



## **BURR RIDGE PARK DISTRICT DIRECTORY OF INFORMATION**

### **I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC BODY**

- The Burr Ridge Park District operates as a park district established pursuant to the Illinois Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/1, *et seq.*), with five (5) Commissioners elected at large and an appointed Director. The District was established on November 3, 1977.
- The elected public body carries out the legislative responsibilities of the District, and consists of five (5) Commissioners who comprise the District's Board of Park Commissioners (the "Board"). The Commissioners are elected at large. The Board annually elects a President, Vice President and Treasurer from among its members, and a Secretary, who is traditionally the District's Superintendent of Finance.
- The Board has the responsibility to pass ordinances and resolutions, levy taxes, award contracts, and serve on committees as designated by the Board President. The Board also sets District policy, including the types and level of services and programming to be provided for corporate residents, other residents and non-residents, and the fees to be charged for such services.
- The Board President presides over the meetings of the Board and signs all official documents.
- The Director serves as the Administrative Head of the District. The Director serves as agent for the Board in carrying out policies and decisions of the Board, and is responsible for the administration of all departments of the District.
- For the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2012, the estimated expenditures for all funds are \$3,744,248.
- The District has 4 full-time employees and 90 part-time employees.

## **II. CURRENT ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

- The current members of the Board of Commissioners are:  
Robert Quigley, President  
Kevin Caplis, Vice-President  
Kathy Bergholz, Treasurer  
Timothy Fara, Commissioner  
Patricia Malloy, Commissioner
- Jamie Janusz is the appointed Secretary
- The District's administrative staff is hired by the Director, Jim Pacanowski

## **III. DISTRICT-OWNED FACILITIES**

- The District currently owns the following facilities all located in Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Burr Ridge Community Center/Harvester Park

15W400 Harvester Dr.

County Line Estates park

86<sup>th</sup> Street & County Line Rd.

Garywood Park

Plainfield Rd. & Garywood Dr.

Kraml Park

87<sup>th</sup> St. & Kraml Dr.

Lake Ridge Club

80<sup>th</sup> St. & Lake Ridge Club Dr.

Mc Cullough Park

Plainfield & County Line Rds.

Oak Grove Park

N. Frontage Rd. & Harvester Dr.

Palisades Park

91<sup>st</sup> St. & Royal Dr.

Citizens Park

10S474 Madison St.

Stevens Park

8555 Walredon

Whittaker Park

7800 Drew Ave.

Woods Pool

711 Tomlin Dr.



**PROCEDURES AND METHODS FOR REQUESTING INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RECORDS OF  
THE BURR RIDGE PARK DISTRICT  
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

**POLICY:**

The Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 ILCS 140/1, *et seq.*) is intended to ensure that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government, and the official acts and policies of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with the terms of the FOIA. Access to records is necessary to enable the people to fulfill their duties of discussing public issues fully and freely, making informed political judgments and monitoring government to ensure that it is being conducted in the public interest. Access by all persons to public records promotes the transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government, and it is a fundamental obligation of government to operate openly and provide public records as expediently and efficiently as possible in compliance with the FOIA.

The FOIA is not intended to cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, or to allow the requests of a commercial enterprise to unduly burden public resources, or to disrupt the duly-undertaken work of any public body independent of the fulfillment of any of the rights of the people to access to information.

Restraints on access to information, to the extent permitted by the FOIA, are limited exceptions to the principle that the people of Illinois have a right to full disclosure of information relating to the decisions, policies, procedures, rules, standards, and other aspects of government activity that affect the conduct of government and the lives of any or all of the people. The provisions of the FOIA are to be construed in accordance with this principle, and to require disclosure of requested information as expediently and efficiently as possible in accordance with the deadlines established in the FOIA. Unless information falls within an express statutory exemption, it must be disclosed under FOIA (5 ILCS 140/3). The exceptions are to be construed as limited, in light of the people's right to know the decisions, policies, procedures, rules, standards, and other aspects of government activity that affect the conduct of government and the lives or any or all of the people.

## **HOW TO REQUEST PUBLIC RECORDS:**

### The FOIA Officer:

The FOIA Officer for the Burr Ridge Park District (the "District") is:

***Jamie Janusz – Supt. Of Finance***

Assistant FOIA Officers for the District are:

***Jim Pacanowski – Director of Parks & Recreation***

### Submission of Requests: Content:

Requests for public records in the custody of the Burr Ridge Park District (the "District") should be submitted to the FOIA Officer. Requests must be made in writing and, if desired, a form for the request will be provided. The form may be submitted in person, by U.S. mail, e-mail or facsimile.

All requests must include the following:

1. The requestor's full name, address, telephone number, facsimile number and e-mail, if any;
2. A brief description, as specific as possible, of the public records requested;
3. A statement as to whether the request is for inspection of public records, copies of public records, or both; and
4. A statement as to whether the request is for a commercial purpose. ***[Note: It is a violation of Sec. 3.1 of the FOIA to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose if requested to do so by the District.]***

### Inspection of Records:

Public records in the custody of the District will be made available for inspection during normal office hours at the District's Community Center, or such other office of the District where they are maintained. To prevent damage to or destruction of records, public inspection will be made under the supervision of a District employee.

