



**Village of Bedford Park
Board Briefs
May 24, 2019**

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

****Please Read - Important Information Contained****

Residential Properties

The Building Department is on task inspecting residential properties. We are very thankful that we have residents that work hard to maintain their property. If you do receive a notice from the Village concerning suggested improvement, please act on them. If you have any questions, please contact Building Coordinator Jerry Ponio.

Development of new homes continue throughout the Village. If you are interested and want more information on the Residential Incentive Program, please contact the Village Administrative Office at (708) 458-2067.

Park District Consolidation/Event Center

The Village has approved a resolution in support of the consolidation of the Park District and the Village of Bedford Park. The Park District Board will also vote on the resolution at their upcoming board meeting. If the resolution passes, it will then go to the Illinois General Assembly for approval. All standards outlined to the residents of Bedford Park and Bridgeview Gardens in the fall will be adhered to. Park District and Village employee salaries and benefits will be adjusted to reflect the consolidation. No employee will lose their job, salary or benefits upon the consolidation. Bedford Park and Bridgeview Gardens residents will see a rebate on their Park District property taxes. There will be no reduction in services. No additional fees will be charged for existing services. Residents of Bridgeview Gardens will retain their level of resident benefits and continue to have the same benefits as those of Village residents. The Park District Board of Commissioners will continue to provide oversight functions. Residents should not notice any change if the consolidation occurs other than an additional rebate. Upon consolidation, the Park District will oversee the event center. We have had environmental issues at the 5401 site and hope to have the delayed start of the event center construction in the fall.

Dogs/Cats

With summer upon us, people are out enjoying the weather. Please keep in mind that all dogs/cats must be leashed at all times throughout the Village. This is to prevent the dog/cat from biting or attacking another person or animal. Also, please pick up after your dog/cat. There are waste bags available by railroad alley if needed while walking your dog/cat.

All dogs/cats must be registered in the Village Clerk's Office. Tags will be given upon registration. Any questions, please contact the Village Administrative office at (708) 458-2067.

Fines

If you have obligations to the Village, please make the necessary payments. All obligations must be met for a resident to receive the tax rebate scheduled for August. Our Police Department works hard to consistently enforce our ordinances in a manner that helps all residents.

Seniors

For any senior related services, please contact the Village Administrative office at (708) 458-2067 Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm.

Archer Road Construction

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is planning to reconstruct the railroad bridge on Archer Road just southwest of the viaduct and just northeast of the residential area. To the best of our knowledge, the work will begin around June 1st and involve closure of the two northeast bound lanes. Traffic will be one lane in each direction on the west side of Archer. The traffic flow will be changed when work is completed on one side. We are also doing additional sidewalk construction along Archer Road south of the Village Hall.

Magazine Subscription Scam

Apparently, there is a scam or prank going around the Village that has impacted many residents. Residents have received magazine subscriptions in their name that someone else has ordered. The resident is then billed for the subscription. Also, gift subscriptions sent to other residents are being ordered. It looks like Village Officials and employees have been targeted. Whoever is ordering the subscription has a good knowledge of our residents. The police are investigating the issue. If you have received an unsolicited magazine subscription, please notify the Police Department.

Director of Vehicular Services

Ed Salecki has been appointed as the Director of Vehicular Services. Ed will monitor vehicle repairs, manage the Residential Automobile Repair Program and assist with the Senior Driver program.

Residential Automobile Repair Program/Residential Street Parking

We are trying ways to solve street parking issues. The problems predominately occur on 65th Place and 66th Street. During the summer, the problem is especially serious with small children occasionally running between the cars. Therefore, we will offer residential homeowners up to an annual \$200 credit for vehicle repair/maintenance if they agree to forfeit their right to park on the streets overnight for that specific year which will be consistent with the vehicle registration cycle of July 1st through June 30th. Each vehicle registered to a residential homeowner in the Village will be limited to \$1,000 worth of work per year which includes the cost of parts and materials. There will be no labor cost. The repairs will be completed at the garage on the north property. The restrictions on Temporary Parking passes and parking in the north parking lot have further been restricted. Further information will be sent out shortly.

New Trustee

Nancy Wesolowski who lives on 66th Place has been appointed to fill the vacancy as Village Trustee on the Village Board replacing Ed Salecki. Nancy is a longtime resident and serves as a Registered Nurse at Palos Community Hospital. We greatly appreciate Ed's 12 years of service as a Village Trustee. The advertising program that the Village has in place was Ed's idea. Five candidates were interviewed for the trustee position with Nancy elected by the Village Board.

We appreciated everyone who participated. Anyone who serves in an elected position in the Village or has a close relative working for the Village was not considered for the nomination. We did not want to interrupt the important work of the Park District or Library Boards.

New Businesses

Bedford Park remains a vibrant commercial real estate market with the hotel/restaurant/gas station development on the west corner of 65th Street and Central Avenue and a new industrial building on 65th Street.

Save the Dates

- July 3rd – Bedford Park Night with the White Sox
- August 10th – Village Picnic

Further information on these events will be forthcoming.