



Village of Bedford Park Board Briefs

February 7, 2020

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Park District Consolidation/Event Center

We continue to work with the Park District on consolidation efforts. The Village and the Park District staff also continue to work on planning for the Event Center. The consolidation has been presented to the General Assembly for passage and is pending final financial reports approved by the State, the Village Board and the Park District Board. We are tentatively planning a Groundbreaking for the Event Center on Sunday, April 26th at 1pm. We will send out additional information prior to the groundbreaking.

Resident/Employee Cruise

We are exploring the idea of sponsoring a resident/employee Alaskan cruise. Residents and employees will pay their share (group rate) for the trip and could invite non-resident guests. However, non-resident guests would pay a higher fee to cover a tour guide fee which will be staffed by a Village Administrative Office member. The Emerald Princess Cruise will depart from Seattle on Sunday, August 16th. This will be a seven day trip. Please contact the Village Administrative Office at (708) 458-2067 for more information or to sign up for the cruise. Twenty people are needed for the trip to go through and deposits are due before the end of February.

Dispatch

Kindly recall, Illinois mandated that dispatch centers are required to cover population areas of at least 25,000. To meet the State population requirement, we consolidated our police and 911 services with Hickory Hills and Summit. The service centers are located in Bedford Park and Hickory Hills. The Village is subsidizing the cost of housing the service. Our Fire Department is dispatched through Oak Lawn Central due to software requirements. We have been working with Hickory Hills, Summit and our Telecommunications Union to maintain the quality of our existing service, cut costs, and protect our employees.

Parking/Construction/New Homes

Knock on wood but residential parking complaints have decreased this year. Keep in mind to be respectful of your neighbor's driveway space and park a safe distance away to allow entry in and out of the driveway. By Village Ordinance,

construction in the Village can begin at 7am on weekdays, 9am on Saturday and no construction permitted on Sunday.

Demolition permits for homes being torn down are inspected and approved by Cook County for asbestos before a permit is issued. Construction has begun on the 20th new home under the Residential Home Incentive Program. This means that 10% of the homes in the Village will be six years or less in age. We feel that the program has re-invigorated the homes in the Village. We greatly appreciate the efforts of the new homeowners and all the residents with the upkeep and beautification of their homes.

Advertising

The Village has made a number of changes to our advertising sponsorship. There will be changes to ticket availability and distribution. We will provide further information as baseball season begins.

Spring Training begins February 12th!