



# BURR RIDGE

## BRIEFS NEWSLETTER

2019 Annual Report

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#### Administrator's Annual Report - 2019

After each election cycle, the Village Board conducts a goal setting workshop at which time they establish strategic goals for the next two years. The last workshop was conducted in 2017 and established goals for 2017-19. A complete summary of goals and accomplishments is available on the Village web site. Several of the Board's Strategic Goals relate to economic development and enhancing the diversity of revenues that fund Village government (and thus, keep the Village portion of your property tax bill at less than 2 cents on the dollar). One of the major accomplishments in 2018 was the Village joining the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB). Among the many services provided by DCVB are booking meetings and conventions at Village properties, thus, generating additional business for local hotels and additional hotel tax revenue. DCVB is also working closely with Village staff to conduct a market feasibility study for Downtown Burr Ridge to assess alternative land uses that may contribute to the local economy.

Other indicators of a strong local economy include 100% occupancy of the County Line Square shopping center and a new owner of the Village Center. The Village looks forward to continuing to work with these landlords to maintain and grow our selection of retail, service, and restaurant businesses in Downtown Burr Ridge. The Village Board has also hired a new marketing consultant to promote our hotels, restaurants, and the Village overall, Kivvit. Kivvit is a local firm and was a unanimous choice by the Economic Development Committee and Village Board to develop and implement a new marketing plan for the Village. All marketing efforts are funded by the hotel taxes which may only be expended to generate overnight tourism within the Village.

In 2018 and continuing into 2019, the Village is responding to the Sterigenics situation in Willowbrook. Sterigenics is a sterilization company located at two buildings on Quincy Street in Willowbrook. A 2018 report from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) stated that Sterigenics is emitting Ethylene Oxide (EtO) which has been determined to be a carcinogen. Although Sterigenics has significantly reduced their emissions over the years, the United States Environmental Protection Agency continues to study EtO to determine a sustainable regulatory framework. In response, the Village of Burr Ridge Board of Trustees approved a Resolution asking the State of Illinois Attorney General to shut down Sterigenics pending further study, has hired a consultant to conduct ambient air testing in Burr Ridge, has reconstituted the Village's Environmental Quality Commission to serve as the Village's monitoring agent, and is petitioning to join a lawsuit filed by the Illinois Attorney General seeking the closure of Sterigenics. More information is available on the Village web site which continues to be updated as needed.

In April of 2019, residents will have the opportunity to elect a new Village President. Current Trustee Zach Mottl and former Village President Gary Grasso are on the ballot. There are also three incumbent Trustees on the ballot running unopposed; Trustees Al Paveza, Tony Schiappa, and Joe Snyder.

The Village looks forward to another prosperous and successful year in 2019. Our fiscal year begins on May 1 and all indications are that we will have another surplus budget and will continue to provide all of the community events, capital projects and services at a level that maintains our Village as a "Very Special Place".

- Doug Pollock, Village Administrator

# PUBLIC WORKS

## **Road Program Continues to Maintain a High Standard -**

This year's Road Program included resurfacing and roadway patching, crack-sealing, and pavement markings. Work in 2018 included resurfacing Hinsdale Industrial Park (Shore Drive-Court), Space Valley Subdivision (94th Street, Glenn Drive, Shephard Lane), Peppermill Court, Elm Court, Deerview Court, and Bucktrail Drive, as well as pavement patching on 83rd Street and Greenbriar Court. The 2018 Resurfacing Contract was completed by Lindahl Brothers, Inc., of Chicago Ridge, Illinois. A section of 59th Street within Burr Ridge limits was resurfaced as part of a contract administered by the



Village of Hinsdale. Contracts for crack-sealing and pavement markings were awarded using the joint bidding process with other DuPage County municipalities which reduces costs to small municipalities like Burr Ridge. Denler, Inc. completed our crack-sealing contract while

Superior Road Striping completed our pavement marking contracts. The total cost of all Road Program contracts summarized above was \$712,671.51, which was \$23,601.99 under the amended budget for this work.

**New Municipal Land & Forest Supervisor -** The Department of Public Works promoted Nicholas Just as the new Municipal Land & Forestry Supervisor. Nick has a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and obtained his arborist certification in 2017. He has been a valuable employee of the Public Works Department since 2010 and worked in various Divisions of the Department after graduating from ISU. For parkway tree questions, please feel free to call our new Village Arborist, Nick, at 630-323-4733.

