



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Trustees  
**FROM:** Village Administrator Evan Walter and Staff  
**DATE:** April 8, 2022  
**RE:** Village Administrator's Weekly Report

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The following is the Village Staff's weekly report of upcoming Village meetings, staff updates, and various reports. This memo is provided every Friday and distributed to Trustees, Staff, and posted on the Village web site. Any concerns or questions should be directed to the Village staff at (630) 654-8181.

### Upcoming Public Meetings

- **Monday, April 11: Board of Trustees – 7 PM; Board Room**
- **Tuesday, April 12: Police Pension Board – 7PM; Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, April 13: Board of Fire & Police – 7 PM; PD Conference Room**
- **Monday, April 18: Plan Commission – 7 PM; Police Station Training Room**
- **Monday, April 25: Board of Trustees – 7 PM; Board Room**
- **Monday, May 2: Plan Commission – 7 PM; Police Station Training Room**
- **Wednesday, May 4: Economic Development – 6 PM; Board Room**
- **Saturday, May 7: Run the Ridge 5K/1K – 8 AM; Downtown Burr Ridge**
- **Monday, May 9: Board of Trustees – 7 PM; Board Room**
- **Tuesday, May 10: Stormwater Committee – 7 PM; Public Works Building**
- **Wednesday, May 11: Board of Fire & Police – 7 PM; PD Conference Room**
- **Monday, May 16: Plan Commission – 7 PM; Police Station Training Room**
- **Saturday, May 21: Armed Forces Day Ceremony – 9 AM; Veterans Memorial**
- **Monday, May 23: Board of Trustees – 7 PM; Board Room**
- **Monday, May 30: Memorial Day – Village Offices Closed**

## **Village Highlights and Updates**

**Burr Ridge Named Tree City USA:** The Village has once again been recognized as a Tree City USA for its commitment to urban forestry. See the attached letter from the Arbor Day Foundation. This year Arbor Day Week is from April 24 to April 30. The Village will hold a tree planting ceremony on Friday, April 29. A tree will be planted at the Veteran's Memorial in honor of Jack Schaus. Details of the ceremony will be shared once plans are finalized.

**Run the Ridge 5K:** Community Engagement Analyst Hannah Weyant is finalizing plans for the May 7 Run the Ridge 5K. The route has been changed from prior years, which gives participants a chance to see different sites of the Village. See the attached flyer for the schedule, route, and registration information. Whether you plan to run or walk, we hope to see you there.

**Summer Employment at Public Works:** The Burr Ridge Public Works Department is accepting applications for a summer seasonal worker and also an Engineering Intern. Both positions are for a duration of 3 – 4 months over the summer. More information and a link to file a job application can be found [here](#).

**Village Administrator Leave:** Village Administrator Evan Walter is out of the office on paternity leave until April 25 to assist with and celebrate the birth of his third child, due in the second week of April. Please direct your inquiries to Julie Tejkowski or the appropriate department head during this time.

## **Reports and Briefings**

- ❖ **IML Statehouse Briefing:** Attached is the Illinois Municipal League Statehouse Briefing dated April 4, 2022.

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Mayor Gary Grasso  
7660 County Line Rd  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Dear Tree City USA Community Member,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I congratulate Burr Ridge on earning recognition as a 2021 Tree City USA. We are so thrilled that Burr Ridge takes pride in creating a community that places unique value on the planting and caring of trees.

Burr Ridge is part of an incredible network of more than 3,600 Tree City USA's, with a combined total population of 155 million. The Tree City USA program is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's earliest programs. We are proud to partner with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters to maintain this community.

Over the last few years, it has become increasingly clear of the value and importance that trees hold for our future. Cities and towns across the globe are facing challenges when it comes to air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. Burr Ridge shows its residents and peers that they are forward-thinking and eager to combat these issues. By showing your dedication to urban forestry, you demonstrate a commitment to a brighter, greener future.

We hope you are as excited as we are to share this accomplishment with your local media and your residents. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for you to distribute at your convenience.

State foresters will receive the Tree City USA recognition materials and coordinate on how to distribute them. We will forward information about your awards to your state forester's office to facilitate the presentation. Your community's Arbor Day ceremony would be the best time to mention the Tree City USA award.

Again, we are excited to celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of Burr Ridge and thank you for helping us plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DLambe'.

