



AGENDA

BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE BOARD

Committee of the Whole: May 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Jeffrey S. Braiman Council Chambers

Fifty Raupp Blvd Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2139

1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

2. Village President's Report

- a. Proclamation Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month (Trustee Johnson, Molly Gillespie)
- b. Proclamation Recognizing National Police Week (Trustee Johnson, Brian Budds)
- c. Building Safety Month Proclamation (Trustee Weidenfeld, Nicole Woods)
- d. Public Works Week Proclamation (Trustee Stein, Mike Skibbe)
- e. Proclamation Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month (President Smith, Christopher Stilling)

3. Special Business

- a. Water Ambassador Award Presentation (Trustee Stein, Chris Krase)
- b. Community Branding Implementation Presentation (Trustee Johnson, Molly Gillespie)

4. Public Comment

Public Comment is limited to items that are not on the regular agenda. In accordance with Section 2.02.070 of the Municipal Code, discussion on questions from the audience will be limited to 5 minutes and should be limited to concerns or comments regarding issues that are relevant to Village Board business. All members of the public addressing the Village Board shall maintain proper decorum and refrain from making disrespectful remarks or comments relating to individuals. Speakers shall use every attempt to not be repetitive of points that have been made by others. The Village Board may refer any matter of public comment to the Village Manager, Village staff or an appropriate agency for review.

5. Executive Session

6. Adjournment

The Village Board will make every effort to accommodate all items on the agenda by 10:30 p.m. The Board does, however, reserve the right to defer consideration of matters to another meeting should the discussion run past 10:30 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 2.a.

Proclamation Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

Contacts

Liaison: Trustee Johnson

Staff: Molly Gillespie

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends presentation.

Summary

A proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Strategic Alignment

Guiding Principle

Principle 6: Engages Our Residents

Principle 7: Builds Our Community

Goal

Goal 3: Strengthened Buffalo Grove community identity and pride

File Attachments

1. Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation 2025



BUFFALO GROVE

PROCLAMATION

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, mental health is an essential component of overall wellness, and mental illnesses are among the most common health conditions in the United States, affecting people of all ages and backgrounds, with about half of all Americans experiencing a diagnosable mental health disorder at some point in their lifetime according to the Department of Health and Human Services (odphp.health.gov) and one in five U.S. adults experiencing a mental illness in any given year according to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (nami.org); and

WHEREAS, NAMI reports that youth mental health is a growing concern, as one in six U.S. children ages 6–17 experiences a mental health disorder each year; and

WHEREAS, mental health challenges among adolescents have been rising, with data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicating that 40% of U.S. high school students have reported persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness and 20% have seriously considered attempting suicide within the past year; and

WHEREAS, older adults also face mental health challenges, with the CDC stating that approximately 4% of adults over age 70 suffer from depression, and many older individuals do not receive the mental health care they need due to stigma or misconceptions that mental health struggles are a normal part of aging; and

WHEREAS, our nation's military service members and veterans confront unique mental health challenges, with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reporting that approximately 17 U.S. veterans die by suicide every day; and

WHEREAS, despite the prevalence of mental health conditions, the Department of Health and Human Services estimates that only about half of people who experience a mental illness receive treatment, due to barriers such as stigma, lack of access to care, and cost; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed nationally each May since its establishment in 1949, serving as a time to increase public awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness, educate communities about mental illnesses, celebrate the recovery of those living with mental health conditions, and encourage individuals to seek help when needed; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Buffalo Grove recognizes the importance of raising awareness about mental health, supporting community efforts to improve mental well-being, and promoting access to appropriate mental health services for all residents;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric Smith, Village President of the Village of Buffalo Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Village of Buffalo Grove. Proclaimed this 5th day of May, 2025.



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AGENDA ITEM 2.b.

Proclamation Recognizing National Police Week

Contacts

Liaison: Trustee Johnson

Staff: Brian Budds

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends presentation.

Summary

Proclamation designating May 11th to May 17th, 2025 as National Police Week.

