

THE BEDFORD



Quarterly

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRADY

Dear Residents:

Thank you to everyone that participated at the Village Picnic. We are very appreciative of our great staff that put it all together. As we go into fall, please make sure that all garbage is secure and animal waste is picked up. Our finances remain strong. The hotels had their largest revenue month ever in July. The Wintrust Sports Complex is running ahead of our projections. Kindly recall, the Village cannot legally make a profit on services, but we can generate funds from them for improvements or maintenance in the Village related to that service. As you may know, the Cook County property tax bill is delayed probably to December 1st. When that occurs, we will begin the tax rebate process.

We have several projects that are ongoing or could occur in 2024.

- 1. Negotiations** with our Fire Department, Public Works, and Water Department Unions.
- 2. Solar Energy** – We have hired a consultant to manage the project. The project is progressing well, and we hope to bring free or reduced energy to our residents.
- 3. Wyndham Hotel** – The groundbreaking for the new hotel adjacent to the Wintrust Sports Complex will be on October 6th. Land clearing has begun.
- 4. Moretti's Pizza** should open by the end of the year. The work has been delayed by ComEd.
- 5. Wintrust Sports Complex Parking** – The work for additional parking has begun.
- 6. Gated Community** – After agreements with the Park District and Com Ed, we should have cost estimates by mid-October. The only change from the plan presented to the residents is that the entrance for non-residents to the Park District and for Walker School will be on the north side of the Village Hall not the south side. Also, minor non-residential parking area adjustments.
- 7. Gating of the Hotels on Cicero Avenue** – There has been a recent uptick in some criminal activity at the Hotel center. Therefore, the Village is working with the Developer to install gates at the complex. *Any funds committed by the Village will come from our TIF account and not general fund revenue.*
- 8. Historical Building** – The project is nearing completion.
- 9. Arborist** – Our arborist inspects the trees in the residential area twice a year, in addition to monitoring trees that might be at risk.
- 10. Phase 2 Event Center/Turf Building** – We have been negotiating with the White Sox for them to use a turf facility for their youth baseball program.
- 11. Synthetic Ice Facility** – We are looking at putting in a synthetic ice facility that would be in the residential area and possibly managed by the Park District.

As we have stated many times, no project will go through unless there are funds available for the project. The funds remain available for the residents' benefits and the financial well-being of the Village.

Recently, we hired three residents: Jeannine Lemick, Israel Ochoa, and Patti Wilson to manage our Senior Citizen program. We hope to coordinate senior events with the Park District. Also, we hired resident, Kevin Pacheco as a full-time IT Support Specialist who will help our residents with technology related issues.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can email me at dbrady@villageofbedfordpark.com or call me at the Village Hall (708) 458-2067.

Respectfully,

David R. Brady
Village President

VILLAGE FINANCES

Marilyn Curnutte • Chief Administrative Officer – Finance

Village finances remain strong. Year to date we are exceeding budgeted revenue amounts for 2023 and are right on target with our expenditure budgets. As you may recall, Cook County delayed the 2021 2nd installment tax bill due date to December 30, 2022. This resulted in the Village receiving over \$2 million of those tax collections in 2023. Cook County recently announced that the 2022 2nd installment tax bills are expected to be mailed to property owners by November 1, 2023, with an anticipated due date of December 1, 2023. With the earlier due date, we expect the majority of these tax collections to be received before the end of the year. The timing of the tax collections does impact our monthly cash flows, but rest assured, the Village has sufficient reserves to get us through any delays in the 2nd installment tax collections.

WINTRUST SPORTS COMPLEX AT BEDFORD PARK

The Wintrust Sports Complex has hosted nearly 175,000 people thus far in 2023. To address the large number of people visiting us, a 600-spot parking lot is near completion on the southside of the building. The additional parking spots will allow us to accommodate our guests at the Wintrust Sports Complex and the Wyndham Garden Hotel.

ISE - TEAM RELENTLESS PRESENTS

FALL 5v5 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

DATES: OCT. 3 - NOV. 16

Registration NOW OPEN

Games & Playoffs for grades 1st - 10th

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME & AWARDS FOR EACH DIVISION

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BOYS & GIRLS 1ST - 10TH GRADE TEAMS & INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS ARE WELCOME

TUESDAY GAMES
1ST/2ND, 3RD/4TH & 5TH/6TH DIVISION

THURSDAY GAMES
7TH/8TH & 9TH/10TH DIVISION

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Kevin Ormins • Superintendent

Public Works hopes your summer has been fun and very relaxing. Public Works would like to share some ways trees benefit all of us. Trees have been with us throughout our whole lives. They're the background of a favorite memory and that welcome patch of green our eyes seek as we gaze out of our windows. While they are silent and stationary, trees hold tremendous powers, including the power to make all our lives better and healthier. Trees boost our mental health while raising our physical health. Also, trees clean the air so we can breathe more easily. They remove the kind of air pollution that is most dangerous to our lungs: particulate matter. This pollution arises from the burning of fossil fuels. These are just a few of the benefits that trees can do for us.

