



CITY OF Burbank Bulletin

BURBANK, ILLINOIS 60459-1198



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dan M. Foy
Mayor

Burbank is beautiful in autumn and, as the weather turns, so do the trees to all of the beautiful fall colors. Cooler weather is upon us and projects that required warmer temperatures are coming to an end. Of course, other projects will continue as needed. Here are a few updates on our busy city:

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Burbank's City Hall, Fire House (Station II), Police Station, Public Works building and the salt dome have all had their roofs replaced. Repairs, for heating and air conditioning, are also in progress. The apparatus floor in Fire Station II has been replaced with a state-of-the-art slip hazard material.



PUBLIC SAFETY

As of January 1, 2023 the City of Burbank has hired 13 new police officers and 4 new fire fighter/paramedics. The addition of these hires is expected to improve the ability to respond to calls.

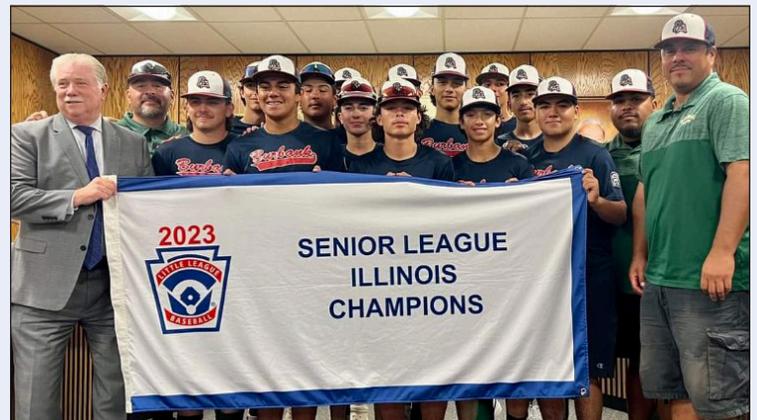
EQUIPMENT

All Burbank police officers are now equipped with body cameras. This program has been implemented two years ahead of the 2025 Illinois State requirement. Body cameras have been proven to protect officers and citizens alike. (Please refer to Police Chief Garcia's page for additional information.)

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Back To Back State & Regional CHAMPS!

The Mayor, along with the City Council members, would like to shout out a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to the Burbank American and National Senior Little League team, the players, managers and coaches for the amazing accomplishment of winning State and Regional for the past two years!



Fire Chief Gilgenberg and
State Rep Cyril Nichols

A special **"Thank You"** to **State Representative Cyril Nichols** who has invited our back to back Senior Little League Champs, their coaches and managers to Springfield on Wednesday, October 25th for recognition for their amazing accomplishment of winning State and Regional two years in a row!

What an amazing honor!

State Representative Cyril Nichols is working on a resolution from the State of Illinois honoring our Burbank American and National baseball teams, for their success, dedication and hard work.

We know your family members are proud - so is your city!

SPECIAL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City of Burbank will be closed in observation of these holidays:

Veterans Day
Friday, November 10 (observed)

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 23
Friday, November 24

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25

New Years Day
Monday, January 1, 2024



Barry Szymczak
City Clerk

**CITY CLERK
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday:
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Wednesday:
8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday:
Closed

LOCATION

6530 West 79th Street
Burbank, IL 60459
708-599-5500

YARD WASTE

Stickers are available at the Clerk’s Office. Yard waste pick-up begins April 1, 2024 and ends November 30, 2024.

**ANIMAL
REGISTRATION**

Please make sure you register your pets. Animal licenses are available at a cost of \$5.00 for each pet.

**REAL ESTATE
SALES**

Please note that the City of Burbank now requires proof of full payment of water and refuse bills prior to the issuance of a real estate transfer tax stamp. (ord. #29-11-17 / passed on 11/22/17).

