

ADVOCATE MEDICAL GROUP	INTELLECTED	NET-THUNDER	SGL TAX ADVISORY
ALLURE HAIR LOFT	JANIE BONILLA ARTISTRY	NETSPHERE TECHNOLOGIES	SHINETOO LIGHTING USA
ALTERNATIVE HAIR COUTURE	JK MASSAGE	NEXT GENERATION HEATING AND COOLING	SMART PLASTIC TECHNOLOGIES
ARTGLAM	KARLA GUCCIONE	NICK M HAIRDRESSER	SMOOTH KAT WAX BAR
ARTLINE KITCHEN AND BATH	LAKE COOK REPORTING	NIKI'S GRYS	SUGARING NYC
C3 CHIROPRACTIC CENTER	LUX7SALON	NULIFE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	THE MANE STANDARD
CITTRIX ROOFING	LUXART	OMNIA DENTAL	TOKYO NAILS & SPA
COVERPOINT PARTNERS	MEDYSSEY USA	PDB CONSTRUCTION	TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE
DANCE QUEEN Q	META	PINTA STUDIOS	VELCOM
DEBUT STUDIO	MIDHAVEN BEAUTY	PREMIER DESIGN & BUILD GROUP	VIN 90 KITCHEN & BAR
E D ENTERPRISES	MIDWEST BADMINTON CLUB	PROMOMONSTER	VOLKTEK SYSTEMS
ELIZABETH SCOTT SALON AND SPA	MINDFUL CONNECTIONS THERAPY	PULL AND PLUCK	VTM E-COMMERCE
EUROPEAN WAX CENTER	MISS VAL	RESTORFX	WAGNER FIRE SAFETY
FRESH BISTRO RIVERWALK II	MOBILE STORAGE SOLUTIONS	S.I. CONTAINER BUILDS	WESTLAKE NORTHSORE
GREAT LAKES PSYCHOLOGY GROUP	MONROE'S BARBER LOUNGE	SANDSTONE CARE	WOOJIN PLAIMM
THE HEISER GROUP	MY SALON SUITES		

# 2022 Year in Review

Check out some of the highlights from the past year



*Pictured: The VIN 90 Kitchen + Bar dining space with window wall opened to outdoor patio.*



*Pictured: Golfers enjoy a virtual round on the WJ Golf simulators inside The Arboretum Club.*

## Clubhouse Updates at The Arboretum

If you haven't been in the clubhouse at The Arboretum within the past year, you probably wouldn't recognize it! In 2022, a facility remodel was completed, and the former banquet space is now home to VIN 90 Kitchen + Bar and WJ Golf.

Vin 90 Kitchen and Bar opened over the summer, led by Chef Yoon Kin. VIN 90's menu has a wide variety of options, including an extensive sushi selection seasonally, along with a full-service bar.

An outdoor patio just outside the restaurant seating area overlooks the course and features fire pits and ample space for relaxing and socializing. A large retractable window wall creates an open air concept between the indoor restaurant seating and the patio. Find the menu, daily specials and a video of the newly remodeled facility at [vin90kitchen.com](http://vin90kitchen.com).

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or simply looking for an exciting new entertainment option, WJ Golf has you covered with its seven golf simulators in an open air and modern layout. You can play multiple courses of varying difficulty levels, utilize a simulated driving range, or just relax and play a friendly game of golf darts. Private lessons are also available. With the addition of WJ Golf, The Arboretum Club offers golf accessibility year-round and is a true entertainment destination.



## Town Center Redevelopment

A long-awaited project is underway: the redevelopment of the Town Center! Last year the developers' plans were approved, and the property was acquired. A groundbreaking ceremony held in September marked the historic significance of "The Clove"—the largest redevelopment project in the history of the village. The project came to fruition thanks to a visionary process by Village leadership and its strategic partners.

Several structures have been demolished and construction is underway for the grocer, residential building and outlots. Remodeling of the existing building north of Old Checker Road is ongoing as well.



