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Village Evolves, Adapts and Prepares for New Challenges

In response to the economic downturn resulting from the pandemic, the Village has taken deliberate and decisive steps to reduce costs through streamlining, consolidating, or changing service delivery wherever possible. Service delivery modifications have also been made to follow safety guidelines to keep Village staff and community members safe. These efforts became vital in part, due to revenue losses attributed to COVID-19, and represent an emphasis on doing more with less while ensuring high-level community services continue. Cost-cutting measures were identified as a high priority so that the 2021 budget did not include a property tax increase. Early retirement options were offered to all eligible employees, which helped to additionally reduce costs. In some cases, while not deeply affecting service levels, open positions have remained unfilled or have been eliminated.

While the Village is not currently open to the public due to the pandemic, it maintains normal business hours from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Services can be accessed at two service windows, including one at the Village Hall entrance, and the second in the west parking lot entrance behind Village Hall. Both windows are covered by tents and outdoor heaters have been installed to keep residents comfortable while accessing services.



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Letter From The Village President

This has been an incredibly challenging year for everyone, but we have seen renewed community strength in Buffalo Grove. As a result of the pandemic, we initiated the BG Delivers campaign that encourages community spirit and support of both businesses and residents throughout this pandemic. From neighborhood events to a socially distanced Farmers Market, our residents and businesses have shown their resolve to keep Buffalo Grove a vibrant and welcoming community.

The Village has seen continued and significant growth, investment, and interest in our local economy in 2020. The following projects are underway in the Village: Woodman's second gas station, a Shell gas station on Milwaukee Avenue, construction continues on Link Crossing and a 70,600 square foot medical office building, plus a 4,900 square foot retail building for Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH). The Village has issued 2,700 commercial and residential building permits, representing millions of dollars invested in the Village. We are also broadening our connection with the community and our residents through the BG Resident Academy, streaming our public meetings on Facebook Live and streamlining permits and licenses for local businesses.

In 2021, we have many exciting projects on the horizon, with the highest-priority project being the Town Center Redevelopment Project. The creation of a central gathering place has

been our highest-ranked community priority since the completion of the Lake Cook Road Corridor Plan. The Village has also received an application to redevelop the existing building at 700 E. Lake Cook Road. This will include more than 19,000 square feet of new retail and services.



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Residents can see the results of the 5-year, \$175 million Infrastructure Modernization Program, including the newly opened lanes on Buffalo Grove Road, Weiland Road, ongoing work on Lake Cook Road and the reconstruction of Brandywyn Drive and Thompson Boulevard. There have also been multiple water, sewer and street projects that have occurred throughout the community. Finally, residents celebrated the reconstruction and reopening of Green Lake Park in 2020 with new amenities to serve the public.

In 2021, I hope the COVID-19 pandemic is over and our lives go back to normal. I am wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe 2021.

Sincerely,
Beverly Sussman
Beverly Sussman
Village President

COVID-19 Vaccine – Educate Yourself!

Since its recent approval, there has been an abundance of information published about the COVID-19 vaccine, its efficacy, safety, and side effects. Residents are encouraged to review information provided by reputable health organizations such as the **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)**, the **Illinois Department of Public Health**, the **Cook County Department of Public Health**, and the **Lake County Health Department**, to get the facts.

The vaccine has two steps; the first shot is to be taken 21-28 days before the second – and both need to be taken to benefit from the full protective effect. With the short supply

of vaccines, it is estimated that the initial two Tiers of vaccinations (1a/1b - frontline healthcare, firefighter/paramedics, police and essential workers) will take approximately 2-4 months.

Lake County has provided an easy way for its residents to register and be notified when the vaccine is available to them - at this link: allvax.lakecohealth.org/. Cook County officials state they will distribute the vaccine to residents through healthcare and community organizations when it is available to the general public. Updates on the vaccine for Cook County can be found at cookcountypublichealth.org.

Village Manager's Message

A Shot in the Arm for 2021.

Who could have predicted the events of 2020? From a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic to widespread civil unrest and an unpredictable presidential election, it seems we have experienced a decade's worth of history in just ten short months.

