



**Village of Bedford Park  
Board Briefs  
April 5, 2016**

*“Preserving the past to enhance the future”*

**2016 “Hi Neighbor” Picnic**

We are planning to hold our annual “Hi Neighbor” village picnic on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Because of the response from last year’s picnic, the starting time will again be in the late afternoon. We will send out further information as the date gets closer.

**Community Service**

Information for the Bedford Park Scholarship for Village of Bedford Park college students is attached. The scholarship will be awarded in June. If any senior resident needs help around the house and would allow students the community service hours needed, please contact Laura Bell at (708) 341-2970 or via email at lbell@villageofbedfordpark.com.

**Communications/911 Dispatch**

Illinois has passed legislation that will mandate consolidation of 911 dispatch services to areas that have a serviceable population of 20,000. The village has been negotiating with other communities to try to partner together to meet the standards of the legislation. A decision on this should occur very soon. Different police departments use different software so it is important that if and when we consolidate, the software matches. The Village Board is committed to maintaining quality communication services and staff that service our residents and businesses. You probably will see information on this in the local papers and news broadcasts, so we want to inform the residents of the process.

**Chicago Baseball**

The village is advertising with the White Sox and the Cubs. We will be raffling off tickets soon. This will include 2 tickets for each Cubs game and 2 tickets for 50 White Sox games. The village is also sponsoring a Bedford Park Fireworks night on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> after the White Sox/Kansas City game. We will have a number of tickets available for that game.

### **Property Upkeep**

We have receive our largest number of complaints about residential property upkeep since the spring season started. Please avoid storing things in your yard. Also, please avoid doing work in your yards during night or early morning hours. Our ordinances will be enforced. Please respect the property of your neighbor.

### **Business Update**

We are awaiting the approval by Speedway and Kinder Morgan on an easement for the Speedway Gas Station facility to be built on the former Landmark property. Hopefully, construction we begin soon. The village is awaiting the results of a feasibility study on a convention center to help our existing hotel center and the planned hotel development at 65<sup>th</sup> and Central Avenue. Additionally, we have interest in an industrial mall concept. We studied these ideas to see if the village can function in a cost efficient and low risk manner. These project are in the long range planning stage and are not imminent. It is very important to the Village Board that we do not create a financial burden if the projects come about.

### **Smart City**

The Village has partnered with Verizon on a pilot program on Smart City technology. Verizon is developing a proof of scoop in the industrial area at no cost to the village. The technology would involve easier sharing of data and communication. We are one of the few communities in the world and one of the first in the United States to be chosen to host the pilot. Again, there is no cost to the village on the program and the pilot will run in the industrial area.

### **ComEd**

ComEd has notified us that they will be installing smart meters in the residential area beginning in the late spring. This process is occurring throughout their service area. They will send out information on the program to you prior to the installation.

***HAVE A GREAT SPRING!***