2024/2025 VEHICLE STICKER SALES

Applications for the 2024-25 Vehicle Sticker campaign will be mailed out the week of March 26th, 2024. First day of regular sales will begin on Monday April 1, 2024, consisting of online, mail-in and over the counter. There will be no Saturday business hours. City Hall will also be closed on Friday March 29th in observance of Good Friday and Monday May 27th for Memorial Day. Final day of regular sales will be Friday May 31st, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Doors will close promptly at that time. *For the most convenient way the City can provide, please utilize the online/mail-in program afforded to everyone.* Just go to the City’s website (www.burbankil.gov) click on the link and follow the directions. After reviewing your application, please make any necessary corrections or additions prior to making your purchase. Vital information needed to process is as follows: *Name, Address, Apartment # (if applicable), City, State, Zip Code, Phone #, Email Address (if available), Drivers License #, License Plate #, State, Year of Vehicle, Make, Model and Color.* Online purchases using your credit card (2.3% service charge) can be made at www.burbankil.gov by following the directions on the V-Pay site.

**PLEASE, FOR YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE, DO NOT WAIT
UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO MAKE YOUR PURCHASE.**

Remember, new residents have 30 days to purchase a vehicle sticker from the time of property closing and/or 30 days from the time of vehicle purchase, with documented proof in both instances. Senior citizens reaching the age of 65 before June 1, 2024 shall pay a reduced sticker fee of *\$15.00 for one (1) passenger vehicle per household* or vehicles with handicap registration license plates (*hanging placard does not apply*) shall pay a reduced fee of *\$15.00 for one (1) passenger vehicle per household*. If you wish to transfer a sticker from one vehicle to another, you have 30 days. You must bring in the old sticker. If the sticker can be re-used, there is no charge. If the sticker is destroyed in any way, a \$5.00 fee will be applied.



“NO SOLICITORS INVITED”

Stickers are available at the Clerk’s Office. Valid solicitors are instructed to honor all “NO SOLICITORS INVITED” stickers properly displayed at the residence. In the past, we have had issues with various solicitors in reference to their sales tactics. The City will **THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE** any complaints from citizens regarding questionable sales tactics and will suspend or revoke the solicitors permit if necessary. **DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 9-1-1 or THE CLERK’S OFFICE WITH COMPLAINTS.**

**BUSINESS REGULATORY
CERTIFICATES**

All businesses in Burbank must obtain a business regulatory license. This certificate may be obtained only after passing inspections by our Building and Fire Departments, as well as meeting the necessary requirements of the Stickney Township Environmental Health Department. Please contact the Clerk’s Office for further information at 708-599-5500.

Certificate applications are available at City Hall or on the City’s website (www.burbankil.gov) on the Home Page under “Quick Links” or on the Clerk’s page under “Forms”.

Business Certificates are renewable annually and expire on December 31st. Renewal forms are mailed out mid-October as to give all business owners ample time to fill out the necessary information. There is a monthly penalty payment of \$100.00 after January 1st until the fee is paid. All vending, amusement and video gaming machines must be noted on this form and the appropriate stickers applied.



A NOTE FROM THE CITY TREASURER

On September 15, 2023, in a meeting with Moody’s Investor Services (MIS) we were pleased by the news that the City of Burbank’s bond rating was upgraded from A3 to A2. This increase is the result of our strong financial position resulting from responsible spending and some revenue increases in recent years. Another factor contributing to the upgrade was the improvement made in pension funding practices. I’m confident that if the city continues to budget smart and meet actuarially recommended contributions to the Police and Fire Pension Funds each year, we can be upgraded again. Higher ratings benefit the City and taxpayers by allowing the City to issue bonds at cheaper rates with the proceeds used to fund road projects, public safety vehicles, and other capital improvements. Mayor Foy and the City Council are dedicated to keeping a keen eye on the City’s finances, while working with the departments to ensure the most vital services are provided to residents.

City Treasurer,
David L. Viverito



Jim Burris
Director

SNOW PLOWING PROCEDURES

Snow routes are plowed first, curb to curb. Check to see where your closest snow route is. No one should have to travel more than two blocks to get to a snow route.

After the snow routes are opened, the secondary or lesser used streets are plowed. These streets are not always plowed back to the curbs during a large snow fall until after the snow has stopped, as the plows will continue to return to the snow routes to keep them open.

The secondary streets in areas that do not have off-street parking may take as long as three days to be plowed, curb to curb, because of the number of cars parked on the street.

During the winter months, we receive complaints that our plows push the snow from the streets onto driveways. Unfortunately, there is nothing else we can do with the snow.

The City of Burbank does not plow alleys as our main emphasis is to keep our streets open.

