



Village of Bedford Park
Board Briefs
April 24, 2015

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Memorial Day

The Village, the Park District and the Southwest Veterans Organization will host a Memorial Day observation at our Veterans’ Memorial on Memorial Day, May 25th at 9:00 AM. We will hold a brunch for a resident veteran and his/her guest at the Southern Belle restaurant following the ceremony at approximately 9:15 AM. If you are a veteran and would like to attend please notify the Village Office at (708) 458-2067 by May 15. All residents are invited to attend the ceremony. However, the brunch is only for the resident veterans and their guests. There is no charge for the brunch. Congressman Dan Lipinski will be attending.

Fiber Optics

We will begin installation of the new fiber optics internet system in May. The fiber optics will give the Village internet service that is 10 times faster and allows 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 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 usage that has been proposed by our current vendor. There will be infrastructure costs to the Village that will pay for itself over a 5 to 7 year time span 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.*** You will be able to access 8 devices in your home with the service with a wireless router provided. The system will be installed with a fiber optics wire run into your house through an existing phone line or cable entrance. ***No resident is required to take the service.*** However, we feel the

system is a major upgrade which should add value to properties in the Village and strongly encourage you to install the system. We should be able to complete the installation process by July. We will keep the MiFi's operating until the system is in place. Tim Willis will do the home portion of the setup, if you so desire. We will send out more information as we get closer to the installation time period.

Sewer Update

We only had a few residents view the video of the sewer lines into the homes. If you would like to view the video into your home, please contact the Village Office at (708) 458-2067 to schedule an appointment to view the video with a Village representative who can explain it to you and answer any drainage issues you might have on your property. We will take care of any connections to the homes that need repair. Also, we will 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.

Senior Prom

We will host our second annual Senior Prom on Wednesday, May 27th at the Library at 5:00 PM. Village seniors will receive an invite from Laura Bell. If you would like to attend, please contact Laura at (708) 341-2970 or the Village Office at (708) 458-2067.

Senior Lawn Service

If you are a Village senior and have not yet renewed your lawn service, please do so as soon as possible by filling out the necessary form at the Village Office.

Scams

A number of residents have received advertising for air condition, gas line, plumbing, insurance service etc. Please be very careful before entering into any agreement for such service.

Village Scholarship

Any residents who meets the requirements for the Village Scholarship, please turn in your application to the Village Office by May 15. The scholarship will be awarded at our June 4th meeting. Guidelines are attached.

Residential Vacant Lot Bids

We will re-bid the 2 vacant 52 foot lots that the Village owns on the 7600 block of 66th Street. Bids are due by May 7th to our Village Clerk, Carol Lumpkins. Guidelines are attached. Please contact our Village Attorney, Larry Gryczewski at (708) 403-5600, if you have any questions.

New Employees

We welcome resident Yvette Solis to our Village Office. Diane Joiner will also move to the Village Office from the Fire Department. Jill Olszak will take over as Fire Department Administrative Assistant. Mark White and Dan Taylor have joined our Water Department and Frank Batura has begun work in Public Works. The staff additions were necessitated with the pending retirements of Carol Lumpkins, Jan Kmitch, Jack Edwards and George Martens. The positions were filled through a testing and interview process recommended through our attorneys and consistent with state law.

Job Postings

We have been notified by the Illinois Tollway of the following job openings: Accounts Payable Representative (\$ 12.29 per hr.), Buyer (\$ 14.79 per hr.), Payroll Analyst (\$ 16.67 per hr.), Payroll Manager (\$ 65,000 per year), and Traffic Operations Technician (\$ 13.97 per hr.) You can apply at www.illinoistollway.com. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has an opening for a Human Resources Analyst. The starting pay is \$ 66,000.00. The job requires a BA degree in the related field. Testing is part of the hiring process. Applications can be made on MWRD's web site at www.districtjobs.org. Additional information can be attained at the Village Office.

Go Hawks!