



BURR RIDGE

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2017 Annual Report

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Message from the Mayor -

Greetings from Village Hall! In addition to another balanced budget this year and an increase in building permits, the village made tremendous progress, including the Village Center adding new stores Kelley Cawley, Jockey, the Coopers Hawk Expansion and 1st Family Dental opening, new signage, outdoor comfortable seating and a new fire Pavilion. County Line Square added the Cycle Bar, Med and Spa, and Capri Restaurant more than doubled their bar area and added a private dining room.

There were almost \$1 Million of Road Improvements encompassing 3 streets, village-wide pavement maintenance and 3 entire subdivisions and Electronics Recycling Collection is now available at the BR Public Works building. As for public safety, the Burr Ridge Police Department qualified for their fourth national CALEA Accreditation, Chief John Madden graduated from the FBI Academy, more subdivisions added security cameras, and a new safety notification system called "Nixle" was adopted.

The Crowne Plaza is scheduled to reopen in March, and we have three major projects underway: Spectrum Senior Living, the Hampton Hotel, and the Falls Event Center complex. There was also a 52 single family unit development planned next to the Marriott, and though the petitioner stopped all of their Illinois projects, there are several other developers interested in the project.



Have a healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year!

Mayor Mickey

Village Proposes New Scavenger Contract - In July of 2016, the Village formed a Scavenger subcommittee to examine and study the possibility of developing an exclusive franchise agreement with one scavenger refuse company for the entire Village of Burr Ridge. This would cut down on road usage, noise, fuel consumption, nuisance, and traffic in the Village as all refuse, recycling, and landscape waste would be collected on the same day village-wide instead of having multiple scavenger services collecting on different days throughout the week. An exclusive franchise agreement would also be a cost saving and safety improvement for the Village. At the Village Board meeting held on January 23rd, the Board voted to continue the process of information gathering and to allow vendors to submit RFPs. It is expected to take an additional 10 weeks or so to get all information needed to bring an approved scavenger program with costs to the public. Public meetings on this subject will be announced sometime in late spring or early summer.

Road Program Completed Early - This year's Road Program included resurfacing and roadway patching, crack-sealing, and pavement markings. Overall, these projects were completed early in the season and under budget. The 2016 Resurfacing Contract was performed by Brothers Asphalt, Inc. in late May. Streets resurfaced this year included the Oak Hill Estates Subdivision, Andrew and Clubside Courts, Polo Ridge Court, Woodview Road and South Drive, as well as Chasemoor Drive that involved reconstructing the speed humps. The final project cost was \$546,230, which was 5.6% under the budget for this work.

This year's contracts for crack-sealing and pavement markings were awarded using the joint bidding process with other DuPage County municipalities. By aggregating our work, these contracts provide an economy of scale to potential bidders and reduced costs to small municipalities such as Burr Ridge. Denler, Inc. completed our crack-sealing contract while Superior Road Striping completed our pavement marking contracts. The total cost of both contracts was \$66,170 and was 5.5% under budget.

Garfield Avenue Resurfaced and 79th Street Coming Soon -

In late Summer, roadway resurfacing and sidewalk enhancements were completed on the section of Garfield Avenue within the limits of Burr Ridge, between 59th and 63rd Streets. A federal grant covered 75 percent of the project's construction cost. Therefore, this costly project completed by Chicagoland Paving was an expense to the Village for only \$69,000. A similar federal grant was recently awarded to the Village for resurfacing 79th Street between Madison Street and County Line Road. The federal grant will also cover 75 percent of the estimated total cost of nearly \$500,000. This roadway is over 18 years old and plans are being prepared for a mid-summer 2017 resurfacing project.

Tree Removal Necessary - The Village removed nearly 400 parkway ash trees this past year, and 850 such trees have been removed in the past 3 years as a result of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation. Less than half of the Village's parkway ash trees remain since the trees were inventoried in 2013. We continue to treat more than 700 of those ash trees to prolong their viability in our urban forest. The Village is currently experiencing its peak activity of ash borer infestation, but this portion of the managed decline program continues to show good results. In Spring, the Public Works Department will restore with grass seed the parkway areas that have been disturbed from removing these trees and stumps. Also in Spring, our Village Arborist will inspect the remaining parkway ash trees to assess the effects of EAB and develop the next list of trees to be removed.

Tree City USA Designation for Over Two Decades -

For 22 consecutive years, the Village has been recognized as a Tree City USA from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the National Arbor Day Foundation. This designation celebrates sound urban forestry management and the commitment of our community and Village staff to grow and tend these valuable public assets.



