



BURR RIDGE

BRIEFS NEWSLETTER

2020 Annual Report

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Information About March 17 Home Rule Referendum: On March 17, 2020, voters in Burr Ridge will vote on a Referendum asking: Shall the Village of Burr Ridge become a home rule unit? Home rule means transferring more decision-making authority from the State of Illinois to the Village of Burr Ridge. For example, Burr Ridge has five hotels that generate more than \$650,000 per year in hotel taxes. As a non-home rule Village, the State of Illinois requires that Burr Ridge spend 75% of those taxes on tourism when the Village may need those funds for Springfield-mandated obligations such as police pensions. If Burr Ridge becomes a home rule community, the Village would decide how to spend those dollars and could use that money for streets, sidewalks, public safety or any other local government function that serves Burr Ridge residents.

Some residents may have heard that the Village of Willowbrook approved a home rule referendum in 2019. Willowbrook sought home rule authority to enact additional regulatory authority to address the Sterigenics issue.

The Village Board recently passed an ordinance to combat one of the concerns voters have with home rule - that a Board would raise property taxes. At the urging of Mayor Grasso, the Board of Trustees addressed this concern by amending our Municipal Code to establish a policy that the Board will not use home rule authority to increase property taxes. This legislation prohibits any future Board from changing this no-property tax increase policy, unless that Board mails a notice to each household in Burr Ridge that the Board might raise property taxes and it is placed on the agenda of the next three meetings of the Village Board before there is a vote to change this policy, so that all residents can make their feelings known to the Board. The purpose of this no-property-tax-increase policy is to make it unlikely for a Mayor or Trustee to vote to raise property taxes without public support.

The referendum question will be on the March 17, 2020 ballot.

If residents have any questions, they may call Village Administrator Doug Pollock at (630) 654-8181, extension 2000 or email Doug at dpollock@burr-ridge.gov.

Administrator's Annual Report: In April of 2019, residents elected Gary Grasso as Mayor and elected Al Paveza, Tony Schiappa, and Joe Snyder to continue their service as Trustees. They continue their service on the Village Board with Trustees Guy Franzese, Anita Mital and Zach Mottl.

Looking to 2020, with a new decade comes the United States Census (see page 3). For every citizen counted in Burr Ridge, the Village will realize additional transfer taxes from the State and Federal governments. Thus, the Village Board has created the ad hoc Complete Count Committee, chaired by Trustee Anita Mital, to help promote an accurate and complete count. Remember: you count, so be counted in Burr Ridge!

More information about Village programs, services, events, etc. is provided in this newsletter. I also encourage you to go to our web site at www.burr-ridge.gov and open the recently updated "New Resident Information" packet where you will find much more information about the Village of Burr Ridge.

On behalf of the Mayor, 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

PUBLIC WORKS

Downtown and Neighborhood Street Improvements Completed

The heart of downtown Burr Ridge got a new look this past Fall when Burr Ridge Parkway was resurfaced. The Village obtained a federal grant for 70 percent of the construction cost, while the State's allocation of Motor Fuel Tax funds covered the remainder; therefore, the Village expended no funds for this vital downtown improvement. The work was successfully completed by Lindahl Brothers Inc. and inspected by consultant engineers at Patrick Engineering, Inc. for a total amount of \$680,563. The Village's 2019 Road Program resurfaced over 2 miles of Burr Ridge neighborhood streets and crack sealed an additional 4 miles of streets. The total cost for all 2019 Road Program contracts was \$745,139, which was \$1,896 less than the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget by the Village for this work.

Parkway Trees Essential to the Village - During 2019, the Village removed 170 trees as a result of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation and re-planted nearly 100 new trees. The Village continues to use imidacloprid for effective treatment of 575 remaining Ash trees in order to prolong their viability in our urban forest. We plan to keep our Village trees as healthy as possible for as long as we can!

One-Time Annual Branch Pickup - The Village again offered its residents the one-time annual branch pickup, which is always scheduled for the 4th Monday of October. As a reminder, unlimited branches and landscape waste can be disposed any time between April 1st and December 15th with residents' regular waste pick-up, which is included at no additional charge with their weekly collection.

Aging Sanitary Sewers to be Inspected - The Village is proactively checking several miles of sanitary sewers on the Cook County side of the Village for deterioration and other factors that may lead to inflow and infiltration of its old sewer pipe. The Village is using RJN Group to conduct this evaluation and locate cracks or other defects in the clay pipe. In December 2019, the contractor performed inspections of several manholes (access points to the sewer). In January 2020, the contractor will insert cameras into the pipes, followed up in May 2020 with smoke testing injection. Residents whose homes are in neighborhoods undergoing smoke testing will receive notices with more information.

