



BURR RIDGE

BRIEFS NEWSLETTER

2013 Annual Report

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

ACTING VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Robert Sodikoff
654-8181, ext. 1000 or
323-6134

VILLAGE CLERK

Karen Thomas
654-8181, ext. 2030
kthomas@burr-ridge.gov

TRUSTEES

Guy Franzese 789-0048
Bob Grela 662-0517
John Manieri 655-2500
Al Paveza 323-7115
Leonard Ruzak 323-2735
Maureen Wott 325-4722

VILLAGE STAFF

654-8181

ADMINISTRATOR

Steve Stricker, ext. 2000
sstricker@burr-ridge.gov

ASSISTANT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Lisa Scheiner, ext. 2010
lscheiner@burr-ridge.gov

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Doug Pollock, ext. 3000
dpollock@burr-ridge.gov

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jerry Sapp, ext. 4000
jsapp@burr-ridge.gov

CHIEF OF POLICE

John Madden
323-8181, ext. 5000
jmadden@burr-ridge.gov

PUBLIC WORKS

Paul May 323-4733, ext. 6000
pmay@burr-ridge.gov

Message from the Acting Village President Robert Sodikoff

The Annual Report provides us with an opportunity to review the previous year's accomplishments, reevaluate goals and objectives, and examine the challenges ahead. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to share with us this review of the year, as well as the summary of ongoing Village programs and general information contained in the Burr Ridge Annual Report.

Not long after I assumed the role of Acting Village President in January, 2013, I had the opportunity to meet with Cook County President



Acting Village President Robert Sodikoff (right) and Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle (left) at a February, 2013, meeting regarding County Road conditions.

Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Highway Superintendent John Yonan. During our meeting we discussed how important it is to residents and businesses that County Line Road remains a safe, efficient means of travel through our community. I encouraged President Preckwinkle and her staff to address traffic signal inadequacies at County Line Road and North Frontage Road and the inadequate depth of the left hand turn lane at the intersection of County Line Road and Plainfield Road. We also discussed the extremely poor condition of 79th Street east of County Line Road. I am hopeful that we can resolve these issues and I have directed staff to keep the Board and Community apprised of the County's efforts.

I would like to encourage residents to patronize the many fine businesses we have in Burr Ridge and we have been very pleased to see increased foot traffic to both the County Line Square and Village Center retail centers. Although local sales tax revenue has been slow to recover, we are encouraged by the addition of new restaurants and the expansion of existing restaurants. In 2012 we welcomed Wok N Fire and Eddie Merlot's restaurants, Dao Sushi and Thai expanded their space to include hibachi service and Cooper's Hawk opened its patio. Starbucks remodeled their space and added alcohol sales, one of the first locations in the Chicagoland area to do so.

I would also like to encourage every resident to take part in the democratic process and vote in the April 9th consolidated election. If you are not already registered to vote you may be able to take advantage of grace period registration. Please refer to the article on page 2 for information about where to vote on Election Day.

As we move ahead with 2013 we are reminded that our accomplishments of the past year are a reflection of the dedication of our professional staff, devoted volunteers and a supportive citizenry. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made Burr Ridge a "very special place."

Election Day Voting Information

The April 9 consolidated election is quickly approaching. Burr Ridge Village Board positions on the ballot include Village President, Village Clerk and three Trustee seats. Please visit your county election website for information about your voter registration status, early voting locations, absentee ballots, your voting precinct and grace period voter registration. Residents without internet access can also call the Burr Ridge Village Hall for assistance. Cook County residents (east of County Line Road) can visit cookcountyclerk.com and DuPage County residents (west of County Line Road) can visit dupageelections.com. On election day polling places will be open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Burr Ridge residents can vote at the following locations:

County	Precinct(s)	Polling Place
Cook	12	King Bruwaert House 6101 County Line Rd.
	17	Marriott Hotel 1200 Burr Ridge Pkwy.
	36, 53	Pleasant Dale Park District 7425 S. Wolf Road
	62	Pleasantdale School 7450 Wolf Rd.
	63	Trinity Lutheran Church 11500 German Church Rd.
DuPage	35, 40, 116	Burr Ridge Police Department 7700 County Line Rd.
	68	Burr Ridge Middle School 15W451 91st St.
	83, 119	Burr Ridge United Church of Christ, 15W100 Plainfield Rd.
	101	Tri State Fire Station 10S110 Madison St.