The Department of Public Works would like to remind residents of the following city ordinance:

Section 4-54 of the City Code states: "Snow removal from sidewalks and driveways is the owner's responsibility. No person shall cause or permit the shoveling, plowing, dumping, throwing, pushing or depositing of snow or ice from his property onto the street pavement."

"Sidewalks must be kept clear of snow; this includes businesses also. It shall be unlawful to shovel, dump, push or deposit snow or ice from PRIVATE PROPERTY onto the STREET PAVEMENT, or SIDEWALK AREA. If you have a snow plowing service, please inform them of the ordinance, or give them a copy of this section."

**Remember... Slow down when streets are snow-covered!
Have A Safe Winter!**

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR *(continued from page 1)*

VEHICLES

The city continues to keep its fleet current. The fire department purchased an ambulance and the police department purchased 5 new squad cars.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The resurfacing and/or replacement of 3.2 miles of streets is coming to a completion. This is an ongoing, yearly, project to maintain our streets while alleviating disrepair from neglect.



79TH STREET RESURFACING

Over the past months, I've met with state legislators to discuss the resurfacing of 79th Street which is maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

I reached out and met with State Senator Mike Porfirio, State Representative Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar, Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and State Representative Cyril Nichols.



"Fall brings the return of school, holidays and many good happenings. Though I may be a little early, I would like to wish the families of our community only the best for this holiday season. Stay safe, my friends!"

Respectfully,

Dan M. Foy, Mayor

**REFUSE SERVICE:
SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY STRUCTURES** *(Section 7-644)*

All residents of the City of Burbank are required, by law, to have their trash, recyclables and landscape waste removed, from their residence, **without exception**. Refuse service is not included in your monthly water bill. Republic Services is the company that services the City of Burbank. If you are a new resident or if you are an existing resident and not paying for refuse collection, please contact Republic Services at (708) 385-8252 to establish an account for refuse pickup. Failure to comply with this law will result in a fine of a **minimum** of \$150.00.

**IS YOUR 96-GALLON GARBAGE
or RECYCLING CART DAMAGED?**

**Public Works can replace:
lids, wheels and axles**

Replacement carts can be purchased at the following locations:

Public Works – acceptable forms of payment include check/money order

City Hall – acceptable forms of payment include cash, credit card, check/money order
Please note: a \$62.50 replacement fee is charged for carts that are lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair.

BLIGHT DEPARTMENT

The Blight Department would like to remind residents and property owners of the following:

- No trash/debris or abandoned vehicles are to be parked or stored on the property.
- No storage, of any kind, is permitted on empty lots.

If you see an abandoned house, graffiti or other potential blight issues, please contact the Blight Officer at (708) 924-7390.

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT

To report outages or malfunctions, with regard to a street light or an alley light, please refer to the following numbers:

FOR STREET LIGHTS:

Please call the Department of Public Works at 708-924-7390

FOR ALLEY LIGHTS:

(located on wooden poles)
Please call Commonwealth Edison at 1-800-334-7661



Dave Gilgenberg II
Fire Chief

FROM OUR FIRE CHIEF

The Burbank Fire Department would like to thank Mayor Foy, City Council and Burbank Residents for their continued support of our Annual Pancake Breakfast. Your support helps the department host community CPR classes, purchase rescue equipment and training simulators.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in serving the community to call my office and apply for a part-time position with our Emergency Service Disaster Agency (ESDA). ESDA personnel assist the City's Fire and Police personnel with traffic control, wires down, flooding, and parade details. Please call 708-599-7766 if you would like to be considered.



Robert Brown
Battalion Chief

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRAINING DIVISION

There have been exciting updates to your Burbank Fire Department Training division specifically in our documentation, tracking and assigning abilities for drills. The Burbank FD has implemented a new training software to help keep up with the requirements set by the Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM). This new software is called Vector Solutions.

Vector Solutions was designed to specifically assist Fire Departments in scheduling and documenting drills needed to keep them up to date and qualified in Firefighting & EMS. A lot of the required drills are mandated to be done annually by OSHA, OSFM, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) along with other(s). Keeping track of all these different drills is a very important part of Fire Department Training.

Each member of your Burbank Fire Department now has the ability to self-track their progress along with completing drills scheduled for them individually. By doing this, all the current training and education that each member completes helps provide the best professional service to the citizens of Burbank.