Water Main Replacements in Carriage Way and Chasemoor Subdivisions

Two aging sections of the Village water main were replaced in Fall 2019. These included water main along County Line Lane and Carriage Place in the Carriage Way subdivision, and Chasemoor Drive at 79th Street near the entrance to Chasemoor Subdivision. The project which started in early fall was successfully completed by Cecchin Plumbing & Heating Inc. by mid-November. The total construction contract cost for replacing these water mains was \$989,902. With early coordination meetings, various posted notices, and on-call inspector meetings, residents were kept informed, and the Village appreciates their patience during the various stages of these important projects, which included brief periods without water service.

County Line Road Sidewalk Project



Construction began in the Fall on the sidewalk gap along the east side of County Line Road from Longwood Drive to 60th Street at Katherine Legge Memorial Park. A federal grant valued at \$284,000 has been guaranteed to the Village toward its construction, which will total nearly \$670,000. Davis Concrete Construction, of

Mokena, IL, is completing this project for the Village and started the work in late Summer. As a result of underground utility conflicts and unforeseen early winter weather conditions, the construction was delayed and has been scheduled to resume in Spring 2020.



I-294 Widening Project On-Schedule for 2022 - Early stages of utility work began in 2019, while the major roadway construction is anticipated in 2022. The Village of Burr Ridge continues to coordinate closely with the Illinois Tollway on plans and work related the Illinois Tollway's Central Tri-State (I-294) Project. Current work nearby includes the Mile Long Bridge project just south of 75th Street, and the BNSF Bridge over I-294 between 47th and Ogden Avenue. Please continue to watch our newsletters and other communications as we will continue to share updates as they are available.

Road Maintenance Program On Track - As always, we completed our annual road maintenance program in 2019. The "Road Program" is an aggressive and unique approach to maintaining our streets. It begins with biennial inspections (every odd numbered year) of literally every square foot of street under the Village's jurisdiction. Village staff generates a report ranking the condition of each street. The results of this assessment determine resurfacing and maintenance priorities for the next two years. Each year, the Board of Trustees uses Motor Fuel Tax from the State of Illinois (40%) and surpluses from the General Fund (60%) to pay for the Road Program. Unlike most other Villages, Burr Ridge does not borrow money or assess residents for the costs of our road program. The combination of the biennial inspections and prudent budgeting allows Burr Ridge to resurface streets on a 15 to 20 year cycle without major reconstruction and without incurring debt. The Road Program is but one example of how we do things "the Burr Ridge way."



Census 2020 - Between March and June, the United States will conduct its decennial Census program. The Census is essential to the Village of Burr Ridge for the following reasons:



- **Federal funding.** The Census' results are used to determine distribution of over \$675 billion in federal grants, which supports local hospitals, schools, senior centers, and public works programs.
- **Local funding.** For each person counted as residing in Burr Ridge in the Census, the Village will receive **\$176 per person, annually** from the State of Illinois. This money is used to support critical Village services, such as the police department and our high-quality roads.
- **Political impact.** The results of the Census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

When responding to the Census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on **April 1, 2020**. The Census will accept responses online, but you may also respond by phone or mail if you prefer. The Census **will not** ask you for personal information, such as **citizenship status or Social Security Numbers**. The Village has established a Complete Count Committee to act as a liaison for the community to the Census. This Committee's purpose is to ensure that Village residents are counted fairly and accurately, as well as to act as a source of non-partisan information about the Census for the benefit of its residents. Please visit the following link on the Village website to learn more about Burr Ridge's involvement with the Census: www.burr-ridge.gov/census-2020. The Village is grateful for your participation in the Census, as the Census represents an important opportunity to ensure that the Village remains "A Very Special Place".

New Business - Several businesses of note opened in the Village in 2019, including McDonald's on Kingery Highway, Centene Corporation, American Services Inc., Factor 75, Bel Canto Music Academy, Midwest Associates, and Oremus Materials. For 2020, two new businesses were approved to open at the Village Center - LifeWork and Sephora; and the establishment of a private school at 6880 North Frontage Road was also approved.



Opened February 10, 2020 at the Village Center!

