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2014 Annual Report

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A Message from the Mayor:

Improvements, upgrades, enhancements. Whatever you want to call them, this has certainly been the year for all that in Burr Ridge. The almost year-long process of reconstructing the County Line Road bridge has come to an end, as far as the major construction goes. Landscaping, lights, and signage will be completed in the spring. New windows and storefront preparations in the Village Center have been ongoing since this summer, and will continue as they ready themselves for new businesses and stores to open. New housing developments have been started, and others have been finished. Construction of the new Chase Bank was completed, and the branch opened for business in March. The expansion project at St. Mark Coptic Church is coming along nicely, and the build out of Global Luxury Imports is complete. Both the Quality Inn and the Spring Hill Suites hotel properties have undergone extensive remodeling, with wonderfully appealing results. Patti's Sunrise Café took on the challenging task of remodeling and upgrading a favorite Village breakfast and lunch spot. A cost saving measure to upgrade the Village Board to tablets for the dissemination of materials and information has been completed, with ongoing training as needed.

All of these projects have a running theme throughout them - improvement. Without constantly working to improve things, they become stale, stagnant, and out of date. Things fall apart, they work inefficiently, and nothing flows as well as it should.

Burr Ridge has seen a great deal of improvement going on in the Village this year, and we intend to keep the forward momentum going. With the Village elections coming up in April, there will be an opportunity for three Trustee positions to be filled. New chances for more ideas, input, and visions to come to light.

These improvements and upgrades are all contingent on the times. We strive to keep up with them, and continue to change. All the while wanting to remember and honor who we are, and where we came from. Burr Ridge has a rich, long history of families and businesses in the area with deep roots. Individuals who worked together to improve their daily lives, and those of the Community. That still goes on. Here in the Village we see businesses continually contributing to Village events, Park District Programs, and sponsoring everything from a 5K run to fundraisers for the Concerns of Police Survivors. The businesses and residents of Burr Ridge are still giving back, in order to improve things for those around and in the Community.

We sincerely hope that this year brings even more improvements, upgrades, and enhancements for the Village of Burr Ridge as we continue to strive to keep it "A Very Special Place". Indeed.

County Line Road Bridge Reconstruction Nears Completion

The major construction phase of the bridge reconstruction project is complete. Utilizing an ITEP grant of $1.45 million, the bridge structure was redone this spring/summer/fall. Construction remained on schedule, with all lanes open by year end. Final improvements of electrical enhancements and new landscaping will be installed in the spring. The Village's portion of these enhancements are being paid for 100% by the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Again, many thanks to Senator Christine Radogno, State Representatives Jim Durkin and Patricia Bellock for their efforts with this project.

Village Maintains Distinction As A "Tree City" - Burr Ridge has once again earned the distinction of being named a "Tree City" by the Arbor Day Foundation. In keeping with the standards of a "Tree City", an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony was held at Elm School in April, complete with a formal proclamation.

Questions? Contact Paul May, P.E., Director of Public Works. 630.323.4733, ext. 6000; pmay@burr-ridge.gov

Annual Brush Pickup A Success - The Annual Brush Pickup service continues to be a hit with residents. In April and October, residents are allowed to place their branches on the parkway, parallel to the street, to be picked up and chipped elsewhere. The new process made for a much smoother, faster, and quieter operation for residents.

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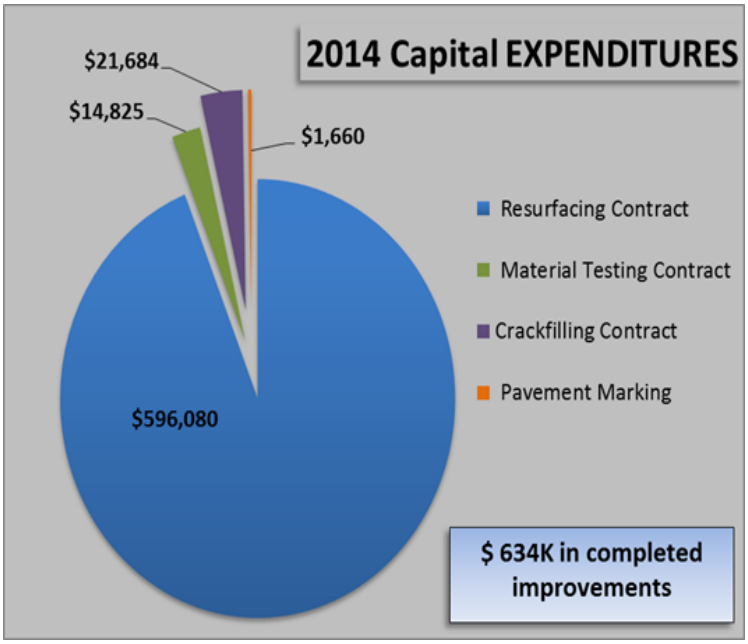
2014 Capital Improvements Program

This year's Capital Program was completed under three budget category areas: resurfacing, crack-filling, and pavement marking. Overall, these projects were completed on time and under budget as follows:



Resurfacing: Resurfacing projects are recommended to the Street Policy Committee by the Public Works Department and Village Engineer Paul May. The resurfacing program was budgeted in the amount of $668,300 and was awarded to low-bidder Central Blacktop. The project included patching costs, resurfacing of the Fieldstone subdivision, the West Babson Park subdivision, Madison Ridge subdivision, and Veteran's Boulevard. The overall completion cost was $596,080 - 10.8% under budget.