### Copies of Records:

Any person may request copies of public records or, during inspection of public records, may request that copies of specified records be provided. Copies will be made by the FOIA Officer or an assistant or designee. The FOIA provides that fees may be charged in certain instances to cover the cost of reproducing copies of public records, and fees will be assessed in accordance with the schedule of Reproduction Fees established by the Board of Park Commissioners. The fee schedule is also open for public inspection (see attachment). When a request for copies of public records is made, such copies will be provided to the requestor only upon payment of any fees that are due. Fees may be waived if the District's FOIA Officer, or an assistant FOIA Officer determines that waiver of fees serves the public interest.

If certified copies of public records are needed, the District will provide appropriate certification as to the authenticity and accuracy of the records. Certification will be provided upon the payment of certification fees established by the schedule of Reproduction Fees for certification of public records.

When a request is made for records that are maintained in an electronic format, the FOIA Officer will furnish the record in the electronic format specified by the requestor, if feasible. If it is not feasible to furnish the public records in the specified electronic format, the FOIA Officer shall furnish it in the format in which it is maintained by the District, or in paper format at the option of the requestor. The District may charge the requestor for the actual cost of purchasing the recording medium, whether disc, diskette, tape or other medium.

The FOIA requires the District to respond to requests for non-commercial public records within five (5) business days. In certain limited circumstances, the District may take up to an additional five (5) business days to collect and prepare public records for inspection. Requests received after 3:00 p.m. will be dated as being received on the next consecutive business day. The FOIA requires the District to respond to requests for public records for commercial

use within twenty-one (21) working days after receipt, in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Act. Unless the records are exempt from disclosure, the District is required to comply with a request for commercial purposes within a reasonable period, considering the size and complexity of the request, and giving priority to records requested for non-commercial purposes.

If a member of the public is denied access to public records or if a response to a request is not given within this time limit, the individual requesting access to public records may consider the request denied, and may appeal the denial to the Public Access Counselor – Assistant Attorney General.

The District reserves the right to redact exempt information from a requested record.

Any questions regarding the procedure for acquiring access to public records may be directed to the FOIA Officer at District's Community Center, 15W400 Harvester Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, Phone: 630-920-1969.



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS REPRODUCTION FEES

Except when a fee is otherwise fixed by statute, the following fees are for reproducing requested documents:

- (A) First fifty (50) pages of black and white letter or legal-sized copies: No charge  
Pages of black and white letter or legal-sized copies over fifty (50) pages \$ .15 per page  
Certified copies \$1.00 per certified copy
- (B) For color copies or copies of documents in a size other than letter or legal, the fee for reproduction shall be the actual cost of reproduction as billed to the District.
- (C) If mailing of copies is requested, actual postage costs will be added to the reproduction costs set forth in sections (A) and (B) written above.
- (D) Documents may be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge, as determined by the FOIA Officer, if the requestor states the specific purpose for the request indicates that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest. Waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. For purposes of this document, "commercial benefit" shall not apply to requests made by news media when the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public. In setting the amount of the waiver or reduction, the FOIA Officer may take into consideration the amount of materials requested and the cost of copying them.



**BURR RIDGE PARK DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS**

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: FOIA Office  
Name of Requestor Burr Ridge Park District  
Street Address 15W400 Harvester Drive  
City, State, Zip Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527  
Phone Number  
Facsimile Number, if any  
E-mail Address, if any

Pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I wish to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Inspect; or

\_\_\_\_\_ Receive copies of the following public records presently in the custody of the Burr Ridge Park District (the "District"). (Note: There may be a charge for copies provided, in accordance with the schedule of copying charges available from the FOIA Officer).

\_\_\_\_\_ Paper  
\_\_\_\_\_ Electronic: What format? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Certified copies

Description of Records:

Is this request for a commercial purpose? ***(Must be completed for request to be valid. It is a violation of Sec. 3.1 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose if requested to do so by the District.)***

- YES
- NO

Are you requesting a fee waiver or reduction? *Note that fee waivers or reductions are only available if a statement is filed with the District stating the purpose of the request and indicating that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest, that is, that the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public, and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.*

- YES
- NO

I understand that the District must respond to a request made for non-commercial purposes within five (5) business days, unless such time limit is extended for five (5) additional business days for reasons stated in Section 3 of the Act. I also understand that the District will respond to a request made for commercial purposes within twenty-one (21) days after receipt, in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Act. Unless the records are exempt from disclosure, the District will comply a request for commercial purposes within a reasonable period, considering the size and complexity of the request, and giving priority to records requested for non-commercial purposes. I further understand that if this request is denied, I may appeal the denial to the Public Access Counselor – Assistant Attorney General.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***For use of the FOIA Officer only:***

Date Request Was Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Response Is Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Response Was Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

***If Request is Approved Immediately:***

Your request dated \_\_\_\_\_ for the above captioned record(s) has been approved, and a copy is/copies are being provided to you

\_\_\_\_\_ For a cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Without cost

\_\_\_\_\_  
FOIA Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Received on*** \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) by \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature