Dist. 64 plans budget cuts

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER  
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In order to combat budget shortfalls, Park Ridge-Niles Elementary School District 64 will cut programs this year for the fourth time in five years. The District is considering a total of $1.8 million in cuts, though only $1.4 million will actually be cut.

"We directed the administration to propose cuts totaling 30 percent more than we actually planned to cut," said School Board President Dean Krone. "We wanted to have some discretion in the cuts."

Among the programs being considered for cuts are the foreign language program, technology lab, special education, gifted education, and music.

"We're at the point right now that we're considering cutting programs that no one wants to touch," said Krone. The District is also considering an increase in class size. The District plans to increase the maximum number of students allowable in a class in order to save a teacher salary where possible.

"It's a very small number of instances," said Krone. "Currently, if we have 72 students in first grade, for instance, the average class size would be 24. But if we get one more student, then the class size would be 25 and we would have an average class size of about 19." The District is trying to cut costs in order to reach a target fund balance of 20 percent of their budget after five years. Currently, the fund balance is about 14 percent.

"We need that fund balance to protect the District's finances," said School Board Member Joe Baidi. "It's what's necessary."

What if we have a large health claim, or property tax revenues not refunded, or collected in a timely fashion. We can't predict which of these may happen or when, and if we aren't prepared for it then we have to borrow money and that adds cost to the District and to the taxpayers."

The District is currently in the process of forming a community committee to advise them on possible solutions to their budget woes. Krone said that they were expecting to form the committee this spring.

"We all know there's a good deal of talent in this community," said Sgt. Sally Pyor. "It's time we tapped that so that they can help us think outside of the box." According to District officials, the committee will also consider referendums for an increase in the education taxes.

"The District has been trying very hard to live within its means and not go out to referendum," said Krone. "Part of that is because we went out to referendum in 1997 but it might be necessary in order to compensate for some of these other negative impacts. If it looks like it's going to become worse we need to go out to the community to address the adverse impact of these decreased revenue."

Selection of new Niles Chamber director imminent

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The selection of a new director for the Niles Chamber of Commerce was scheduled to be made today according to Niles Chamber President Dean Strzlecki.

"We're planning on making a final selection on Thursday," he said. Last week, Strzlecki said the number of candidates for the position had been narrowed to four. Final interviews were held this week with a final selection on Thursday.

Strzlecki said the Chamber was very pleased with the application and interview process. "We've had a lot of qualified candidates applying," he said. "Quite a few of them would make excellent Chamber directors. It's going to be a hard choice."

The position of Chamber director became available when former Director Denise McCrory resigned in December. She had served in the post for 11 years.

Meeting scheduled on Dist.219 referendum

The Niles Township High School District 219 board will hold a meeting Monday, Feb. 2 on a proposed tax referendum on the Mar. 16 primary ballot. The meeting will be held in the Niles West High School auditorium at 7:45 p.m.

The 23-cent referendum will address a variety of budget short-falls resulting from a decrease in tax revenue to the Dist. 219 as a result of the economic recession and property tax appeals. According to Stacey Gorski, Co-Chair of Neighbors United to Preserve Our High Schools, an organization dedicated to the passage of the referendum, public understanding of the issues behind the proposed tax increase is vital.

Attending the meeting will answer many of the community's questions, she said. "This board meeting will put the future of Niles West and Niles North High Schools in perspective should the referendum not pass. We are in real danger of losing local control of our schools to the State of Illinois. In the event that the state gains administrative control, they can raise taxes infinitely; the District is only asking for 23-cents which will sustain the District for five to six years. The taxpayers must understand what that means to them financially and personally should the worst occur," According to Jeff Burman, Co-Chair of Neighbors United.
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POLICE BLOTTER

The following entries were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Jan. 22, 2004.

**Possession of marijuana (200 Dempster)** A 29-year-old Skokie man was arrested early Monday morning, January 19 after the man was clocked going 65 mph in a 35 mph zone in the 200 block of Dempster. Police said the man was smoking marijuana from a bag with him. The man was charged with charges of speeding and possession of marijuana. He was released on bond.

**Possession of marijuana (1000 Dempster)** A 29-year-old Chicagoman was arrested late Monday morning, January 19 after police said the man was smoking marijuana in his car in the 1000 block of Dempster. Police said the man was smoking a small bag of marijuana with the help of his partner. He was charged with possession of marijuana and released on bond.

**Theft from school (1000 Stewart)** A 15-year-old student was arrested Tuesday morning, January 20 after police said the student attempted to steal a 60-inch television from the school. The student was charged with theft and released on bond.

**Firearms (2000 Block of Golf Road)** A 35-year-old man was arrested Tuesday afternoon, January 20 after police said the man was carrying a firearm without a permit in the 2000 block of Golf Road. He was charged with possession of a firearm without a permit and released on bond.

**Theft (500 Block of Dempster)** A 19-year-old man was arrested Tuesday night, January 20 after police said the man stole a 42-inch television from the school. The man was charged with theft and released on bond.

**Theft (6000 Block of Golf Road)** A 35-year-old man was arrested Wednesday morning, January 21 after police said the man stole a lawn mower from the school. The man was charged with theft and released on bond.

