



Village of Bedford Park
Board Briefs
June 15, 2015

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Fiber Optics

We will begin installation of the new fiber optics internet system next week. 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 Mi Fi'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 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 complete the installation process by July. We will keep the Mi-Fi'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 be contacting you to set up an installation schedule.

Sewer Update

We have 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 (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. 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.

Residential Properties

We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts on property upkeep and the development of their properties.

Village Bus

Many questions have come up recently. The Village purchased a mini bus last fall. The vehicle was purchased to model the vehicle the Park District owns and is used for mainly senior transportation with some use for specialized Village events such as the picnic. No employees, residents or Board members have used or rented the vehicle for personal use. Our legal council and insurance agents have strongly recommended against such use. The Park District and Library District are separate government bodies from the Village and have their own Boards, legal council, insurance agents, policies and procedures. We greatly appreciate their work and the quality programs they provide.

Village Picnic

The Village Picnic will be held on August 15th and be the venue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Many of the activities will be the same, however, we will have a number of major changes to help celebrate the anniversary. The changes will include:

1. 9AM-Short ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial to recognize our public servants.
2. 2PM-Parade through residential area.
3. 3PM-Picnic begins with Jim Cornelius of the Blackhawks singing the National Anthem. Hawks announcer John Wiedeman will also attend for the 3rd consecutive year.
4. 8PM-Fireworks
5. 8:30PM- Picnic concludes
6. We will have a slight upgrade in food and prizes
7. We will use a **pre-registration and bracelet system**

Gail Rubel is developing an addendum to the book written by Elmay Swanson.

We will distribute the book at the picnic. The Board, our staff, and our main picnic organizer Village Clerk Carol Lumpkins are working hard to make

this year's picnic a very special event. We will distribute additional information on the picnic as the date draws near.

New Businesses

The Hyatt Place Hotel will open next week. The new gas station on 65th Street will open by mid August. We also have strong interest for a gas station development on the former Landmark property.

New Homes

The two new homes in the residential area have sold. We welcome the owners of those homes and our other new residents. Our remaining Village owned vacant lots have also been sold. We anticipate construction to begin on those lots within a year.

Senior Computer Training

Laura Bell is working on a program for individual computer **instruction** for our seniors. She will be contacting the seniors about the program

Advertising

We will do advertising with WBBM radio on their Cubs radio broadcasts for the remainder of this year. As part of the program we will be given 2 tickets for 25 games that will be raffled to the residents. When we receive the tickets we will notify you of the distribution.

Have a great summer!

Go Hawks!
WINNERS OF THE
STANLEY CUP!!