## Financial Accolades

The Village did it again! We earned the highest possible - AAA - bond rating, thanks to the Village's robust economy and strong fiscal management. This achievement means your tax dollars go further. A better rating means the Village can obtain lower interest rates on debt used to fund projects and initiatives that enhance the quality of life here in BG.

In addition, the Village received the Distinguished Budget Award for 2022 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) — the 11th year this award has been received. The Village is also recognized by GFOA with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award – we've received the award 39 years and counting!



## Property Acquired to House Public Works Department

The Village purchased the building at 1650 Leider Lane to house its public works and engineering services. The 173,000 square foot facility offers ample space to accommodate operations now and well into the future. Repurposing an existing building saves the Village approximately 40% of costs compared to that of a new building.

## New Leadership in Place and Achievements Earned

New Communications + Community Engagement Department created; Molly Gillespie named Director

New Police Chief:  
Brian Budds  
(pictured to the right)



New Deputy Police Chief promoted:  
Michael Rodriguez

New Deputy Fire Chief appointed:  
Lawrence Kane

Fire Chief Mike Baker and Battalion Chief Shawn Collins of the Buffalo Grove Fire Department received the professional designation of "Chief Fire Officer" (CFO).

Sergeant Tony Montiel graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

Lieutenant Anthony Goldstein graduated from Northwestern University's Public Safety Executive Program.

Deputy Chief Michael Szoz graduated from Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives Program.

Deputy Chief Rodriguez, Lieutenant Tony Goldstein, and Lieutenant Tim Gretz were presented with the Northwestern's Executive Leadership Award (pictured below).



## BG is Nationally Recognized for its Excellence



### #1 Safest Small Town in the United States

Buffalo Grove was ranked the #1 safest small town by [MoneyGeek.com](https://www.moneygeek.com). MoneyGeek analyzed crime statistics and quantified the cost of those crimes to identify the safest and least safe small cities and towns — those with 30,000 to 100,000 residents. BG came out on top!

### #7 Best Affordable Suburb in the United States

BG Ranked #7 in best affordable suburbs list from StorageCafe, according to [Chicago Agent Magazine](https://www.chicagomag.com). StorageCafe investigated the pricing of premier suburban living. While the majority of the "best suburbs" are more expensive than the principal cities in their metro area within that group, BG ranked as one of the most affordable.

### High-Performance Operations Award

Cartegraph recognized BG in its High-Performance Operations Awards for its innovative use of infrastructure data, efficient work order management, commitment to sustainability and responsiveness to resident requests. The BG Public Works team implemented a new process that cut data-entry time in half and better document time spent during storm cleanups while avoiding duplicate efforts.



### Voice of the People Award: Transformation in Equity, Inclusion and Engagement

The Voice of the People Awards (VOP) is the only award given in local government based on the opinion of community residents. Presented jointly by the National Research Center (NRC) at Polco, BG was selected for its excellence in inclusivity.

### Top 100 Best Fleets for 2022

BG's Public Works Department was recognized by the National Association of Fleet Administrators for its peak-performing public fleet operations. The 100 Best Fleets program identifies and encourages the ever-increasing levels of performance improvement and innovation within the fleet industry.



### Top 5 Best Places to Live in Illinois

Niche ranks thousands of places to live based on key statistics from the U.S. Census and expert insights. BG ranked #4 of 638 best places to live in Illinois.



# 2023 Budget Provides Yet Another Year of No Property Tax Hikes from the Village

The adopted 2023 budget once again provides BG residents with a 0% increase to the property tax levy. This is achieved through aggressive debt and liability management, spending controls, operational efficiency and innovation as a means to deliver the highest quality services at the best value to our community.

The adopted budget reflects the Village's commitment to long-term and sustainable fiscal management, economic development and the reinvestment in core infrastructure. The Village continues to pursue opportunities to diversify revenue streams and reduce long-term liabilities, reducing the reliance on property taxes and improving the quality of life to our residents and businesses.

