



Village of Bedford Park
Board Briefs
April 25, 2017

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Residential Properties

We continue to try to increase the amount of new homes in the Village. Kindly recall the Village offers incentives for construction on 52 and 70 sq. ft. lots.

We just distributed information to the residents on an incentive for construction on a lot the Village recently purchased. Construction on two new homes should be completed by early summer with construction of a third planned for this summer. That will give us 7 new homes in the past couple of year. We have passed a new incentive for the 35 sq. ft. lots. The incentive will differ from the past in that the Village will not own the property and will be limited to two properties per year chosen on a first come first serve basis. The Village will rebate the appraised fair market price of up to \$ 200,000 for construction of new home on a 35 sq. ft. lot that meets the Village construction standards. Construction standards will be proportional in size and consistent with our previous standards. We will also rebate up \$ 20,000 for demolition costs. A copy of the construction standards is attached. The Village Board strongly feels that revitalizing and maintaining the quality of the residential area is the most important factor for our future. The programs reflect similar incentives the Village has done in the industrial area for a long time and reflect housing incentives in other municipalities. Specific details can be picked up in the Village Hall.

New Businesses

We have been doing well with new businesses. Demolition of the Landmark and construction of the Speedway Service station has begun. There are two other new businesses that are developing new facilities adjacent to Fire House 1. We have construction of two new facilities on 65th St. that have taken place with a third new facility planned for this year. Most of our events have been concentrated at the 65th and Central sites and we hope to see construction start there soon.

Fire Negotiations

We have a tentative agreement on a five year contract with our Fire Union. We appreciate the creative efforts and cooperation of the fire union and our staff in this process.

Police

We have had an increase in crime along our Cicero Avenue border with the city. There was a murder in one of the hotels on New Year's Eve and another shooting at the Walmart earlier in the month. Both apparently were gang related with victims refusing to testify against suspects. We also had 2 carjackings at the Target. An individual has been charged for those crimes. We have increased our patrols along Cicero Avenue by increasing overtime.

Communications

We have achieved state approval for consolidation of our Dispatch services with other municipalities. Because of our small population, this was necessary to avoid being taken over by state mandate. Chief Godfrey and Supervisor Svetich put in a lot of time into this process which will insure that we continue to house our Dispatch services.

Advertising

We have revised aspects of our advertising. We will still have the Sox tickets for the upcoming season and will distribute them as soon as will receive them.

Parking/Residential Upkeep

Please respect your neighbors and the Village ordinances on parking and residential upkeep. Our police do a very good job of monitoring residential parking. We will shortly begin the annual process of checking properties in the residential area.

Village Scholarship

Kindly recall the Village grants a total of \$ 3000.00 to students who reside in the Village and will attend college in the fall that have completed community service work for a non-family Bedford Park senior citizen. Specific information and application forms can be picked up in the Village Office. Applications will be due June 1st.

Street Cleaning

We have put up permanent signs to remind everyone of our street cleaning days. Our Public Works staff will no longer put up the temporary signs. Please remove your cars from assigned side of streets on street cleaning days.

Silver Star Veterans

Cook County will recognize Silver Stars Veterans on June 6th. If you are eligible and would like to be recognized, please complete the attached form and return it the Village Hall by May 1st.

Memorial Day

We will be sending out information on our annual Memorial Day Ceremony later in the week.

White Sox Bedford Park Day

We are sponsoring the White Sox Homecoming Weekend and will sponsor fireworks on May 26th. We will have approximately 150 suite tickets for that night available for residents when the plans are finalized with the Sox.

2017 Village Picnic

Save the Date-August 12th.

Think Spring!!!!

RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVE

The Village of Bedford Park authorities recognize maintaining and developing attractive housing options. Older residential areas, at time, fail to meet the needs of a constant changing market. Studies have shown that modern homes increase the entire community. The corporate officials realize that monetary incentives should be made available to encourage new residential development within town.

The following benefits will be made available to owners of residential 35 foot lots in the Village:

1. An existing house located on a 35 foot lot can be demolished and replaced with a new constructed residence with a value not less than Two Hundred Forty Thousand (\$240,000) Dollars.
2. Upon completion of the new residence and after an occupancy permit is issued, the Village will rebate the sum of the sum of the purchase price of the property up to a maximum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars to the owner. The sale price must be verified by an independent appraisal.
3. Additionally, the Village will contribute an agreed upon price for demolition costs. Said contribution shall not exceed Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars.
4. All new residences shall fully comply with any and all applicable regulations including the following specifications:
 - Each new residence shall be at least 1,500 square feet not including the dimensions of the basement; and
 - The residence shall contain a brick façade around the house.
5. The construction of the new residence must be completed within twelve months after the demolition of the existing residence.
6. That this incentive program is limited to two residences per year.
7. That the corporate authorities can suspend, amend, or terminate this program at any time.
8. That the owner shall have the right to select any contractor, developer or builder of his or her choice to construct the residence.
9. That the owner shall be solely responsible for any federal or state income tax liabilities, if any, that may be incurred

10. Properties will be limited to 2 rebates per year or a maximum rebate total of \$ 400,000 not including the demolition cost.

Effective Date: April 1, 2017

SILVER STAR BANNER



FOR OUR WOUNDED

REQUEST A SERVICE BANNER

PLEASE READ OVER QUALIFICATIONS FIRST

To request a Silver Star Service Banner for a wounded or ill service member or veteran, please type or print legibly and completely fill out the form. ONE (1) FREE 8.5" X 14" Service Banner per recipient. Veterans MUST reside within Cook County to participate in the June 6th, 2017 Silver Star Service Banner Ceremony, with this application completed and received by the office of Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs no later than May 16th, 2017.

Qualifications for the Silver Star Service Banner Program

Silver Star Families of America define a wounded service member as any Armed Forces personnel either currently serving honorably or those who have served honorably from ANY war, who having served in a war zone, has been wounded by enemy action or who have been injured or contracted a serious illness that could be rated at least 10 percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. All wounds, injuries or illnesses must have originated in a war zone, including: Purple Heart recipients, victims of friendly fire, injured in a war zone, and those who suffer from PTS, TBI, Agent Orange Effects and Gulf War Syndrome.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Rank: _____ Branch: _____ Date of Combat Injury/Illness: _____

Location of War Zone/country where injury and/or illness occurred: _____

Nature of injury/illness from combat/conflict zone: _____

Do you have an e-mail address? If yes, e-mail address: _____

"I hereby authorize the Silver Star Service Banner Program photographer and The Silver Star Families of America (SSFOA) to use images without regard for reimbursement or acknowledgement. The photographs will become property of The Silver Star Families of America organization to use at their discretion." The Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs will return all pictures submitted with application package to the SSFOA recipients.

**By typing my name and date below, I am electronically signing my application.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send Silver Star Application, Short Biography and Pictures by USPS Mail, E-Mail, or Fax, to:

**Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs | Bureau of Administration
Cook County Building Rm. 801 | 118 North Clark Street | Chicago, Illinois 60602
E-Mail: Veterans.Affairs@CookCountyIll.gov | Fax: 312.603.4479**

To confirm your attendance or for more information regarding the 2017 Silver Star Banner Program, please contact Cook County Veterans Affairs: Bill Browne at 312.603.6423 or Audrey Mollo at 312.603.2221.

**The Silver Star Families of America - www.SilverStarFamilies.org - "Silver Star Shining for Sacrifice"
Honoring our combat wounded, injured, and ill troops and veterans from 2004-2017**