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CHICAGO FIRE FANS BACK AT SEATGEEK STADIUM

FREE FIRE GAME FOR BRIDGEVIEW 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Just a few weeks ago, the Chicago Fire announced their return to Bridgeview's SeatGeek Stadium for four games to end their MLS 2022 season.

Already an exciting announcement by itself, there is more good news! In celebration of their temporary homecoming aligning with Bridgeview's 75th year anniversary, Bridgeview residents will have a free game on September 10th.

Furthermore, the Sept. 10 match against Inter Miami will serve as the Club's

annual Kick Childhood Cancer night as part of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Kick Childhood Cancer-related events and observations will take place in-stadium, digitally, and on the Club's broadcast throughout the match.

Be sure to plan ahead and come early to enjoy the Chicago Fire pregame experience which includes family friendly activities.

All residents must either scan the QR code on this page or fill out an online form to request free tickets. Over 1,000

tickets have been requested! If you live in Bridgeview don't miss out – call the Village Hall at 708.594.2525 or fill out the online form!

The deadline for ticket requests is THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8. Tickets will be distributed to homes between Monday, September 5th and Friday, September 9th. Tickets for games on September 24th, and October 9th are available for purchase online at SeatGeekStadium.com. See you at the game!



Young fans getting in a quick game before the match.



Chicago Fire back on the SeatGeek Stadium pitch.



Fans enjoying the pre-game experience.

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Sept. 10th is Bridgeview Day at the Stadium!

Scan the QR Code for free tickets or request tickets by calling 708.594.2525



MORE STREETS ADDED FOR 2022 PAVING!

Mayor Steven Landek reports that the 2022 Village budget is showing positive signs of a surplus this year and that means more money to pave streets! “When we started the year, we had a balanced budget. Cost controls, budget cuts and carefully watching expenditures will ensure the Village once again ends the year with a balanced budget. This year, after careful financial management we have created a surplus which will be reinvested in our infrastructure. Particularly, invested in our streets”, said Mayor Landek.

The streets to be added to the 2022 paving program are:

- Willow, from 91st to Stanford
- Stanford, from Willow to Harlem

- 90th Pl. from Harlem to Octavia
 - Intersections at 79th and Oketo
 - Intersections at 79th and 78th Ave
- Curb, gutter restoration and street repaving are critical to maintaining Bridgeview’s infrastructure and are part of a multimillion dollar program Bridgeview is currently undertaking. Poor streets, as well as faulty water and sewer lines, negatively impact home values.

In addition to the street repaving program, the Village is also slated to upgrade it’s 500,000 gallon underground tank and 250,000 gallon ground level water tank. These upgrades will be followed by the painting of our large upright water tank, set to begin work in late 2023!



View of repaved portion of Harlem Avenue facing North.

FALL CLEANUP DAY COMING SOON!

Bridgeview’s Fall Clean-up Day is fast approaching! Saturday, October 1st will be here before you know it so plan ahead and make the most out of Bridgeview’s Fall Cleanup Day 2022.

Join your fellow Bridgeview residents and let’s all keep our neighborhood clean! Just grab all of your unwanted items from your home, yard and garage and make sure it is placed on the curb by 6:00am on Saturday, October 1st. And in addition to getting rid of those unwanted items, you will be helping to prevent rodents and other animals from making homes on your property.

Acceptable items include the following:

- Tires and Rims
 - Sinks and Toilets
 - Building Material Scraps
 - Cinder Blocks
 - Tree Logs
- Special Items:
- Hazardous Materials will NOT BE ACCEPTED
 - Fluids from Lawn Mowers and other machines must be fully drained
 - Fluids from Appliances, as necessary, must also be removed
 - Paint must be dried out. (You



SBC Garbage Truck on Cleanup Day

can mix Kitty Litter into the Paint to dry it out.)

- Non-Bulk Items should be bagged or boxed for them to be picked up.

The Clean Up Day service is only available to customers of the Village contractor, SBC Waste Solutions. Bridgeview homes managed by an association or other property management group privately contract their own garbage haulers and are not serviced by the Village.