I think everyone is happy to see 2020 come to a close, and the prospects for 2021. With new COVID-19 vaccines beginning to roll out to health departments and hospitals, there is some optimism for a better New Year and the eventual end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking of the vaccine, I hope you will strongly consider getting vaccinated against COVID-19. There are a lot of

myths about the vaccine that are simply untrue. The FDA and its independent advisory committee have made a strong commitment to all Americans to deliver a vaccine that is safe and effective. I urge you to educate yourself about your options with the vaccine, and to get vaccinated when you are given the opportunity. I plan to take the vaccine when it is made available to me, along with all of my adult family members.

There are several reliable resources to obtain unbiased information about the COVID-19 vaccines and I recommend timely and accurate information provided by Mayo Clinic. There are also resources available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the National Institutes of Health.

Lastly, I cannot overemphasize the



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urgency of continuing to protect yourself and those around you. Even with mass vaccination, we must not let our guard down when it comes to COVID-19. Remember to wear a mask, socially distance, avoid large gatherings and practice good hygiene to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Village of Buffalo Grove wants all our residents to be safe and healthy throughout 2021. Best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy New Year!

Snow Plow Reminders



Please remember to keep vehicles off the streets during a snow event to allow a plow truck to pass through and clear off streets from curb to curb.

Another important step is to place garbage and recycling cans as far away and back from the curb while still being within reach of the garbage/recycling



truck. Doing so lowers the likelihood of them being pushed over from snow coming off the plows.

If your mailbox has been damaged directly from a snow plow (and not from the snow thrown off by the plow), please report this to Public Works as soon as possible during normal business hours, Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at **847-459-2545**. If you'd like to make a report during non-business hours, please contact the non-emergency Police Department at **847-459-2560**. Public Works will repair/replace damaged mailboxes at the earliest opportunity. Mailbox posts and parkways will be repaired and restored in the spring. Improperly installed mailboxes/support posts will not be replaced.

Public Works will be changing routes and service levels will be affected in order to accommodate the smaller staff size this year. With more residents working from home, this is the best

time to experiment with what the best application rates are for the longer routes with fewer passes.

Please bear with Public Works as they determine the most efficient snow removal plan this year. While plans may change, the priority remains the same to ensure safe access for emergency vehicles to residents' homes in the case of an emergency.

WHO'S LISTENING?



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Village Evolves

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Find summaries from each of the Village departments regarding changes they have made to evolve and adapt through the pandemic, and beyond.

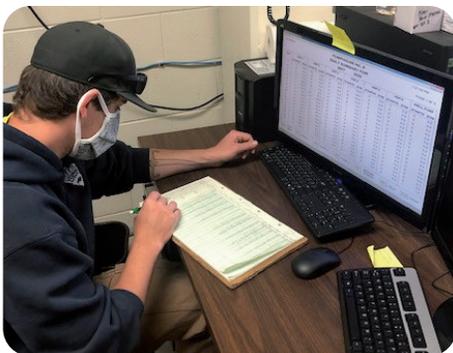
Finance Department

Finance employees are committed to ensuring the same high service levels that the community expects. In addition to either of the service windows available at Village Hall to provide social distancing and safety measures, water bill payments can also be made online as a one-time payment, or monthly, by creating an account on the Village's website at **vbg.org/water-bill-payment**. Payments can additionally be dropped off in the dropbox located in the north parking lot behind Village Hall.



Public Works

The department has implemented new service delivery models, and as a result, services such as parkway tree trimming, and snowplowing cycles could take slightly longer than they did previously. The new snow removal plan continues to prioritize safety and quick access on Village roads for



emergency vehicles. To reduce costs, changes in snowplow routes, salt application rates, anti-icing amounts, and equipment utilization are all under constant review. Despite these changes, the department remains ready to serve residents and maintain Village infrastructure and assets at a professional level.

