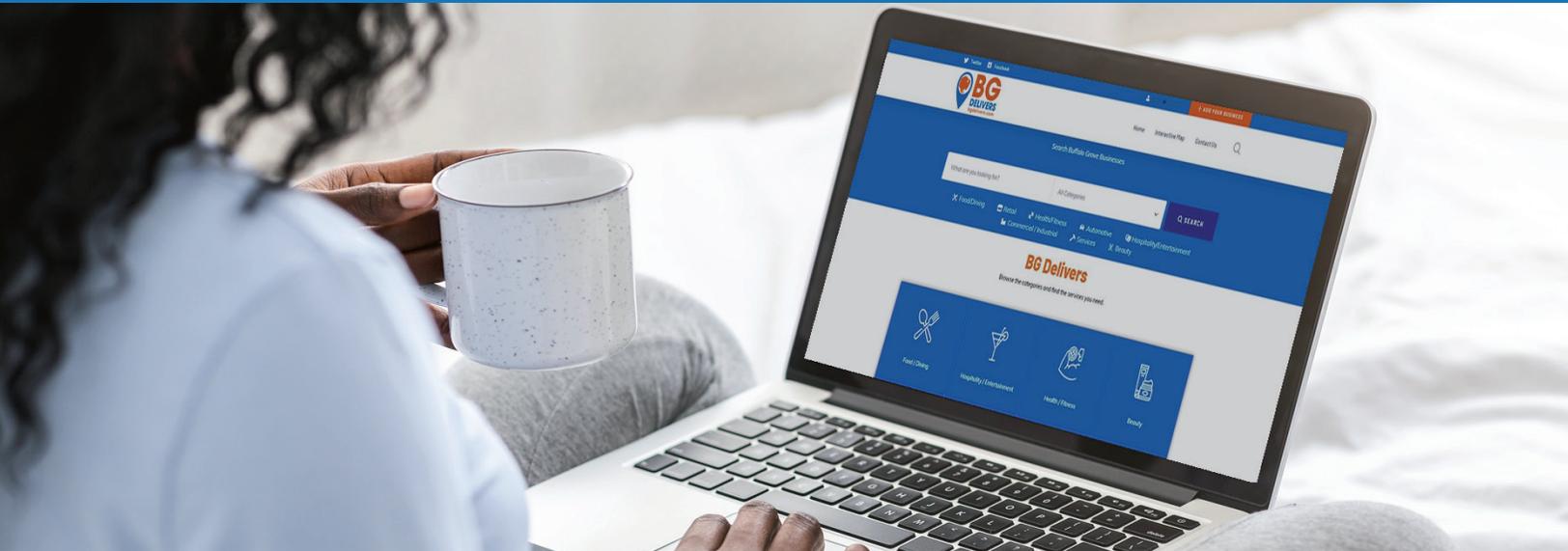




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## BG Delivers Support for Business

In light of the challenges the business community has faced over the past year, the Village is expanding its efforts to provide assistance and support for Buffalo Grove businesses. The Village Board recently approved initiatives that aim to provide marketing and promotion opportunities, business outreach, and financial relief. These programs are designed to help businesses stay strong.

### 'BG Delivers' Business Directory

The Village has launched an interactive website **BGDelivers.org** which can be used as a marketing and promotion tool to help promote all businesses in Buffalo Grove. The platform is open only to businesses within the Village, who are invited to create free business listings that feature contact information, links to their website, social media pages, hours of operation, what products or service they provide and any special offers. Businesses are responsible for entering and updating the information they provide. The Village will send out monthly reminders via email to

encourage businesses to review their listing and ensure all information is current. Residents that are interested in supporting local business can utilize the website as a resource to locate products or services provided by Buffalo Grove businesses in the ever-changing COVID-19 environment. Be sure to check the website often for deals and information about your favorite local businesses.

Listings on the BG Delivers are free to all Buffalo Grove businesses to use. The website builds off the 'BG Delivers' campaign that was established early on in the pandemic that encouraged community members to help one another, including support to restaurants by ordering carryout, curbside pickup or delivery. The Village will be promoting the BG Delivers business directory website through its communication channels, including the weekly Village Enews, the Business Bulletin Enewsletter social media

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# Letter From The Village President

The good news is that by the time you receive this newsletter, spring will have finally arrived. We will have pushed the clocks ahead, and the days will be warmer and brighter. There will be outdoor seating for restaurants and bars. Hopefully, the list of positive activities will get longer and longer as time goes on.

