



Village of Bedford Park
Board Briefs
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“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Fiber Optics

The Village has an agreement in place to install fiber optics in the residential area through Krauss Communications. We are waiting for Com Ed to approve the installation on their poles to finalize the agreement. The fiber optics will give the Village internet service that is 10 times faster and allow the expansion in streaming and downloading that is taking place. Our IT provider has told us that the service will be the fastest residential service in the state. This will eliminate the slowdowns that our vendors have placed on us in the past and will give the Village an internet infrastructure that should remain current for many years. The cost of the monthly service for the Village will be half our current rate and we will not face the additional charges for increased use that have been proposed by our current vendor. There will be infrastructure cost to the Village that will pay for itself over a 5 to 7 year time period through the savings in the monthly fees. The system will not have the mobility of the current MiFi's, but again, will be much faster, adaptable to more devices and more cost effective. ***There will be no cost to the residents for the internet service.*** The Village is using budgeted funds for the improvements without bonding. You will be able to access 8 devices in your home with service with a wireless router provided. The system will be installed through a fiber optics wire run into your house at the point of the existing phone line or cable entrance. ***No resident is required to take the service if you choose not to.*** However, we feel the system is a major upgrade and should add value to properties in the Village and strongly encourage you to install the system. We should be able to begin installation in May and complete the process by July. We will keep the MiFi's in place until the system is in place. Tim Willis will do the home portion of the set up if you so desire. We will send out more information on this as we get closer to the installation time period. ***We will hold an informational meeting on the program on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6pm at the Library.***

Sewer Update

The video of the sewer lines into the homes has been completed. If you would like to view the video into your home we will send out a signup sheet to schedule when you can view the video with a Village representative who can explain it to you and answer any drainage issue questions you might have on your property. We will take care of any connections to the homes that need repair. We will also put a new liner in the sewer line on 78th Avenue between 66th Street and 66th Place. We strongly encourage all residents to take advantage of the Village incentive to improve drainage in their home. We have a number of older homes that this would help greatly.

Adult Entertainment

As we have stated before, we have been in litigation with CSWS, the operators of an adult entertainment business proposed for the Village since 2005. We have lost in that battle. The business will open in the industrial area in the spring.

Medical Marijuana

We have a local company that was issued a license to open a medical marijuana growing facility in the industrial area. The business is strictly regulated by the state.

Hotels

The Hyatt Place hotel will open at 67th and Lavergne in the Midway Hotel complex in the early summer. The Village has reached an agreement with another hotel developer to develop 5 hotels on the 5401 site on 65th Street. The first hotel should be completed in 2017 with the other hotels following over a 7 year time frame. The Village did do a study that showed the hotels would be financially viable. That would give the Village 16 hotels.

Gas Station

Goode Oil will open a multi service gas station at 65th and Narragansett in the early summer.

IKO Site 65th and Central

The Village has a pending contract to purchase the IKO property at 65th and Central to develop a campus for Moraine Community College and an alternative school for Reavis and Argo. We would also develop a new water facility on the site. The Moraine campus would provide job training programs that would include hotel service training. The Moraine campus would be modeled after their campus in Tinley Park.

65th Street

We have a new cold storage facility being built on 65th St. Acorn Box has moved their site on 65th Street to the 73rd Street side of the Village. We hear that they have a potential buyer for the 65th St. site.

Village Picnic

Our 75th Anniversary picnic will be held on Saturday, August 15th. We have tentatively set the start time at 3PM with fireworks scheduled for 8:30pm.

We are hoping to have a children's parade at 2 PM. We also hope to have a couple of special prizes in addition to the level of prizes we have had in the past.

Costco

Costco is converting their facility in the Village to a business Costco. The facility will be modeled after similar businesses on the west coast. It will be the first such center in the Chicago area. The site will no longer have prescription drugs, glasses, hearing center, a tire center or some of the food items. They hope to make the switch over by mid March.

Think Spring!