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MAYOR'S WELCOME



The past twelve months were pivotal for The Village of Burr Ridge. We remained steadfast in our commitment to public safety, community engagement and public service. We adopted a new Strategic Vision and strategic goals to move our community forward, which you can read more about on Page 3.

I want to commend our outstanding Police Department for its unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our community. Job one of local government is to protect people and property; through their public safety initiatives and dedicated efforts to protect and educate our community, they play a vital role in creating a safer environment for all Village residents. Over 98% of residents noted that they feel we have a professional and

friendly Police Department in our recent community survey. I am grateful that there is so much consensus about their positive influence in our community.

We remain at the whims of Springfield to pay for unfunded mandates, which are financial obligations imposed on municipalities by the State. The Village has sought to raise awareness and promote understanding of what these mandates mean for our community. Informed citizens are empowered citizens, and your engagement in advocating for fair and reasonable state mandates has been greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to report that the Village Board and staff continue to manage our resources efficiently. We remain a debt-free village, a rare status in today's Illinois. I thank our talented staff for their diligent work in preparing and administering budgets that provide you with the services you deserve living in a special village we call Burr Ridge. Please look through the Budget in Brief, included in this issue, which helps communicate much of what can be found in the larger budget document.

As Chair of the Street Policy Committee, I remain committed to active infrastructure management. Our residents and businesses deserve to have the best roads in Illinois. The early completion of this year's road program is a testament to that. Having an early contract saved both money and time for our residents.

As your Mayor, I am proud of our strides in enhancing public safety, managing state mandates, addressing pension funding, and conducting a successful election. Our village's status and progress are a testament to our residents' and businesses' resilience, dedication, and engagement. I am confident that with your continued support, we will overcome any challenges that come our way and continue to thrive as a vibrant, diverse and inclusive community. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the strength of the Village. It is in large part thanks to our residents and public servants that the Village of Burr Ridge is and remains A Very Special Place.

Gary Grasso
Mayor

LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



The past year in Burr Ridge has brought about many successes for the community as well as organizationally. Our staff is committed to effectively providing services which create benefit for the community, and I am very pleased to report that we have continued to meet that primary objective.

One overarching success has been the Village's continued financial health. The Village approved a budget which included a small property tax reduction for the second consecutive year as well as a capital infrastructure program to invest millions of dollars into the streets, sidewalks, and underground utilities you use every day.

Our staff has worked tirelessly over the past year to ensure that the services you expect and rely upon are present. Our Public Works staff successfully repaired over 50 water main breaks in the past year, some requiring working over 24 straight hours of work in cold and wet conditions to complete. Some of our Police officers were recognized for their training and skill in identifying drunk drivers, and a growing number are now certified body camera trainers to ensure that our law enforcement personnel continue to operate in the most transparent and professional manner possible. Our Finance team took the lead in winning GFOA recognition for our budget and audit documents, as well as overhauling our purchasing process to ensure that all transactions are able to be transparently and efficiently completed. And finally, our Administration staff oversaw a record number of special events, including our famous Summer Concert Series and the Taste of Burr Ridge / Car Show, to create more opportunities to bring the community together!

As we enter Fiscal Year 2024, we look forward to building on our positive momentum that has been growing over the past few years. We remain committed to achieving our Strategic Vision by remaining open to opportunities and continuing the Village's growth and success. Our long-term goals are focused on creating and implementing development plans for key commercial properties, attracting and retaining revenue-generating businesses, continuing to improve our approaches to code enforcement, as well as ensuring that the Village has the necessary tools to maintain Burr Ridge's status as A Very Special Place.

I want to express my gratitude to our staff and the Board of Trustees for their tireless efforts and dedication to making our Village A Very Special Place. I am confident that we will continue to work together to achieve our goals and meet the needs of our community.