Newly promoted Fire Lieutenant Matt Duzak (left) and Mayor Landek (right).

Bridgeview Promotes ‘Fine Man’ to Fire Lieutenant

Bridgeview resident Matt Duzak wanted to be a firefighter since he was a young boy.

In his adult life, he drove trucks around the Chicago area for a living, working with his father-in-law, but that initial desire to fight fires never faded.

After a stint with the Roberts Park Fire Protection District in Justice as a paid-on-call firefighter, Duzak joined the Bridgeview Fire Department nearly 17 years ago. During that time Mr. Duzak was a well-regarded employee, so it was no surprise when he took the test to become a fire department lieutenant.

He passed the test and after the Aug. 3 meeting of the Bridgeview Village Board, he was officially made a lieutenant. Mayor Steven Landek administered the oath of office to Duzak, giving the newly promoted firefighter a warm welcome.

“He’s a fine man, a resident of Bridgeview. We’re always happy to see that,” Landek said.

Mayor Landek joked that Duzak – no matter the social setting – should always be referred to by his rank.

“Even when he goes home remember that, Lieutenant husband,” Landek said with a smile, speaking to Duzak and family, “Lieutenant Dad, too!”

Duzak, who was appointed to the job in October, is pleased the wait has ended. Duzak and wife Sheryl moved to Bridgeview 26 years ago. They have two children and a 6-month-old grandson.

He was all smiles posing for photographs with village officials, firefighters, friends and family.

“Proud. Happy. Honored,” Duzak, 50, said. “Being a firefighter is all about honor, tradition, serving the public. It’s something I wanted to do since I was 3 years old.”

Why did it take so long for him to realize that dream?

“Back then, it wasn’t as easy to get on departments as it is now. You’d get 500, 600 people testing for one or two positions. ... Finally, I was able to make it on (the department),” Duzak said.

Deserving department members being promoted is always a welcome sight, so Village Trustee Patricia Higginson – who oversees the fire department – was pleased to watch Duzak take the oath of office.

“When we had events at the community center, take blood pressure, he’d go above and beyond for the seniors,” Higginson said. “A wonderful guy. So well-deserved. Absolutely.”

Village Hall Lots Repaved!

Completing a job long in the making, the East and North parking lots of Village Hall have been repaved.

The work was done on August 17th and 18th, expeditiously completing renovations that will make life better for all village residents and staff.

Trustee James Cecott, chairman of the public works committee, said that this \$150,000 dollar improvement also nearly finishes off Village Hall upgrades that will ensure the community’s epicenter remains in good shape!



Village Hall East lot getting repaved.



Fire Lieutenant Mark Toczek (left) with family & Hannah

Bridgeview Family Hosts Exchange Student

In cooperation with AFS Intercultural Programs – a global not-for-profit that offers student exchange services – a local Bridgeview family hosted a student from Ghana, Africa.

Bridgeview Fire Lieutenant Mark Toczek and his family welcomed 19 year old Hannah at O'Hare airport on July 18th, alongside 10 other students and their host families. Toczek and his family hoped to learn about other cultures firsthand, while exposing Hannah to a little bit of theirs.

"We want to give as many students as possible the opportunity to come here via this program and experience this great nation rather than read it from a book or picturing it," Toczek said.

AFS, originally a wartime humanitarian aid organization established in 1915, has evolved into a worldwide secondary school exchange and volunteer organization. It describes its organizational purpose as one that "provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world."

In pursuit of that mission, Toczek's family, Hannah, and the other host families spent July 18th to 24th exploring all the cultural touchstones Chicago had to offer. They explored the history museum, Field Museum, various places of worship, libraries, and an architectural boat ride that taught students and families alike the stories behind Chicago's sprawling urban landscape. Students were also treated to various genres of food, within the city and our surrounding areas.

"On Friday, all the families met at one of the host family's home in Oak Park for a barbeque potluck," Toczek said. "Students flew out to Washington D.C. on the following Sunday morning."

After leaving for D.C., the exchange students explored it for a week prior to flying back home to Ghana. In the process, the host families taught Hannah and her fellow exchange students a little about U.S. culture, and ultimately exposed themselves to one they may have never experienced otherwise.

"This gives us the opportunity to meet new people and learn about their culture instead of the usual tourist version," Toczek said. "But most importantly, this gives other individuals the opportunity to come to the United States that might not have the ability and learn about our country."

RETIRED CHIEF KOKKINIS WINS CAR SHOW FOR BRIDGEVIEW

In nearby Darien retired Chief Kokkinis showed up on a Bridgeview motorcycle to the Darien car show alongside other town or county liaisons.

"There was a general request with the Darien Chamber of Commerce," Kokkinis said. "So, I figured, what the heck."

Darien's competition was split in different categories, with one of them being between police vehicles of the surrounding police departments. Kokkinis, a Bridgeview employee since 1986, entered the competition on the back of the Bridgeview police department's motorcycle, a 2005 Harley Davidson.

Police vehicles were just one part of the car show, which also featured retro and vintage vehicles for attendees to admire.

After a full day that included kids and their families getting a chance to sit on the motorcycle or in the accompanying police cars, the judges deliberated and declared Kokkinis the winner.



Former officer Kokkinis accepts award.

"There were a lot of squad cars and other police vehicles," Kokkinis said, "I was the only one with a motorcycle. I guess they liked what they saw."

Kokkinis also saw a value in this type of competition beyond bragging rights.

"First impressions with kids about law enforcement is important," Kokkinis said. "A show where

they get to interact is perfect."

Outside of the natural pride in winning a competition of this nature – on a whim, no less – Kokkinis would be happy to make a triumphant return in the future.

"Absolutely I'd do it again," Kokkinis said. "Time and vehicles permitting, I'd participate in the show again."



Village of Bridgeview Auxiliary Officers and volunteers at Bridgeview National Night Out 2022.

National Night Out 2022 a Hit!

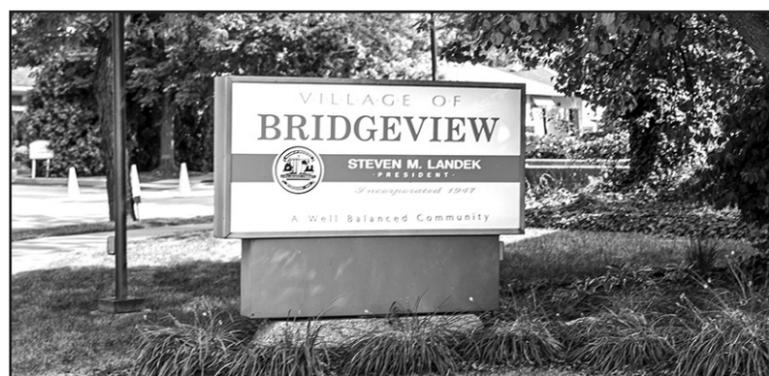
On Tuesday, August 2nd the Bridgeview police department, fire department, municipal employees, and local organizations joined together with the community to celebrate National Night Out 2022. Meant to lower the barrier between the community and public servants, National Night Out brought both together for a family friendly night of interactive fun.

Bridgeview National Night Out 2022 featured scalable large size ve-

hicles such as a SWAT truck, ambulance, street cleaner, cement truck, garbage truck and more. The police and fire departments offered rides on vehicles and department tours. SBC Waste Management donated free ice cream and Prairie Materials cooked up some hot dogs to give away from their cement truck grill. A few skillful young residents were even able to sink Bridgeview Police Chief Mancha in the crowd favorite dunk tank. Between large vehi-

cles, free giveaways, snacks, bounce houses, face painting and more, there was something for everyone.

We want to thank our Bridgeview municipal employees for helping make National Night Out a success year over year. As the summer begins to wind down, taking the opportunity to spend time in our community is always cherished. National Night Out will return!



Help Wanted!

The Village of Bridgeview is hiring for policemen, firemen, general maintenance, traffic assistance, and customer service. If you are between 16 to 80 years old, apply to work for your community. Visit the website at Bridgeview-il.gov and download an application or fill one out at Village Hall.



Stadium Events Calendar!

