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**TO:** Mayor, Trustees, Village Attorneys and Village Clerk  
**FROM:** Village Administrator Steve Stricker and Staff  
**DATE:** August 28, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Administration Weekly Memo

**Concert on the Green – Friday, August 28, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

This Friday's concert, the last of this season, features Chicago Experience, a Chicago Tribute band. For more information, please contact Communications and Public Relations Coordinator Janet Kowal at [jkowal@burr-ridge.gov](mailto:jkowal@burr-ridge.gov) or at (630) 654-8181, ext. 2120.

**New Public Works Director/Village Engineer Starts Monday, August 31**

I am pleased to report that our new Public Works Director/Village Engineer, David Preissig, will begin work on Monday, August 31. Please join the Staff and me in welcoming David back to the Village.

**Citizens Police Academy Cancelled**

Please be advised that the 2015 Citizens Police Academy has been cancelled, due to budget constraints.

**BFPC Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.**

The next Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m.

**Pathway Commission Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.**

The next Pathway Commission meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.

**EDC Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.**

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m.

**Farmers' Market Ends – Tuesday, September 15**

The last day of the 2015 Farmers' Market is Tuesday, September 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the Village Green in the Burr Ridge Village Center.

**Sprinkling Restrictions End – Tuesday, September 15**

The last day of lawn sprinkling restrictions is Tuesday, September 15.

**Plan Commission Meeting – Monday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.**

Please be reminded that, due to the Labor Day holiday (September 7), the next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled on Monday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m.

**Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 4:00 p.m.**

The September meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee is scheduled on Wednesday, September 30, at 4:00 p.m.

**Traffic Court May be Moved from Downers Grove to Wheaton**

We have been informed by DuPage County that the DuPage County Traffic Court, located in Downers Grove, may have to be relocated to Wheaton. This will have a substantial impact on the Village's Police overtime budget and would obviously impact residents who would have to travel all the way to Wheaton to adjudicate a traffic ticket. While the court is looking for alternative sites, if they cannot find one within a reasonable period of time, it appears that the Traffic Court will be moved to Wheaton, at least temporarily.

**State Law Regarding "Happy Hours"**

As I have reported to you in the past, a new State law was enacted to once again allow for "Happy Hours" to occur. However, it is now our understanding that this legislation does not mandate or require for municipalities to allow "Happy Hours." The Village's current Ordinance prohibits "Happy Hours." Unless I hear otherwise from the Village Board, we will maintain our policy prohibiting "Happy Hours" in the Village of Burr Ridge.

**Village Receives \$1,000 Donation for the Burr Ridge Police Department**

I am pleased to report that long-time resident Rich Barton has once again donated \$1,000 to the Burr Ridge Police Department.

**DMMC Legislative Update**

Attached please find the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Legislative Update dated August 28, 2015.

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

August 28, 2015

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The House was in session this week and is scheduled to return next Wednesday, September 2, to attempt to override several of the Governor's vetoes. The Governor has so far vetoed 21 House bills and 21 Senate bills and issued amendatory vetoes for an additional 10 bills in each chamber. The Senate does not return to Springfield until September 9.

## **Property Tax Freeze Legislation**

The games continued in Springfield this week as the House again considered and approved an amendment that would enact a permanent property tax freeze on all taxing districts, including home rule units. The House considered an additional amendment to include labor concessions, but the amendment failed by a vote of 1-64, with 13 voting "present." As such, [HB 684](#), as amended by HAm 1, is a stand-alone permanent property tax freeze. The bill is currently on 3rd Reading in the House.

An additional bill, [HB 4247](#), has been filed by House Leader Durkin (R-82) and would enact a two-year property tax freeze on all taxing districts and make concessions on collective bargaining and prevailing wage. HB 4247 has been referred to the House Rules Committee.

## **SURVEY - Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force**

The Task Force held its eighth meeting on August 24, 2015 and heard presentations from several speakers on unfunded mandates and procurement reform in higher education and consolidation and unfunded mandates at the township level. The Task Force also received an update from Dr. Norm Walzer about the efforts the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University is undertaking to assist the Task Force.

