



BURR RIDGE

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2018 Annual Report

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Administrator's Annual Report - 2018

Looking Back to 2017: This past year was certainly a year of change in the Village. We welcomed three new Board members - Trustees Anita Mital, Zach Mottl and Joe Snyder to join Mayor Mickey Straub and Trustees Guy Franzese, Al Paveza and Tony Schiappa. Longtime Community Development Director Doug Pollock was promoted to Village Administrator to replace retired Administrator Steve Stricker. New police officers have been added, as well as Assistant to the Village Administrator Evan Walter.

There was much work completed and started in 2017. Inside this newsletter is a review of the many accomplishments throughout the Village in 2017. Perhaps the most noticeable for residents is the signing of a franchise agreement for residential garbage collection (page 2). We reduced the number of garbage trucks on local streets, reduced the number of garbage collection days, and reduced the cost of garbage collection for the vast majority of residents. The Village continued with our annual road program, tree plantings, and the tri-annual Secretary of State's mobile driver's license facility at the Village Hall (page 2). We were excited to welcome new businesses and some great new developments in the Village (page 3). Please also take time to read about the many activities within our accredited Police Department (page 4) as well as community events and communications (page 5).

Looking Forward to 2018: As the calendar turns to 2018, we look forward to another great year for Burr Ridge. We begin the year with a fresh set of strategic goals for the Village. Every two years, the Mayor and Board of Trustees conduct workshops to identify goals for the next two years. Those goals provide focus for the Board and a work program for Village staff. The 2017-19 Strategic Plan and Goals is published on the Village web site - www.burr-ridge.gov.

Each new year at the Village Hall begins with the preparation of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (which begins May 1). Based on all accepted government finance standards, ***the Village budget approved by the Board of Trustees is always a balanced budget.*** And at the end of each fiscal year, staff adjusts spending as necessary to ensure a balanced ledger. Separate and distinct, the Village maintains other budgets/funds ranging from water and sewer enterprise funds (closed funds meaning that revenues are used exclusively to pay for costs of providing the service) to basic "savings account funds" whereby money is put aside each year to pay for future expenses. *Please refer to page 3 of this newsletter for more information about Village finances.*

The Village of Burr Ridge has always maintained a fiscally sound budget and a balanced budget. All ongoing operating expenses are paid for through current revenues. Funds are set aside for capital and equipment expenses. Our fiscally responsible approach is reflected in our current Aa1 credit rating with Moody's Investor Service; the second highest possible credit rating.

On behalf of the Mayor and Board of Trustees and your entire Village staff, thank you for allowing us to serve and to make our contribution toward keeping Burr Ridge "A Very Special Place".

- Doug Pollock, Village Administrator

Road Program Completed - This year's Road Program included re-surfacing and roadway patching, crack-sealing, and pavement markings in the following areas: 61st Place & Park Avenue, 62nd Street & Cove Creek Court, Steepleside Drive, Babson Park subdivision, and 79th



Street from Madison Street to County Line Road. The total cost for these improvements came in at \$1,036,205; of which 75% of the construction for 79th Street was covered by grant funds of approximately \$375,000, and other grants to assist with other roadway updates.

Forestry and Grounds Division - During 2017, the Forestry and Grounds Division of Public Works oversaw the removal of 382 trees throughout the Village. These trees were deemed dead, diseased, or infested. To counter these removals, 141 new trees were planted, including one at Elm School for the annual Arbor Day Planting. During 2017, over 2,000 trees were pruned to keep them healthy. During these next winter months, the Forestry and Grounds division will be focusing on pruning trees throughout the Village.

Tree City Distinction - For the 23rd year in a row, Burr Ridge has earned the distinction of being named a "Tree City" by the Arbor Day Foundation. As one of over 3,400 Tree Cities in the nation, Burr Ridge must meet four standards: 1) Have a Tree Department or Board 2) Have a Tree care ordinance 3) Have a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2

per capita 4) Have an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Hats off to our Village Arborist Gary Gatlin and the Public Works Forestry and Grounds Division for keeping our trees healthy and beautiful!

