



**Village of Bedford Park
Board Briefs
July 9, 2021**

“Preserving the past to enhance the future”

Vehicle Stickers/Auto Repair Program

Don't forget to purchase your 2021-2022 vehicle stickers. Last day to purchase before late fee's are incurred is July 30th. The 2021-2022 Auto Repair program cycle has begun. If you are already enrolled and need repairs to your vehicle, please call the Village Hall (708) 458-2067 for scheduling. You will then be contacted by a mechanic to finalize the scheduling. Paul Miraldi, Jr. from our Water Department is currently servicing the vehicles. Repairs are done at our Water Department facility on Archer Road across from the Village Hall. The work will shift back to Fast Eddie's Garage (North Property Garage) soon. We will post for a full-time position in the future and send notice out to the residents.

Event Center Opening/Village Picnic

We are planning to hold the Opening Ceremony in correspondence with the Village Picnic. This will alleviate costs incurred when hosting two major events. The parking lot issues have been resolved but we are now experiencing delays on the installation of the flooring due to labor shortages. Therefore, we are planning to hold the event on Saturday, October 2nd at the Event Center. Additionally, we will provide transportation. This date gives us some leeway to finish construction and avoid conflicts with other dates such as the Community Yard Sale. We will send out further information as the event gets closer.

ERI/Efficiency Study

The Village Board has been working with our employees on an Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. If the ERI passes, we will expect to have several retirees in 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 ERI is adopted. 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. At the moment, forty-six (46) employees are eligible to take the ERI. We should have a final count by September 30th.

Safety/Security

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

Per Village Code, private events/parties are not permitted on the streets, alleys, or parkways. This creates hazardous situations and offenders will be cited. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Hall.

Building Superintendent

Our Building Superintendent Jerry Ponio and our Village Engineer Jim Butler have announced their pending retirements after long distinguished careers with the Village. The Hoefflerle-Butler Engineering Firm, which services the Village, is also looking at major changes. As a result, the new requirements for the Building Superintendent duties will be engineering aspects which will require a certified engineer to fill the position. We have spent approximately \$330,000 last year on engineering costs. A major cost savings should be realized with the job structured this way. A copy of the job posting is attached. Interested applicants can submit their resume and cover letter at the Village Hall through July 30th.

Gated Community

We are looking again at the concept of a gated community for the residential area. If we do decide to go through with the concept, we will present the plans at the Village Picnic and hold a public hearing on the subject. Obviously, the planning and cost evaluation will take a fair amount of time.

Community Yard Sale

This year's yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 28th from 9am-3pm. Public Works will be doing bulk pickup on the last Friday of the month (August 27th) as usual but will also include another round of bulk pick up the following Friday, September 3rd after the yard sale. This event is rain or shine, public parking available at the Village Hall. If you would like to be added to the bulk pick up list, please contact the Village Hall.

White Sox Raffle

We will be hosting a resident group outing on Sunday, September 12th at 1:10pm when the White Sox host the Boston Red Sox at Guaranteed Rate Field. More details on the raffle to follow.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!!!!