While vaccines continue to roll out across Illinois, there is still uncertainty regarding how long the process will take and how many people will choose to receive the vaccine. This presents challenges for all organizations planning summer events. The Village is committed to adjusting our summer events so that they are COVID-19 safe and abide by the State of Illinois' and CDC Guidelines.

The great news is that the State issued guidelines last year for the safe operation of farmers markets. The Buffalo Grove Farmers Market will continue operating this summer using the same safety protocols as last year. Our volunteers did an amazing job keeping the market running and the Village saw a large increase in the number of people who visited each weekend. Keep an eye out for more details and vendor information by following the Buffalo Grove Farmers Market page at **Facebook.com/BuffaloGroveFarmersMarket**.

Unfortunately, in 2020, the Village had to cancel the 4th of July fireworks due to COVID-19 restrictions. This year, I am happy to report that staff has developed a preliminary plan to hold the 4th of July fireworks using a 'drive-in' approach where viewers can use surface parking lots and public parking spaces to view the fireworks, all while maintaining social distancing requirements. The full plan is not yet complete, so please keep your eye out for more information through the Village's Enews, social media pages, and the Village website.

Of course, the largest event held in Buffalo Grove each year is Buffalo Grove Days. I know it was with a heavy heart that the Village Board had to cancel

the event in 2020. At this time, the Village does not know what this event may look like in 2021. The State currently prohibits outdoor carnivals and is not issuing liquor license permits for these types of events. The Village Board, staff, and our volunteers are working hard with our partner agencies like the Park District and the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce to develop contingency plans or other types of activities that could take place over Labor Day weekend. Much of these activities depend on the rate at which the vaccines come to Illinois, COVID-19 restrictions that are in place over Labor Day Weekend, and potential loss of taxpayer funds used to make deposits with contractors for the event. As noted before, please stay tuned to the Village's communication channels as the date approaches for additional information.

These events cannot take place without the wonderful volunteers on the Boards and Commissions who serve our community. The Village Board hosts an annual reception thanking volunteers which, unfortunately, was postponed due to gathering limitations. The Village Board currently plans to work with staff to host a socially distant outdoor celebration later this year.

Please stay safe and stay tuned to Village communications for more news as the events get closer!

Please remember the 3 W'S: wear masks, wash hands and watch your social distancing.

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## LATEST VACCINE UPDATES

Individuals in Phase 1a (health care personnel & residents of long-term care facilities), Phase 1b (persons aged ≥75 years & non-health care frontline essential workers) and Phase 1b+ (people ages 16-64 with disabilities or underlying health conditions) can currently receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Residents

who have not been able to schedule an appointment are encouraged to be patient, and be sure to register to receive the vaccine once more supplies become available. Lake County residents register at **allvax.lakecountyhealth.org** and Cook County residents at **vaccine.cookcountyil.gov**. The CDC has launched a web page to find vaccine appointments at **vaccinefinder.org/search**.

# Village Manager's Message

## Access to Vaccines Remains a Priority

Over the last few weeks, we have fielded numerous calls and emails from residents seeking access to COVID-19 vaccines. With the recent approval of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, as well as the approval of a third vaccine by Johnson & Johnson, it is encouraging to see so many of our residents eager to get vaccinated and continue our efforts to end the pandemic.

The harsh reality is that there just isn't enough vaccine available. The Village has been working with the Cook and Lake County health departments, the Illinois Department of Public Health, private providers and healthcare organizations to ensure vaccines are available to our most vulnerable residents and frontline essential workers. The Village is not a healthcare provider; thus we cannot secure our own vaccines and must rely on those agencies licensed to do so. Unfortunately, these agencies are

running into significant supply chain problems, resulting in too few doses of COVID-19 vaccine available.

We are pleased to report that all three of our congregate care facilities have been able to access vaccines for their residents and employees. Recent data shows a sharp drop in COVID-19 fatalities in congregate facilities where vaccines have been administered, which is encouraging. We have also been able to obtain vaccines for all firefighter/paramedics with the Buffalo Grove Fire Department who wished to receive it. These brave men and women are on the front lines battling COVID-19 and are exposed to high-risk patients and settings every day. The Village is also working with health organizations to obtain access for other frontline essential workers such as police officers, water and sanitary sewer operators, inspectors and more.