EVAN WALTER

Evan Walter
Village Administrator

Reminders

LAWN SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

Lawn sprinkling restrictions are in effect for all communities receiving Lake Michigan water from **May 15th to September 15th.**

- Residents north of 83rd Street may sprinkle Monday, Thursday and Saturday from midnight to noon and 6 p.m. to midnight.
- Residents south of 83rd Street may sprinkle Tuesday, Friday and Sunday during the same times.
- No sprinkling is permitted on Wednesdays or any day from Noon to 6 p.m.

YARD WASTE POLICIES

All residents receive free, unlimited yard waste haul-away services from Groot. **Yard waste collection runs through November 30th.** Don't forget to separate the yard waste from your general waste by placing it in paper bags near the curb.

MOBILE DRIVERS UNIT

The Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Services Facility is scheduled to return to the Burr Ridge Village Hall (7660 County Line Road) on **June 14, Aug 16, and Nov 15.** The mobile facility offers duplicate and/or corrected drivers' licenses, new ID cards, and vehicle renewal stickers. "Real ID" licenses must still be obtained at a regular driver's facility location. To learn more, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.ilsos.gov.

UTILITY BILLING

The Village **switched from bi-monthly to monthly water billing in July**, with automatic metering infrastructure rolling out this summer for on-demand and proactive monitoring. Autopay accounts won't be affected.

BOARD MEETINGS

All Village Board Meetings will now permanently convene at **6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall.**

The Village's Strategic Vision

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET WITH STAFF to discuss the overall direction of the community, which has been adopted as the Village's Strategic Vision. A well-articulated Strategic Vision underpins the Village's basic mission, vision, and value statements. The Village Board of Trustees adopted the following Strategic Vision to set the foundation for what the Village does and intends to continue to value as an organization. To learn more about this process, please visit our website.

1. High-Performing and Engaged

BURR RIDGE WILL PROVIDE effective and efficient services focused on continuous improvement with high levels of constituent service, an engaged and supported staff, as well as accessible community engagement.

2. Financially-Sustainable Future

BURR RIDGE WILL BE A RESPONSIBLE and transparent steward of all public dollars, creating a strong financial architecture through stable and predictable planning with diverse sources of revenue.

3. Community-Focused Development

BURR RIDGE WILL MAINTAIN strong neighborhood standards and character and create complementary value for the community through focused residential and commercial development.

4. Proactive Infrastructure Management

BURR RIDGE WILL REGULARLY ASSESS the condition of its infrastructure, identify capital needs, and secure funding sources to maintain, improve, and expand its infrastructure to meet the needs of the community.

5. Secure and Healthy Neighborhoods

BURR RIDGE WILL PROACTIVELY PROTECT the safety of all constituents, including identifying ways to minimize the impacts of criminal activity as well as environmental impacts on the community.

Long-Term Goals



CREATE & IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE TCF & CNH PROPERTIES



EXPLORE REQUIREMENTS FOR LEED-CERTIFICATION FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS



ATTRACT AND RETAIN REVENUE-GENERATING BUSINESSES



ESTABLISH A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO CODE ENFORCEMENT



DEVELOP A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN



DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A MASTER FACILITIES PLAN



INVESTIGATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN



PURSUE JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF NON-VILLAGE ROADS TO THE VILLAGE



EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF HOME RULE STATUS



WORK TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAX LEVY NEEDS



PURSUE A UNIQUE VILLAGE ZIP CODE



ENHANCE THE I-55 CLOVERLEAFS



DEVELOP NEW COMPREHENSIVE AND ANNEXATION PLANS

Community Investment and Development



Community Public Safety Cameras

ON MARCH 27, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED the purchase of 20 public safety cameras to be placed along major thoroughfares and entrances to the Village. The cameras will not be used for general surveillance of motorists or persons on their own private property, nor do the cameras possess the technology to monitor for and issue moving violations, such as occurs with a red-light camera or other such device. These cameras will be utilized solely for aiding law enforcement in proactively identifying stolen or wanted vehicles entering the Village, as well as providing an additional evidentiary tool in the event of an unlawful act occurring in the community.