**I-294 Widening Project On-Schedule for 2022 -** The Illinois Tollway hosted three open house meetings in April 2018 as part of ongoing plans to improve the Central Tri-State Tollway I-294. The open house meetings provided an opportunity for the Tollway to share information on the proposed concept and gather input from customers, residents, businesses and communities. Early stages of utility work are expected to begin in 2019, while the major roadway construction is anticipated in 2022.

**Burr Ridge Parkway Resurfacing -** The Village of Burr Ridge secured federal grant funding for resurfacing Burr Ridge Parkway. The Surface Transportation Program (STP), funds 70 percent (70%) of the \$725,000 construction cost estimate. The Village is targeting an IDOT construction letting in April 2019, followed by the construction.



## **Expedited Replacement of Chasemoor-Lincolnshire Pathway -**

The Village was able to use budget surplus transfers and capital investment from the Secret Forest subdivision to replace the Chasemoor-Lincolnshire pathway this year. The path is on rights-of-way owned by the Village, and is used often by residents in the area; however, its asphalt surface had become hazardous from tree roots and aging. The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department expedited project bidding by using competitive prices already procured by our partici-



ipation in the Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI) aggregated contract for concrete work. The MPI bid is a local joint initiative that presents an economy of scale and reduced cost to participating agencies. The project was completed in November 2018 at a cost of \$119,886.00.

**County Line Road Sidewalk Project -** The project is proceeding on schedule for construction in Spring 2019. The cost to construct this sidewalk project is currently estimated at \$697,000, for which a federal Surface Transportation (STP) program grant has been guaranteed to the Village in the amount of \$284,000. The STP grant must be used by September 2019. The Village has committed to a tight schedule for engineering design with its consultant to ensure the existing STP grant will be utilized.



## **County Line Road at Deer Path Trail Storm Sewer Replacement Project -**

The Village completed a project to replace storm sewer on County Line Road between the ponds at Deer Path Trail and Hidden Lake Drive, which pipe had collapsed and failed underground in October 2017. This project was designed to construct a reinforced concrete storm sewer and provide an outlet control structure more accessible for maintenance, which alleviates high-water levels and roadway flooding while increasing stormwater detention storage. Unique Plumbing Company Inc., of Brookfield, Illinois, began the work in September 2018 and has substantially completed the project in the amount of \$267,856, which is \$18,960 under budget.

## **Want to receive your water bill via email?**



You can sign up at the [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://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.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals** - The Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals conducts public hearings and makes recommendations to the Village Board regarding re-quests 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 2018, the Commission held 15 meetings which included public hearings for 9 zoning variations, 4 hearings for rezoning of land, 15 special use requests, 8 text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, as well as 2 Planned Unit Development and an amendment to a Planned Unit Development. The special use approvals included the approval of a McDonald's at Spectrum Senior Living and a custom art studio and a dog training facility at County Line Square. 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, Barry Irwin, Janine Farrell, Luisa Hoch, Jim Broline, Mary Praxmarer, and Joe Petrich (alternate).



Artist Rendering of Lakeside Pointe Entry at Bridewell Drive

**Community Developments** - Lakeside Pointe, a new 44-unit single family home neighborhood Planned Unit Development behind the Marriott, is being developed by McNaughton Development. Construction has begun with approximately half of the units sold, with several units completed. Another subdivision was approved at 7950 Drew Avenue; this subdivision, called The Cottages at Drew, will have eight single-family units, some of which will have spectacular walk-out basements overlooking a natural wetland. Construction is set to begin in summer 2019.

**Economic Development Committee** - The Economic Development Committee is getting a refresh starting in 2019. The Board has approved the Committee's request to move meetings from every 3rd Tuesday, bi-monthly, to every 3rd Wednesday, monthly, as well as moving to a 9:00 a.m. meeting time. The EDC has also expanded its roster to 11 total seats, including a chairperson, meaning that seven seats are now open. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Village staff and fill out a questionnaire.

Several businesses of note opened in the Village in 2018, including Spectrum Senior Living, Hampton Inn & Suites, Amore Yoga, the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, and The Henn House. The Village is also pleased to announce that the Village Center is being bought by a consortium led by Edwards Realty Group and Core Acquisitions, both local companies, who have many plans and ideas to bring new energy to downtown Burr Ridge. The Village is also set to welcome McDonald's on Kingery Highway in late 2019. Economic Development Committee members include Trustee Tony Schiappa, Trustee Zach Mottl, Bhagwan Sharma, and Kirsten Jepsen.



Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, South Frontage Road



The Henn House, County Line Square



Hampton Inn & Suites, South Frontage Road

**In this newsletter's "Business Highlight", we feature Railhead Corporation.** Railhead Corporation officially moved into their new corporate headquarters at 224 Shore Ct. in February of 2018. Originally founded in 1964, the firm provided car and locomotive parts and air tool repair service to the Railroads in the greater Chicago area. As the business grew, the firm transitioned from a manufacturer's rep firm to a manufacturer. In 2006, longtime employee and VP of Sales, Joseph Donnan became President and owner of Railhead.

Under Mr. Donnan's leadership, the business has grown into three thriving divisions, servicing not only railroads across North America, but the industrial and aviation marketplace as a whole. **Railhead Gear** is the market leader of locomotive LED headlights and bulbs, LED headlamps, flashlights, warning lights and safety equipment. **K & E Tools** specializes in the sales and service of Industrial Air Tools. The company's largest division, **Railhead Systems** is a pioneer with on-board locomotive and railroad video and remote monitoring safety systems.

The recent expansion and renovation to 224 Shore Ct. will allow Railhead to expand engineering, sales, production and warehouse needs. The company recently announced an \$11 million contract with Chicago Metra to install a state-of-the-art HD video systems. Metra will use the system to verify that train crews are following safety laws and operating rules, gather information in accident investigations, and to identify safety issues before they lead to incidents. The Village is proud to include Railhead Corporation as part of its community, and we look forward to fostering a business environment that allows them to further succeed and grow!



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Burr Ridge Police Chief John Madden** - Chief John Madden is proud to serve with the men and women of the Burr Ridge Police Department as he begins his 29th year of service to the Village. Chief Madden continues to be at the forefront of progressive policing. He has recognized the growing concerns involving mental health and ensured that officers are trained to recognize and respond to people in crisis. He has responded to the growing concerns of opioid addiction and overdoses by equipping officers with NARCAN, which can reverse the effects of an overdose. Chief Madden has committed the Department to support the Shared Principles of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to defend and protect the civil rights of all citizens in keeping our communities and citizens safe. For more information on the Shared Principles, go to: <https://www.ilchiefs.org/press-release-shared-principles>. Chief Madden currently serves as the president of the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association, and is a candidate for 3rd Vice President of the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association.



**Deputy Chief Marc Loftus** - Completed a 10-week long training and education course at the FBI National Academy this past summer. This course is by selection only, and is designed to foster nationwide police leadership and cooperation. Deputy Chief Loftus was part of the FBI Academy's 273rd Class, and also received the Academy's prestigious "Yellow Brick" for completing a very rigorous physical training and outdoor challenge course. Deputy Chief Loftus joins Chief John Madden - FBI Academy Class 265 and Yellow Brick achiever - in this elite group of FBI graduates. Congratulations, Deputy Chief Loftus - well done!

**New Hires** - The Burr Ridge PD saw the hiring of two new officers in the later part of 2018. Jamie Kroll and Margaret Scheidel completed the 14 week officer training program at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in Glen Ellyn, and are now in their 12 weeks of Field Training with Field Training Supervisors. Both are expected to be out on patrol by themselves toward the end of April, when their Field Training ends. Best of luck to you, Jamie and Margaret - and welcome to Burr Ridge!!



**Burr Ridge Police Officers Trained in Mental Health First Aid** - 100% of Burr Ridge Police Officers have now been trained in the "One Mind" mental health first aid program, with 90% of the officers having an additional 40 hours of training in crisis intervention team training. 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.



## **Burr Ridge Police Department Co-Hosts National C.O.P.S. Conference and Climbing For C.O.P.S. Event**

The Burr Ridge Police Department co-hosted the National Concerns of Police Survivors Conference on Wellness and Trauma with the Oak Brook Police Department and the Illinois C.O.P.S. held November 9 - 11 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Brook. Over 500 police officers and those working with police departments from around the nation attended this conference which focused on dealing with such topics as stress, officer suicide, PTSD, and pro-active wellness. Prior to the Conference, a fundraising tower climb - "Climbing For C.O.P.S." took place in Oak Brook. A participant dinner donated by Falco's of Burr Ridge followed the event. Many Burr Ridge businesses contributed to the conference as sponsors; including Falco's, Cooper's Hawk, MARS Chocolate, Double Good popcorn, and Brookhaven. Various Village Center stores also provided coupons and other items for the attendee Burr Ridge "swag" bags! Special thanks to all the volunteers representing Burr Ridge and the Burr Ridge Citizens Police Academy who helped make the National Conference a success!