Special Events Draw Record Crowds to Burr Ridge

Already in its fifth year, the Village's special events program continues to draw thousands to downtown Burr Ridge. The Village's Events Planning Committee organizes the summer "Concerts on the Green", "Classics at the Center" Car Show and Jingle Mingle Holiday Tree Lighting event. The Committee also works closely with the organizing agencies to promote other downtown events including the annual 5k Race (organized by Right Fit Sports & Wellness), and the Farmers' Market (organized by the Burr Ridge Park District). This all-volunteer seven-member Committee consists of Committee Chair Trustee Maureen Wott, Lavonne Campbell, Suzanne Gray, Dehn Grunsten, Jane Hopson, Joan Ruzak and Gaye Wagner.

The Committee kicked off its summer events with its outdoor, 11-week Friday night concert series at the Village Center on June 10. The Committee was excited to see record turnout at the concerts, which averaged over 1,400 guests each week. Thanks to generous community partners, the Committee was able to bring in an array of musical acts.

The Village once again partnered with Bill Kotzum and his staff at Corvette Mike Midwest of Burr Ridge to offer a fine array of over 100 beautifully restored and maintained cars from every era at a high-end car show where "classic meets modern." Held on Saturday, June 16, this show has become known for the quality of its show cars, casual atmosphere and "People's Choice Award" contest.

The Committee finished the year with its annual Jingle Mingle and tree lighting ceremony on November 17. Guests turned out to enjoy train rides, horse drawn sleigh rides, face painting, story time inside Barbara's Bookstore and a festive parade that included floats and several hundred students from area schools. Special thanks to Jamie Janusz of the Burr Ridge Park District, Scott Rolston, Kristy Tramontana and the staff of the Burr Ridge Village Center for their support of these events.



The Events Planning Committee oversees the Concerts, Car Show and holiday Jingle Mingle events.

The 2013 11-week "Concerts on the Green" series.

Village Receives Tree Inventory Grant; Data Used to Manage EAB Infestation Treatment Plan

The Village received a \$20,000 EAB Technical Assistance Grant through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus in order to develop a “stem-by-stem” inventory of all trees in Burr Ridge. The data collected includes the exact GPS coordinates, species/subspecies, diameter, location, overhead conflicts and a health/condition assessment of each tree. This data will allow staff to better manage the Village’s forestry treatment program and to respond quickly and effectively to future diseases and infestations (such as Emerald Ash Borer). The inventory also helps the Village ensure that annual planting programs will continue to establish a healthier, more sustainable and diverse urban forest.

Since EAB infestation was first discovered within Burr Ridge in 2008, the Village has worked to minimize its impact with a systematic treatment plan in targeted areas. The program has been successful and, to date, the Village has only removed 40 parkway ashes due to EAB infestation, out of 1,000 trees treated.

However, last winter staff became aware of secondary infestations at various locations throughout Burr Ridge. The Village Board is now revisiting the treatment plan, discussing various alternatives or a combination of approaches, including: continued soil drench insecticidal treatment, injection treatment of specimen trees, selective removal/culling based upon location, size, and condition and/or voluntary removal/replacement

Veterans Memorial Committee Hosts Armed Forces Day Ceremony and Introduces Patriot Award Program

The Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Committee hosted its second annual Armed Forces’ Day Celebration on Saturday, May 19, at the site of the Veterans’ Memorial. The event included the posting of colors by the Army ROTC Color Guard, an



The Veterans Memorial Committee hosted its second annual Armed Forces Day Ceremony at the site of the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial. The Committee will again host the event in 2013 and present its first “Patriot Award.” Nominations will be accepted through April 15 and more information can be found on the Village’s website (burr-ridge.gov).

invocation and benediction by Rev. Sid Frazen, Chaplain of the VFW Post 10778, patriotic musical selections by the West Suburban Conference Band and vocalist Haley Planson, and Key-note by Martell Buckley, National Spokesperson for the Iraq/Afghan War. A plaque of recognition was also presented to the Illinois Patriot Guard Riders for their service at the funerals of fallen service men and women. Special thanks to the Veterans Memorial Committee members, which include Leonard Ruzak, Jack Schaus, Andy Anderson, John Curin, Cody Curin, Russell Smith and Mickey Straub.