Welcome Chamber of Commerce

THE VILLAGE HALL IS NOW HOME to the Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce! The Village agreed to lease space to the Chamber after its previous office space became unavailable. We look forward to a stronger future for the Chamber and a closer relationship to our business community as a result of this partnership!

Restaurant Hours and Outdoor Dining

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE VILLAGE STANDARDIZED HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ALL RESTAURANTS in the Village, ensuring that our business community is able to operate on a level playing field. Restaurants may now stay open until 11pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends. Additionally, the Village saw a significant rise in interest in outdoor dining during the pandemic through our recognized tent program. To facilitate the best outdoor dining experience, the Village standardized outdoor dining regulations to ensure that all restaurants may provide a safe and enjoyable outdoor dining experience by streamlining and standardizing the Village's regulations related to outdoor dining. Here's to a happy dining experience in the Village this summer!



Refreshed Village Signs

THE VILLAGE HAS REPLACED ITS OLD ENTRYWAY SIGNS with new ones made of sturdy, 100% aluminum. The new signs are located at major entryways and match the design found at Village Hall. These signs remind you that you are entering Burr Ridge, a "Very Special Place" that residents and visitors can be proud of.



New and Improved Sidewalks

THE VILLAGE ADDED NEW SIDEWALKS due to feedback from residents; one on County Line Road, linking residents to King-Bruwaert and Katherine Legge Park and another along Garfield Street. The Village also repaired pathways near Kraml Dr. and 87th St. and plans to pave more sidewalks, including the south side of 79th St. near Burr Oaks Glen South and the north side of 79th St.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

Employee Recognition



Public Works Recognition

SIX EMPLOYEES UPGRADED their CDL from a Class B to a Class A, having passed the rigorous State exams to achieve the higher weight rating necessary to transport some of the Department's larger equipment

Public Works staff has been hard at work! This past year, staff removed over 100 parkway trees, planted over 70 new trees, and repaired 52 water main breaks.



Police Give Back

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS COMMUNITY EVENTS: For Cop on a Rooftop, Officers raised over \$3000 to support the Special Olympics. Officers also participated in No Shave November and Double-Down December to raise over \$1800 to support Shop with a Cop, which benefited local families during the holidays.



Special Events

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MANAGED 16 UNIQUE SPECIAL EVENTS, including the new Burr Ridge Gala, and supported the new Mecca Moves 5K. Over \$90,000 in event sales and sponsorship revenue was generated, a 400% increase over the Village's previous record. Village events require coordination from all departments in the Village! Great job everyone!



All Hands Meeting

ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST ANNUAL ALL-HANDS MEETING THIS SPRING. Employees were able to network amongst themselves to develop new relationships with colleagues as well as access all of our benefit providers and human resource items. The event included a speech by the Village Administrator to update staff on some of the larger goals and objectives of the Village, both internally and externally, in an effort to promote communication amongst all employees. When staff is informed, we are better able to serve the Village!

Underground Utility Improvements

OVER 510 MILES OF SANITARY SEWERS AND 260 MANHOLES were cleaned, tested, and televised! The Village coordinated with the Justice-Willow Springs Water Commission to complete a new high-pressure interconnect as part of the Tollway's improvement to I-294.

BUDGET IN BRIEF FISCAL YEAR 2024

Village of Burr Ridge Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, effective May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024. The Board has established a commitment to exceptional service delivery for its resident and business community; this budget preserves and strengthens that commitment. The budget reflects a resilient local economy, modernizing organization, and proactive approach to infrastructure management. Each budget tells a story, and the story of this budget is one of new opportunities. The Village boasts significant operating flexibility, a diversified revenue structure, reserves in multiple key funds, strong credit, and no debt obligations, with each financial lever available to address any need which may arise. In summary: the village's financial position and architecture are strong, and Burr Ridge remains a highly-desirable location for its residential and commercial constituencies.