Crack-filling: The budget amount for this was $20,000. Preventative crack-filling was handled by Patriot Pavement Maintenance, the DuPage County MPI low bidder. Total cost for crack filling was $21,684.

Pavement Marking: $15,000 was budgeted for pavement marking, the contract was awarded to the Suburban Purchasing cooperative low bidder of Superior Pavement Marking. Due to the truncated construction season, a minimal amount of pavement marking was performed in the amount of $1,659.

As a whole, the 2014 Capital projects were completed on time and under category budgets. $634,000 worth of work was completed on the Village's transportation system at 11.7% under budget. The Village will use a portion of these funds to sealcoat the Village Hall and Department of Public Works parking lots prior to the end of the fiscal year. This is a project estimated at $10,000. Staff is currently soliciting prices for this work at the direction of the Street Policy Committee. This sealcoating work is to be completed prior to May 1, 2015.

Two new officers were added to the Police Department this year. Officers John Booras and Matthew Overton successfully graduated from the Police Academy and completed their Field Training Programs. Two long-standing members of the Police Department Administrative staff retired this year; Rayette Norlock and Barb Geraldi both retired with 35 and 20 years of service, respectively. Officer Angie Wilhelmi was honored by the Illinois D.A.R.E. Officers Association for her 24 years of service, Officer Michele Glosky was promoted to Corporal, and Corporal Michael Barnes was promoted to Sergeant.

Burr Ridge Officers accept "Top Cop Awards" for DUI arrests.

Police Community Relations Events Foster Involvement - The Police Department is holding their 17th Annual Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) from January 22 to March 26th, giving participants an interactive and behind the scenes look at police operations. The Police Department participated in several fundraisers this year, raising over $900 this year in the annual "Cop on the Roof Top" event for Special Olympics; $360 was raised to help a local needy family purchase food and gifts for the holidays through the annual Village Chili Cook Off ; and with $1,250 raised, ten local children were able to participate in the "Shop With A Cop" event sponsored by DuPage County Sheriff's Office. Additionally, the 7th Annual "Night Out Against Crime" was held in Harvester Park early in August and was very well attended.

Chief Madden and Santa at "Shop With A Cop"!

Community Development Department Reports Significant Increase in Building Permit Activity - Again! - Building permit activity was up again in 2014, with the month of August having the greatest number of permits issued. Permits were issued for 31 new homes, compared to 33 new homes in 2013 with a construction value of approximately $18 million. Residents again invested heavily in existing homes with 55 permits issued for residential additions and alterations with an estimated construction value exceeding $2.9 million, compared to 54 permits issued at over $5 million in 2013. Construction values for non-residential permits reached nearly $20 million in 2014, as compared to $10 million in 2013.

Economic Development Committee

New businesses opened in the Village Center this year, including Two Bostons - a pet supply boutique, Francesca's - a clothing and accessory boutique, and national women's clothing retailer J.Jill. Plans for women's clothing store EverEve, and wood-fired pizza restaurant Stix & Stones to open in 2015 were also solidified this year. Additionally, Chase Bank opened its doors at 150 Burr Ridge Parkway in February and a "Business Appreciation Breakfast" was hosted by the Economic Development Committee in April. At the breakfast, MARS Chocolate was awarded the first Community Appreciation Award for all their contributions to the Village. Business owners were networking and connecting with each other, and talk of developing a Burr Ridge Business Group has been heard. The Economic Development Committee has been examining ways in which the PACE bus routes servicing Burr Ridge might be utilized to further promote Burr Ridge as a great location to live and work, with easy transportation options to Chicago. Economic Development Committee members include Mayor Mickey Straub, Trustees Len Ruzak and John Manieri, Bhagwan Sharma, Zach Mottl, Sheryl Kern and Mike Donahue.

MARS Chocolate Employees accept Community Appreciation Award.

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals - 2014 was a busy year for the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, with 16 Plan Commission public hearings and 12 Zoning Board hearings. Construction for expansion began at St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church at 79th and Garfield Streets, Global Luxury Imports completed its build out in their new location on the Northeast Frontage Road, construction of the new Chase Bank

on Burr Ridge Parkway was completed in February, and ground has been broken near 75th street and south frontage road for the new Anthem Memory Care center. Approvals were also given this year for sidewalk café's for Wok N' Fire and Red Mango. A big thank you to the current members of the Plan Commission/ Zoning Board of Appeals for all their hard work. Committee members are: Chairman Greg Trzupek and Commissioners Mike Stratis, Dehn Grunsten, Luisa Hoch, Bob Grela, Greg Scott, and Mary Praxmarer.