Police Department

While members of the department previously spent considerable time helping community activities, all in-person events have been either canceled or have shifted to becoming virtual. This includes providing awareness through videos to educate the community about mental health and domestic violence through the pandemic, encouraging online or phone-in police reports for non-violent offenses, as well as moving internships and tours of the department to virtual platforms. Additionally, community needs resulting from the pandemic have been supported by the department, such as providing cell phones for high-risk individuals, donation boxes for winter gear to assist homeless veterans, as well as support of food and toy donation drives.

Fire Department

Disinfection efforts have increased substantially throughout the department and now occur multiple times a day. This is extremely important due to the firefighter/paramedics treating and transporting individuals who are potentially exposed to COVID-19. The way services are provided by firefighter/paramedics has also changed to protect the safety of patients and personnel. For example, only one firefighter/paramedic makes initial contact with a patient for an emergency call, while remaining crew members wait outside for further instruction after a risk assessment is completed. Ambulance transports have been limited to the closest hospital due to the time associated with increased disinfection measures. These changes have been vital so that ambulances are back in service as soon as possible to respond to other emergencies when needed.



Community Development

The process for residential and business building permits has been streamlined due to the pandemic and has included virtual plan reviews and permit approvals. Enhanced education for the public about permits was also created to explain processes, regulations, and standards to obtain a permit. A wide range of resources, education, and grant or loan assistance information has been provided to the business community over the last several months to help businesses survive through the pandemic. Information has been communicated through a dedicated Enewsletter for the business community, as well as phone calls and emails from members of the department. Additionally, the BG Delivers campaign was created to encourage community members to support local businesses whenever possible, as well as to support each other.

The pandemic has deeply affected our residents, businesses, and organizations, including your local government - the Village of Buffalo Grove. Being adaptable and resilient has been absolutely essential in order to ensure strong service delivery, and the safety of staff members and the community at-large.

If you have not done so already, consider subscribing to the Village's weekly Enewsletter at **vbg.org/enewssignup** and/or its social media pages which can be found at **vbg.org/socialmedia**. These additional communication avenues will help to keep you up to date on services provided by the Village, and how you can best take advantage of them.

Cold and Snow Can't Slow Emergency Response

Even when the winter snow begins to fall, the Fire Department can't slow down. While the number of emergency calls remain relatively constant throughout the year, the cold and snow can create unique challenges for emergency response. To ensure the department's vehicles can effectively fight fires, and ambulances are ready to respond, they are kept indoors as much as possible. Like any other vehicle when snow or ice is on the ground, slick roadways present potentially dangerous conditions for fire vehicles and ambulances. Depending on how severe, an additional ambulance could be deployed during winter storms to ensure high quality and speed of emergency services.

Poor roadway conditions isn't the only challenge posed by winter weather. Snow, ice, and cold temperatures can



impact how the department operates on the scene of an emergency. Extreme cold temperatures can cause a fire engine's pump and water lines to freeze - which can paralyze efforts to fight a fire. Similarly, it can be difficult to maintain temperature controls of lifesaving medications for patients in critical condition, which requires additional planning. Once on the scene of an emergency (outside), firefighter/

paramedics also must undergo frequent rehabilitation to ensure hypothermia is kept at bay. Medical checks and rest periods while on scene are essential to ensure they remain warm, are able to respond safely for themselves and for those who need help, and can take the steps necessary to save lives.

When snow hits, one way that residents can help firefighter/paramedics is to clear any nearby fire hydrants of snow when shoveling sidewalks and driveways. While this is a relatively easy step, access to fire hydrants can save a life - or valuable time when it's most important.

Change in Smoke Detector Laws

Since 1988, all single - and multi-family homes have been required by State law to have smoke alarms. The Illinois legislature recently updated law to require all single-family and multi-family homes to have alarms that feature a 10-year battery, beginning in 2023. However, there's no need to wait until then to convert smoke alarms in your home. New 10-year battery smoke detectors are safer and have a decreased risk of becoming inactive due to dead batteries. Consider changing your smoke alarms today!