The Committee also hosted a wreath laying ceremony on Memorial Day and launched a new Patriot Award Program. Nominations will be accepted through April 15. Check the Village’s website (burr-ridge.gov) for more information and award criteria. The award will be presented on Saturday, May 18, at 10 am at the 2013 Armed Forces Day celebration.

Engineering Division Wins Award for Madison Street Traffic Signal Project

Thanks to the Engineering Division’s efforts, the Village received a Merit Award in the ACEC Engineering Excellence Competition, Transportation Category, for the Madison Street Traffic Signal. The project was completed last summer at a cost of \$958,218.07, which was 12% under the competitive bid amount. The project has been very well received and is functioning well to reduce peak-hour congestion as intended. The project was primarily funded by a federal grant (70%), along with IDOT contributions, and contributions from DuPage County for the legs under their jurisdiction. The Village’s final local cost for construction and Phase III engineering for this project is \$42,711 and was paid for with developer contributions which had been held in escrow for this purpose. Intergovernmental coordination between multiple agencies, processing under an expedited engineering/permitting schedule, inclusion in a larger Madison Street corridor study, and successful completion on-schedule, under budget, and under the low bid amount led to the Village’s receipt of this award.

Over \$1.9 million in Grant Funds Awarded to Village	
EAB Technical Assistance Grant	\$20,000
Madison St./N. Frontage Rd. Traffic Signal	\$1 Million
Madison St. Resurfacing (I-55 to 91st St.)	\$335,000
Garfield St. Resurfacing (59th to 63rd St.)	\$200,000
German Church Rd. Sidewalk (Greystone Ct. to County Line Rd.)	\$284,000
County Line Rd. Sidewalk (Longwood to Katherine Legge Memorial Park)	\$150,000

Restaurant Committee Launches Marketing Efforts

The Village Board implemented a 1% Place of Eating Tax effective May 1, 2012. This means customers with a \$100 bill for prepared food will now pay an extra \$1. Similar taxes are levied in Hinsdale, Willowbrook and several communities throughout the state. Unlike those other communities, however, the Village pledged \$50,000 of the revenue generated to fund a Restaurant Marketing Campaign. Remaining revenue has been used to fund critical Village services.

A seven-member advisory committee consisting of owners/managers from “places of eating” in Burr Ridge was formed and immediately set out to make Burr Ridge a top of mind destination for breakfast, lunch, dinner, catering and banquets. Their 2012 accomplishments included the launch of BurrRidgeRestaurants.com, social media presence, print advertising in local publications and the creation of a four-panel brochure that has been mass-produced and distributed throughout the community. It was mailed to every household in Burr Ridge in November along with coupons and a loyalty punch card for participating members. Patrons are encouraged to return their punch card to the Village Hall by March 31 for a chance to win a restaurant gift card. The Committee also teamed up with the Village’s Hotel Marketing Committee and Village Center for a WLIT radio holiday promotion and agreed to organize the Concert Night dining specials that were introduced in 2012. Guests are encouraged to take advantage of these Friday evening carry-out specials June–August. Special thanks to committee members Brian Donofrio (Wok N Fire), Becky Fleck (Topaz Café), Terry Inendino (Capri Ristorante Italiano), Kirsten Jepson (Kirsten’s Danish Bakery), Jose Martinez (Porterhouse Steaks & Seafood), Robert Pesci (Cooper’s Hawk) and Steven Zambrzycki (Eddie Merlot’s).



The Restaurant Marketing Committee launched a marketing campaign, including the website BurrRidgeRestaurants.com, to make Burr Ridge a top of mind dining destination.

Police Department Citizens’ Police Academy and Community Relations Events Benefit Community

The Police Department participated in its 4th Annual National Night Out Against Crime on the evening of August 7, 2012, at Harvester Park. In cooperation with the Burr Ridge Park District, Pleasantview and Tri-State Fire Protection Districts, Officer Angie Zuccherro offered games and refreshments to approximately 300 participants while promoting a message of a drug-free lifestyle and fire safety. Two lucky participants won bicycles donated by Target. The Police Department also hosted a Safety Day Open House on October 20 with tours of the police facility and information about various Village and public safety programs. Thanks to donations from several community partners these events were free to the public.