The Center has developed a survey to identify unfunded mandates that pose a significant burden to local governments. The Center will collect and compile responses, which will then be submitted to the Task Force for reference as it develops its recommendations on unfunded mandates in need of repeal or reform. The Center has shared the survey with IML, which has posted [additional information and a link to the survey here](#). Due to time pressures, the Center is only accepting electronic submissions of the survey; however, a [pdf version can be accessed here](#) if you wish to use it to gather data internally before transferring responses to the electronic survey.

***DMMC encourages members to take this survey as soon as possible to help identify the unfunded mandates that burden your municipality.***

If you have any questions about bills or legislative activity, please contact Executive Director Mark Baloga at (630) 571-0480, ext. 223 or [mbaloga@dmmc-cog.org](mailto:mbaloga@dmmc-cog.org). You may also contact Policy Analyst Kate Buggy at (630) 571-0480, ext. 225 or [kbuggy@dmmc-cog.org](mailto:kbuggy@dmmc-cog.org).

**For your DuPage legislator's contact information, follow the link below.**

[Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant \(D-49, Plainfield\)](#)  
[Senator Jacqueline Collins \(D-16, Chicago\)](#)  
[Senator Michael Connelly \(R-21, Wheaton\)](#)  
[Senator Thomas E. Cullerton \(D-23, Villa Park\)](#)  
[Senator Don Harmon \(D-39, Oak Park\)](#)  
[Senator Linda Holmes \(D-42, Aurora\)](#)  
[Senator Dan Kotowski \(D-28, Park Ridge\)](#)  
[Senator Karen McConaughay \(R-33, West Dundee\)](#)  
[Senator Pat McGuire \(D-43, Joliet\)](#)  
[Senator Matt Murphy \(R-27, Palatine\)](#)  
[Senator Michael Noland \(D-22, Elgin\)](#)  
[Senator Chris Nybo \(R-24, Lombard\)](#)  
[Senator Jim Oberweis \(R-25, North Aurora\)](#)  
[Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno \(R-41, Lemont\)](#)  
[Representative Steven Andersson \(R-65, Geneva\)](#)  
[Representative Mark Batinick \(R-97, Plainfield\)](#)  
[Representative Patti Bellock \(R-47, Westmont\)](#)  
[Representative Peter Breen \(R-48, Lombard\)](#)  
[Representative Linda Chapa LaVia \(D-83, Aurora\)](#)  
[Representative Deborah Conroy \(D-46, Villa Park\)](#)  
[Representative Fred Crespo \(D-44, Streamwood\)](#)  
[House Republican Leader Jim Durkin \(R-82, Burr Ridge\)](#)  
[Representative Mary Flowers \(D-31, Chicago\)](#)  
[Representative Mike Fortner \(R-49, West Chicago\)](#)  
[Representative Jeanne Ives \(R-42, Wheaton\)](#)  
[Representative Stephanie Kifowit \(D-84, Aurora\)](#)  
[Representative Natalie Manley \(D-98, Joliet\)](#)  
[Representative Emily McAsey \(D-85, Romeoville\)](#)  
[Representative Thomas Morrison \(R-54, Palatine\)](#)  
[Representative Martin J. Moylan \(D-55, Des Plaines\)](#)  
[Representative Michelle Mussman \(D-56, Schaumburg\)](#)  
[Representative Ron Sandack \(R-81, Downers Grove\)](#)  
[Representative Grant Wehrli \(R-41, Naperville\)](#)  
[Representative Keith Wheeler \(R-50, North Aurora\)](#)  
[Representative Kathleen Willis \(D-77, Northlake\)](#)  
[Representative Christine Winger \(R-45, Bloomingdale\)](#)

## **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

Founded June 19, 1962, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is a council of municipal governments in DuPage County, Illinois. Each member municipality is represented by its mayor and manager as voting delegates. The Conference is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues and grants.

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