Textile and Electronics Recycling Now Both Available in Burr Ridge - The Village of Burr Ridge continues to work in collaboration with DuPage County and its electronic recycling center outside our Public Works building located at 451 Commerce Street. This same facility now partners with RewearAble to collect any clothing and textiles for reuse and recycling. eWorks still offers electronics recycling here as well. Now any old electronics, as well as old clothing, ripped clothing, bedding, towels, and fabrics can now be recovered for reuse or recycling. eWorks and RewearAble are non-profit job creation programs committed to helping people with developmental disabilities pursue sustainable employment in the recycling sector. Check the DuPage County website often for a complete listing of items accepted by eWorks and RewearAble. For example, starting in 2020, eWorks will take small household appliances like blenders, coffee pots, microwaves, vacuums etc. Electronics and textiles can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note the site is closed on the following days for 2020:

Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 20

Labor Day – Monday, September 7

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25

Memorial Day – Monday, May 25

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26

Independence Day (observed) – Friday, July 3

Day after Thanksgiving – Friday, November 27



In this newsletter's "Business Highlight", we feature Sepire. Officially opening its doors for business on May 17th, 2019, Sepire is looking to redefine the production and execution of critical communications for the healthcare industry with its core product, CompliChain™. Sepire, a WBENC and BEP certified company, is an omnichannel communications company specializing in secure print and direct mail services – with a niche focus on healthcare. "We are a technology-forward company delivering solutions in a highly secure environment with comprehensive security certifications, including SOC 2 and HIPAA," said Michelle Steinberg, Founder and CEO. She went on to say, "Our client-facing portal, CompliChain™, provides real-time production reporting to our clients for ultimate transparency – simply stated, we specialize in producing and mailing critical information 365x7x24 days a year with total transparency." Since opening, Sepire has been named an "Innovator of the year" by Printing Impressions Magazine and recognized as a signatory of the "UN Global Compact," and "CEO Action Network for Diversity," this speaks to Sepire's desire to upend the status quo. From their location, Sepire services clients across the US - leveraging the fact that as a provider of direct mail, they can reach 98% of the US in three business days or less. "Yes, we invested heavily in technology, equipment, and security, but we feel that our team and the client experience they deliver is our unique differentiator in the market. Being in Burr Ridge allows us to attract the talent required to scale." "We are excited about becoming an integral part of the Burr Ridge community," Steinberg concluded. Sepire is located at 7600 S. Grant Street, Burr Ridge. Phone: 312.736.2326



POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Hires - The Burr Ridge Police Department welcomed two new officers in 2019. Officer Hemza Shaibi came to us in November from the Chicago Police Department, and is currently in his Field Training, a three month program designed to acclimate new officers to Burr Ridge. Raul Campos is currently attending the Police Academy, and is set to graduate on April 12, 2020. Following that, he will also be in Field Training for three months. Welcome Hemza and Raul!!



Burr Ridge Officers Receive High Honors - 11 Burr Ridge Police Officers received honors in 2019 for service above and beyond the typical call of duty. The following officers were awarded honors, as follows: **Life Saving Award** - Megan Garcia, Brian Gutierrez, Kyle Jarolimek, Timothy Lesniak, Thomas McNabb, Brandon Watson, Lukas

Weeks; **Meritorious Service** - Michael Cervenka, Kris Garcia, Matthew Overton, Brandon Valentino; **Distinguished Service** - Brian Gutierrez, Kyle Jarolimek, Brandon Watson. We are very proud and appreciative for all that our officers do on a daily basis to keep Burr Ridge safe, and "A Very Special Place". Congratulations, Officers! Keep up the good work!

CALEA Assessors Return For Re-Accreditation - A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive in Burr Ridge to conduct a Gold Standard Assessment examining all aspects of the Burr Ridge Police Department's

policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. This verification process is voluntary to gain continued Advanced Accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence that the Burr Ridge PD has held since 2007. Members of the Community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team on Monday, March 9 via telephone at (630) 850-4066, or a public information forum held at the Police Station, 7700 South County Line Road at 5:00 p.m. Assessors assigned to Burr Ridge will review written materials, interview individuals, and conduct a facility inspection for evidence of specific compliance standards. Once this is completed, they will report back to the Commission, which decides if accreditation status is granted. Accreditation status is for four years. Should you have any comments regarding the CALEA Accreditation process for Burr Ridge, the local contact is Deputy Chief Marc Loftus who may be reached at (630) 323-8181 or at mloftus@burr-ridge.gov. Electronic comments may also be submitted via email to calea@calea.org. This will be the Burr Ridge Police Department's third reaccreditation evaluation!



Burr Ridge Police Department Co-Hosts National C.O.P.S. Conference

The Burr Ridge Police Department once again co-hosted the National Concerns of Police Survivors Conference on Wellness and Trauma, held November 8 - 10 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Brook. Over 625 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. Of special note was Burr Ridge resident Jim Peterik performing his hit song, "Eye of the Tiger" at the opening ceremonies on a specially commissioned, signed guitar that was auctioned off at the Conference. Special thanks to all the volunteers representing Burr Ridge and the Burr Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni who helped make the National Conference a success. The conference will be moving around the country and is set to take place in Oklahoma City next year.