Lastly, we are working with our government partners to bridge the



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gap between electronic registration/appointment systems and our elderly and/or shut-in populations. By providing direct services for these vulnerable residents, we can gain access to vaccines for those who don't use technology every day. We are thankful to our partners including the Buffalo Grove Park District, Indian Trails Library, Vernon Area Library, Wheeling Township, Vernon Township, SAGES of Buffalo Grove and others for this valuable service.

As vaccines become more widely available, we will continue our push to increase availability to all residents of Buffalo Grove. In the meantime, I wish health and happiness to you and your family.

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## April 6, 2021 Municipal Election

Mark your calendars! **April 6, 2021** is the date of the upcoming municipal election, and when Buffalo Grove residents select the individuals who will lead our community and decide how property tax dollars are spent.

There are nearly 28,000 registered voters in the Village of Buffalo Grove, yet only 16-percent of us voted in the 2019 municipal election. The Village President office was decided by only 150 votes, and the third Trustee position was decided by only TWO votes. In the case of a tie, the winner is determined by a coin toss or picking a name out of a hat. I have heard many times that, "my vote doesn't matter". Please believe me when I tell you that this is the election where every single vote does make a difference – you do not want those who determine the direction of your town decided by a coin toss!

Local elected officials are the individuals that most directly affect our everyday lives – they are the people that can live next door or down the block from you. They are the ones that are deciding how funds are spent every month through our property taxes and the people you contact when your street is not plowed, when there is storm damage or there is a pothole on your street. You do want to know who they are, and you do want to have a voice in the way that your local entities are run.

The Village of Buffalo Grove has five candidates on the ballot for the three Village Trustee positions. If voter turnout is comparable to recent elections, the winners in this election could again easily be decided by less than 10 votes. All the candidates have websites, and there will be candidate forums (easily viewed on ZOOM) and newspaper coverage for all of

them, so please take the time to review their credentials so that you may make an informed choice and please be sure to **VOTE on April 6, 2021.**

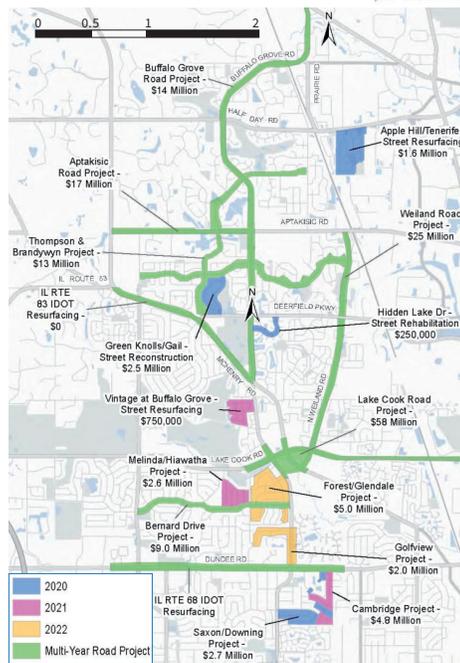
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Village Clerk



# Year Two of Village Infrastructure Modernization

The second year of the Village's Infrastructure Modernization Program is already underway! On the heels of many successful projects in 2020, the Village is now highlighting planned projects for 2021. You can find a summary of each project below. More information about the overall program, as well as a link to sign up for email updates relating to the different projects can be found at [vbg.org/IMP-construction-updates](http://vbg.org/IMP-construction-updates)

## Capital Improvement Projects



### 2021 Melinda/Hiawatha Water & Street Improvements (in progress)

**Timeline:** January - May 2021

**Location(s):** All the following streets between Bernard Drive and St. Mary's Parkway: Lincoln Terrace, Rosewood Avenue, Hiawatha Drive and Melinda Lane.

#### Work included:

- Replacement of all water main, hydrants and valves
- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway

### 2021 Vintage Street Improvements

**Timeline:** May - July 2021

**Location(s):** Chateau Drive, Claret Drive, Vintage Lane, Lakeview Court & Drive

#### Work included:

- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway

### 2021 Cambridge Water & Street Improvements

**Timeline:** July - November 2021

**Location(s):** Cambridge Drive & Court, University Court, Anthony Road, and a portion of Dundee Road (water main only)

#### Work included:

- Replacement of all water main, hydrants and valves
- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway

### Thompson & Brandywyn Street Improvements - Contract 2

**Timeline:** May - November 2021

**Location(s):** Thompson Boulevard from Buffalo Grove Road to Weiland Road and Brandywyn Lane from Aptakisic Road to Prairie Road