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Winter Safety Checklist

Do's

- ✓ Clean off car windows, hood and lamps as much as possible
- ✓ Increase following distance by 2-3 times
- ✓ Check tires for proper tread and pressure
- ✓ Keep your gas tank at least ½ full
- ✓ Check weather prior to departure
- ✓ Throw an extra blanket or two in the trunk
- ✓ Wear reflective clothing if exercising at night outside
- ✓ Check on neighbors/loved ones in extreme weather
- ✓ Keep car seat straps snug against the child

Don'ts

- ✗ Drive with only a small opening of snow cleared from windows, hood or lamps
- ✗ Slam on brakes if your car is sliding
- ✗ Drive on spare tires for longer than needed
- ✗ Allow your gas tank to dwindle - condensation can build in fuel lines
- ✗ Assume AWD or 4WD allows you to drive and brake faster
- ✗ Get out of your vehicle for extended periods of time if involved in a crash
- ✗ Walk in the roadway
- ✗ Let mail or packages pile up on your porch
- ✗ Put a child in a car seat wearing a puffy or bulky coat

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2021 Village of Buffalo Grove Annual Budget Summary

In December of 2020, the Village Board adopted the 2021 Annual Budget of \$113,221,559 (FY 2021) effective January 1 through December 31, 2021. This is the fourth year of the program-based budget concept which is a more concise, reader-oriented layout, that demonstrates the link between the Village's priorities and where money is spent.

The Village's budget was significantly impacted by the pandemic and the related major economic downturn with a 4.3-percent reduction in operating expenses, or \$1.9 million in cost-saving measures. Due to the budget reductions, the budget maintains the property tax levy at the same level as 2020 for a net increase of 0.0-percent.

Revenue

The 2021 budget reflects a commitment to providing the highest-quality public services in the most efficient manner. The budgeting challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have necessitated creative solutions to continue the provision of these services. The total revenue budget for FY 2021 is \$107,456,088. Property taxes fund 16-percent of the annual budget, more than half of which supports public safety



- 71.8% School Districts
- 18.4% Park, Forest Preserve, County Districts
- 9.8% Village of Buffalo Grove

(police and fire) operations. The remainder of the property taxes collected is allocated to service debt and employer pension contributions. The Village's portion represents approximately 10-percent of the entire property tax bill. The graph below depicts how property taxes are allocated to local taxing bodies.

Expense

The total budget for all Village expenditures in 2021 is \$113,221,559.

2021 Budget Overview



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Approximately 43-percent of all expenditures support the General Fund.

As a service organization, more than 69-percent of the Village's operating budget is committed to personnel wages, benefits, and retirement programs. Over the past two years,

total staffing Village-wide has decreased 6.5-percent through attrition and alternate service delivery models. For 2021, there are 202 full-time and 28 part-time positions authorized. It should be noted that each department has had to make significant staffing reductions to meet resource constraints.

FINANCE & LIABILITIES 2021

ADEQUATE RESERVES

The Village will have \$17,539,153 in unassigned fund balance available in the General Fund by year-end 2021, a 0.2% increase over the prior year.



DEBT REDUCTION

The Village will retire the total bond principal and interest of \$3,749,059 in 2021.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

The Village holds a AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's on all current bonded general obligation debt.

AAA

PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION FUNDING

74%

69%

The Fire Pension Fund has a funded ratio of 74.33 percent, while the Police Pension Fund has a funded ratio of 68.50%. State statute mandates that pensions be funded at 100% by 2040.

THE VILLAGE'S FINANCIAL POLICY REQUIRES A 25% FUND BALANCE FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS.

Read more at <http://www.vbg.org/budget>

Capital Spending

The 2021 budget includes \$17.3 million in capital projects which are sourced from a variety of revenues, including water/sewer user fees, state and local motor fuel taxes, bond proceeds, and general funds. Street, sewer, and water main projects comprise 87-percent of capital expenditures for the coming year.

The entire document can be viewed at vbg.org/budget. Reviewing sections 1 and 4 of the budget will provide you with a high-level summary of budget strategies. The Village also publishes a Popular Annual Finance Report to supplement both the budget and annual financial audit.



What is a Maintenance Project?

The Public Works Department manages yearly maintenance projects that are often quite different, but all support the larger goal to improve Village infrastructure through ongoing maintenance. These projects are largely contracted to outside vendors who specialize in different areas and can provide the human resources and specialized equipment necessary to get the job done.