BUDGET SUMMARY



No Property Tax Increase

Did you know the Village approved no property tax increase for the second consecutive year? The average home in Burr Ridge pays less than \$400 per year to the Village in property tax. For this small amount, residents receive a CALEA-accredited police department, 24/7 emergency response, sidewalk maintenance, road programs, a noteworthy special event calendar, and many other benefits.

Debt Free Community

The Village remains a debt-free community in 2023. This means that 100% of all tax revenues are able to be re-invested into services and personnel to provide for the public goods and infrastructure you use every day along with investing in the future to protect your property values and overall way of life.

GFOA Budget Presentation Award

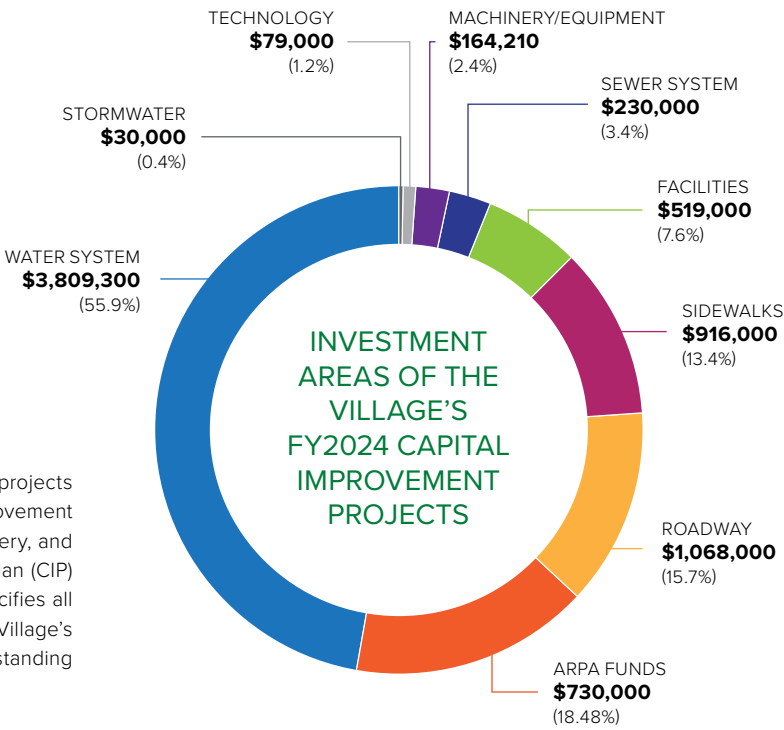
The Village was awarded its 3rd consecutive Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget and Audit Presentation award in 2022. To earn these prestigious awards, our documents must meet stringent criteria and excel as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool.