#### Work included:

- Select curb and sidewalk repairs
- Isolated storm sewer improvements
- Replacement of the asphalt roadway for all areas
- Some areas will have the road base repaired or replaced

### 2021 Pavement Patching Project

**Timeline:** Estimated in June 2021

**Location(s):** Select areas of decayed pavement Village-wide. Some areas of focus may include the Acacia Terrace neighborhood, the Larroway Drive neighborhood, Lexington Drive and side streets, Johnson Drive, Patton Drive area, and the business park area near Barclay Boulevard

#### Work included:

Small areas of existing pavement will be ground out then replaced in a continual effort. The "paving train" will move through these areas quickly and effectively.

### Cambridge on the Lakes Lift Station Rehabilitation

**Timeline:** May - December 2021

**Location:** 226 Lake Boulevard

#### Work included:

- Rehabilitation of existing lift station to replace parts past their useful life to make it more reliable and maintenance-free
- Replacement of the existing force main that runs to Buffalo Grove Road

All projects are subject to available funding, successful bidding and approval by the Village Board. This schedule and plan as stated above, is subject to change based upon many variables, many of which are outside of the Village's control.



## LIFT STATIONS & FORCE MAINS

Lift stations are essential components of the sanitary sewer system that help to convey sewage from a low point to a proper discharge area through a pipe called a 'force main'.

## WHO'S LISTENING?



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# Anatomy of Water Mains and Their Breaks

A water main has an expected life cycle of between 50 to 75 years. Buffalo Grove was incorporated in 1958, and many of the Village's housing



Public Works crews worked on a water main break overnight February 10 on Aptakisic Road west of Buffalo Grove Road. Water delivery to residents was fortunately not affected, but the Twin Creeks Park District building was without water until the break was fixed. Crews repaired the main amid freezing temperatures.

developments were built in the late 1950's through the late 1970's - which means corresponding water mains are now reaching the end of their life cycle. The Village launched the 5-year Infrastructure Modernization Program in 2020 that addresses aging infrastructure throughout Buffalo Grove, including the ultimate replacement of aging water mains. More information about this large-scale program can be found at [vbg.org/IMP-construction-updates](http://vbg.org/IMP-construction-updates).

The Public Works Department continues to take great pride in the Village's water delivery system and strives to keep it running in a strong and efficient manner. Despite ongoing repair and maintenance efforts, a water main can still break for various reasons and needs to be addressed immediately. The reasons that they break not only include their age, but also the type of soil that exists around them, extreme temperatures, and soil movement. Water main breaks can also happen at any time; in the middle of the night on the coldest day of the year, or in 90-degree scorching summer heat.

Once a break is identified, Public Works employees need to dig into the water main to find the root cause of the problem. Depending on how challenging the dig is - which can be affected by utilities in the way, its location, the depth of the water main, or the temperature - the repair could take just a few hours or an entire day. Public Works is ready day and night, to serve the community. So, when you see crews digging, know they are working to ensure that safe drinking water can continue to be delivered to your home or business.

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## Got a Sprinkler System?

Did you know that if you have a lawn sprinkler system on your property, you need to have the valve tested every year to help protect the Village's drinking water system?



Backflow prevention valve

Backflow prevention valve inspections are required yearly by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and must be completed by June 5. The contractor hired by the Village named BSI, will send you a letter requesting the test.

- You will only receive letters from the Village of Buffalo Grove or BSI
- Tests are mandated by the IEPA for all types of backflows
- You can apply for a temporary waiver for \$25 for irrigation devices that will not be put in service this season

The Village will help you with this important process, which is explained in further details on the Village's website

at [vbg.org/sprinkler-system](http://vbg.org/sprinkler-system). For questions, please call Public Works at **847-459-2545**.

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## BG SNOW FIGHTERS

The BG Snow Fighters worked around the clock this past winter season – and some for multiple days at a time. The Village thanks our public works crews for their hard work and dedication to keeping our streets open for emergency vehicles, as well as for motorists traveling through the Village. Now, we warmly welcome spring!



### BG Delivers

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pages, the Village News newsletter, and through community partners. Keep a special lookout for the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce (BGLCC) logo on those pages that will highlight members of their organization.