Dan Lambe  
Arbor Day Foundation Chief Executive

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Arbor Day Foundation

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**Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes Burr Ridge as a Tree City USA®**  
*Burr Ridge earns the Tree City USA recognition for their commitment to urban forestry*

LINCOLN, Nebraska (3/4/2022) – Burr Ridge was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Burr Ridge achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: forming a tree board or department, creating a tree-care ordinance, having an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Tree City USA communities benefit from the positive effects that an urban tree canopy has year after year," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Burr Ridge ensure that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program helps cultivate a sense of stewardship and pride for the trees the community plants and cares for."

Planting trees in an urban space comes with a myriad of [benefits](#) past the recognition of this program. Urban tree plantings help reduce energy consumption by up to 25%, which will reduce general energy costs and help with the overall cooling of the city as well. In addition, members of the community benefit from properly placed trees as they increase property values from 7–20%. Trees also positively affect the local ecosystem by helping to clean water and create animal habitats to encourage biodiversity.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

**About the Arbor Day Foundation**

Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than one million members, supporters and valued partners. Since 1972, almost 500 million Arbor Day Foundation trees have been planted in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests throughout the world. Our vision is to lead toward a world where trees are used to solve issues critical to survival.

As one of the world's largest operating conservation foundations, the Arbor Day Foundation, through its members, partners and programs, educates and engages stakeholders and communities across the globe to involve themselves in its mission of planting, nurturing and celebrating trees. More information is available at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).



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7:30 AM - PRE-RACE WARM UP

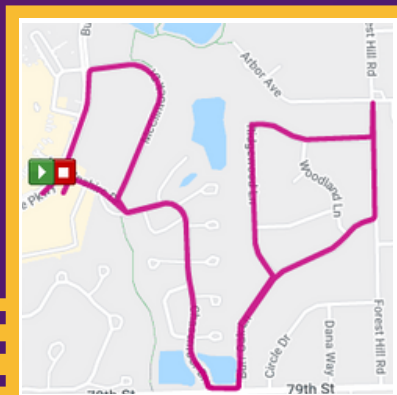
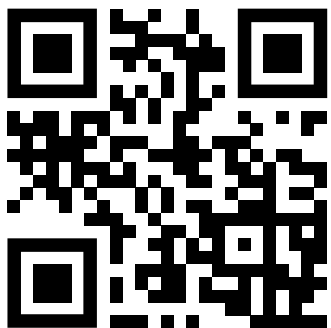
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April 4, 2022

### **PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT**

With only five scheduled days left of the Spring Legislative Session, there are several outstanding issues that the General Assembly must consider prior to adjourning, as well as items of municipal concern that could surface with little notice or opportunity for public input.

#### **Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Advocacy**

The General Assembly still must approve a State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 budget prior to its adjournment. The Illinois Municipal League (IML) is again requesting that municipal officials **call** their State Representative now and ask them to support an increase in LGDF as part of the SFY 2023 budget. **IML is actively supporting HB 4169 (Rep. DeLuca-Chicago Heights) which increases LGDF from 6.06% of state income tax collections to 8% ([available via this link](#)).**

**For an increase in LGDF to be part of the SFY 2023 budget, IML is asking municipal officials to call their State Representative (HB 4169 is currently in the House), to ask them to stand firm with other legislators and not vote for a SFY 2023 budget unless it includes an increase to LGDF as proposed in HB 4169.**

[IML's fact sheet on LGDF is available via this link.](#)

[IML has compiled LGDF information, including the fact sheet, historical rate information, press releases and more, on a dedicated webpage available at \[iml.org/lgdf\]\(http://iml.org/lgdf\).](#)

#### **Illinois Senate Democrats Propose \$1.8 Billion Tax Relief Plan**

On April 1, Illinois Senate Democrats unveiled a proposed \$1.8 billion tax relief package that could be considered in the coming days as part of the SFY 2023 budget. The proposal is filed as a series of Senate amendments to [SB 1150 \(Sen. Harmon, D-Oak Park\) \(\[available via this link\]\(#\)\)](#).