Strategic Alignment

Guiding Principle

Principle 2: Outstanding Village Services

Principle 6: Engages Our Residents

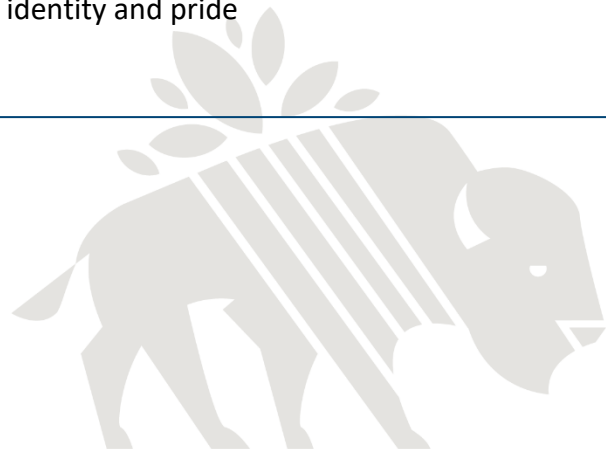
Goal

Goal 2: Enhanced, beautiful, safe and sustainable neighborhoods

Goal 3: Strengthened Buffalo Grove community identity and pride

File Attachments

1. National Police Week 2025





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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2025

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS the members of the Buffalo Grove Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that the members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS over 24,000 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty, and their names are permanently engraved in granite at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

AND WHEREAS, the men and women of the Buffalo Grove Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Smith, Village President of the Village of Buffalo Grove, call upon all citizens of Buffalo Grove and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11th to May 17th, 2025, as Police Week with appropriate virtual ceremonies in which all people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

Proclaimed this 5th day of May 2025.

Eric N. Smith
Village President



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AGENDA ITEM 2.c.

Building Safety Month Proclamation

Contacts

Liaison: Trustee Weidenfeld

Staff: Nicole Woods

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends presentation.

Summary

Proclamation recognizing Building Safety Month

Strategic Alignment

Guiding Principle

Principle 3: Plan and Invest in the Future

Goal

Goal 1: Maintained effective village government: fiscally responsible and providing outstanding, responsive services

Goal 2: Enhanced, beautiful, safe and sustainable neighborhoods

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1. 2025 Building Safety Month Proclamation





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PROCLAMATION

Building Safety Month – May 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Buffalo Grove is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes and standards to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

WHEREAS, these modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

WHEREAS, “Game On!,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2025, encourages us all to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and;

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal building safety and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric Smith, Village President of the Village of Buffalo Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Building Safety Month in the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Proclaimed this 5th of May, 2025.

Eric N. Smith
Village President





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AGENDA ITEM 2.d.

Public Works Week Proclamation

Contacts

Liaison: Trustee Stein

Staff: Mike Skibbe

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends presentation.

Summary

Proclamation for Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2025.

Strategic Alignment

Guiding Principle

Principle 2: Outstanding Village Services

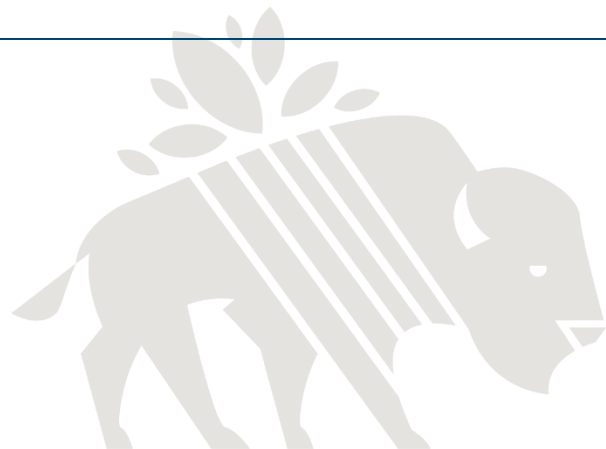
Goal

Goal 1: Maintained effective village government: fiscally responsible and providing outstanding, responsive services

Goal 2: Enhanced, beautiful, safe and sustainable neighborhoods

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1. Proclamation - Public Works Week 2025



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PROCLAMATION

Public Works Week – May 18-24, 2025

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Buffalo Grove and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Buffalo Grove to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric Smith, Village President of the Village of Buffalo Grove, do hereby proclaim the May 18-24, 2025 as Public Works Week in the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Public Works Week activities.

Proclaimed this 5th of May, 2025.

Eric N. Smith
Village President



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AGENDA ITEM 2.e.

