



# Village of Burr Ridge

Mayor Gary Grasso

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## Mayor's Message - January 2, 2024

To the Burr Ridge Community,

I want to provide an update on the recent transportation of migrants from Texas to Illinois. On December 13, 2023, Chicago enacted an ordinance regulating the arrival of buses transporting migrants, requiring advanced notice and limiting the number to two buses per hour. In response, Texas redirected buses away from Chicago to suburban locations, withholding information on arrival times and locations.

Since Chicago's ordinance took effect, about 50 buses have reached Metra stations in DuPage County. Each bus is supervised by a coordinator who provides Metra tickets for transport to the Ogilvie Transportation Center in Chicago, where passengers then receive assistance at Chicago's designated "migrant landing zone" near the Greyhound station. The Village is unaware of any buses stopping at locations other than Metra stations. Burr Ridge has not received any migrants since August 2022 when a group was briefly housed at the Hampton Inn at the direction of the Governor's staff without notice to the Village.

A working group of several suburban municipalities was created to collaborate with the City of Chicago to responsibly manage this matter. The working group is in contact with DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy, who assures me of continuous monitoring and coordination. Unlike our previous experience, I am glad to report that government is working together to create a better outcome for all involved. If you wish to donate materials to the migrants, please visit this [link](#).

The Village is not aware of any incidents of criminal activity from migrants arriving in DuPage County. It's important to remember that even though migrants may be viewed by some as "outsiders," these individuals and families seek a better life in the United States just like other immigrants whose common wish was and is to become Americans. Please know we will always put safety first - if there is ever a situation where you feel unsafe, dial 911 immediately, and our Police Department will promptly assist you.

The Village will continue to communicate with local, state, and federal officials and share updates with the community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this situation together. Our community's resilience and compassion make Burr Ridge A Very Special Place - for all.

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