September 2nd–September 4th

North Coast Music Festival

September 10th

Chicago Fire Vs. Inter Miami FC

September 14th

Chicago Red Stars Vs. Kansas City Current

September 17th

Chicago Red Stars Vs. Houston Dash

September 18th

Chicago Fire II Vs. Inter Miami II

September 24th

Chicago Fire Vs. Leon FC

October 2nd

Chicago Red Stars Vs. Angel City FC

October 9th

Chicago Fire Vs. NE Revolution



Red Stars Season Winds Down

With five matches remaining in the 2022 season, the Red Stars near the finale of the NWSL regular season.

After a mixed bag of a season that has left them firmly in the middle of the standings, having most of those games at home likely provides some solace.

Kicking off the closing run, the Red Stars ship off to Seattle for a match against the OL Reign September 9th, then return to SeatGeek for matches September 14th and 17th against

the Kansas City Current and Houston Dash, respectively.

Eight days later, the Red Stars venture back to the west coast for a match against the Portland Thorns on September 25th. In their season finale, they will return home to play Angel City FC on October 2nd.

Tickets for all remaining home games are available at seatgeekstadium.com. Don't miss the chance to support the Red Stars down the home stretch!



Red Stars moments before blocking a goal.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR CHICAGO FIRE VS. LEON

Available online via [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and [TicketsVIP.net](https://www.ticketsvip.net)

Latin Entertainment has announced on Wednesday, September 24th the Chicago Fire will return to SeatGeek Stadium for a fourth game this year! In this newly announced installment of Chicago soccer, Bridgeview's Stadi-

um will host an exciting friendly match between Major League Soccer's Chicago Fire FC and the Mexican Premier League's (Liga MX) Leon FC!

León is a Mexican professional football club based in León, Guanaju-

to, that competes in the Liga MX, the top flight of Mexican football. León is ranked No. 29 in the IFFHS Central and North America's best clubs of the 20th century. A prestigious club coming to face off – even in an exhibition

– is an opportunity that does not come around often.

Tickets are available online via [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and [TicketsVIP.net](https://www.ticketsvip.net). Additionally, fans will be able to purchase tickets from select stores in the Chicagoland area. For more information visit [SeatGeekStadium.com](https://www.seatgeekstadium.com).



BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Youth Services Fall Session I Begins September 12th

TAKE HOME ACTIVITIES

Each take home activity program is structured to fit the developmental needs of different ages.

One Activity bag- per child, per week

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER

12th—Please call (708) 458-2880 ext. 106 to request take home activity. We encourage phone call requests to guarantee reserved bag, however, we will accept drop in requests **ONLY** if supplies are available.

1. Deadline for phone call requests/drop in requests will be every Thursday by 6pm. You may request the next week activity bags starting on the following Monday.

2. When leaving a voice-

mail to request an activity bag, please specify which activity bag, and leave your child(ren)'s 1st name, last name initial, age, and return phone number.

3. Once the activity bag is ready, a staff member will con-

tact you to schedule a pick up time.

LIMITED SUPPLIES—1st COME 1ST SERVE

Visit our website for detailed information at www.bridgerviewlibrary.org

IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

September 14th at 4pm -Pre K Story time: Join Ms. Amy as we learn more about our feathered friends...BIRDS! AGES 3-5 years MAX 10

September 16th, September 30th and October 14th at 11am—Book, Boogie and Play:

We're back together! Bring your toddler to this fun playtime at the Library. Great opportunity for social development! AGES 18 months to 3 years. MAX 20

September 20th at 6:30pm—Teen Art Night (Bead Art): This art project is inspired by the fa-

mous Kandinsky's Squares with Concentric Circles. AGES 13 to 17yrs. MAX 10

September 22nd at 6:30pm -TWEEN Bad art night: Not everyone has the skills to be a talented Artist—but everyone can be a bad artist! All that is

needed is a willingness to create and have some fun! AGES 10-12 years MAX 15

September 28th and October 12th at 4pm—Write Now Club: Are you a future Author? We're coming together to write short fiction stories that are 500

words or less. Participants will learn how to give constructive criticism during this creative writing workshop. AGES 13-14 yrs. MAX 10