The philosophy behind maintenance projects is quite simple; identify a problem, then fix the problem.

While maintenance projects have great breadth and depth in their function and goals, they are generally separated into groups that have routine cycles. This happens as warranted or rotates around the Village annually if needs are more frequent.

Utility maintenance project examples include:

- **Sewer Lining:** Placing a liner inside old pipe that becomes a new structural conduit for the sewage
- **Sewer Televising:** Cleaning and televising that allows staff to identify repairs needed within the pipes
- **Manhole Rehabilitation:** New covers, repaired sinkholes around sewer openings, waterproofing methods and other improvements to support structures
- **Leak Detection:** Specialized equipment helps pinpoint leaks in the water main that would be otherwise undetectable since they are absorbed to groundwater

Street maintenance project examples include:

- **Crack Sealing:** Routing and filling of developing cracks in the pavement with a flexible material to stop water from penetrating the pavement
- **Pavement Patching:** Large-scale patching of roadways that extend the overall lifecycle of the pavement
- **Pavement Striping:** Replacement of road striping, which generally lasts five

to seven years with the highest quality products used

- **Sidewalk Improvements:** Grinding or replacement of sidewalk squares that have sunk, heaved, deteriorated or in some way have created unsafe walking hazards
- **Traffic Signals and Street Lights:** Upkeep of aging equipment, replacement of bulbs that have burned out, or corrective action due to damages caused by traffic accidents

These projects are generally quick moving which can allow the entire scope of work to occur in a short period of time or even under a day. The Village publicizes information to residents or geographic areas based upon the scale of impact, which can vary greatly depending upon work type.

The above list is by no means complete but does provide a general snapshot of the types of projects the Village plans and manages each year. These projects are necessary to maintain Village assets, and even more behind the scenes, to help those assets continue to operate efficiently - which enable services to be provided to the community.

WHO'S LISTENING?



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BG Encourages Employee Health and Fitness

The Village of Buffalo Grove has employee programs in place that not only encourage going above and beyond job responsibilities, but overall fitness and health as well.

Every year, the Village holds a series of employee appreciation events, however,



due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these social events could not go as they had in the past. The Village had to get creative and hosted a socially distant food truck event with designated time slots to reduce the number of employees ordering at any given time. Employees enjoyed food by Chicago Culinary Kitchen to recognize their hard work and dedication during the public health crisis. Many Village employees have been and remain on the front line in the fight against COVID-19.

This year has been hard for everyone around the globe. Providing and promoting opportunities to employees on health and wellness during this unprecedented time was particularly important. The Village relied heavily on its Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to provide virtual resources for a variety

of information from work-life balance to building resilience during times of change. The EAP services are free to employees and confidential and are a useful tool that continues to promote health and wellness.

WHO'S LISTENING?



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Police Support Toys for Tots and Shop with a Cop Events

The Police Department generously gives back to the community each year through a variety of events. This year, the annual Special Olympics fundraising events – including Trivia Night, the



Plane Pull and Cop on a Rooftop, could not go on as normal due to the pandemic. Despite these setbacks, the department was still able to host the Toys for Tots collection for the U.S. Marine Corps program. The collection beat records compared to previous years, and benefits in-need children with donated gifts for the holidays. The annual Shop with a Cop event also went on as it does yearly, though face covers, social distancing and virtual shopping replaced the event's normal flow. Children were still able to connect with police officers who helped them to shop for the holidays.



BG Employees Give Back

Every year, Village employees give back to the community, and doing this is more important now than ever. Each year, employees participate in a giving campaign to benefit the United Way, which serves underprivileged families in the local community and the greater Chicago metro area. Additionally, Village employees and the Village Board support the American Cancer Society by participating or donating to the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Relay for Life.

Support Our Business Community

The pandemic has affected everyone – including our local businesses!

Let's all do our part and support the BG business community!

- Order takeout or delivery from our local restaurants! Find a listing of them at bgdelivers.org
- Support our many great retailers – many offer curbside pickup or delivery!
- Buy gift cards to support our businesses!