The Police Department hosted weekly Citizens’ Police Academy (CPA) sessions from September - November with 12 students participating. The CPA gave participants an interactive and behind the scenes look at police operations. On August 16, 2012, the Burr Ridge and Countryside CPA teamed up to offer a talk from Ret. Detective Raphael Tovar, who recounted his experience as an investigator on the Gacy case. Finally, the Police Department organized the annual employee “Chili Cook-off” and “Shop with a Cop” event. These annual events provide funds and assistance so area families in need can purchase holiday gifts.



Two lucky participants won bicycles courtesy of Target Store at the fourth annual National Night Out Against Crime at Harvester Park.

Auditor Gives Village Financial Records Thumbs Up

The 2011-12 Annual Financial Report is a compilation of the Village's financial records with accompanying notes. The Village received a clean “bill of health” for its financial records. The Independent Auditor's Report at the beginning of the audit provides an unqualified opinion, which means that the Village's financial statements “present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Village as of April 30, 2012.”

VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

A VERY SPECIAL PLACE

Village Maintains Roads, Funds Construction with Non-Property Tax Revenue Sources

The Village of Burr Ridge takes pride in the quality of its roads and has continued to make infrastructure maintenance a high priority. The 2012 Road Program included miscellaneous patching and the resurfacing of 60th Street (Garfield Avenue to County Line Road.), Commonwealth Avenue, Fair Elms Avenue, Central Avenue, Grant Street (79th Street to South Frontage Road), Rockwell Court, Heathrow Court, Windsor Court, Meadowbrook Drive and Garfield Avenue (South of 91st Street). The Village's budget for its share of the program was \$637,000, but it was completed on time and under budget with a final project cost of \$540,000, 55% of which was paid for with Motor Fuel Tax Revenues. The remaining costs were paid using sources other than resident taxpayer dollars.

First Phase of Village Hall Facelift Completed; Multi-Phase Project Uses No Taxpayer Dollars

After 25 years of use, the Village Hall is in need of repairs. The Village Board set aside \$500,000 in forfeited building bonds for a multi-phase project that utilizes no tax dollars. Phase I of the project, including Village Board Room and adjoining Conference Room renovations and upgrades to camera and broadcast equipment, was completed on time and within the \$187,520 budget. The Village Board recently authorized its interior design consultant to draft plans for Phase II, which includes the replacement of damaged and dilapidated work surfaces, cabinets and other worn textiles in Village offices. The Public Works Department will address Village roof replacement as part of Phase II. The third and final future phase of the project would focus on Village Hall signage and landscaping. Special Thanks to members of the Village's Ad Hoc Space Needs Committee former Village Mayor Gary Grasso, Trustee Robert Grella, Trustee Al Paveza and Plan Commission Chair Greg Trzupke.



Phase I included renovation of the Village Board Room, camera equipment and adjoining

Village Promotes Business Community, Creates Ambassador Program

Based on a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee, the Village Board approved a new approach to marketing the Burr Ridge business community as a "top of mind" destination. High-quality commercials were filmed in order to highlight local businesses in seven different business categories including shopping, dining, spas/salons, leisure, hotels, living and professional services. These commercials play on the Village's cable channel, social media sites and SeeYouDowntown.com to reach the widest audience possible.

The Economic Development Committee also created a new Ambassador Program. The Village's ambassador, committee member Ed Claffy, voluntarily spent several months going door-to-door, meeting with various businesses and letting them know the Village appreciates their decision to locate in Burr Ridge.

Thank you to the members of the Economic Development Committee former Chairperson Acting Village President Robert Sodikoff and recently appointed Chairperson Trustee John Manneri, Edward Claffy, Michael Donahue, Josephine Goetz, Sheryl Kern, Zach Mottl, and Ron Santo.

Community Development Department Sees Increase in Residential Permit Activity

Single family residential construction increased, with the Community Development Department processing 23 permit applications in 2012. This compares to eight permits in 2011 and 12 in 2010. A significant portion of the new home construction is occurring in the Savoy Club Subdivision located south of 79th Street east of County Line Road. There were no non-residential new construction permits pulled. The Village also saw movement of several condominium units at the Village Center. At the end of 2012, 170 of the 196 units at the Village Center had been sold. This compares to 145 in 2011 and 133 in 2010. Special thanks to members of the Plan Commission who devote their time and expertise to ensuring that residential and commercial developments in the Village are consistent with high community standards. Members include Chairman Greg Trzupke, Vice Chairman Christopher Cronin, Dehn Grunsten, Mike Stratis, Guy Franzese, Joe Perri and Diane Bolos.

Special Thanks to Our 2012 Community Partners: BMO Harris Bank, Burr Ridge Village Center, Community Bank of Willowbrook, Convergence Technologies, the Family Law Division at Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian, Nemec & Hoff, Integrated Project Management, Kumon Math & Reading Center of Burr Ridge, Loyola Center for Health at Burr Ridge, Ludicrous 6/Lamborghini Chicago, Marriott Hotel, MARS Snackfood US, MB Financial Bank, Red 21 and Russell Smith of Edward Jones.

MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

APRIL

- 1 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 8 Village Board Meeting 7 pm
- 9 Election Day
- Police Pension Board Meeting 7 pm
- 15 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- Brush Chipping Begins North of 79th Street
- 17 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7 pm
- 22 Village Board Meeting 7 pm
- Brush Chipping Begins South of 79th Street
- 24 Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting 4 pm

MAY

- 6 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 9 Pathway Commission Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Village Board Meeting 7 pm
- 14 Stormwater Committee @ Public Works 7 pm
- 15 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7 pm
- Sprinkling Restrictions Begin
- 18 Armed Forces Day Celebration @ Veterans Memorial 10 am
- 20 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 21 Economic Development Committee 7:30 pm
- 27 Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed
- 28 Village Board Meeting 7 pm
- 29 Veterans Memorial Committee 4 pm

JUNE

- 1 Run the Ridge Annual 5k/1k @ County Line Square 8 am
- 3 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7 Concerts on the Green @ Village Center 7:30 pm
- 10 Village Board Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Farmers' Market @ Village Center 10 am - 2 pm
- 14 Concerts on the Green @ Village Center 7:30 pm
- 17 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 19 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 7 pm
- 20 Farmers' Market @ Village Center 10 am - 2 pm
- 21 Concerts on the Green @ Village Center 7:30 pm
- 23 Car Show @ Village Center 12 Noon - 4 pm
- 24 Village Board Meeting 7 pm
- 26 Secretary of State MDSF @ Village Hall 10 am - 2 pm
- 27 Farmers' Market @ Village Center 10 am - 2 pm
- 28 Concerts on the Green @ Village Center 7:30 pm

Billing Cycle Modified for Some Water Customers

After several years of contracting with the DuPage County Public Works Department for water meter reading services, Burr Ridge Public Works staff will now read all water meters in the Village. Instead of reading all meters in the Village in odd-numbered months, half of the Village's meters will be read in odd-numbered months and the other half will be read in even-numbered months. As a result, some water billing customers will experience a shift in their billing cycle. Water customers that receive a sewer bill from the Village or Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District will begin receiving water bills in even-numbered months. The April bill will be for 30 days of water usage and the normal 60-day billing cycle will begin in June. Water customers that receive a sewer bill from DuPage County will see no change in their water billing cycle. If you have questions regarding your water bill please call the Village Hall at (630) 654-8181 ext. 4030.

Chasemoor Pedestrian Improvements Complete

Portions of the asphalt sidewalk along Chasemoor Drive were replaced with a five-foot wide concrete sidewalk using Pathway Funds. The 2012 Pathway projects also included the repair of trip hazards at various locations in the Village. The \$71,560 project was completed using developer donations and state/federal transportation grants. No local tax dollars are used for the construction or maintenance of sidewalks. Thank you to members of the



Pathway Commission: Chairperson Patt Liss, Secretary Marilou McGirr, Todd Davis, Luisa Hoch, J. Maggio and John Pococha.

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Fills Vacancies

Special thanks to BFPC Commissioners John Navickas, Ron Damper and Sandra Allen for their assistance in selecting candidates to join the ranks as Burr Ridge patrol officers after vacancies were created through staff retirements and promotions. These volunteer commissioners devoted a significant amount of time ensuring that the best candidates were selected at each step from a large pool of applicants.



Visit Us www.burr-ridge.gov

Like Us facebook.com/BRVillage

Follow Us twitter.com/BRVillage

Watch Us youtube.com/BRVillage