## WHO'S LISTENING?



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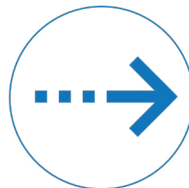
The entire 2023 Adopted Budget document is available online at [www.vbg.org/budget](http://www.vbg.org/budget).

You can read the document in detail and gain a better understanding of how the Village government operates: where revenues are derived and how funds are spent to support various programs and services offered by the various

## Top Three Board Priorities



## Budget Highlights



### 0% Increase to the Property Tax Levy

While it's normal to see your property tax bill increase every year, you can take comfort in knowing that the Village has kept its levy flat since 2019. That means the Village's portion of your property tax bill (approximately 10%) won't increase under the proposed 2023 budget. All of the long-term planning has paid off, and BG's robust economy helps bring in additional revenues to offset the need to increase property taxes.



### Village Maintains AAA bond Rating

The Village holds the highest possible, AAA, bond rating from Standard & Poors on all current bonded general obligation debt, which funds BG's Infrastructure Modernization Program and the acquisition of a building to house the public works department. BG is one of few municipalities in the state to earn this rating. And having a AAA rating means your tax dollars go further. We can receive lower interest rates to fund debt used to complete projects and initiatives that enhance the quality of life here in BG.



### Strongly Funded Pensions

State statute mandates the Village fund public safety pensions at the 90% level by 2040. Similar to a balance owed on a credit card or loan, paying more sooner rather than later can save a lot of money in the long run. And that's why the Village is proactively funding its public safety pensions above the minimum in order to meet the state mandate ahead of time.



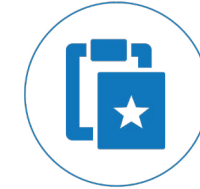
### Continued Progress on Capital Reinvestment

The Village has a very strategic approach to funding its infrastructure costs that minimizes the overall impact on the property tax levy and need for long-term debt. Capital reinvestment efforts also seek to minimize disruptions to residents and businesses. You will notice an increase to water and sewer rates, which allows for continued progress on replacing core infrastructure without long-term debt obligations.



### Continued Focus on Strategic Goals

- Open Space and Land Management
- The Clove
- Technology Enhancements



### Special Initiatives

- Strategic Planning
- Village Branding

## Infrastructure Modernization Continues

While the sea of orange signs and temporary inconveniences can test anyone's patience, it also means growth, prosperity, and most importantly, safety upgrades. We have been fortunate to wrap up another incredibly successful construction season in Buffalo Grove. One project that we are very excited to highlight is the recent completion of the third and final phase of the \$11 Million road reconstruction and resurfacing of Thompson Boulevard and Brandywyn Lane project encompassing 4.1 miles.

In 2016, Village staff applied for and received Federal funding through the Surface Transportation Program offered by the State. Through these financially responsible efforts, the Village paid twenty (20) cents to the dollar for the construction and engineering of these important infrastructure updates.

Other notable accomplishments from this past year include seven lane miles of roadway rebuilt, 15,000 feet of water main replaced, 4,600 feet of storm and

sanitary sewer installed or replaced, one new sanitary sewer lift station and the decommissioning of two outdated sanitary sewer lift stations.

This year, Public Works will be collaboratively designing the next upcoming Village projects and anticipate a milder construction season for 2023, which focuses on general maintenance projects such as sidewalk replacement, pavement patching, cracksealing and pavement marking upgrades.



*Pictured: The surface layer of asphalt pavement being layed on a section of road in the final phase of the Thompson Brandywyn Project.*

### WHO'S LISTENING?



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## All Things Snow: Answering Your Frequent Questions

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### What are the stripes I see running down my street?

Prior to winter storm events, Public Works applies an anti-icing pretreatment to our roads throughout the community. It's an effective, proactive first step towards drivable roads during storm events. The material, applied in stripes, helps melt falling snow and prevents snow from bonding with the road. Plows can effectively reach the pavement during plowing operations and hard-packed snow is avoided on the street.

### Can I shovel or snowblow snow from my driveway into the street?

No, this can create dangerous conditions. Doing so also violates Village code and is subject to a fine. Plus, 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 move driveway snow in the downstream, or the direction the plow is headed, reducing the amount of snow that can be pushed into your driveway.

