



**Village of Bedford Park  
Board Briefs  
June 15, 2021**

***“Preserving the past to enhance the future”***

**Auto Repair**

We need to make some temporary changes to our auto repair program. If you have enrolled and need repairs to your vehicle, please call the Village Office (708) 458-2067 for scheduling. You will then be contacted by a mechanic to finalize the scheduling. Repairs will be done at our Water Department facility across Archer from the Village Hall.

**Event Center Opening/Village Picnic**

The opening of the Event Center has been delayed and we now are looking at early September. The delay is the result of issues related to the parking lot. We have planned to hold the opening in correspondence with the Village Picnic. This will help bring down the costs of hosting one free major event instead of two. We are now looking at holding the event on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Event Center. We will provide transportation. The date gives us some leeway to finish construction and to avoid conflicts with other dates such as the Yard Sale. October Fest will be the theme. We will send out further information as the time gets closer.

**ERI/Efficiency Study**

The Village Board has been working with our employees on an Early Retirement Incentive under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. If the program passes, we will expect to have several retirees within the next year. This will create a limited number of job openings which will be filled through testing eligibility lists. The Village will see a financial savings if the program is adopted, and our staff will be eligible for the same retirement age standards that most police and fire receive through the Downstate Pension Plan. If job openings occur, we will notify residents. We are also conducting an efficiency study to see if we can improve on our services with both performance and cost.

**Safety/Security**

As a reminder during the summer months, please be especially aware of our young people while driving. Also, please remember to lock your home, garage, and car.

## **Pandemic Recovery**

Thankfully, an end to the pandemic seems near. The Village will continue to open all our services. We are looking at an expanded 2021 Veteran's Day ceremony to cover our priorly missed Memorial Day and Veteran's Day programs. Also, we hope to re-open our Senior programs. Our revenue sources are slowly recovering, especially our hotel tax revenue.

***Thank You Eddie!!!!***