

## Village of Bedford Park Board Briefs

August 3, 2018

*"Preserving the past to enhance the future"*

### **Picnic**

"Hi Neighbor" village picnic will be held Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 9pm at the southeast corner of the Park District's baseball fields. Food will be catered by Uncle Bub's and Tropical Sno will be shaving up ice. There will be rides, kid games, a glitter tattoo artist and entertainment from Alan Gresik, BK Mobile and karaoke to enjoy. There will be special appearances starting at 4:30pm by South Paw, Staley the Bear, and Chicago Bear's alumni Otis Wilson! Bingo will commence at 5pm as usual. For those interested in participating in this year's bean bag tournament, stop by the Beer tent before 5pm to sign-up. Finally, there will be a grand prize raffle and you must be present to win. *Due to a soccer game conflict at Toyota Park, we will not be able to have fireworks this year.* We are hoping to provide a fireworks show next year. If you have not registered for the picnic, please contact the Village Hall at (708) 458-2067.

### **Recycling**

As many of you have read or seen in the news, recycling standards are being tighten. Our collection company, Republic Services has asked us to clarify recycling standards. About 40% of recycled goods in the U.S. are shipped to China. China is strengthening their standards due to serious air quality issues. Basically, any contaminated items, which means non-recyclable items and items that are not properly cleaned, will be rejected. About 40% of submitted recycled items in the U.S. are rejected. This obviously adds cost to the process. Our representative from Republic Services did state that our residents do have one of the least rejection rates. Information about accepted materials is attached. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Property Tax**

With the distribution of the Cook County tax bills, a number of questions arose about assessments. The village portion of your property tax bill is about 20% which we have rebated to our residents for approximately 20 years. The village does not assess the properties nor in any way control the rates of other

taxing bodies. The new homes are assessed at a different rate because they are new construction compared to existing homes. There can be a higher tax bill when a home has been under-assessed and Cook County catches up in their process. Homes that have more living space (square footage) are also assessed at a higher rate. If a resident feels their home is assessed improperly, they can challenge that assessment. The Lyons Township Assessor's Office can help with this process. You can contact their office at (708) 482-8300 option 1, or you can stop by their office located at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside. We have invited one of the top Chicago area tax attorneys to answer questions from our residents on the subject. We will send out a notice to all residents once we have confirmed a date to hold the meeting.

### **Railroad Alley**

If you walk your pets along railroad alley, or anywhere in the Village, please pick up their solid waste. We have bags and two disposal sites along railroad alley as well as one located at the north field to help you clean up after your pets. Solid waste can lead to rodent issues especially adjacent to the railroad tracks.

### **65<sup>th</sup> St. and Central Ave. Development/Event Center**

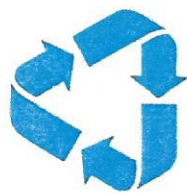
The Village Board has been working with a developer for the 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue property site. Basically, the plans would include 2 new hotels, a restaurant, an indoor/outdoor golf facility, a gas station, and an expansion of an office facility. Currently, the village has 11 hotels with approximately 1,500 visitor beds. The occupancy rates in the hotels are good and a village commissioned study has shown that additional hotels would not create a negative impact on existing hotel rates.

The Village Board has been working on building an event center at the 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue property site to enhance the hotel business. The planned facility would host conventions and sport competitions. The village commissioned study has shown that a daily health club and hosting athletic events can greatly enhance the revenue generated by the facility. The "wish list" for the facility would be 140,000 sq. ft. and would include 6 basketball/volleyball courts, 2 turf soccer/lacrosse fields, a health club, a small restaurant and convertible flooring to hold conventions and banquets. The facility is being modeled after a brand new facility that will open in the fall in Hammond, IN. The Village Board is seeking a budgeted cost of \$21 million for the construction and supply of the project. Once payment has been finalized this year for the existing Cicero Hotel Development agreement, all



additional revenue and bonds will fund the project. The bonds will not be General Obligation (“GO”) bonds, so there is no financial risk to the residents. The bonds would be paid off in 8 years and backed by hotel revenue. The Village Board is also seeking naming rights for the facility. Numerous proposals for design, construction and management of the facility have been received. The Village Board has had discussions with the Park District about adjustments that would allow them to manage the facility which would guarantee tax exempt status on the project. If we go ahead with Park District management, we along with the Park District Board would seek an Advisory Referendum to Bedford Park and Bridgeview Gardens on the issue. This is by no means a done deal. However if the entire process goes through, we have a chance to make Bedford Park very similar to Rosemont and be able to continue to enjoy the strong financial stability for a long period of time. There will be informational sessions on this subject at the picnic.

***Enjoy the Picnic!***



# Accepted Materials™

Ensure items are empty, clean and dry.

Asegúrese de que los artículos estén vacíos, limpios y secos



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## Paper & Cardboard

Cardboard (flattened), office paper, file folders, magazines, catalogs, newspaper and inserts, junk mail, telephone books, etc.

Cajas de cartón (desarmadas), papel de oficina, carpetas de archivos, revistas, catálogos, periódicos y folletos, directorios telefónicos, etc.



## Aluminum/Metal

Aluminum, tin or steel cans, foil, pie tins

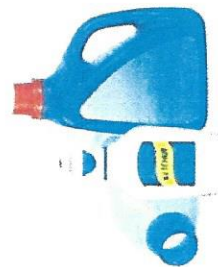
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## Cartons

Milk and juice cartons, aseptic containers

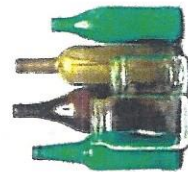
Cartones de leche y jugo, envases asepticos



## Plastic

Plastic bottles, containers

Botellas y envases de plástico



## Glass

Glass jars, bottles

Botellas y envases de vidrio



## NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING CONTAINER

NO ACEPTADOS EN CONTENEDORES DE RECICLAJE

NO plastic grocery bags  
Bolsas de compras de plástico

NO cellphones, computers or electronics  
Celulares, computadores o productos electrónicos

NO food waste  
Residuos de alimentos

NO clothing  
Ropa

NO yard waste  
Residuos de jardín

NO styrofoam  
Poliestireno

NO light bulbs, window glass or mirrors  
Bombillas de luz, vidrio de ventanas o espejos

NO hazardous waste containers  
Recipientes de desechos peligrosos

NO batteries  
Baterías

NO garden hoses  
Mangueras de jardín

NO ceramics or dishes  
Cerámica o vajilla

NO construction waste  
Desechos de construcción

NO oil containers of any kind  
Recipientes de aceite de cualquier tipo

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