Village Restructures Public Works Leadership

The Public Works Department has undergone a significant transformation over the last couple of months. There is a new director, a new assistant director, and other team members have taken on new leadership roles to support the department.

Former Public Works Deputy Director Mike Skibbe has been promoted to Director and will lead the department. Kyle Johnson, previously a Civil Engineer II, is now the Assistant Director of the department. Darren Monico, the Village Engineer, is taking on new leadership roles, heading communications internally and with outside agencies, and supporting ongoing development projects.

The changes were necessitated due to the vacancy created by Reynolds' retirement, as well as growing demands to maintain service levels while cutting costs due to economic challenges spurred by the pandemic.

Skibbe was identified as the individual who could help to lead the department through these challenging times.

"Mike brings the experience, know-how and vision that we need - both in these trying times, and for the long-term," said Village Manager Dane Bragg.

Bragg added that the changes will position the Village for the next chapter in innovation and increase efficiencies.

Skibbe has served the Village for 22 years and will oversee engineering and operations. Johnson, who began

working for the Village in 2014, will now manage the water, sewer, and drainage utilities and continue to direct the Village's 5-year, \$175 million infrastructure modernization program.

Monico's role will include a new focus on supporting development activities and strengthening communications with regional agencies who regularly partner with the Village on infrastructure and road projects. He has also become the lead with internal communications to help communicate the activities and value provided by the department. He has served the Village for the last seven years.



Darren Monico

Skibbe said both Monico and Johnson will both be instrumental in helping the department adapt to the changing world and community expectations.

"Darren is well respected in our interactions with outside agencies, helping to form relationships and plant seeds for cooperation within the region," Skibbe said. "He will continue those duties, while also working to strengthen our internal and external communications channels."

He went on to highlight the strengths that Johnson brings to the table.

"Kyle has a unique ability to conquer large data sets; managing the Infrastructure Modernization Program from the engineering perspective,

and helping to craft the largest infrastructure program in the Village's history," Skibbe said. "We look forward to him continuing that work and adding infrastructure maintenance from the utilities side of the department."



Kyle Johnson

Skibbe stated that while times are challenging, opportunities have also been created for innovation as barriers are being removed, making way for new and creative ways to get the job done.

"I'm honored to be entrusted with a successful department - one that is American Public Works Association (APWA) accredited and highly recognized as a leader in technology. I am eager to prove its value in providing high service levels for lower cost," Skibbe said.

WHO'S LISTENING?



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Robinson Promoted to Administrative Services Director

Brett Robinson, a 34-year Village employee and former Purchasing Manager has been promoted to the role of Administrative Services Director. Robinson will now manage the day-to-day functions of the IT Department, GIS services and related contracts. He will continue to serve as the chief procurement officer while managing all processes, digital records, and contract compliance. Robinson began his career at the Village in the Water Section of Public Works.



BUFFALO
GROVE
PARK
DISTRICT



GOLF DOME
at the Buffalo Grove Park District

Hours

Monday - Friday 11 am - 7 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10 am - 6 pm

Fees (Per ½ hour)

Weekdays, before 6 pm \$11
Weekdays, after 6 pm \$12
Weekends \$12
5-Hour Pass \$95

801 McHenry Road

(½ Mile West of Buffalo Grove Road)

847.353.7575

COVID-19 Requirements

- Face coverings are required in the facility at all times, including while hitting at stations.
- All customers are required to complete the wellness screening questionnaire prior to arrival.
- Reservations are required for admittance into the Golf Dome for your chosen time block. No one will be admitted without a reservation. Everyone must exit the building by the end of their reservation time, with no exceptions.
- Per Illinois phase 4 guidelines, indoor recreation facilities should operate at less than 50 customers.

5-Hour Pass

Only \$95

Save some green while you master the green! Purchase a 5-Hour Pass for only \$95. Passes never expire; so, they can be used season after season. There are no age restrictions for 5-Hour Passes; however, children 12 years and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. 5-Hour Passes may be borrowed or shared, as long as the pass is present at check-in. 5-Hour Passes are nonrefundable, unless they were purchased during the current season and do not have any time used.