Pathway Commission - Six meetings were held for the Pathway Commission this year. New sidewalks were planned for the north side of 79th street between Burr Oak Lane and Chasemoor Drive, reconfiguration of the accessible sidewalk ramp at the S.E. corner of 79th and Woodside Lane; future maintenance or replacement of asphalt sidewalks, and review and approval of an updated street and pathway map. Pathway Commission members include Pat Liss, Marilou McGirr, John Pacocha, Todd Davis, and Luisa Hoch.

Village Partners With Indian Prairie Public Library - The Village of Burr Ridge has partnered with the Indian Prairie Public Library to increase awareness of their services and benefits to residents of Burr Ridge. Each year, residents ask why Burr Ridge doesn't have its own library. Due to boundaries, taxes, and location, it's not feasible. The Indian Prairie Public Library offers library cards/memberships to Burr Ridge residents at the reasonable price of $186 dollars per year. With that comes access to hundreds of programs each year, thousands of books, videos, tapes, and more, as well as reciprocity with other community libraries nearby. Check out the IPPL!

Special Events and Concerts on the Green - The Village Special Events were well attended this year, with larger turnout crowds for the concerts than ever before. The Friday night "Concerts on the Green" brought musical groups representing all different types of music - contemporary, big band, country, rock, pop, and more. Residents continued to enjoy the evenings in Ravinia-style, with lawn chairs and blankets spread out across the Village Green. Local businesses sponsored individual concerts and were given the opportunity to really highlight their business at those concerts!

Run The Ridge 5k - This was the 10th Anniversary of the "Run the Ridge" race. Once again, runners and walkers lined up near County Line Square to raise funds for this year's race beneficiary, Pro Active Kids. Mike Adamle was the guest emcee and led the crowd out of the starting blocks.

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Run For Veterans - This was the inaugural year for the "Run For Veterans" 5k, which raises money to benefit Veterans mental health programs. Staged at the Village Green, the event was kicked off by Burr Ridge resident Jim Peterik motivating the runners with a special performance of "Eye of the Tiger". A pushup challenge was also held as an onsite fundraiser.

Car Show - Burr Ridge's annual car show is always a crowd pleaser, and this year was no exception. With almost 150 cars shown on the "main drag" of the Village Center, there was a record crowd on hand to vote for their favorite Classic Car and their favorite Modern Car. A concert by "The Neverly Brothers" rounded out the afternoon, and concessions provided by the Rotary Club of Hinsdale kept everyone happy. A big thank - you to Corvette Mike's and all their crew for another fantastic car show!

Jingle Mingle - With its "Frozen" subtheme, the 7th Annual Jingle Mingle ushered in the holiday season with some well-known characters. Olaf the Snowman, Queen Elsa and Princess Anna were all present on floats constructed by the Village and the Park District. The parade was rounded out by entries from Two Bostons, Patti's Sunrise Café, Girl Scout Troops, the Tri-State and Pleasantdale Fire Districts, Trinity Lutheran School, and St. John of the Cross School as well as various Village organizations. Guests filled out postcards to send to the military through Operation Gratitude in exchange for a blue santa hat, children made crafts and ornaments, got their faces painted, went on sleigh rides or rode the Magic Train, and received various giveaways for their participation. A few school choirs performed onstage for the tree lighting, and an LT Pom Pon squad rounded out the entertainment before Santa flipped the tree lighting switch! A good time was had by all, and the holiday season was appropriately kicked off in Burr Ridge!

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MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

2 Plan Commission 7:30 pm
9 Village Board 7:00 pm
10 Storm Water Committee 7:00 pm
11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 pm
16 Plan Commission 7:30 pm
23 Village Board 7:00 pm
25 Veterans Memorial Committee 4:00 pm

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APRIL

6 Plan Commission 7:30 pm
7 *Village Elections 6:00 am - 7:00 pm*
7 Police Pension Board 7:00 pm
8 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 7:00 pm
13 Village Board 7:00 pm
20 Plan Commission 7:30 pm
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Special Thanks to Our 2014 Community Partners: BMO Harris Bank, Burr Ridge Family Medicine Physicians, Burr Ridge Park District, Burr Ridge Village Center, Capri Pizza and Pasta, CNH Industrial, Corvette Mike's, the Family Law Division at Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian, Nemec & Hoff, Global Luxury Imports, Loyola Center for Health at Burr Ridge, Marriott Hotel, MARS Chocolate, MB Financial Bank, Patti's Sunrise Café, The Popcorn Palace, Russell Smith of Edward Jones, TLC Chiropractic, and Tuthill, Inc.

REMINDER: All Village Board Meetings are telecast live on local cable channels 6 (Comcast) and 99 (AT&T). Rebroadcasts of the meetings are shown each day at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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