All members of the Burbank Fire Department, both career & paid-on-call (POC) firefighters, train on multiple disciplines in Fire, Rescue & EMS. Each member completes training for low-frequency, high-risk types of emergencies such as fires and hazardous-material emergencies. Last year alone (2022) your career/fulltime firefighters completed 6,500 combined hours of training. That breaks down to an average of 300 hours of training for each member that year alone. The POC firefighters had an additional 1,200 hours of combined training.

There are so many different training disciplines covered that it would be difficult to list and explain each. By having Vector Solutions Training Program all this training is easily tracked. Some examples include but are not limited to are; forcible entry, extrication, search & rescue, fire extinguishment, ventilation, tool use, ladders, self-contained breathing apparatus, hazardous materials and even fire inspections.

Several of your Burbank Fire Department members have completed classes and are certified by the OSFM in areas of specialized rescue such as; Trench, High Angle, Structural Collapse, Confined Space and Vehicle Extrication. These members are required to complete an OSFM Training Task Booklet to remain certified in all of these different specialized rescue disciplines.

Last year your Burbank Fire Department responded to 4,475 emergency calls. In the event you need help and dial 9-1-1, you can be confident in knowing that the Burbank Fire Department continuously strives to provide professionally trained firefighters that will be there.

B/C Robert T. Brown
BFD Training Officer

Welcome Aboard

On September 13, 2023, paid on-call Firefighter **John Rochford** was hired as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic.



Pictured Left to Right: Mayor Dan Foy, FF/PM John Rochford, Chief David Gilgenberg

On September 27, 2023, **Daniel Dugo** was hired as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic.



Pictured Left to Right: Chief David Gilgenberg, FF/PM Daniel Dugo, Mayor Dan Foy



Lt. Edward Hargus

A MESSAGE OF SAFETY

We would like to share with you some of the ideas from this year's theme of *"Cooking Safety Starts With You."*

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these types of fires.

- ✓ Always be on alert! If you are sleepy or distracted don't use the stove or stovetop.
- ✓ Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- ✓ If you are simmering, boiling, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- ✓ Keep anything that can catch fire: oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains away from your stovetop.
- ✓ If you have a small cooking fire on the stovetop and decide to fight the fire, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- ✓ If there is a fire in the oven, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed.
- ✓ *However if you have any doubt about fighting a small fire, we ask that you just get out and dial 911.*
- ✓ For more fire safety tips and education please visit, www.NFPA.org



The Burbank Fire Department would like to thank the entire Burbank community for coming out once again to support our Annual Pancake Breakfast.



Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Rehnquist teaching a future firefighter how to drive!



Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Zurek showing this happy visitor where the firefighters sit on the way to a fire.



Chief Gilgenberg visiting with two future chiefs!

T-SHIRT DESIGN WINNER

LENNY MORALES

Lenny won a contest where he designed this year's pancake breakfast t-shirt.

GREAT JOB LENNY!!!



BURBANK CPR

The Burbank Fire Department has partnered with the Burbank Park District to offer a variety of American Heart Association (AHA) CPR certification classes during the fall. You can see the classes offered, times, cost and further information when you visit www.BurbankParkDistrict.org

or calling the park district directly at 708-599-3873. You may never have to use CPR but the one time you do, you might save a life.



Jack Garcia
Police Chief

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

As I complete my second year as your Chief of Police, we continue to make extraordinary strides to improving our police department to ensure we provide the best possible service to our Burbank Community. Since May 2023, we have welcomed seven new police officers. Officer Abdallah, Officer Crull, Officer Keblusek and Officer Makhamre joined from other agencies. Officers Krol and Zapata attended the Illinois State Police Academy and Officer Mologousis attended the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois. Officers Krol, Mologousis and Zapata are now assigned to the department’s field training program.

The Department recently completed implementation of the body worn camera program, which puts the department in compliance with the Illinois Safe-T Act. Body cameras not only provide a level of transparency as to how incidents occur, it provides an additional level of officer safety. Flock camera license plate readers have also been installed throughout the city which will assist our department in solving crimes when they occur. A special thank you to the Mayor and City Council members for their continued support with improving our department.