**Theft (8000 Block of Golf Road)** A 20-year-old man was arrested Wednesday afternoon, January 21 after police said the man stole a bicycle from the school. The man was charged with theft and released on bond.

**Theft from school (1000 Stewart)** A 20-year-old man was arrested Thursday afternoon, January 22 after police said the man stole a 20-inch television from the school. The man was charged with theft and released on bond.

**Possession of marijuana (3000 Block of Golf Road)** A 19-year-old man was arrested Thursday night, January 22 after police said the man was smoking marijuana in his car. The man was charged with possession of marijuana and released on bond.

**Theft (8000 Block of Golf Road)** A 19-year-old man was arrested Friday morning, January 23 after police said the man stole a 42-inch television from the school. The man was charged with theft and released on bond.

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**Theft (8000 Block of Golf Road)** A 19-year-old man was arrested Monday morning, January 26 after police said the man stole a 42-inch television from the school. The man was charged with theft and released on bond.
EVENTS CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
- 7:30 p.m. Village of Niles Plan/Zone Commission meeting
- 9 a.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
- 7 a.m. Village of Niles Trustee Town Hall meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
- 7 p.m. Morton Grove Recreation Commission
- 8 a.m. Morton Grove Board of Education meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
- 8 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting

PARK RIDGE

Notice

Meeting for governmental bodies is held in the following locations:

Niles
- Village of Niles Civic Center
  1040 Civic Center Dr., Niles, IL
  847-665-7880
Schaumburg
- Village of Schaumburg
  1575 Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL
  847-982-4000
City of Park Ridge
- City Hall
  201 N. Waterloo Ave., Park Ridge, IL
  847-765-2222
St. John's Hospital Park District
- St. John's Hospital Park District
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Sunday, February 1
- Annual Games and Card Pasty is planned. Cake, coffee, and tea will be served. For more information, contact Margaret McLean at (847) 647-1935.

Thursday, February 5
- Rose Tatoo. It will be held in the Niles West Auditorium, 5701 W Oakton, Niles. Please call 847-965-9100 for more information.

Saturday, February 7
- 7 p.m. Morton Grove Board of Trustees Town Hall meeting.

Wednesday, February 11
- 7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Recreation and Facility Programming Committee meeting. The meeting will be held on January 28, 2004 and February 11, 2004.

RIDGE SOUTH RECREATIONAL CENTER
Located at 833 Talcott Rd. Park Ridge. The event will be held on Saturday, February 7, at the parish hall, 8301 N. Harlem, Niles, beginning at 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Holy Name Men's Club. The football game will be shown on a big-screen television. Tickets are $11, which includes admission, a chicken dinner, dog, beer, and soft drink. For more information, call Andy Bresnahan at (847) 968-9642.

PARK RIDGE

Officials consider rescinding bonding limit

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER andrew.schneider@burgenewspapers.com

P ark Ridge city officials are considering rescinding the current bonding limit of 2.5 percent of the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of the city, or approximately $30 million. Under the current ordinance, the city council cannot authorize general obligation bonds that will exceed 2.5 percent limit. "The people of the city have voted for a bonding limit of 2.5 percent, and the city council cannot override that," said Councilman Joe Quinn.

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Currently, the city has about $12 million in bonded indebtedness, said Mayor Don Crampton. "This is a proposed project that exceeds the limit, the ordinance requires that we cap the city's borrowing," said Quinn.

Crampton said that with the current bonding limit, the city council will still have to make a number of policy decisions in order to move the city in the direction of raising the limit. "The city council can do a number of things to increase the limit, but the council will have to find a way to increase the limit," said Quinn.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6
- 7 a.m. Morton Grove Board of Education meeting.
- 10:15 a.m. Morton Grove Board of Education meeting.

COMMUNITY

Sunday, February 1
- St. John's Brethren Parish will be holding its annual Super Bowl party today at the Parish Hall, 113 W. St. John's St., Niles, beginning at 5 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Holy Name Men's Club. The football game will be shown on a big-screen television. Tickets are $11, which includes admission, a chicken dinner, dog, beer, and soft drink. For more information, call Andy Bresnahan at (847) 968-9642.

The Park Ridge Catholic Women's Club will meet today at 12:15 at the Park Ridge High School Cafeteria, located at 6755 W. Northwest Highway. The annual Games and Card Party is planned. Cake, coffee, and tea will be served. For more information, contact Margaret McLean at (847) 647-1935.

Thursday, February 12
- Park Ridge City Council meeting.
Lies in the Sand

so do we make life so unlo-
ced for ourselves? Is it part of
the "If you can keep your head above
water when all about you are drowning,
you don’t understand the pro-
lems," philosophy?

Specially in politics (now word
animal governance), "leaders" spend
so much time trying to figure out
how to control the Sand of public
issues that they fail to come up with
some solutions.

For example, our political leaders
are constantly talking about the "sand"
problem instead of solving it. But in
the meantime, the "sand" problem is
growing.