Village Electronic Recycling Services - Electronic Recycling is available at the Public Works building on an ongoing basis. 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. **The E-Works Recycling Site will be closed on the following days for 2018:**

Memorial Day - Monday, May 28

Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4

Labor Day - Monday, September 3

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 22

Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 23

Christmas Day (observed) - Tuesday, December 25



Scavenger Franchise Agreement - After over a year of research, review, and input by a Village subcommittee consisting of Trustees Guy Franzese (Chairperson), Paula Murphy, Al Paveza and Tony Schiappa; former Village Administrator Steve Stricker, current Village Administrator Doug Pollock and Public Works Director David Preissig, the Burr Ridge Board of Trustees voted to approve a Scavenger Franchise Agreement with Groot Disposal Industries in May. Reasons for switching to a single Scavenger Franchise Agreement included: improving safety on our streets, reducing the number of waste hauling trucks in the area resulting in less wear and tear on Village streets and less noise, as well as less fuel consumption - resulting in less emissions, cost savings for residents, and providing enhanced recycling and other environmentally friendly program offerings. The Franchise Scavenger Agreement went into effect on Thursday, August 3rd. Depending on their residential location, waste pickups are either on a Thursday or Friday of each week. Residents are also able to enjoy free bulk item pickup, landscape waste pickup, Christmas tree disposal service, and recycling pickups.



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 2017 and will return again in 2018. Scheduled dates for 2018 are March 14, August 15, and November 7th, 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.



Want to receive your water bill via email? Now you can! You can sign up at the www.burr-ridge.gov website to have your water bill emailed directly to you. You will need to fill out the online form with your first name, last name, email address, home address, telephone number, and utility billing (water) account number. Once you have filled out the online form and submitted it, you will no longer receive water bills through the regular post office mail - only via email. You will receive an email notifying you that your email water billing account has been activated.

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals - The Plan Commission/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 2017, the Commission held 13 meetings which included public hearings for 17 zoning variations, 3 hearings for rezoning of land, 13 special use requests, 8 text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, as well as a Planned Unit Development and an amendment to a Planned Unit Development. The special use approvals included outdoor vehicle parking for PermaSeal, two new stores at the Village Center (Hampton Social and Peak Running) as well as the expansion of hours for County Wine Merchant. 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, Greg Scott, Jim Broline, and Mary Praxmarer.

Community Development - Lakeside Pointe, a new Planned Unit Development behind the Marriott, is to be developed by McNaughton Development and will be a 44-unit single family home neighborhood, complete with community owned and maintained yards, sidewalks with access to open space and the downtown amenities, and the lake. Construction on the development will begin sometime this spring.

The Facts about Your Village's Finances

At the Village Hall, we have been getting lots of complaints about false and misleading information being distributed in the Village about our finances. As noted on page 1, the Village has an outstanding credit rating and **ALWAYS** has a balanced budget. Specific allegations being made and the real story are as follows:

- That the Village of Burr Ridge has enacted “four unbalanced budgets” since May of 2013. Our budget consists of 12 separate and distinct funds. The General Fund is used to pay all operating costs of the Village and has been balanced for each of the specified years. Other funds include enterprise funds and basic “savings account funds” whereby money is put aside each year to pay for future expenses. While these funds will often show a deficit for a single year, such an occurrence does not represent the lack of a balanced budget; rather it simply means the Village has spent money saved in previous years for anticipated expenses.
- That the Village has “hiked property taxes 16 percent” since May of 2013. Not only is this false, the actual truth is quite the opposite – our total tax levy was reduced by more than 25% between 2013 and 2017 (2013 total tax levy was \$1,606,396; 2017 total tax levy was \$1,149,284). While there have been necessary increases in portions of our levy (e.g. the police pension levy) these increases were more than offset by other decreases. The bottom line, residents are paying less in property tax to the Village in 2018 than they were in 2013. And as we often do, we remind everyone that the portion of your property tax bill that goes to the Village of Burr Ridge is less than 2% of your total property tax bill.
- That the Village “raised fees to funnel money for a Chicago bailout”. This accusation relates to an April, 2017 increase in the Village water rates. Burr Ridge purchases water from the Village of Bedford Park (who in turn buys water from the City of Chicago). The Village of Bedford Park raised the rates that they charge Burr Ridge; presumably due to an increase from the City of Chicago. Our rate increase was in response to our increased cost to purchase water and the maintenance needs of our water distribution system. To say that this equates to a “Chicago bailout” is absurd.