Season Pass

Unfortunately, due to more restrictive occupancy limits, and the changes we are making because of concerns related to COVID-19, we will not be offering season passes this year.

- > Driving Range
- > Putting Green
- > Retail Shop
- > Private & Group Lessons
- > Gift Certificates
- > Open for walking weekday mornings from 10 - 10:45 am



Summer Camp Registration Has Begun

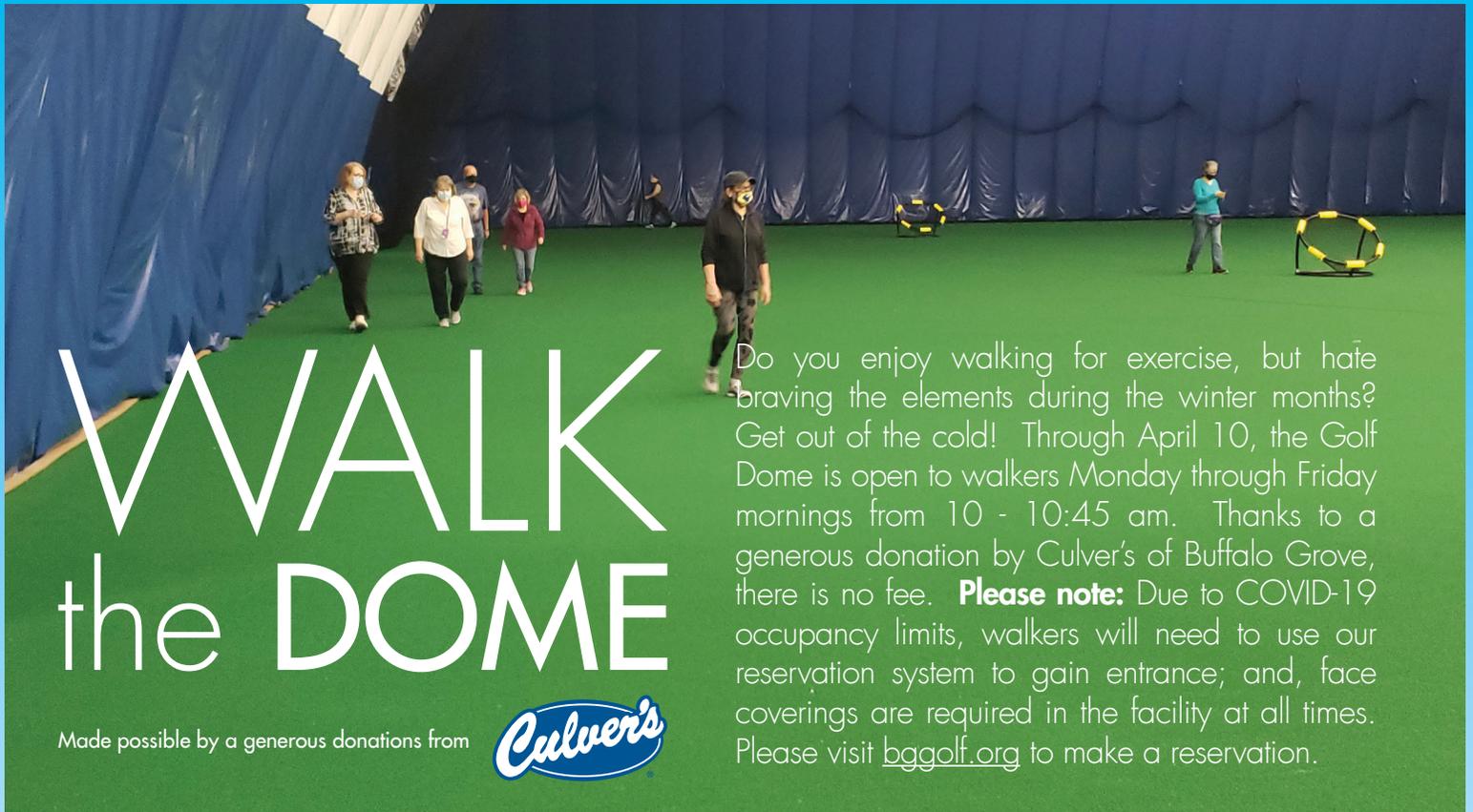
Camp registration will be open to residents through February 21, with nonresident registration beginning February 22. New this year, we are accepting online registration for summer camp. Registration can also be taken at the Alcott Center during regular business hours. If registering for the first time as a resident, you must provide proof of residency. Visit our website at bgparks.org for detailed information and a list of camps offered, or call 847.850.2100.