### 'Here to Help'

Village staff will be conducting direct outreach to businesses, to provide resources and information as businesses continue to operate through the Restore Illinois Plan. Staff members are visiting retail, commercial, and restaurant establishments to ask them how they are doing, what they may need, answer questions, and when needed - suggest new or innovative ways to continue to operate within current mitigations. The goal is to build relationships and to ensure businesses are aware of key resources and information available to help them, including (but not limited to) the Business Bulletin Enewsletter, and the new BG Delivers business directory. Stronger connections between the Village and business community members will also help to ensure any changes in mitigation measures that affect operations, are communicated in a timely manner. Thus far, staff and businesses have found these visits to be both productive and meaningful.

The Village will also partner with restaurants to optimize outdoor dining

for the spring and summer, to minimize the cost and labor associated with receiving permit approvals. Outdoor dining information is available on the Village's website at [vbg.org/outdoor-dining](http://vbg.org/outdoor-dining). The Village Manager has the authority to temporarily waive certain zoning and parking requirements to accommodate outdoor dining, which is planned to continue through 2021.

### Financial Relief

Businesses that hold a liquor license (on premise Class A, B, E or K licenses) will receive a 50-percent reduction in renewals for 2021. Current licenses are valid through April 30. Village staff will be monitoring COVID-19 rates, as well as the vaccination rollout, and mitigation measures closer to the license expiration date. The Village Board and staff will review at that time whether to defer payments by 60-90 days depending on occupancy rates or other restrictions, as dictated by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Since the pandemic began a full year ago, the Village has continued to work to help businesses survive, as well as provide information on all the ongoing changes dictated by the State of Illinois that affect operations and the livelihoods of those who own or are employed by Buffalo Grove businesses. These most recent efforts are designed to strengthen the levels of support offered, and to encourage our entire community to help our businesses stay strong.



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### BGLCC Assistance

During the pandemic, the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce (BGLCC), a nonprofit organization that provides direct resources, programming and networking for local businesses, has had to find innovative ways to provide value for its members without the benefit of their normal event options. The Village Board will provide the BGLCC with reduced rent at the Village-owned building where it rents space. Additionally, the Village is providing matching dollars to the BGLCC as they sign on new members. The goal is to strengthen the long-term relationship between the BGLCC, the business community, and the Village, as well as assist the organization in providing help to our local business community. For Buffalo Grove businesses that are not yet a member, please learn more at [bglcc.org](http://bglcc.org).

When posting on social media to support and highlight our Buffalo Grove businesses, please use the hashtag, #BGDelivers!

# April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Over the past decade, distracted driving has become one of the leading causes of vehicle crashes on our roads. April is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and police want motorists to **always** be in the practice of safe driving. Buffalo Grove police are committed to reducing easily preventable crashes and resulting fatalities that are caused by driver distractions - such as texting



or talking on a cellphone while driving. Motorists will see increased patrols and enforcement zones, and police will be ticketing drivers who text or use their cellphones while driving.

Texting while driving distracts the driver visually, manually, and cognitively, putting everyone on the road at risk. Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55 mph for the length of an entire football field. Motorists can be distracted by more than just texting; eating, talking to passengers, conducting self-hygiene, focusing on the navigation system or changing radio stations also can cause distracted driving. Each of these actions can result in tragic, as well as costly consequences. Please focus on the road when driving!

## Child Safety Seat Appointments

The Police Department has made it easier for residents to set up their free child safety seat inspection or installation appointment. Through the Village's website, residents can set up an appointment online, which are available every other Tuesday and only in the available time slots that are displayed. Residents will receive an email confirmation with the date and time of their appointment. The link can be found at [bgpdchildseat.setmore.com](http://bgpdchildseat.setmore.com).

Once the appointment is made, it can be canceled or rescheduled through the website.

Please remember, Illinois law requires children under the age 2 to be properly secured in a rear-facing child restraint system, and remain rear facing until they turn 2 years of age. Children ages 2-4 should remain in a rear-facing safety seat for as long as possible, or

until they are at the upper height or weight limit listed on the back of the seat or in the owner's manual. If you need any type of assistance relating to child safety seats, please visit the website link provided, and utilize the appointment link to have a certified child safety seat technician help make sure it is installed properly.

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## DEA Drug Takeback Event

In partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the police department will host the first official prescription drug collection event of the year in April 2021. The event date is yet to be finalized depending on COVID-19 related changes. Please sign up for the weekly Buffalo Grove Enews at [vbg.org/enewssignup](http://vbg.org/enewssignup) for updates on when this event will take place.

Expired, unused, or unneeded prescription drugs can be dropped off at the police department, 46 Raupp Boulevard in Buffalo Grove, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the day of the event. The police department is one of the nearly 6,000 collection sites throughout the United States for the bi-annual event. Historically, each event collects approximately 900,000 pounds of prescription drugs nationwide.

The department also has a gray mailbox permanently placed in the station's lobby where residents can conveniently and responsibly dispose of prescription drugs year-round. Approximately 20 pounds of prescription drugs are collected every week in the box, totaling an average of 1,000 pounds throughout the year.

This program prevents those who are not prescribed these drugs from using them, in addition to ensuring the drugs do not ultimately end up in other places such as the Village's water system.

For more information, please visit [takebackday.dea.gov](http://takebackday.dea.gov) or call the police department at **847-459-2560**.

# What Happens When You Call 911?

Residents may hesitate when calling 911 if they don't think they have a 'true' emergency. However, public safety employees recommend you call 911 if you need a police officer, firefighter, or paramedic to respond to your location - regardless of whether you think it is a 'true emergency'. When you call 911, the first questions are, "what is the location of the emergency?" and "what is your phone number?" You may not know the exact location you are in, so providing context clues like signage near you or local street signs will help the 911 operator to direct the necessary help to your location.

Next, you will be asked for a description of what is going on. While this information is collected, the dispatcher is already arranging the appropriate response to the location provided. These questions **do not** delay response in any way, but instead provide detailed information to police or fire units that are already on their way. Not only is the telecommunicator talking with you, but they are also communicating with public safety employees dispatched to your location so that help can begin immediately upon arrival.

In Buffalo Grove, we are fortunate to be served by Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDs), and proud to be one of the founding members of this state-

of-the-art dispatch system. NWCDs employs 68 full-time telecommunicators and serves 11 communities with a total population of nearly 500,000 citizens.

**The system handles an average of 1,677 calls to 911 every day.** All telecommunicators must complete a comprehensive training to be able to take calls. Without ever racing to the scene with lights and sirens, putting on firefighting gear or directly providing medical assistance, dispatchers are an instrumental part of all life-saving actions. They give imperative instructions to callers on what to do next in those first critical seconds, gather vital information, and talk to first responders simultaneously...all without missing a beat.

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April 12th kicks off National Telecommunicator Week, which recognizes telecommunicators for their dedication and hard work in serving their communities.

## DID YOU KNOW?

NWCDs was awarded the APCO Project 33 Training Certification and has the distinguished honor of being the only dually accredited Emergency Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch Center of Excellence in Illinois - and is one of just **32 facilities** with this designation across the globe! In 2020, NWCDs was awarded the Illinois Heart Rescue Association PSAP of the Year Award for engaging 71% of callers for cardiac arrest treatment in 'hands on chest' compressions that can save lives, compared to the national average of just 49%. For more information on NWCDs please go to [nwcds.org](http://nwcds.org).



# New or Expanding Businesses in Buffalo Grove

Abba, Inc. d/b/a Original Bagel & Bialy  
Abt Electronics inc  
Apex Motorsports LLC  
Aragvi Georgan European Bakery  
Aria Technology Solutions LLC  
Artisan Vapor & CBD  
Axel's Bistro Café  
Bailleaux-Rago Scala  
Barrington Orthopedic Specialists, Ltd.  
BCD Travel USA, LLC  
Bender Financial Services, LLC  
Bon Skin  
Builders Adventure, Inc.  
Chile Crab, LLC  
City Smoke & Glass  
Cusp Dental  
Daigger Scientific, Inc.  
Eva's Mexican Restaurant, Inc  
Fastenal Company

Flambe India  
Flextronics International USA, Inc.  
For Eyes  
Global Material Technologies, Inc.  
Goddard School of Buffalo Grove  
Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice  
HP Tuners LLC  
I94 Exotics, Inc.  
Ingredients Inc  
Jewelers Credit Line  
KIOXIA America, Inc.  
Kospo USA Inc  
Le Royal Spa  
Midamerica Slot Car Raceway, LLC  
Moja Domaica, Inc  
Northwest Special Recreation Association  
Percy Transportation, Inc.  
Personal Doctor Olga Zarkh, MD Ltd.  
Phathom Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Purple Sprout Conscious Organics  
RGB Lights, LLC  
Roots Autism Solutions  
SageGreenLife  
Sky Fitness  
Sky Spa Lounge  
Sunnyside  
Swift Gift, Ltd.  
TeamLogic IT #61313  
Toshiba Business Solutions  
Tron Restoration, LLC  
True North Energy, LLC  
Varenychok  
Vision Financial Marketing  
WJ Golf  
Wolfy's Barber Shop  
Wollip Corporation  
Woodman's Food Markets (unmanned gas station)

# FAQs for Home Improvement Projects

Many homeowners use the spring months to begin home improvement projects. Read the following for key information related to these types of projects.