Economic Development Committee - Three more new businesses opened up in the Village Center this year: Bouq Box Flowers, Peak Running, and brunch-and-seafood restaurant Hampton Social. County Line Square also welcomed a few new tenants, including The Rug Company and Lepa Boutique. Several other prominent businesses opened for business in 2017, including the new Crowne Plaza Hotel, Accel Entertainment, ASI Accurate Partitions, and Railhead. The Village is also set to welcome Spectrum Senior Living on 91st Street as well as a brand-new Hampton Inn Hotel on Harvester Drive to its business community in 2018. Economic Development Committee members include Mayor Mickey Straub, Trustee Tony Schiappa, Trustee Zach Mottl, Bhagwan Sharma, Sheryl Kern, and Kirsten Jepsen.



CNH Industrial was this year's winner of the “Community Appreciation Award” given out at the Village of Burr Ridge's Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast held in February at the Southwest Marriott in Burr Ridge. A recap for the Village was given by Mayor Straub and former Village Administrator Steve Stricker, along with a preview of what's coming next. The Keynote speaker was Rich Panico from Integrated Project Management in Burr Ridge. Congratulations, CNH Industrial, and thank you for all you do for Burr Ridge!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and allowing the Village to set the record straight.

The Neighborhood Video Surveillance Program has been steadily expanding throughout the Village, with thirteen subdivisions currently taking advantage of this program. Arrowhead Farms, Burr Oaks Glen South and Greenbriar, Fieldstone, and Kraml Estates all joined the video surveillance program this year. If your homeowners' association would like more information, please contact Jerry Sapp at 630-654-8181, ext. 4000.



Public Safety Initiatives - In conjunction with the Neighborhood Video Surveillance Program, it is currently under consideration to expand the program to the public way in the downtown area and various intersections throughout the Village. More residents and businesses have expressed interest in increased video surveillance systems as a matter of safety.



The Burr Ridge Police Department and Village assisted the Illinois Concerns of Police Survivors in hosting a National C.O.P.S. Training Conference at the CNH

Industrial facilities this past March. This particular training conference with over 200 attendees was the largest ever held by C.O.P.S., and dealt with the Traumas of Law Enforcement - line of duty deaths, assisting families and survivors, dealing with officer stress and suicide prevention. A big thank you to CNH Industrial and Springhill Suites for their outstanding support and sponsorship, and to all the local Burr Ridge businesses who helped sponsor this conference and bring it to Burr Ridge!

The Burr Ridge Police Department and their Citizens Police Academy Alumni group also hosted a rest stop for the Illinois C.O.P.S. Ride Across Illinois



bike ride in mid-July. A group of approximately 60 bike riders and their support staff make their way across Illinois annually to raise funds and awareness for the many family support camps, seminars, and programs the Illinois C.O.P.S. offer to the survivors of officers killed in the line of duty. Riders and staff were treated to fresh fruit, pastries, water, and even ice cream donated by MARS! A special ceremony was held for those officers killed in the line of duty, with special mention and honor given to former Pleasantview Fire Chief Ed Switalski, who was killed in the line of duty in Michigan this past year. Both the Pleasantview and



Tri-State Fire Departments were on hand to honor former Fire Chief Switalski, and as is tradition, a very large United States Flag was hung from their rig.

The Burr Ridge Police Department

joined the One Mind Campaign this past year. Sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), this campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. Departments joining the One Mind campaign must pledge to implement four promising practices over a 12-36 month time frame which include: establishing a clearly defined and sustainable partnership with a community mental health organization, developing a model policy to implement police response to persons affected by mental illness, training and certifying sworn officers and selected non-sworn staff in mental health first aid training, and providing crisis intervention team training. Currently, 70% of the Burr Ridge patrol officers and supervisors are certified Crisis Intervention Team officers. Soon, they will be at 100%!



Burr Ridge PD Retirees and New Hires

There were several longtime Burr Ridge Police Officers who retired this year. Sergeant Jerry Karceski (29 years) and Officer Dan O'Connor, (26 years) both retired from the police force this summer and fall. We will miss them, but wish them both well in their retirement adventures! Two new hires, Romond Payne and Brandon Watson are now in the Field Training program. Romond and Brandon will now spend three months in field training with a Burr Ridge Police Officer to "learn the ropes" before they are released on their own for patrol. We welcome both Romond and Brandon to our Burr Ridge family!