Mayor Grasso, Jim Peterik, Chief Madden, Deputy Chief Loftus

Lock it or Lose it!



Burr Ridge and surrounding communities have continued to be the target of car thieves, with 12 vehicles reported stolen in Burr Ridge in 2019, all of which involved vehicles that were left unlocked, or the owners had left the key fob inside the car. These thieves are smart, they know that many cars these days start with a key fob push button system. They also know that many residents keep their garage door openers inside their cars, and do not lock their house to garage door. This poses a greater risk to residents than just their car being stolen, as the thieves now have access to your home. **Please, be sure to lock your cars at all times, and ALWAYS take your keys/key fobs with you!!** Don't forget about your garage door openers inside your car - be sure to keep your house to garage door locked at all times, for your own safety. **We all need to do our part to keep our cars, homes, and families safe!**

Prescription Medication Disposal Box Back in Service - The medicine drop-off box for expired, unwanted medicines is back in service! The dropbox is located inside the Police Station lobby, and is available during business hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sharps/syringes are not accepted, please place all medications in a clear, ziplock bag. Pill bottles are not recyclable.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Armed Forces Day - Armed Forces Day this year was another memorable tribute to all those serving in the military. Local author Mark Farina spoke about his book highlighting his father-in-law's true adventures as a WWII bomber pilot in *"Casey and the Flying Fortress"*. Bruce Harken of Western Springs was awarded this year's Patriot's Award, and the West Suburban Concert Band rounded things out with their performances of familiar patriotic tunes. A reception was held afterward inside the Village Hall. 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. This year's Patriot Award will be presented on Saturday, May 16 during the 2020 Armed Forces Day Celebration.



Concerts on the Green - This year brought even larger turnout crowds for the "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 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) and Kernel Dan's Kettlecorn to provide a tasty variety of wines, craft beers, sangria, "Froze's", pizza, popcorn, and bundt cakes for concert attendees to enjoy. This year's "Concerts on the Green" series will kick off on Thursday, June 18th as we bring you another season of great music!

Run The Ridge 5k - The 16th Annual "Run the Ridge" C.A.R.A. Certified 5k race and 1k run/walk added wheelchair competitors last year, thus, it became a "run/walk/roll" event! This year's charity fundraising race is scheduled for June 6, 2020. **Run The Ridge** is celebrating 16 years as Burr Ridge's premiere 5k event this year - don't miss it!! For sponsorship information, contact Janet Kowal at jkowal@burr-ridge.gov, or call 630-654-8181, ext. 2120.



Car Show - Burr Ridge's 12th Annual Car Show was once again the scene for a variety of Classic and Modern 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 13th Annual Car Show will be held on Sunday, June 14th. Get your engines ready and your cars detailed!



Jingle Mingle - The Village's annual kickoff to the Holiday Season was met with even larger crowds this year! Local Girl and Boy Scout Troops, the Tri-State and Pleasantview Fire Districts, Lyons Township High School Flag squad, Live Arts Academy, the Burr Ridge Veterans Committee, the Kiwanis Club, Trinity Lutheran School, Gower Middle School Marching Band, Miss Illinois America, the Merry Mixer, Jingle Johns, 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 13th this year.



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 2019 and will return three times in 2020. Scheduled dates for 2020 are March 11, August 12, and November 18th, 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. "Real Id" licenses must be obtained at a regular driver's facility location. To learn more, visit the Secretary of State's web site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.



Secretary of State
Driver Services Facility

Dates for 2020:
March 11, August 12
November 18

Driver's License/Vehicle Renewal - State IDs - Vision Screening
NO Real Id's Processed, NO testing. Hours: 9 to 3 pm.
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

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MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR*

FEBRUARY

- 3 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Economic Development - 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Stormwater Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.@ PW
- 12 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 2 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Economic Development - 6:00 p.m.
- 8 *Daylight Saving Begins*
- 9 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Secretary of State - MDSF - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Pathway Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 PRIMARY ELECTIONS
- 18 Bicycle Committee - 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 Economic Development - 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Police Pension Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Village Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Veterans Memorial Committee - 4:00 p.m.

MAY

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

Keep in touch! Visit our website and social media sites for up-to-date Village information. Like, Follow, and Watch us at: "BRVillage"



** Meeting updates/ cancellations will be posted on the Village Website Calendar at: www.burr-ridge.gov/calendar.*