Secretary of State's Mobile Services Popular With Residents - The Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility came to the Burr Ridge Village Hall (7660 County Line Road) three times in 2016 and will return again in 2017. Scheduled dates for 2017 are March 15, August 16, and November 8th, from 9 am to 3 pm. The mobile facility offers vision screening, duplicate and/or corrected drivers' licenses, new ID cards and vehicle renewal stickers. To learn more, visit the Secretary of State's web site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.



Pathway Commission - The Pathway Commission maintains the Village's Comprehensive Pathway and Sidewalk Plan, holds public hearings to consider new sidewalks, and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding location of new sidewalks. The Commission has scheduled meetings on the second Thursday of each odd numbered month. In 2016, a sidewalk was constructed on the north side of German Church Road between Greystone Court and County Line Road. Most of that project was paid for with grant funding. A new sidewalk is planned for 2017 on the south side of 91st Street between Fallingwater Subdivision and Kingery Highway (IL Rt. 83). That project is being funded and built by the developer of the adjacent Spectrum Senior Living project. Pathway Commission members include Chairperson Pat Liss and Commissioners Marilou McGirr, Todd Davis, Luisa Hoch, and Elaine Layden.

Village Adds Electronic Recycling to Services - Electronic Recycling is now available at the Public Works building. An attendant is on duty from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, right outside the entrance to the Public Works building located at 451 Commerce Street. There is a fee for disposing of CRT, Flat Screen and Projection TVs, and Monitors. Large appliances, hazardous and chemical waste will not be accepted. Cash or credit cards accepted, no checks. For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable electronic items, please go to www.eWORKSesi.org. This Electronics Recycling Collection Site is sponsored by the Village Of Burr Ridge, the County of DuPage, and eWorks Electronic Services, Inc.



Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals - The Plan Commission (which also acts as the Zoning Board of Appeals) conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding requests for zoning variations, rezoning of land, special use approvals, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Planned Unit Developments and new plats of subdivision. The Commission has scheduled meetings on the first and third Monday of each month. In 2016, the Commission held 11 meetings which included public hearings for 15 zoning variations, 4 hearings for rezoning of land, 6 special use requests, 6 text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, and a Planned Unit Development, and an amendment to a Planned Unit Development. The new Planned Unit Development was for a 52 home empty nester housing project on 22.5 acres at Bridewell Drive and Burr Ridge Parkway. The special use approvals included the expansion of Coopers Hawk Restaurant and 2 new stores at the Village Center and approval of a new medical building for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago at 7600 County Line Road. 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, Commissioners Mike Stratis, Dehn Grunsten, Luisa Hoch, Bob Grella, Greg Scott, Jim Broline, and Mary Praxmarer.



Rendering of proposed Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Community Development Department Building Permit Activity -

The Community Development Department provides staff support to the Plan Commission and Pathway Commission and is responsible for the administration of the Zoning, Sign, Subdivision, and Building Ordinances. The Department issued a total of 356 permits in 2016, and increase from 266 in 2015. There were 24 new home permits in 2016 compared to 21 in 2015. Total construction value in 2016 exceeded \$17 million for an average home construction value of \$717,525. Total construction activity is estimated at a value of just under \$60 million. Permits in 2016 included a permit for the Spectrum Senior Living building at 16W301 91st Street and the Hampton Inn hotel at 100 Harvester Drive.



Rendering of proposed Hampton Inn and Falls Event Center.

Economic Development Committee - Three more new businesses opened up in the Village Center this year. Women's boutique store Kelley Cawley, the Jockey Store, and 1st Family Dental. Major improvements to the Village Green included a new fire pavilion with comfortable Adirondack seating, as well as some wicker and cushion seating along the sides of the Village Green, and the addition of some long benches and landscaping pots in front of select stores helped to increase the availability of seating and improve the aesthetics of the Village Center. County Line Square also welcomed a few new tenants. With the opening of CycleBar - a spin studio located in the southeast corner, Med and Spa, and the expansion of Capri Restaurant, the southeast corner of Burr Ridge has gotten very busy! Luckily, new parking spaces were added this year to help accommodate all the increased traffic.



New Kelley Cawley Store



Capri Restaurant Expansion



New Med and Spa in County Line Square.



New CycleBar Franchise in County Line Square.

Another "Business Appreciation Breakfast" hosted by the Economic Development Committee is planned for February 23rd, 2017 at the Burr Ridge Marriott. A guest speaker, updates from the Village, and networking opportunities will be part of the morning's program. Invitations will be sent out soon. Economic Development Committee members include Mayor Mickey Straub, Trustee Tony Schiappa, Trustee Paula Murphy, Bhagwan Sharma, Zach Mottl, Sheryl Kern, and Kirsten Jepsen.