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Do you enjoy walking for exercise, but hate braving the elements during the winter months? Get out of the cold! Through April 10, the Golf Dome is open to walkers Monday through Friday mornings from 10 - 10:45 am. Thanks to a generous donation by Culver's of Buffalo Grove, there is no fee. **Please note:** Due to COVID-19 occupancy limits, walkers will need to use our reservation system to gain entrance; and, face coverings are required in the facility at all times. Please visit bggolf.org to make a reservation.

Bingo Buddies

Every Wednesday

1 - 2 pm

All ages welcome

Online

FREE

Calling all Bingo lovers! Here is your chance to shout Bingo right from the comfort of your own home. Join the party right from your computer, tablet or smartphone, as we play live Bingo by logging onto us02web.zoom.us/j/89634738654 (meeting ID: 896 3473 8654). Generate and print your unique Bingo card before we begin by going to bingobaker.com/play/3077867. Each time you click on the link, you can print a new card to play multiple cards. For more information, contact Allison Oberst at 847.850.2146 or allison@bgparks.org.

Current Events

Wednesday, February 10

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Online

FREE

Join Rabbi James Gordon for an hour of current events. Rabbi Gordon, a very inspirational speaker, will lead the group in topics that will include local, national and international politics, human interest stories, and sports. Join right from your computer, tablet or smartphone by logging onto us02web.zoom.us/j/81477099925 (meeting ID: 814 7709 9925). For more information, contact Allison Oberst at 847.850.2146 or allison@bgparks.org.

It's not too late to make that New Year's resolution happen!

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Schedule a visit by calling 847.353.7500, or visit us online at bgfitness.org.

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Non-Emergency)
847- 537-0995

POLICE DEPARTMENT

(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 to subscribe to the Enewsletter of your choice!



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April 6, 2021 Municipal Election

Mark your calendars (or log them on your phone or computer) for the **municipal election on APRIL 6, 2021**. This election is extremely important to you and your community. You will choose three Village Trustees that will help determine the direction the Village will take moving forward.

In the 2019 election, which had a contested race for Village President and nine candidates running for three Trustee seats, voter turnout was only 16-percent, which means that only 16 voters out of every 100 eligible voters participated. There are more than 26,000 registered voters in the Village of Buffalo Grove, yet only 5,150 of them exercised their right to determine the fate of the Village.

Your local elected officials (Village, school districts, park district, townships and library districts) are the elected officials that most directly affect your everyday life. These are the people that are deciding how funds are spent that are collected through your property taxes. They are the ones that you contact when you have an issue that affects your daily routine, if your water main breaks, your streets have potholes, or your parkway

trees need to be trimmed. It is important for you to know who these people are and how they are spending the tax dollars that you entrust them with each month.

The Village of Buffalo Grove has five candidates running to fill three seats for the office of Village Trustee. Five candidates for three positions, combined with low voter participation, can result in a remarkably close election. In 2019, one seat was determined by **two** votes, and resulted in a lengthy and costly court case. In the case of a tie, the winner is determined by a coin toss or picking a name out of a hat, and that is likely not the preferred method to choose someone to govern your hometown. Local elections are the prime example where **every** vote really does make a difference.

Please take the time to review the credentials of all candidates so that you may make an informed choice and please be sure to **VOTE** on **APRIL 6, 2021**. Also, please remember that early voting and voting by mail will be options, so there are easy and efficient ways to make sure that your vote will count!

Janet Sirabian, Village Clerk

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