We need leaders who will actu-
alize the Good News of public
issues, instead of just talking about
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PARK RIDGE

By Chuck Baldacchino

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The Changing Face of Uptown

In order to redefine Uptown, the
City has to make an investment
in rezoning, public space, and
economic development. The
appropriate zone is a possible
purchase of property. There are
varied reasons why the City is plan-
ing for financing the redevelopment
of Uptown.

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- The city can issue bonds to cover the
costs of the various improvements to
Uptown. The city will issue bonds
to cover part of the cost of moving
the reservoir. Water bonds are
brought against water service.
- City Manager Tom Schuenke
said that the water rate for
Parker Ridge might increase by 2.5-
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The city has already spent about
$4 million in General Obligation Bonds
in order to purchase the Brandon
property. However, Schuenke
expects to have all or most of that
money returned to the city when a
developer purchases the property.

Developers underwriting the
redevelopment of Uptown have
taken control of some municipali-
ties throughout the state to use
the $4 million in TIF and OBA to
buy the Brandon property.

Residents resulting from increased
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which I am a member, has
the power to "spend" in a
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This is why the Council Chamber,
not the public, is allowed to
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**Niles native Tony Brens has real estate savvy**

**BY PATRICK FERRER, FREELANCE STAFF**

Having lived in Niles since she was a freshman in high school, Tony Brens has established herself as a knowledgeable and professional real estate agent. She has a strong understanding of the market and is able to provide her clients with valuable information about the area. With a clean record in both sales and rentals, Brens is a reliable source for people looking to buy or sell property in Niles.

Brens states that she has been able to successfully sell over 100 houses in the past three years. She attributes her success to her dedication to her clients and her ability to provide them with the best possible service. "I always have a smile on my face when I'm working with my clients," Brens says. "I enjoy helping people find their dream home and making sure they are happy with the process.""}

Brens has been a licensed real estate agent for over ten years and has worked with clients of all backgrounds. She says that she is proud to have helped many families find the perfect home in Niles and believes that she is well positioned to continue her success in the future.

Brens is currently offering a special discount on all properties she represents. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Brens for more information.

**The Bugle raises business profiles to highlight those businesses that support the publication.**

**Business Calendar**

**Friday, January 30**

The Park Ridge Chamber will host a "Women in Business Networking Breakfast" from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Jessica's Banquet and Rib Room, 462 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. More for information, contact the Chamber at (847) 936-3121.

**Thursday, February 12**

The Morton Grove Chamber will host a "Business After Hours" at Billy Toni Fitness, 3400 Park Ave., Morton Grove, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber at (847) 936-6494.

**Business Briefs**

"Second Time Around" Cuts the ribbon

Niles Business Coordinator Dave Espósito (holding scissors) cuts the ribbon on the newly opened Second Time Around at 524a N. Milwaukee Ave., Monday afternoon January 19. Espósito welcomed the Niles Park District to Niles as Second Time Around will be opening soon for business. Owner Violet Urosevic (immediate right) and members of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce.

**Lutheran General welcomes Niles'**

**Physician Bulava**

Gregory Bulava, M.D., of Niles was appointed to the medical staff of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Bulava is one of seven new physicians added to the staff.

Bulava specializes in family practice. He received his medical degree from the Warsaw Medical Academy. Of his residency, in Poland where he also served an internship. He has lived in Morton Grove since 1965, and the proximity to area attractions is part of the reason many families are being attracted to the area.

"It's a wonderful area, especially to raise a family," he said. "It's close to everything. We're only 20 minutes to downtown Chicago and 15 minutes to O'Hare.

Because more families are moving to the area, Bulava has had to learn a few things she never thought she would. "People, obviously, want to know where the nearest hospital is," Bulava said. "But they also want to know where the best restaurants are."

Bulava's office is available at www.tombulava.com.
**Niles Senior Center News**

**THE NILES SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FREDAYS IN FEBRUARY, FEBRUARY 1ST THRU 28TH.**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Make your Tax Appointment now! Qualifying Niles Seniors may make tax appointments. Appointments will begin February 4th and run through April 16th.

**February 16th**
- **Cholesterol Screening**
  - The Niles Senior Center's annual Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on February 16th. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides.
  - Results will be available within seven working days.
  - Reservations are required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 773-475-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is $5 for residents age 65+ and $12 for non-residents and students age 65.

**Income Tax Returns**

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**Maine Township Senior News**

For information contact:
- **Jan. 22, 2004**
  - Dick Barans
  - 847/608-5689

MaineStreamers Announces New Senior Activities and Classes

Maine Township seniors’ program called MaineStreamers offers residents 55 and older a variety of fun activities and meaningful programs each month. Membership in MaineStreamers is free.

For more information or to register as a member, please call 847-287-2510 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

There are four main events in January and February programs. All activities and programs are held at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge unless otherwise indicated.

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February 13th, 2004

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Join us in vsenor of President’s Day and our community!

Enjoy a late lunch for $5 for a president of submarine sandwiches and a drink.

Square cherry pie for dessert.

Honest Park Home
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Drug eluting stents for blocked arteries
Newly available stents, inserted during a minimally invasive procedure, release a drug over time to keep arteries from reclogging. This is revolutionizing heart care by dramatically reducing the need for future stent replacement surgeries.

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