**Officers Save Lives Using Narcan** - With the ongoing rise in opioid abuse, all Burr Ridge officers carry and are trained in the use of Narcan, an opioid antagonist used to reverse the effects of an overdose. Since 2014, Burr Ridge officers have carried Narcan and used it nine times before paramedics arrived on the scene. That's 9 lives saved that otherwise might not have made it...



**Lock it or Lose it!** - Burr Ridge and surrounding communities have been the target of car thieves, with 12 vehicles reported stolen in Burr Ridge in 2018. Almost all of the cases reported involved vehicles that were left unlocked! Residents are being constantly reminded to lock their cars whenever they leave them - or risk losing them! Unlocked cars are an invitation for someone to break into or steal them, or gain entry to your home. Lock 'em up!



**Citizens Police Academy** - There will be another class of the Citizens Police Academy this spring. The class will run one evening a week for 10 weeks, and is open to residents and/or those who work in Burr Ridge. For more information or to register for the class, email Officer Robert Wirth at: [Rwirth@burr-ridge.gov](mailto:Rwirth@burr-ridge.gov).

**Nixle Notification System** - This 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 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](http://www.burr-ridge.gov).





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Armed Forces Day** - Mark Finnegan of "Let's Roll" was the Key-note speaker at this year's Armed Forces Day, with music provided by the West Suburban Concert Band. The Annual Patriot Award was awarded to Chuck Bosko, who is a dedicated Veterans Service Officer for the State of Illinois.



*Nominations for this year's Patriot Award will be accepted through May 3. Check the Village's website ([www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov)) for more information and award criteria. The award will be presented on Saturday, May 18 during the 2019 Armed Forces Day Celebration.*

**Concerts on the Green** - This year brought 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 con-



tinued 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, The Hampton Social and Stix n' Stones were joined by Nothing Bundt Cakes (Darien) to provide a tasty variety of wines, craft beers, sangria, "Froze's", pizza, and bundt cakes for concert attendees to enjoy. This year's Concerts on the Green series will kick off on June 14th. Join us!

**Run The Ridge 5k** - The 14th Annual "Run the Ridge" C.A.R.A. Certified 5k race and 1k run/walk added a new component to the race this year with the addition of wheelchair competitors. Thus, it became a "run/walk/roll" event! This year's charity fundraising race is scheduled for June 1, 2019.



**Secretary of State's Mobile Services Returns** - The Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility came to the Burr Ridge Village Hall (7660 County Line Road) three times in 2018 and will return three times in 2019. Scheduled dates for 2019 are March 13, August 14, and November 13th, 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](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).



**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 9th. Get your engines ready!!



**Jingle Mingle** - The Village's annual kickoff to the Holiday Season was fortunate to have great weather this year. Local 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, Trinity Lutheran School, Gower Middle School Marching Band, Mrs. Illinois Nicole Cook (who also happens to be Mrs. America this year!) and various Village organizations all jumped in to help usher in the Holiday Season to Burr Ridge. Guests filled out postcards to send to the military in exchange for a Santa hat, kids made crafts and ornaments, had their faces painted, rode the Magic Train, posed for silly Elf and Santa selfies, and collected giveaways from participating merchants. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived atop a firetruck to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and to take pictures with all who were interested. A big thanks goes out to all those who participated, and our sponsors! Jingle Mingle is scheduled for Friday, November 15th 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 informed. 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. Push notifications of important Village information are also sent through the app on a regular basis.



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**MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR\***

**FEBRUARY**

- 4 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Stormwater Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.@ PW
- 13 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Economic Development - 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

**MARCH**

- 4 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 *Daylight Saving Begins*
- 11 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Secretary of State - MDSF - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 13 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Pathway Commission
- 18 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Economic Development - 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Bicycle Committee - 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

**APRIL**

- 2 Village Elections - 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Village Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Police Pension Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Economic Development - 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

**MAY**

- 6 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Pathway Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Village Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Stormwater Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Economic Development Committee - 9:00 a.m.
- 18 Armed Forces Day Celebration - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 *Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed*
- 28 Village Board - 7:00 p.m. - *scheduled due to Memorial Day*
- 29 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

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