Proclamation Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month

Contacts

Liaison: President Smith

Staff: Christopher Stilling

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends presentation.

Summary

Proclamation Recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month

Strategic Alignment

Guiding Principle

Principle 6: Engages Our Residents

Goal

Goal 3: Strengthened Buffalo Grove community identity and pride

File Attachments

1. Proclamation - Jewish American Heritage Month - May





BUFFALO GROVE

PROCLAMATION

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - MAY 2025**

WHEREAS, since their arrival on American shores as early as the 16th century, Jewish immigrants and their descendants have played a vital role in shaping the United States, contributing to the nation's creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and enduring strength;

WHEREAS, the biblical and historical journey of the Jewish people - and the enduring values of the Jewish faith—have served as powerful sources of inspiration for the founding principles of the United States, the Civil Rights Movement, America's leadership in advancing global freedom, and the nation's ongoing pursuit of justice and equality;

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have made profound and lasting contributions to every aspect of American life, including the arts, sciences, business, law, education, public service, entertainment, and culinary traditions - enriching the cultural fabric of our nation and helping define what it means to be American;

WHEREAS, for over four decades, Presidents of the United States have formally recognized the invaluable contributions of Jewish Americans to our country, and since 2006, the month of May has been officially designated as Jewish American Heritage Month through Presidential proclamation and bipartisan Congressional support;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric Smith, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month. I call upon all residents to join in celebrating the remarkable history, heritage, and contributions of Jewish Americans to our city and our nation. I further encourage:

- All city departments and agencies to commemorate this occasion through public announcements and the display of educational materials;
- Our local schools, colleges, and universities to offer programming that highlights Jewish American heritage and its impact on our shared civic values;
- Museums, libraries, and cultural institutions throughout Buffalo Grove to host exhibitions and events that honor Jewish American history and achievements.
- This month to serve as a time to reflect, learn, and celebrate the resilience, creativity, and enduring contributions of Jewish Americans throughout our history.

Proclaimed this 5th day of May, 2025.

Eric N. Smith,
Village President



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AGENDA ITEM 3.a.

Water Ambassador Award Presentation

Contacts

Liaison: Trustee Stein

Staff: Chris Krase

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends presentation.

Summary

The Illinois Section American Water Works Association will present the Village with a 2024 Water Ambassador Award. Staff will also briefly highlight some of the award-winning aspects of our water system.

Strategic Alignment

Guiding Principle

Principle 2: Outstanding Village Services

Goal

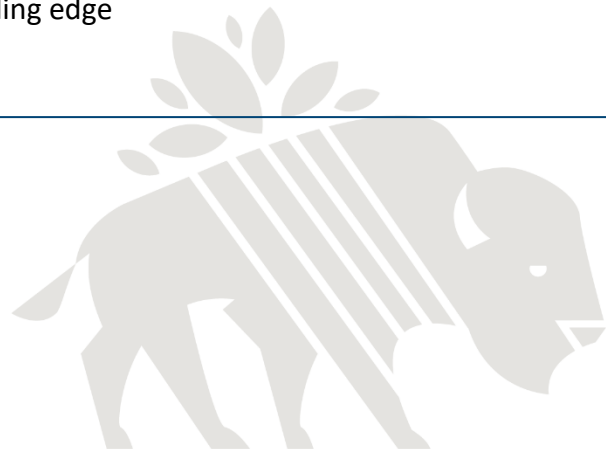
Goal 1: Maintained effective village government: fiscally responsible and providing outstanding, responsive services

Goal 2: Enhanced, beautiful, safe and sustainable neighborhoods

Goal 4: Vibrant and innovative community: leading edge

File Attachments

None





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AGENDA ITEM 3.b.

Community Branding Implementation Presentation

Contacts

Liaison: Trustee Johnson

Staff: Molly Gillespie

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends presentation.

Summary

Background

In January 2024, the Village Board formally adopted its community brand creative assets and key finds report. Brand implementation has been underway ever since. Staff will provide a presentation highlighting what has been completed to date and what is planned for 2025 and beyond.

Strategic Alignment

Guiding Principle

Principle 6: Engages Our Residents

Principle 7: Builds Our Community

Goal

Goal 3: Strengthened Buffalo Grove community identity and pride

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None