National Night Out 2017-

The Burr Ridge Police Department and Park District hosted the annual "National Night Out" at Harvester Park. Kids were treated to a bubble show, given tours of the Pleasantview and Tri-State Fire District vehicles, a state-of-the-art police squad car, and treated to ice cream goodies from MARS. ADT was present with security home security tips, and both the fire district and police department handed out goodies for the kids to take home. It was a good night for all!



Nixle Notification System - This noti-

fication 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 can still sign up to receive these messages and determine their communication method of choice by going to the Burr Ridge website at www.burr-ridge.gov.

Armed Forces Day - Burr Ridge Resident Retired Navy Commander Dale Bottom was the Keynote speaker at this year's Armed Forces Day, with music provided by the West Suburban Concert Band. The Annual Patriot Award was given to WWII veteran and volunteer Wendell "Seedy" Ulrich, of Western Springs. *Nominations for this year's Patriot Award will be accepted through May 4. Check the Village's website (www.burr-ridge.gov) for more information and award criteria. The award will be presented on Saturday, May 19 during the 2018 Armed Forces Day Celebration.*



Special Events and Concerts on the Green - The Village's Special Events continued to be well attended this year, with even larger 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. Brookhaven Catering, Cooper's Hawk and Stix n' Stones provided a tasty variety of food, wine, craft beers, and other beverages for the concert attendees to enjoy. This year's Concerts on the Green season will kick off on June 15th.

Run The Ridge 5k - This was the 13th year for the Annual "Run the Ridge" C.A.R.A. Certified 5k race, which brought even more runners and walkers to County Line Square to raise funds for race beneficiary Pro Active Kids. Parents with small children and strollers as well as pets got into the action for the 1k "fun run/walk". This year's race is scheduled for June 2nd, 2018.



Run For Veterans - This was the fourth 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 by a special Veterans Color Guard, and ended on the Village Green. Local sponsor booths and veterans supporters added to the fun. All participants received event t-shirts and "dog tags" as souvenirs of their support and participation. This year's race is scheduled for Sunday, July 29th.



Car Show - Burr Ridge's 10th Annual Car Show was once again the



scene for a variety 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 tunes of the 1960's while

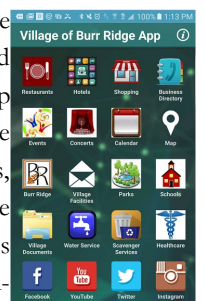
checking out all the cars! The Village Center was busy with both shoppers and car fans alike, all day long. A big thank - you to Corvette Mike's, all the exhibitors, and all their crew for another great car show! This year's Car Show will be held on Sunday, June 10th.

Jingle Mingle - The Village's annual kickoff to the holiday season was plagued by rain, early lightning, and cold - for the first time in years. However, hearty parade participants did their best in the rain to lift the spirits of all those waiting for the parade and to see "you-know-who" arrive in town! Several Girl and Boy Scout Troops, the Tri-State and Pleasantview Fire Districts, Lyons Township High School Flag squad, Lively Arts Academy, the Burr Ridge Veterans Committee, the Kiwanis Club, Mrs. Illinois, and various Village organizations all showed up to usher in the Holiday Season to Burr Ridge! Guests filled out postcards to send to the military through Operation Gratitude in exchange for a red Santa hat, and were able to decorate the hats if they chose to. 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 take pictures with all who were interested. A big thanks goes out to all who kept the holiday spirit going - regardless of the weather! Jingle Mingle is scheduled for November 16th this year.



Staying Informed is Easy! - Pick up the Village 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 website, social media sites, cable channels, and news media - all available to help you 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 - Don't forget about the Burr Ridge 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. Important Village updates will also be sent via "push notifications" to the Village App. Check it out!



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MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 5 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Stormwater Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 5 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Pathway Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 *Daylight Saving Begins*
- 12 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Secretary of State - MDSF - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Elections - 6:00 a.m.
- 20 Economic Development - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 2 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Village Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Police Pension Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 16 *Spring Branch Pickup Begins - 7:00 a.m. - Village Wide*
- 23 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

MAY

- 7 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Stormwater Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Pathway Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Village Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 *Water Sprinkling Restrictions Begin*
- 15 Economic Development Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Armed Forces Day Celebration - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Plan Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 28 *Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed*
- 29 Village Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

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