Capital Expenditures

MAJOR INITIATIVES PLANNED

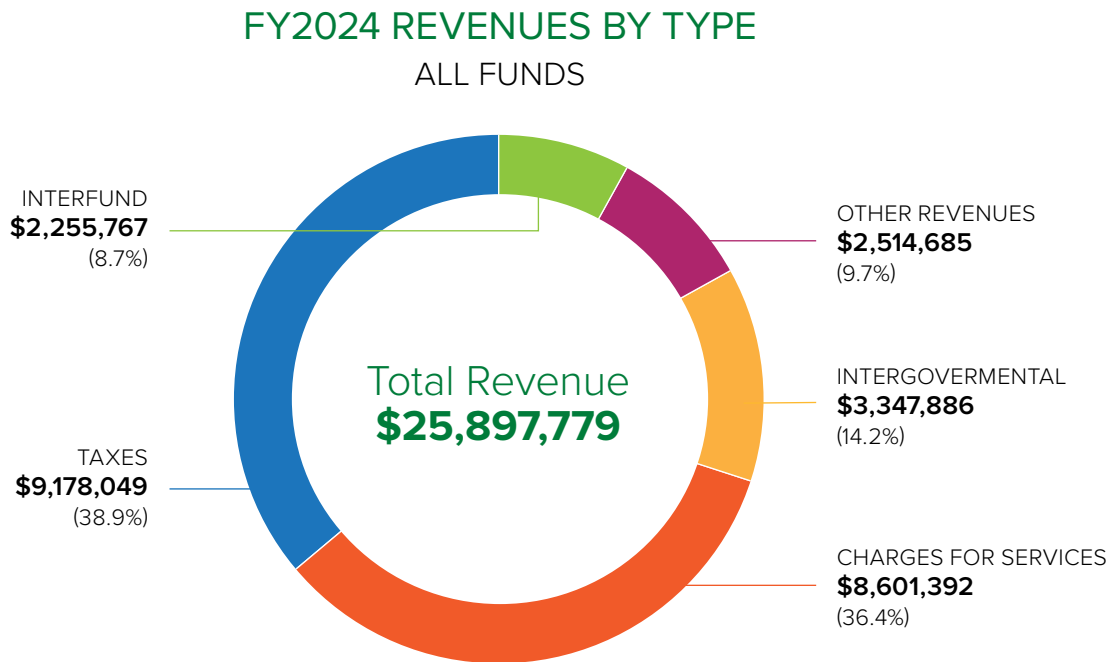
- \$2,500,000 – Woodview Road Water Main Replacement
- \$990,000 – Annual Road Program
- \$750,000 – 79th Street Sidewalk Improvements
- \$385,000 – Police Station Facility Improvements
- \$160,000 – Wolf Road School & Park Crossing/Signal
- \$146,000 – Water Interconnection to Willow Springs
- \$120,000 – Woodview Road Sanitary Sewer Repairs
- \$110,000 – Sanitary Force Main Assessments
- \$57,000 – Village Public Safety Camera System
- \$50,000 – Village ADA Transition Plan Assessment

The Village's five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identifies capital projects that support the Village's Strategic Vision and includes projects such as improvement of land, buildings, streets, water and sewer infrastructure, vehicles, machinery, and equipment. Foundation Burr Ridge is a standalone Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that was created at the start of the FY2024 budget process. This plan specifies all Village capital needs on a rolling 20-year basis. A large percentage of the Village's overall expenditures are capital-related, and it is critical to have a keen understanding of our needs over the long term.



Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue

SINCE THE PRE-PANDEMIC YEARS, REVENUES HAVE SURGED, and the General Fund has seen an increase of nearly \$3 million without any tax or fee hikes. The local economy remains robust, with new businesses emerging in downtown and industrial parks, alongside a growing presence of medical facilities in the Village. Our hotels hold the top spot in DuPage County for both room rate and occupancy rate, benefiting from our advantageous location near I-55, I-294, airports, and downtown Chicago.



REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

Sales Tax

The Village of Burr Ridge receives sales tax revenue from a 1% state sales tax and a .25% local sales tax approved in 2010. Sales tax generates over \$3 million, accounting for about 26% of FY2024’s General Fund revenues. Both downtown retail establishments and industrial park businesses play a substantial role in contributing to this revenue source. The strategic location of Burr Ridge attracts many visitors who contribute to our tax base. These taxes support various services enjoyed by Burr Ridge residents.

Property Tax

The Village’s property tax pays mainly for the Police Pension contribution. The flat dollar property tax levy for FY2024 resulted in a small reduction in property tax for owners with unchanged assessed value; the second year without a Village property tax hike. Unfortunately, the Village has no control over increased or reassessed property values which determine the majority of property tax hikes.

Places of Eating Tax

The Village imposes a 1% Places of Eating (POE) tax on restaurants. It’s projected to bring in over \$600,000 in FY24, generating the largest single revenue source for the Village. Several new restaurants have opened or joined the Village recently, with one new restaurant, Pella, opening soon. The POE revenue source is a good indicator of a positive small business climate and vibrant dining scene in downtown Burr Ridge.