We would like to inform pet owners that along with the doggy waste posts along Railroad alley, several new posts have been added. One has been installed by the school and the Park District added several along Archer alley.

As a reminder to all residents, bulk garbage pickup is always the last Friday of every month.



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



The Village of Bedford Park is proud to announce that on October 6th at 11am we will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wyndham Garden Hotel on the site of the Wintrust Sports Complex. This 110-room hotel is scheduled to open in Fall 2024. This hotel will allow us to accommodate athletes and their families on-site while attending tournaments and events at the Wintrust Sports Complex.

WATER DEPARTMENT

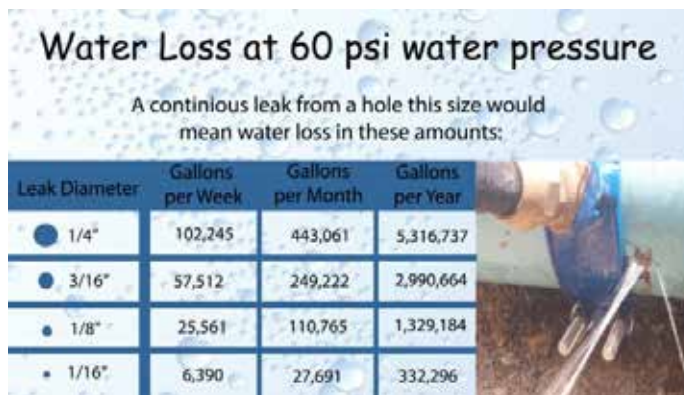
Chris Lesniak • Superintendent

FALL REMINDERS FROM THE BEDFORD PARK WATER DEPARTMENT

With the cold coming back it's time to prepare for winter. As usual, check your outdoor hose bibs for leaks and shut them off if possible. Winterize your lawn sprinklers and know where your shutoff valves are inside the house in case of a pipe freezing and bursting. We do not like wasting water but, if you're leaving town for an extended period during a deep freeze let your faucet drip very slowly to avoid the service line freezing up. If that service line freezes it could cost thousands of dollars to repair, resulting in having no water service for days as well.

CHECK FOR LEAKING TOILETS

It may not seem like it but even a small leak in your toilet can waste a lot of water. The chart below shows even a small amount (1/16") can waste as much as 83,000 gallons of water per three months.



- Check your water before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read the same, you probably have a leak.
- Examine water usage. It's likely that a family of four may have a leak if their winter usage exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- One way to check for a leaking toilet is the **dye test method**.

Dye Test Method: Clean your bowl and tank and remove any type of sanitizing products that change the color of the water. Flush the toilet until the water is completely clear. Remove the tank lid and drop a few drops of food coloring inside and let sit for about an hour. Then observe the bowl to see if the water changed color inside the bowl. If you have color inside, then you most likely need the flapper replaced. You could then do the same process inside the bowl itself and use a paper towel to wipe the outside base to check for leaks on the outside.

PROJECT UPDATES

With all the supply chain problems everywhere, we are pleased to say we are still making progress with our projects. After waiting approximately 20 months, we finally received the 750kw emergency generator installed at the Harlem Avenue Pump Station. We have been waiting a long time for this much needed generator and it will be nice to see it finished before the end of the year.

Also, we awarded the bid to the lowest bidder for the installation of 3,500 feet of water main to be installed by 70th Place. We pre-ordered all the 12" water main, fire hydrants and miscellaneous items at the beginning of the year and will finally break ground at the end of this month.

We are finishing up the system wide meter change out for the industrial side of town. We have replaced 25 plus year old meters with new ultrasonic meters. These new meters have no moving parts in them which will help keep their accuracy and have less failures.

The Archer Avenue Station Rehab and VFD upgrade is moving along slowly but surely. We are going out for bids at the end of the year for the rehab part of this job, but we are still engineering the VFD upgrade and hope to have it completed in 2024. This building was built in 1990 and needs a major overhaul as electrical equipment, generator, and many other miscellaneous items are becoming obsolete. We would rather be proactive rather than reactive and get these things replaced as soon as possible.

Another project in the works would be our leak logger system by Gutermann. We have placed the order for 120 antennas that will be placed throughout the entire water system inside the water vaults. These antennas communicate with each other over a cellular signal which relays all the information onto a Google map page depicting where there may be possible leaks in the system. This project is set to begin some time near the end of October.

We continue to improve our system and will do so for years to come. We strive to be able to provide clean drinking water with as little interruption as possible. Please feel free to contact the Water Department with any issues or concerns at (708) 458-6026 or chris@villageofbedfordpark.com.

