



Village of Bedford Park

Board Briefs

June 1, 2020

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Safety

As of 10:00am on June 1st, the Village has had no incidents of looting or property damage related to the current state of social unrest and protest. Unfortunately, our neighbor communities did have incidents. We asked all businesses located on Cicero Avenue in the Village to close on Sunday, May 31st at 10:00am. Our major retailers: Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Target closed. Wal-Mart remains closed today. Yesterday, we asked all police officers to report to duty and will over staff until conditions improve. The residential area remains fully staffed and we will add additional officers if necessary.

Street Cleaning

Street cleaning in the residential area will begin this week starting on Thursday. All parking restrictions related to street cleaning will be enforced beginning this week. ***PLEASE FOLLOW ALL STREET SIGN INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO STREET CLEANING.***

Staffing

The Village Hall is now open weekdays from 7:30am to 3:30pm. For everyone's safety, you will be required to wear a face mask to enter the building. We are staffing the office partially with the remaining staff working remotely. As always, business for the Village Hall can be conducted by calling (708) 458-2067 or email info@villageofbedfordpark.com. Public Works and Water Works are back to normal work hours. Police and Fire continue to work their normal hours.

Village Vehicle Stickers/Repair Program

The Village Board has extended the deadline for all vehicle stickers to August 1st. Renewals will go out by the end of June. Sales for the 2020-2021 vehicles stickers will begin on Monday, July 6th. The Automobile Repair Program coincides with the cycle of the vehicle stickers. When you renew your vehicles, you can sign up for the program at that time.

Finances

The Village is not meeting projected 2020 revenues as a result of the pandemic especially in the area of hotel tax. However, because of the reserves the Village has accumulated over the years, we remain solid financially. We have not laid off or furloughed any employees or cut programs. And we do not plan to do so. The Village Picnic is cancelled due to social distancing standards. Landscaping work on the fence line will begin shortly. Summer employees have begun work for those departments that are fully staffed. Financial reports are made available by our Accountant at most of our Board Meetings. Also, Meeting Minutes, our Budget and Financial Reports are available on our website. If you have any questions on Village finances and/or any Village issues, you can call the Village Hall or attend a Board Meeting.

Event Center

Construction on the Event Center has begun. Pictures are attached. We are tentatively planning a Groundbreaking Ceremony that will comply with social distancing standards on July 11th. Finances on the Event Center construction will be monitored closely.

Summer Tutoring Program

The Village is offering a summer tutoring program for Village resident students to participate as tutors or can be tutored. The goal is to help students for the instructional time they have missed due to the pandemic. Mary Bergman from Argo High School and Eva Manzke from Walker School will administer the program. Students can apply by emailing dbrady@villageofbedfordpark.com. Tutoring sessions will be done remotely or at the Village Hall.

U.S. Census 2020

The U.S. Census has been ongoing. Every household should have received information on how to fill out the form online or by mail. Please take this time to fill out the U.S. Census. This helps our community receive the proper count for services and funding for parks, schools, roadwork, and other aspects for our community. Make yourself count! More information and how to respond can be found on the U.S. Census website, visit www.2020census.gov.

Thanks for your Patience and Cooperation!

Stay Healthy!