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

Any time when Village roads are being plowed is the time to move your vehicle! The Village parking restrictions are clearly marked on posted signs throughout each neighborhood—these 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. This creates potential hazards for the winter equipment and slows down the overall response of the winter maintenance program.

### What if a winter storm occurs on garbage day?

Residents are strongly encouraged to place garbage and recycling bins back away from the curb, and inside the apron of the driveway to avoid blowing snow from the plow knocking over bins.

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

The costs of such a program make it prohibitive. Therefore, it is expected



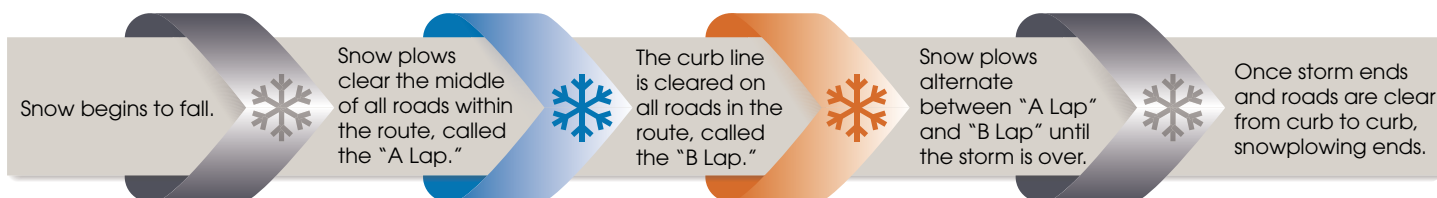
that residents remove snow from their own driveways, aprons and sidewalks adjacent to their property so that pedestrians are not forced to walk in the street.

### What happens if a plow damages my mailbox or parkway?

Report damage to the Public Works Department (contact information below). Public Works repairs/restores damage to parkways in the following spring.

### Who can I contact with a question or concern?

During normal business hours, Monday through Friday: 7:00 am. to 3:30 p.m., please call the Public Works Department at 847-459-2545. After hours, weekends and on holiday call the non-emergency police phone



## Clearing Your Driveway Snow

***Snow is plowed all the way to the curb by Public Works to prevent residents from having to shovel/snow blow beyond the curb. Snow can be pushed into the end of your driveway by a plow during high accumulating events, which is an unavoidable inconvenience.***

***Residents are always encouraged to try and remove the freshly plowed***

***snow before re-freezing occurs and the deposits turn into ice or hard packed snow. Although shoveling/snow blowing smaller piles ultimately requires the same amount of removal as one large clean-up would, performing the activity multiple times on smaller, lighter, and less frozen piles is much easier on equipment and the human body.***

### WHO'S LISTENING?



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# Welcoming New Faces and Celebrating Recent Promotions

*Ready to serve you: Meet the Village's newest employees!*



**Andy Merrill**  
Records Clerk

Andrew "Andy" recently joined the BGPD after serving the last 9 years as a Wheeling Community Service Officer.



**Katie Guzan**  
Records Clerk

Katelyn "Katie" joined the BGPD following nine years working for the Arlington Heights Park District.



**Juan Rodriguez**  
Midnight Desk Officer

Juan is studying Criminal Justice at Roosevelt University while also working as a security guard for Medline.



**Chad Larys**  
Police Officer

Chad joins us after serving as a Chicago police officer since 2015, and as a Cook County correctional officer prior to that.



**John Gemmel**  
Firefighter/Paramedic

John joined our Fire Department in November following his service with the Forest Park Fire Department.



**Meghan Vail**  
Permit Clerk

Meghan brings over nine years of building permit experience from her work at Villa Park and DuPage County.