2017 Is A Municipal Election Year for the Village of Burr Ridge -

On April 4, Burr Ridge residents will vote to elect three Trustee positions, the Village President (Mayor) position, and the Village Clerk position. Residents should vote at their regular precinct voting location, open from the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Police Chief John Madden, Deputy Chief Marc Loftus and Mayor Mickey Straub accepting the CALEA Award in August.

CALEA Re-Accreditation - The Burr Ridge Police Department successfully passed their assessment in March to achieve their fourth CALEA Accreditation. CALEA is the “Gold Standard” of public safety, and sets a very rigorous and high standard of professionalism in order to earn this accreditation. To obtain this status, the Department must comply with over 400 best-practice standards of Law Enforcement. Congratulations, Burr Ridge Police Department! Well done.

Public Safety Initiatives - the addition of two license plate recognition systems obtained this year will help identify vehicles in question that pass through Burr Ridge. Located on two squads, these recognition systems can track and read license plates, and run their information instantly to determine if a vehicle is wanted or not.



In conjunction with this, the Neighborhood Video Surveillance Program has been steadily expanding throughout the Village, with ten subdivisions currently taking advantage of this program. If your homeowners' association would like more information, please contact Jerry Sapp at 630-654-8181, ext. 4000.



Residents were also presented with an Identity Theft/Scam Alert Seminar in December to give them ideas on how to identify and combat various scams - mail, phone, in person, and online. More seminars like this will be scheduled for the coming year. Check the website, www.burr-ridge.gov for more information.



Identity Theft/Scam Alert Seminar

Police Chief John Madden Attends FBI Academy -



This past summer, Burr Ridge Police Chief John Madden attended a 10 week National FBI Academy leadership course in Quantico, Virginia. This course is by invitation only, and is reserved for Law Enforcement Executives, usually with a 5 year wait to attend. The course covers such topics as Constitutional Law, Forensic Science, Behavioral Science, Terrorism, Leadership, Communication, and Health Fitness. Chief Madden graduated with approximately 230 others in his class, which is offered only four times a year. The FBI National Academy's goal is to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

Burr Ridge Police Department Awarded “Eternal Flame” Award from the Illinois Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) -

The Burr Ridge Police Department and Sergeant Michael Barnes were awarded the “Eternal Flame” Award by the Illinois Chapter of the Concerns of Police Survivors for the second time. This award recognizes the longstanding commitment in supporting the C.O.P.S., a group that works with the families, coworkers, and survivors of officers who are killed in the line of duty. Sergeant Barnes has led the Burr Ridge PD in its supportive efforts by his involvement with the annual Bike Ride Across Illinois fundraiser for many years, as well as serving on the Critical Incident Memorial Team, which steps in and assists on all levels when an officer is killed in the line of duty. Congratulations Burr Ridge Police Department and Sgt. Barnes!



Sgt. Barnes/Chief Madden



Nixle Notification System Adopted By PD -

a new notification system generated by the Police has been put into place for all residents and businesses in Burr Ridge. Known as “nixle”, this system is used by police, schools, and other safety departments to securely send important messages to subscribers via text message, email, or cell phone. Residents must sign up to receive the messages, and may determine their communication method of choice. You can sign up for nixle on the front page of the Burr Ridge website at www.burr-ridge.gov.



Citizens Police Academy - Plans are in the works for the next session of the Citizens Police Academy, starting March 22nd. The class will run Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for ten weeks. This is a great opportunity to understand and experience our Burr Ridge Police Department at work, and to support their ongoing efforts to keep our community safe! For more information or to sign up, contact Officer Bob Wirth at: rwirth@burr-ridge.gov or at 630-323-8181, ext. 5395. It's a real eye-opener!