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SENIOR BINGO IS BACK AT WINTRUST SPORTS COMPLEX!

Join us the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month for FREE BINGO between 11am - 1pm. Enjoy prizes, raffles, split the pot, and free blood pressure screenings!

Pickleball EVERY THURSDAY STARTING OCT 6th*

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AT BEDFORD PARK



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Johnson • Chief

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

Motor vehicle crashes (MVC) are the leading cause of death among children under the age of 13 years old in the United States. From 2015-2019, 3,321 children were killed in MVCs and in 2020 alone, fatalities increased by 3%, killing 1,093 children. Properly installed and fitted child safety seats reduce the risk of death in infants, children under one year old, when involved in an MVC by 71%. Child safety seats reduce the risk of death in toddlers, (1 to 4-year-olds), when involved in an MVC by 54%. At the Bedford Park Fire Department, we are dedicated to keeping the public safe. One of the many ways we do this is by having certified child safety seat technicians at your service. By choosing the correct safety seat and having it installed properly, your child's risk of injury or death while traveling in a motor vehicle is drastically reduced. To have your child safety seat installed or inspected, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out and schedule an appointment with one of our certified technicians.

Phone: 708-563-4510 x519

Email: jwilmoth@bedfordparkfd.org

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Bedford Park Fire Department is proud to be partnering with not only St. Laurence High School, but also Argo High School, with their Public Safety programs during the 2023-2024 school year. Last year's pilot program with St. Laurence was a great success. The goal of the High School Public Safety program is to give students a hands-on insight into public safety career options.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

- Suicide prevention and mental health crisis lifeline
- Access point to statewide community-based crisis resources such as mobile crisis outreach teams
- Specialized intervention by certified crisis workers with advanced training in de-escalation and clinical suicide prevention
- Confidential, free, and available 24/7/365

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now available nationwide via a three-digit dialing code – 988 – making it easier for those in crisis to get the help they need.

Those who are not in crisis but who are seeking treatment options for mental health conditions can visit 988hotmail.illinois.gov.

FREE SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM PROGRAM FROM THE BEDFORD PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bedford Park Fire Department offers free home safety visits to all village residents by appointment. The home safety visit includes a brief home safety survey to prevent home fires as well as to ensure there are working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms properly installed in all homes. Firefighters will then install 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms in each bedroom, near sleeping areas, and on each level of the home. Free carbon monoxide alarms will also be installed. All smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are required to be installed by our firefighters. Residents can schedule their home safety visit and smoke alarm installation by calling 708-563-4510 ext. 103.

BEDFORD PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Bedford Park Fire Department is sponsoring another community blood drive on December 18, 2023, at the Bedford Park District Community Building from 1:30pm–6:00pm. Versiti Blood Center of Illinois is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to saving lives. Every day, patients in our communities need red blood cells, platelets, and plasma to keep them feeling healthy and strong. The blood donated today ensures there is enough for tomorrow. Please look at our Facebook page or call for further details.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tom Hansen • Chief

NEWS

- Sgt. Andrew Smuskiewicz recently retired after 18 years of service with the Bedford Park Police Department and previous years of service with the Bensenville Police Department. The Police Department will miss him, and we hope he enjoys the next chapter of his life.
- The Police Department recently acquired two new vehicles. A new Dodge Durango will be utilized and dedicated to DUI enforcement that will target drivers that are unlawfully driving while under the influence, with the hopes of making our roads safer. A new Dodge Ram pick-up truck will be utilized by our Truck Enforcement Officers to enforce truck and overweight violations which will help protect our roadways.
- The Police Department will conduct a testing to establish an eligibility list for the position of police officer on October 21, 2023. Information regarding qualifications and applications can be found on the Police Department's website (www.bedfordparkpd.com). Applications can also be picked up at the Police Department. The deadline to turn in applications is October 12, 2023.

TIPS | FALL DRIVING

As the days get shorter, you will likely be driving more in the darkness. Please keep the following in mind:

- Please keep your headlights in proper working order; dim headlights can decrease your visibility.
- Please watch out for pedestrians walking, jogging, or biking on the streets; they may be difficult to see at night.
- Please be aware of children walking to and from school/bus stops in the morning and afternoon.
- Please obey all traffic signals and do not exceed the posted speed limit.



TIPS | PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD AND SCAMS

Each year billions of dollars are lost to fraudulent activities. Telemarketing, health care, home equity and home improvement fraud, and identity theft are just a few of the scams conducted over the phone, by mail, through the internet and door-to-door. Seniors are often targets of such crimes. To minimize the amount of information an identity thief can steal, do not carry extra credit cards, a social security card, birth certificate or passport in your wallet or purse, except when needed.

