



Village of Bedford Park Board Briefs

February 23, 2021

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Tutoring Program

We appreciate the involvement in the Tutoring Program. The program continues to grow despite the emphasis on virtual sessions. Great job by the tutors and the students!

Commendation

The Village Board would like to recognize two of our residents: Corinne Pinto and Izabella Delgado for their work for the Animal Welfare League. They received special recognition from the organization. The Village Board will recognize them at a later meeting.

Snow

We greatly appreciate the cooperation of our residents with snow removal. We commend our Public Works Superintendent Kevin Ormins and his staff as well as Police Chief Hansen and the Police Department for a great job in tough conditions. Kindly recall, when cars are left on the street during clean up, those cars will be plowed in and the adjoining street will not be cleaned properly. Also, our P.W. staff cleans all village streets east to Cicero Avenue. During a major snow fall, they have limited time to sleep and eat. The police officers have been citing cars that are not following the village's parking ordinances for snow removal. Basically, it takes six minutes per car to issue a citation. Also, there might be calls in other parts of the village that affect this process. As a result, it takes time to cover the residential streets.

Event Center – Midway Central Station

Construction of the event center is on pace to be completed on time and on budget in July. Sports Facilities Management is managing the facility and has already booked some events. We are close to gaining sponsors for the facility. We hope to hold a Grand Opening depending on the progress of the pandemic.

If you would like to view all the job opportunities at the event center, visit PlayMidway.com and click on the careers tab.
(<https://playmidway.com/about/careers/>) Full and part time opportunities are being added weekly/biweekly.

Finances

As a result of the pandemic, the village lost \$2.7 million in hotel tax revenue. We had already lost \$1.5 million when the federal government reallocated the aviation tax revenue from the Bedford Park terminal to Midway Airport. Our Village staff has worked hard to cut costs and utilize our savings to meet our budgetary needs and to ensure the residential tax rebate.

Village Picnic

We will evaluate the status of the summer village picnic depending on the conditions of the pandemic.

Coronavirus

We have had thirteen (13) employees come down with the virus. Two were hospitalized. Fortunately, all but one person is now COVID free. The village does not have access to the vaccine. We have been working on it and will continue to do so.

New Businesses

Construction on a new Home Depot storage/shipping facility will begin in March. It will be the largest building in the village. The Hoffman/Moretti's project at 65th Street and Central Avenue will begin construction on March 15th. Their redevelopment site work has been on-going.

Residential Incentives

The Village Board has been working on residential incentives for phone and video service. We hope to have closure on this by May. The programs would be contingent on cost.

Early Retirement Incentive

The Village has been working with our Fire Union on a potential Early Retirement Incentive for our employees. We appreciate the efforts of the Fire Union on this. The program would be contingent on costs and maintaining the high quality of service and safety our employees provide.

Railroad Alley

Please keep in mind when walking your pet along railroad alley and anywhere in the village, to pick up after your pet. Droppings have been found along railroad alley which becomes food for rodents.

Southwest Conference of Mayors

Southwest Conference of Mayors has found a new home at the Bedford Park Village Hall. The association is comprised of twenty-one southwest suburban communities and their mission is to work together for the betterment of the entire southwest suburban area. They hold conferences, through its committees, which has achieved much success including areas of transportation and road improvements, economic development, legislative initiatives, public works cooperatives, upgrading utilities and emergency preparedness. We are very excited to have them back in Bedford Park.

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Thanks for your patience and cooperation!