Armed Forces Day - This year's program was well attended, with guest speaker Dr. Robert Kauffman of "Salute the Armed Forces". Music was provided by the West Suburban Concert Band, with local singer Parker Murphy singing the National Anthem. The Annual Patriot Award was given to Barb Barkstrom, who organizes the local Burr Ridge Honor Flight volunteers and mail call. *Nominations for this year's Patriot Award will be accepted through May 1. Check the Village's website (www.burr-ridge.gov) for more information and award criteria. The award will be presented on Saturday, May 20 during the 2017 Armed Forces Day Celebration.*



Special Events and Concerts on the Green - The Village's Special Events continued to be well attended this year, with large turnout crowds for the Friday night "Concerts on the Green". Musical groups representing all different types of music - contemporary, big band, country, rock, pop, and more entertained residents as they 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 highlight their business at those concerts. Giveaway bags were provided to concertgoers at the beginning of the season, compliments of the Burr Ridge Hotel/Motel and Restaurant Committees. Brookhaven Catering, Kernel Dan's Kettlecorn, Hawaiian Ice, Cooper's Hawk, Stix n' Stones, and BB's Baby Donuts provided a tasty variety of food and drink for the concert attendees and guests to enjoy. A special concert featuring local band "Reckless" was held in September to celebrate Burr Ridge's 60th Anniversary!

Run The Ridge 5k - This was the 12th year for the Annual "Run the Ridge" race, which brought even more runners and walkers to County Line Square to raise funds for race beneficiary Pro Active Kids. Rob Stafford was the guest emcee and led the crowd out of the starting blocks for the 5k run. Parents with small children and strollers as well as pets got into the action for the 1k "fun run/walk". Local talent Parker Murphy performed the National Anthem, and runners and guests were treated to musical performances by the local School of Rock with a sponsor expo on site nearby. This year's race is scheduled for June 3rd.



Run For Veterans - This was the third year for the "Run For Veterans" 5k, which raises money to bring awareness to and benefit programs for Veterans. Staged at the Village Green, the event was kicked off at 9:00 a.m. at McClintock Drive and ended on the Village Green. Local sponsor booths and a Civil War Re-enactment group added to the fun. All participants received event t-shirts and "dog tags" as souvenirs of their support and participation. The fourth Run For Veterans is scheduled for July 30th, 2017.

Car Show - Burr Ridge's annual car show was again the scene for a plethora of classic and current cars on the "main drag" of the Village Center. Car fans voted for their favorite Classic and Modern Cars, and enjoyed the musical antics of "The Blooz Brothers" and their famous "Blooz Mobile". The Village Center was busy with both shoppers and car fans alike, all day long. A big thank - you to Corvette Mike's and all their crew for another great car show!



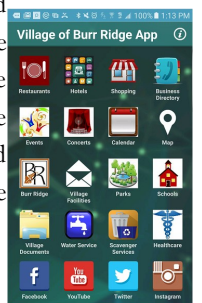
Jingle Mingle - The Village's annual kickoff to the holiday season gets bigger every year! The parade this year featured floats by entries from Two Bostons, various Girl Scout Troops, the Tri-State and Pleasantdale Fire Districts, Trinity Lutheran School, Lyons Township High School Flag squads, and the Gower Middle School Marching Band as well as various Village organizations. Guests filled out postcards to send to the military through Operation Gratitude in exchange for a winter snowflake hat. Kids made crafts and ornaments, got their faces painted, rode the Magic Train, and received giveaways for their participation. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived via firetruck to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and to remind them to "stay on the nice list". Good idea, Santa!



Want To Stay Informed? New Brochure Tells You How! - The Village has a new brochure listing all the ways in which you can stay up-to-date with Village information and what's going on around town. This brochure lists our websites, social media sites, cable channels, and news media available to residents to stay up-to-date with the Village of Burr Ridge. You can pick one up at the Village Hall or Police Department front counter.



Burr Ridge Village App - Designed for Apple and Android operating systems, this responsive - and free - App can be downloaded at iTunes or the Google store when you're ready to check it out. Burr Ridge hotels, restaurants, shops, municipal information and more will be at your fingertips with the Burr Ridge App!



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MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

6 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
8 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 pm
13 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
14 Stormwater Meeting - @ PW, 7:00 pm
20 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
22 Veteran's Memorial Committee - 4:00 pm
27 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

MARCH

6 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
8 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 pm
9 Pathway Commission - 7:00 pm
13 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
15 Secretary of State MDFS - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
20 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
21 Economic Development - 7:00 pm
27 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
29 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 pm

APRIL

3 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
4 Municipal Election Day
10 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
11 Police Pension Meeting - 7:00 pm
12 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 pm
17 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
17 *Brush Pickup Begins, 7:00 am Village wide*
24 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
26 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 pm

MAY

1 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
8 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
9 Stormwater Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm
10 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 pm
11 Pathway Commission - 7:00 pm
15 *Water Sprinkling Restrictions Begin*
15 Plan Commission - 7:30 pm
16 Economic Development Committee - 7:00 pm
20 Armed Forces Day Celebration - 10:00 am
22 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
24 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 pm
29 Memorial Day - *Village Hall Closed*

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