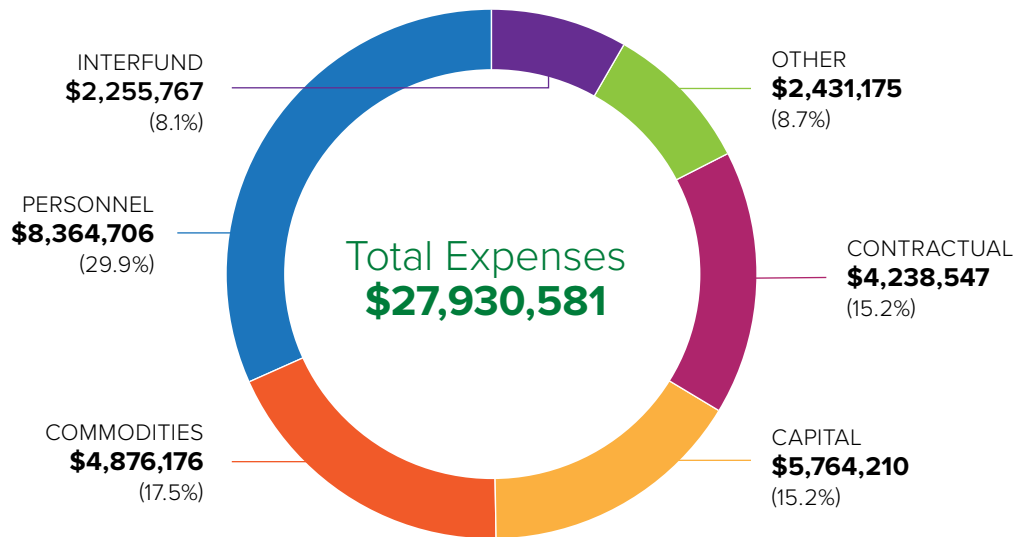
State Income Tax

Illinois levies income taxes on all residents. Local municipalities, such as Burr Ridge, receive a portion of these taxes on a per capita basis. Due to population growth and increasing wages, the Village now receives over \$1.7 million per year from this revenue source. However, the State of Illinois has reduced the percentage of income taxes remitted to local municipalities from 10% to just under 7%. If the Village received its proportional share of 10%, it would result in an additional \$500,000 in revenue.

Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditures

THE VILLAGE MAKES A CONCERTED EFFORT to anticipate expenses and plan for them within the budget document. Every budget is built from the ground up using two simple rules to evaluate spending requests: priority and value. If the community demands an item, it is a priority, and if it is a priority, it must be delivered at an objective financial value.

FY2024 EXPENDITURE BY TYPE ALL FUNDS



EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Personnel

Personnel costs are the biggest expenditure of any Village. However, these costs are projected and to be the lowest percentage of total revenue in over 20 years. The Village has reduced its employee count by 15% over the past 15 years while its population and commercial areas have grown significantly. This is due to the Village's efforts to find innovative approaches to improve workplace culture, compensation structure, and service delivery through new organizational models. The Village is grateful to have a skilled and diverse workforce providing services to its constituents.

Capital Investment

In FY2024, the Village aims to invest a record-breaking amount of almost \$7 million in capital projects. This includes \$4 million for water system improvements, \$2 million for street and sidewalk maintenance, and upgrades to the Police Department building's HVAC systems and Public Works Department's equipment. The Village has developed a detailed planning document called Foundation Burr Ridge, which covers all capital assets, some of which are scheduled for replacement as late as 2070. Over the next five years, the Village has allocated over \$25 million for planned capital investments.