## Do I need a permit for my project?

Any new construction and most improvements require a permit before any work can start. This includes, but is not exclusive to:

New Construction
Additions
Interior Remodeling
Driveways and Aprons
Patios or Walkways
Decks
Sewer Repair
Sheds or Fences
Swimming Pools or Hot Tubs
Lawn Irrigation Systems
Roofs
Windows
Furnaces
Air Conditioners
Water Heaters

Permits **are not** required for gutters, siding, soffit or fascia, tree removal on private property, swing sets or basketball hoops.

Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Community Development Department to discuss any planned projects to determine if a permit is required.

## Why do I need a permit?

Building permits helps to ensure that construction standards are followed and contribute to the safety of residents and businesses. Keeping standards at the highest levels also protects the property and neighborhood's value!

**How do I go about getting a permit?** There are four main steps to getting a permit:

1. Apply for the Permit
2. Permit Review
3. Permit Issuance
4. Inspections

The **Village's Permits and Inspections webpage** reviews these steps in further detail, as well as explains how the Village is conducting this process during the COVID-19 pandemic. The **Building and Zoning Resources webpage** also has key information, including project guidelines, a building permit application, and contractor registration.



**Further comments or questions?** Contact the Community Development Department at [permits@vbg.org](mailto:permits@vbg.org) or **847-459-2530**.

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# Employee Spotlight: Courtney Michaels

Courtney Michaels was hired in June of 2020 as the Fire Department's administrative assistant, after serving as the executive assistant at the Barrington Fire Department since 2014. Her previous professional experiences also include being a police officer and a



correctional officer. Her role in Buffalo Grove is to provide an array of support for the department's daily operations, such as serving as a point of contact for internal and external communications, organizing department trainings and community education.

Courtney was recently honored by being elected to a third term as vice president for the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals (IFSAP), an arm of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. IFSAP offers education, support, and networking to members of administration in fire departments and fire districts across Illinois, as well as with associate members. This will be her

sixth year serving on the organization's board. Over that time, she has held many leadership positions relating to public relations, communications, and education. She will additionally be taking over management of the 13-week Executive Support Program through the Office of the State Fire Marshal that covers everything from legal topics to public education to live fire training.

Courtney lives with her family in nearby Hawthorn Woods and is a graduate of Buffalo Grove High School. "I have always known the Buffalo Grove Fire Department to be a highly-regarded department and am excited to have transitioned here and to come back home," she said.



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Egg your family, friends, and neighbors with a surprise at-home egg hunt. The Bunny's assistants will hide 2 dozen prize-filled eggs in the front yard, and leave a fun "You've Been Egged" sign on the door. Egging will happen April 1 and 2, between the hours of 2 - 5 pm. Additional eggs can be purchased. This is open to households within Buffalo Grove school districts only. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 25, and includes a short questionnaire. No refunds will be given for canceled registration. For more information, contact at Allison Oberst at 847.850.2146 or [allison@bgparks.org](mailto:allison@bgparks.org).

Code	Option	Fee
461021-01	Registration Fee	\$15
461021-02	1 Dozen Extra Eggs	\$3
461021-03	2 Dozen Extra Eggs	\$6

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Flying 4 Kids Statewide

KITE  
FLY

FREE Event!



Join us as we celebrate Flying 4 Kids, a statewide Kite Fly to promote park districts, recreation agencies, and the park district youth license plate. Bring your kites, and enjoy a day out in the park, playing and exploring wind and motion. **Please note:** This event has been developed according to current phase 4 guidelines of the Restore Illinois Plan. For more information, please contact Allison Oberst at 847.850.2146 or [allison@bgparks.org](mailto:allison@bgparks.org).

Saturday, May 8

10 am - 12 pm

Mike Rylko Community Park

951 McHenry Road

(Spray 'N Play entrance)

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The Buffalo Grove Park District's charitable foundation.



# KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Saturday, May 15  
Mike Rylko Community Park  
(near the Spray 'N Play)



Guided nature walk



Tractors and plows  
on display



Crafts  
and activities



Fun for the  
whole family



This is a national day of outdoor play, designed to connect kids and their families with their local, state and national parks, to create the next generation of park stewards and caretakers. We invite you to come discover the habitats of Mike Rylko Community Park. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon, as we explore the outdoors; the parks are yours! Register each member of your family for a socially distant nature experience, where you will rotate in small groups between 4 stations, including a guided nature walk, a behind the scenes tour of our restoration areas, a hands-on craft activity, and an interactive presentation on nature and wildlife in our community. A face covering will be required for all participants in attendance. Pre-registration is required for this event. In case of inclement weather and cancellation, the event will be rescheduled for Sunday, May 16. Please keep both dates available, just in case. **Please note:** This event has been developed according to current phase 4 guidelines of the Restore Illinois Plan. Should we move into another phase of the plan, adjustments or cancellations may be made to the event. For more information please contact Allison Oberst at 847.850.2146 or [allison@bgparks.org](mailto:allison@bgparks.org).

Code	Day	Date	Time	Fee
461022-01	Sat	May 15	10 - 11:15 am	Free
461022-02	Sat	May 15	11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Free

**Location:** Mike Rylko Community Park (near the Spray 'N Play)

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## HAPPY TAILS

DOG PARK

AT THE BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset | Open all year, but not maintained in winter.

### Annual Fees • May 1 - April 30

RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
\$20 - First Dog	\$30 - First Dog
\$10 - 2nd Dog	\$15 - 2nd Dog
\$10 - 3rd Dog	\$15 - 3rd Dog

There is a limit of 3 dogs.

The dog park is only available to permit holders. Permits are available for purchase at the Alcott Center. You can download the annual or daily use permit application at [bgparks.org](http://bgparks.org), and return it to the Alcott Center for processing. Annual passes are valid from May 1 through April 30 of the following year. A daily use permit is \$6 per dog (limit of 3 dogs).

In order to purchase a dog park permit, residents need to provide proof of Buffalo Grove Park District residency (Village and Park District borders are not identical) and the dog's rabies vaccination paperwork. Nonresidents must provide current vaccination records.

**Free parking is available at the south end of the train station.**



835 Commerce Court  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Located at the south end of the parking lot at the Sidney Mathias Metra Train Station.

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50 Raupp Boulevard  
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

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Website: [vbg.org](http://vbg.org)

### 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](http://vbg.org/enewssignup) to subscribe to the Newsletter of your choice!



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# Property Maintenance Tips and Reminders

Spring is the time that many residents plan for home repairs and maintenance. Kevin Pyne, Buffalo Grove's Property Maintenance Inspector, provides the following tips and reminders:

**Sump Pumps** Discharge pipes should be free of blockages, routed properly to the drainage swale, and not exceed the maximum allowable length of 10 feet from the home.

**Paint** Overhead garage doors, window frames, and trim should be checked for chipping or peeling paint. Please note that wood which is not properly protected from the elements can begin to rot.

**Trees and Bushes** Trees and bushes should be trimmed back so that they do not encroach into the sidewalk and impede pedestrian traffic.

**Fence Maintenance** Fences must be maintained and be able to stand on their own.

**Refuse** All refuse, brush and related containers should be put out for collection

no earlier than 5 p.m. the night before collection. All containers should be removed no later than 24 hours after collection. **Yard waste pick up begins April 1 and runs through December 15, 2021.**

Please also be mindful of the most common property maintenance violations listed below.

For more information visit [vbg.org/property-maint](http://vbg.org/property-maint) or contact the Community Development Department at **847-459-2530** or via email at [BldgDept@vbg.org](mailto:BldgDept@vbg.org).

## WHO'S LISTENING?



**Kevin Pyne**  
VILLAGE INSPECTOR

**Phone:** 847-459-2530  
**Email:** [KPyne@vbg.org](mailto:KPyne@vbg.org)

## COMMON EXTERIOR VIOLATIONS

- Accumulations of trash
- Dead or diseased tree
- Missing or deteriorated roof, siding or trim
- Overgrowth of weeds/grass
- Paint peeling
- Sheds or fences in disrepair
- Violations involving storage or disposal of refuse
- Sump pump/downspout discharges exceeding (10) feet in length
- Work being performed without the necessary permit