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*Congratulations to those who earned well deserved promotions!*



**Michael Rodriguez**  
Promoted to  
Deputy Police Chief  
from Lieutenant;  
serving BG since 1996.



**Robert Broussard**  
Promoted to Police  
Lieutenant  
from Sergeant; serving  
BG since 2006.



**Kurt Lowenberg**  
Promoted to Police  
Sergeant  
from Officer; serving  
BG since 1994.



**Tyler Ankney**  
Promoted to Public Works  
Management Analyst  
from Maintenance Worker;  
serving BG since 2008.



**Bradley Curtis**  
Promoted to Public  
Works Maintenance  
Worker from part time  
service since 2019.



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GROVE  
PARK  
DISTRICT



### Hours

November 9 - April 8

Monday - Friday

Saturday & Sunday

10 am - 8 pm

9 am - 7 pm

> Driving Range

> Putting Green

> Retail Shop

> Private & Group Lessons

> Gift Certificates

> Open for walking weekday  
mornings from 9 - 10 am

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Weekdays

\$12

Weekdays - Seniors 62 and up

\$10

Weekends

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\$105

Season Membership Pass

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\*Rules and restrictions apply.



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The Buffalo Grove Park District's charitable foundation.



# WALK the DOME

Made possible by a generous donations from



Do you enjoy walking for exercise, but hate braving the elements during the winter months? Get out of the cold! Through April 8, the Golf Dome is open to walkers Monday through Friday mornings from 9 - 10 am. Thanks to a generous donation by Culver's of Buffalo Grove, there is no fee.

## Public Safety Breakfast Club

Tuesday, January 24 and February 21

10:15 - 11 am

Alcott Center

**FREE**

Join representatives from the Buffalo Grove Police and Fire Departments each month at the Alcott Center. Various safety topics will be discussed. Have all of your concerns answered, learn what's going on in your neighborhood and more. Bagels and cream cheese will be served, courtesy of Original Bagel and Bialy in Buffalo Grove. For more information, contact Megan Baird at 847.850.2119 or [megan@bgparks.org](mailto:megan@bgparks.org).



## Camp Registration Now Open



There is no better place for your child to spend their summer than with their friends at the Buffalo Grove Park District's Summer Camps. And, no matter what they are into, we have a camp to accommodate every interest. Registration can be taken online, or at the Alcott Center during regular business hours. If registering for the first time as an in district resident, you must provide proof of residency. Visit [bgcamps.org](http://bgcamps.org) for detailed information and a list of camps offered.

ARE  
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IN?





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### VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

Thursday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
(Non-Emergency)  
847-459-2560

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
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## Connect with BG!

The Village uses 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, e-newsletters and social media pages including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor, LinkedIn and YouTube. In addition to the weekly 'e-news' emailed to subscribers on Thursday afternoons, a Business Bulletin and road construction e-newsletters are also sent out on an as-needed basis. Visit [vbg.org/enewssignup](http://vbg.org/enewssignup) to subscribe today!



## Holidays close Village Hall



On Monday, January 16 and Monday, February 20, Village Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day respectively.

With those closures, the regular Village Board meetings during January

and February will be held on the following Tuesday - January 17 and February 21 respectively.

WM will operate on a regular schedule during both weeks. Leave bins out on your regular collection day.

## Make Your Voice Heard: Vote in the Local Election this April

This year's Consolidated Election including Village, park district, library district and township candidates will take place in the April 4, 2023.

Village Board positions that will be elected in 2023 are for Village President, Village Clerk and three Trustees. Candidates on the ballot this spring include Eric Smith (current Trustee) for Village President, myself (Janet Sirabian) for Village Clerk, and incumbents David Weidenfeld and Gregory Pike as well as newcomer Frank Cesario for the Trustee positions.

Residents can register to vote at Village Hall on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., and Tuesdays - Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Your vote makes a difference! For questions or assistance, call **847-459-2500**.

### WHO'S LISTENING?



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## Share the Warmth this Winter with Donations



It's a great time to dig through your closets and see what items you no longer have any need for - or items you know someone else could use more than you. The BG Police Department is yet again helping collect new and gently used coats and other cold weather gear for the Midwest Veterans Closet. You can drop off any of these items to the Police Department lobby through the end of March.