The plan would provide the following, if passed and enacted by the Governor:

- Provide direct checks totaling \$100 per person and \$50 per child for up to three dependents to state taxpayers making up to \$250,000 individually or up to \$500,000 jointly from their 2021 state tax return;
- Suspend the state sales tax on groceries for six months;

- Temporarily freeze the state's scheduled inflationary increase of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT);
- Provide property tax relief checks of up to \$300 for property owners;
- Temporarily suspend the state sales tax on clothing, shoes and school supplies from August 5, 2022 to August 14, 2022;
- Expand economic aid for lower-income workers; and,
- Increase tax credits for teachers and first responders.

[Additional information on the proposed plan is available via this link.](#)

### **Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Advocacy**

- On March 28, [IML Executive Director Brad Cole sent a letter to each member of the General Assembly \(available via this link\)](#), encouraging them to vote against any legislation introduced in the final days of session that would threaten the effectiveness of Tax increment Financing (TIF).

- [IML continues to ask municipal officials to \*\*call\*\* their legislators and ask them to oppose any last-minute legislative efforts that would diminish or reduce the effectiveness of TIF.](#)

- [IML has compiled TIF resources, including a general fact sheet, legislation, position papers, correspondence and more, on a dedicated webpage available at \[iml.org/tif\]\(http://iml.org/tif\).](#)

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### **Weekly Bills of Concern**

#### **In the House**

- [HB 3919 w/HA 1 – Vehicle Code-Immobilization Limit \(Oppose, Preemption Bill\)](#)

#### **In the Senate**

- [HB 4988 – EPA-Public Water Supplies \(Neutral, Mandate Bill\)](#)
- [HB 5098 – Municipal Code-Annex/Disconnect Notice \(Neutral, Mandate Bill\)](#)
- [SB 1150 – Senate Tax Relief Plan \(Under Review, Revenue Reduction\)](#)

All legislation, as well as IML's position on the bills we are tracking, is available on our website at [iml.org/billtracking](http://iml.org/billtracking).

### **IML Urges General Assembly to Review Statement of Economic Interests Form**

On March 31, the House Ethics and Elections Committee conducted a subject matter hearing on the Statement of Economic Interests form that many municipal officials are required to complete. IML Executive Director Brad Cole testified in the hearing, highlighting challenges that municipal officials are sharing with IML.

This hearing was the result of [a letter IML sent to General Assembly \(available via this link\)](#) leadership on March 4 requesting that the General Assembly revisit and modify the changes that were made to the form in 2021.

IML has heard from hundreds of municipal officials expressing serious concerns about how to adequately and accurately complete the new form. As a resource to our members, IML has developed [a fact sheet \(available via this link\)](#) to assist municipal officials in the completion of the Statement of Economic Interests form.

The Office of the Illinois Secretary of State recently published its own guidance on the Statement of Economic Interests form [\(available via this link\)](#).

If this is a problem you are experiencing, please **call** your local legislators and encourage them to

take action on this issue.

### **Governor Extends COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation Through April 30**

On April 1, Governor JB Pritzker signed a new Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation ([available via this link](#)) extending the statewide declaration through April 30, 2022. Additionally, the Governor signed [Executive Order \(EO\) 2022-10 \(available via this link\)](#) extending some previous executive orders.

With the signing of a new disaster proclamation, public meetings may continue to be held remotely, in accordance with Public Act 101-0640, as long as certain requirements are met. [IML's fact sheet on the requirements for holding remote meetings during a disaster is available via this link.](#)

IML is posting all of this information and more on our COVID-19 resources page available at [iml.org/covid](http://iml.org/covid).

### **Upcoming Election Deadlines for Referenda**

Municipalities that intend to submit referenda to be voted on at the June 28, 2022, General Primary Election must meet the following deadlines:

- **Monday, April 11**, is the last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding or advisory public questions, including for municipal councils or boards to adopt specifically authorized advisory public questions.
- **Thursday, April 21**, is the last day for the circuit clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision.

The Illinois State Board of Elections' [2022 Election & Campaign Finance Calendar is available via this link.](#)

### **Contact Us**

As always, IML staff will continue to monitor any prospective legislative developments and aggressively advocate on behalf of our membership. Should you have any questions, please contact our Legislative Department at (217) 525-1220 or [IMLLegislation@iml.org](mailto:IMLLegislation@iml.org). Thank you.

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If you do not wish to receive information from the Illinois Municipal League via email, please reply to this email, include the words "Please remove from list" along with your name, municipality and email address included in the message. If you have updates to your contact information, please submit them similarly. Thank you.

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