Here are some guidelines to help protect you from fraudulent activities:

1. Never give out your Social Security, credit card or bank account numbers unless necessary. Ensure you are dealing with a trusted source.
2. Destroy personal information on documents before discarding them...use a shredder if possible.
3. Memorize all your passwords. Do not record them on anything in your wallet or purse.
4. Do not fall for things that sound too good to be true (money, vacations, sweepstakes prizes, health cures, or low risk/high yield investment schemes).
5. If you must write a check, use indelible ink so it's harder to wash. Do not allow any blank spaces in front of the payment amount. Never write a blank check, no matter how much you trust the person you're giving it to.
6. Order your credit report once a year from each of the three major credit bureaus to check for inaccuracies and fraudulent use of your accounts. Make sure that you recognize every line of information established in your file. Also, carefully review your credit card statements for unauthorized use.
7. Report lost or stolen cards to your credit card company immediately. It might be a good idea to keep the credit card company's fraud hotline in the contacts on your phone.
8. Do not agree to any home improvement or sales contract until you verify the existence and reputation of the business. Be sure all contractors you hire are licensed, bonded, and insured.
9. Have a lawyer or someone you trust examine any document before you sign it.



GUEST PARKING / OVERNIGHT PARKING REMINDER

Overnight parking between 1:00am to 6:00am on the Village residential streets will be limited to vehicles that have a current village vehicle sticker, vehicles that have a temporary parking pass displayed, or vehicles that have been authorized and properly registered through the Police Department's Frontline PSS web portal (<https://www.frontlinepss.com/bedfordparkpd>). Each residential address will be limited to 21 single-night occurrences of overnight guest parking annually between July 1st and June 30th. If you have reached your 21-night limit, you will receive a hand-delivered letter from the Police Department advising of such. Any violations of overnight parking after 21 occurrences will result in a citation being issued. Overnight parking in the "North-40" parking lot behind the Bedford Park Historical Building (7800 W. 65th Street) will be limited to vehicles displaying a village vehicle sticker, a temporary parking pass, or properly registered through the Frontline PSS web portal (<https://www.frontlinepss.com/bedfordparkpd>). There is no nightly limit of overnight guest parking in this parking lot.

Beat The Streets

AT WINTRUST SPORTS COMPLEX



The Village of Bedford Park was proud to host "Beat the Streets" National Duals where over 400 student athletes' grades 7-12 were able to compete at the Wintrust Sports Complex.

As the largest wrestling organization in Illinois, Beat the Streets provides year-round wrestling programs to Chicago youth, from ages five to 23 years old. The programs also include mentoring, tutoring, workshops, and positive relationships to transform lives - on and off the wrestling mat. Wrestling is now the fastest growing women's sport in America. At Beat the Streets, all classes, all locations, and all events are open to girls. The organization has a dedicated girls coaching team, focused on advanced middle school and high school female wrestlers.

This event was a transformational experience for our wrestlers, most of whom live in under-resourced urban communities with limited access to travel. This is the second year that the Wintrust Sports Complex hosted this National tournament. These athletes were featured on CBS2 Chicago News story.



The Village of Bedford Park was proud to sponsor the Argo at Reavis Varsity Football Game on September 15th. Reavis took home a replica Vince Lombardi Trophy (Super Bowl Trophy) in a 34 to 14 victory over Argo! Fans attending the game were also treated to a commemorative cup and both teams were provided with a hat to remember the occasion.



SUMMER CAMP WRAP UP

Wintrust Sports Complex just ended our very first 6-week day camp with over 200 campers! Kids enjoyed basketball, dodgeball, kickball, E-Sports, laser tag, board games, dancing, water games, and more at Wintrust Sports Complex.



TRICK OR TREAT HOURS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
 will be from
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 In the residential area.

BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA WAS A BLAST!

Wintrust Sports Complex hosted a Back to the School Extravaganza on August 18th with use of the arcade, laser tag, open gym and pizza and drink package! Over 100 kids had fun in our bounce houses, getting sponge tattoos, playing in the arcade and being part of some of our games such as a free throw contest and dodgeball game! Kids in attendance had the opportunity to win a backpack full of school supplies donated by a local business.



Save the Date

Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair
Saturday, November 25 • 11am – 4pm
 Enjoy holiday themed activities throughout the day!

Season of giving

DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

Monday December 18
 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Bedford Park Community Blood Drive
 Sponsored by the Bedford Park Fire Dept.
 6652 SOUTH 78TH AVE. BEDFORD PARK, IL 60501
 BEDFORD PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY ROOM

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED: Call 1-800-7TO-GIVE, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yt8tndb7> or scan the QR code to make an appointment ----->

Helpful tip:
 Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

****Versiti Blood Center is the blood provider to 87 local hospitals in the Chicagoland area! ****

Please fill out Versipass on drive day to decrease your wait time---> www.versiti.org/versipass/illinois