



## VILLAGE OF BEDFORD PARK

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Welcome to the Village of Bedford Park,

The Village offers great services to our residents. We have excellent police and fire departments and our public works staff does a super job of maintaining our residential area as well as the business district. Bedford Park is a major water distributor in the Chicago area and our staff does an excellent job of maintaining our state-of-the-art system. As you probably know, the Village offers free water and garbage pick up to our residents. For a number of years the Village has been able to rebate the Village portion of our property taxes back to our residents.

Our business district has close to 500 businesses and 16,500 workers operating in Bedford Park. Eleven hotels in our business district gives visitors a daily glimpse of life in Bedford Park. The Belt Railroad yard in the Village is the busiest in the world. The Village has been blessed with a great location bordering the City of Chicago, Midway Airport and the Chicago Sanitary Ship Canal.

The Village's greatest asset is our people. With a population of approximately 600, village residents have always worked hard to maintain the quality and character of our community. Our residents work hard to maintain their property and to respect the right of their fellow residents.

Many young people that have grown up in the Village have moved on to successful careers. We look forward to you helping us maintain the high standards that we have enjoyed in the Village.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to ask me, one of our trustees or our office or administrative staff. We look forward to serving you.



## VILLAGE OF BEDFORD PARK ILLINOIS

### “HOW WE BEGAN”

The Village of Bedford Park was incorporated as a municipality in June of 1940, with its boundaries including not only the vast acreage housing the Argo Plant of Corn Products Refining Company and adjacent industrial properties, but also the 65<sup>th</sup> Street manufacturing area of the Clearing Industrial District.

The history of Corn Products can be traced back to the winter of 1907 and 1908, when the company first sent representatives into the area to investigate a site for its new plant. To accommodate the employees of the newly developed Corn Products Company a housing project was developed which was named for the first president of the company, Mr. E.T. Bedford, and the community began in 1919. The year 1924 saw the formation of the Bedford Park improvement club. Under the guidance of this pioneer citizen organization, the community grew and developed into a highly regarded area. The capable administration of civic affairs by its citizens was a prime factor in the growth and development, which in later years led to its prominent position as an ideal residential community.

The history of the Clearing Industrial District can be traced back as far as 1890, when Mr. A.B. Stickney, then president of the Chicago-Great Western Railway started making plans to meet the growing problem of the interchange of freight cars between the railroads in Chicago. He planned to acquire a tract of land three miles square, which was to be laid out with tracks, yards and industrial sites in such a way as to facilitate the interchange of freight. In 1912 the “Clearing Yards” were purchased by the newly organized Belt Railway, which became the joint property of the 13 principal railroads then terminating in Chicago.

The industrial district has grown and prospered over the years and now includes not only the 65<sup>th</sup> Street district but also the Cicero Avenue Corridor, and an area referred to as the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Industrial District. Business and industry gave birth to the Village of Bedford Park, and through dedication and perseverance as well as a vision for the future, both the residential and industrial sections of the village can continue to benefit by this unique residential industrial relationship.



## VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS/OFFICES

### **Bedford Park Police Department**

Dan Godfrey, Police Chief  
6701 S. Archer Road  
Emergency number: 911  
Non-emergency number: 708-458-3388  
Juvenile Hotline number: 708-243-6492  
Email: [police@bedfordparkpd.com](mailto:police@bedfordparkpd.com)

### **Bedford Park Water Department**

Jim Gifford, Water Superintendent  
6700 S. Archer Road  
Phone: 708-458-6026  
Fax: 708-458-6139  
Email: [jim@villageofbedfordpark.com](mailto:jim@villageofbedfordpark.com)

### **Bedford Park Fire Department**

Sean Maloy, Fire Chief  
6820 S. Archer Road  
Emergency number: 911  
Non-emergency: 708-563-4510  
[www.bedfordparkfd.org](http://www.bedfordparkfd.org)

### **Bedford Park Building Department**

Rick Young, Building Coordinator  
6701 S. Archer Road  
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### **Bedford Park Public Works Department**

Kevin Ormins, P.W. Superintendent  
7299 S. Sayer Avenue  
708-458-4038  
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- The Village of Bedford Park Public Works Department is assigned the task of maintaining the village streets, sidewalks, trees, alleys, sewers, garbage removal services, and all other village owned buildings and grounds areas.

- Street sweeping is done on Thursdays and Fridays in the residential area. Please note the “No Parking” signs placed on light poles throughout the village residential area, residents are asked to remove their vehicles from that side of the street between the hours of 8am and 12pm to allow for efficient cleaning.
- Snow removal is a duty of the Public Works Department. When snow removal is necessary, due to a snowfall of 2 inches or more, vehicles parked on the streets must be removed to allow for efficient removal on all residential streets.

## **Bedford Park Clerk’s Office**

Yvette Solis: Village Clerk

6701 S. Archer Road

Phone: 708-458-2067

Fax: 708-458-2079

Email: [yvette@villageofbedfordpark.com](mailto:yvette@villageofbedfordpark.com)

- Office hours: Monday through Friday 7:30am to 3:30pm
- Services available:
  - Vending Licenses
  - Water and Other Billing
  - New Business Certificates
  - Business Renewal Certificates
  - Accounts Payable
  - Notary Public
  - Transfer Tax Stamps
  - Animal Registration and Licensing
  - Vehicle Stickers:
    - Automobile and truck stickers are required on every car from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Maximum of 4 stickers per household. Additional vehicles will be giving Off Street Parking stickers.
    - Proof of registration from the IL Secretary of State is required to register new vehicles.

**Please feel free to contact the Village Hall with any questions regarding the Village of Bedford Park via phone (708) 458-2067, via mail 6701 S. Archer Road, Bedford Park, IL 60501 or via email at [info@villageofbedfordpark.com](mailto:info@villageofbedfordpark.com). You can also check out our website at [www.villageofbedfordpark.com](http://www.villageofbedfordpark.com).**