Ofc. Abdallah and Chief Garcia



Ofc. Keblusek and Chief Garcia



Chief Garcia and Ofc. Mologousis



Ofc. Makhamre and Deputy Chief Casey



Ofc. Krol and Chief Garcia



Deputy Chief Casey, Ofc. Crull and Mayor Foy



Ofc. Zapata and Chief Garcia



We also hosted our second annual National Night Out Event on August 1st. The National Night Out Event is an opportunity for the Burbank community to interact with their police department. Everyone who attended had a great time and it was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who supported our police department for this event, especially Megan Giera and her staff from the Burbank Park District. We are looking forward to next year’s event with each year getting bigger and better.



Ribbon Cutting Celebration



Tropical Smoothie Café - 7933 S. Harlem Avenue
Ribbon Cutting - June 26th, 2023



Girl Scouts Greater Chicago - 4850 W. 87th Street
Ribbon Cutting - June 10th, 2023



Xurro - 5403 West 79th Street
Ribbon Cutting - July 19th, 2023

New Business

Meat Moot

7909 S. Harlem Avenue
(for meat lovers and others)



**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
BE ALERT!
REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!**

SAFETY TIPS

It is important to remember as the holiday season approaches to:



- **ALWAYS** keep your vehicle doors locked when your car is unattended
- **DO NOT** leave your vehicle unattended with keys inside the car
- **NEVER** leave valuables in plain sight inside your vehicle



- **LOCK AND SECURE** all doors and windows when you are away from home
- **ALWAYS** be aware of your surroundings
- And most importantly, if you

**SEE SOMETHING.
SAY SOMETHING.**

The Police Department counts on all our community members to assist us in making sure we have a safe and enjoyable place to both live and grow.

City of Burbank

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Burbank, Illinois 60459

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Burbank Municipal Directory

ADMINISTRATION

OFFICES 708-599-5500

Mayor's Office
Dan M. Foy, Mayor
(Administration)

City Clerk's Office
Barry Szymczak, City Clerk
(License & Registration)
(Employment Referral Program)

Treasurer's Office
Dave L. Viverito, City Treasurer
(Budget & Payroll)

Zoning Dept.

Building Dept.
(Permits & Inspections)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Public Information Office
(Maps, Newsletters & Publications
Mayor's Office)

Civil Defense

Emergency Tornado
Information 599-9551

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Service 911
(Emergency and Non-Emergency)

Information (8 A.M. - 8 P.M.) . . 924-7300

Youth Office 924-7300

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Alarm &
Emergency Ambulance 911

Information 599-7766

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Street Repairs 924-7390

BLIGHT OFFICER 924-7390

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES

Burbank City government works effectively through aldermanic committees, holding public meetings on a regularly scheduled basis. At the meetings, the Mayor and the department heads meet with the aldermen on the committees, do studies, and then make recommendations to the council for enactment. The City council meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Residents are invited to attend the meetings and also make requests to the aldermen according to their committee assignments.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & MEMBERS

Meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month
7:30 p.m., City Hall

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIL DEFENSE

Barbara Gagle, Chairman
Claude Haerr

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claude Haerr, Chairman
Robert Contreras
John Pacella, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Sheri Gustafson, Chairman
Mitchell Piznarski

ZONING COMMITTEE

Robert Contreras, Chairman
Thomas Phillips

YOUTH-SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Mitchell Piznarski, Chairman
John Pacella, Jr.

BLIGHT COMMITTEE

Sheri Gustafson, Chairman
Barbara Gagle
Thomas Phillips

1st Ward

Ald. Barb Gagle 927-5175

2nd Ward

Ald. Robert Contreras 655-6712

3rd Ward

Ald. Sheri Gustafson 267-4651

4th Ward

Ald. Claude Haerr 217-9669

5th Ward

Ald. John Pacella, Jr. (773) 447-0674

6th Ward

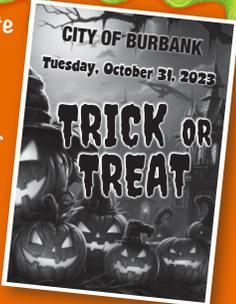
Ald. Mitchell Piznarski 638-2703

7th Ward

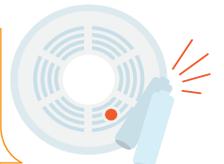
Ald. Thomas Phillips 599-4351

If you plan to participate in this year's Trick or Treat program, please post the enclosed Halloween flyer in your window.

Our priority is to make sure everyone has a Safe 'N Sane Halloween.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



1 Turn your clocks back one hour

2 Check your smoke alarm