Public Safety

The Village plans to continue investing in its first priority, the protection of persons and property. In the past year, the Village added a second Deputy Chief and purchased body and fleet cameras, a drone, and installed state-of-the-art security and evidence systems. The Village plans to install 20 more license plate recognition cameras to enhance the Police Department's responsiveness to unlawful behavior. The Police Department has maintained its Gold Standard accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Police Pensions

The Village's largest expenditure is its contribution to the Police Pension Fund. The Fund acts as a fiduciary for eligible officers now retired. Every municipality in Illinois with a police department is legally required to have a pension fund. The Village recently approved a revision to its Police Pension Fund policy which is expected to save \$8 million over the next 15 years. The goal of this new policy is to avoid property tax increases while still honoring the commitment to employees and retirees.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mecca Moves 5K & 1K Run, Walk and Roll

Saturday, September 16, 2023

WE ARE A PROUD SPONSOR of the Mecca Center's 5K & 1K Run, Walk and Roll that will take place this fall. Grab your gear and bring out the whole family for this fun community event (this year's race is the same route as our previous 5K).



Concerts on the Green

Each Thursday June 1 - July 27, 2023

THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE & BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CENTER bring you a variety of musical talent with a selection of contemporary, rock, classic, jazz, southern rock and country bands to the annual Concerts on the Green! Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m., and end at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Plus, this year, we have a special treat of two concert showcases for the final two weeks of the series. Arrive early these Thursdays to grab food from area restaurants, enjoy our opening band and stay for the headliner!



Taste of Burr Ridge & Annual Car Show

Saturday, October 7, 2023

JOIN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY for a day of fun and entertainment for the whole family! Free to all spectators! Enjoy music, tasty bites from local chefs & restaurants, a fantastic collection of cars, games and more!

Deck the Green

Friday, November 17, 2023

KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON with Deck the Green. Join your neighbors for music, games, & holiday treats. Attendees can meet and greet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and many other beloved holiday characters. This family-friendly event will occur on the Village Green and include a holiday lighting ceremony.





CONCERTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

June 1 - July 27 | 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

JUNE 1

Elton Jeff &
The Honky Cats

JUNE 8

ANTHEM

JUNE 15

EZFM
Yacht Rock

JUNE 22

Shout Section
Big Band

JUNE 29

Chicago Latin
Groove

JULY 6

Jonny Lyons
& the Pride

JULY 13

Strung Out

JULY 20

Reckless

Headliner (8 p.m.)

School of Rock
Hinsdale

Opener (6:30 p.m.)

CONCERT
SHOWCASE

JULY 27

The Chicago
Experience

Headliner (8 p.m.)

Radius

Opener (6:30 p.m.)

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FINALE



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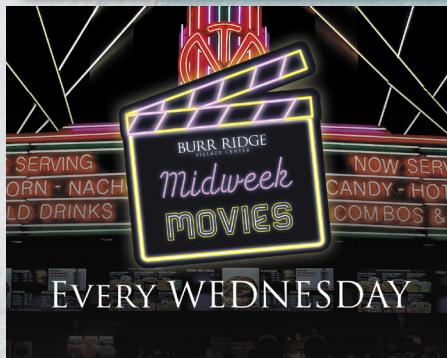
JUNE 1 - JULY 27



JUNE 24 -25



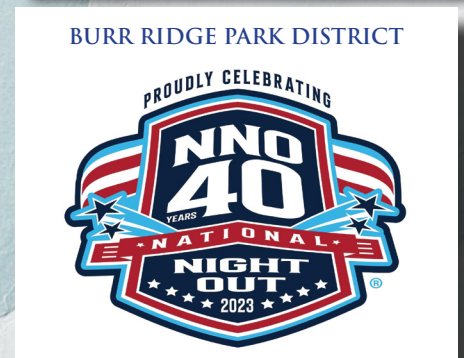
JULY 3



JULY 12 - AUGUST 2



JULY 16



AUGUST 1



SEPTEMBER 16



OCTOBER 7



NOVEMBER 17

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