In-House program registration begins 30 minutes before program—1st come 1st served

THE BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT PROUDLY PRESENTS

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8100 S. Beloit ave Bridgeview
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TICKETS
\$35



★ **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

★ **WHERE: AVALON FOOD AND SPIRITS**
10307 S ROBERTS RD, PALOS HILLS,

★ **DINNER: PASTA, MEATBALLS, SALAD, ICE CREAM AND**
SOFT DRINKS. • CASH BAR

★ **Doors open: 6:15**  **Event concludes approximately 9:00p.m.**

8100 S. Beloit Ave. Bridgeview, IL 60455 708-594-1818 www.bridgerviewparkdistrict.com



PUZZLED?

ARE YOU A DISSECTOLOGIST? JOIN THE JIGSAW PUZZLE CLUB!

Come together and help assemble this 42,000 pc. Jigsaw Puzzle that will be framed and hung with PRIDE at The Sports Complex!

After the puzzle is assembled, we will have a puzzle party to admire the fruits of your labor!

*Come and go as you please!
Club days are everyday 7 days a week!
\$5.00 to join this relaxing skill!*

*Finished puzzle is
24.5 ft long & 5.2
ft wide!*

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

AT THE BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT



Classes start on Monday, September 19th

Building Blocks

Children enrolled in building blocks must be completely toilet trained and must be ready to stay in a classroom without becoming disruptive.

Registration is taken on a first come first serve basis. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2022 in order to participate in the

2022-2023 program, which runs from September 2022 to May 2023.

Age: 3-4 years old Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: 9:00-11:00am

Approximately 31 weeks

Resident Rate Fee: \$500 per year

Non Resident Fee: \$550 per year

Breaks down to only: 8.06 per day!

Payment Plans available at in person registration!



Stepping Stones

Children enrolled in stepping stones must be completely toilet trained and must be ready to stay in a classroom without becoming disruptive.

Registration is taken on a first come first serve basis.

Children must be 4 years old by September 1, 2023 They must also be entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2022 in order to participate in the May 2024 graduation.

Program runs from September 2023 to May 2024.

Age: 4-5 years old Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Approximately 31 weeks

Resident rate Fee: \$750

Non Resident Fee \$850

Breaks down to only: \$8.06 a day!

Payment Plans available at in person registration!



BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS: KILLDARE HAUNTED CITY

708-594-1818
INFO@KILLDAREHAUNT.COM
@KILLDAREHAUNT

CITY HAUNTED HOUSE

Tickets on sale now!
Online at
www.bridgeviewparkdistrict.com
or in person

October 2022

SCARE SCHEDULE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Sept. Fri	Sat	Sun
				30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

HOURS:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
7:00-11P.M.
SUNDAY:
7:00-10:00P.M.

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LOCATION:
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AVE, BRIDGEVIEW IL
60455

(BEHIND PARK DISTRICT BUILDING)

THE BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS:

TRICK OR TRUNK!

Calling all Ghouls and Goblin's, join the Bridgeview Park District for a afternoon of fearful Halloween fun!
There will be a contest for the best decorated car and of course trick or treating!

FREE EVENT

BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT PARKING LOT DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2022 TIME: 1:00-2:30p.m.

ALL CARS PARTICIPATING IN TRICK OR TRUNK MUST PRE REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON AT THE BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT MUST BRING CANDY FOR TRICK OR TREATERS

All ages welcome Rain or shine event

Killdare Haunted City is seeking actors for the 2022 Haunted house season, please contact the Bridgeview Park district for more information.



Sold Out Music Fest at SeatGeek Stadium!



Sept. 10 Bridgeview Day at Stadium.



Signup for FREE Chicago Fire Game



Oct. 1st Cleanup Day.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 2nd-4th

North Coast Music Festival @SeatGeek Stadium

September 10th

75th Anniversary Chicago Fire FREE GAME @SeatGeek Stadium

September 10th & 11th

Treasure Days (South of 87th Street)

September 17th & 18th

Treasure Days (North of 87th Street & East of Tracks)

September 24th & 25th

Treasure Days (North of 87th Street & West of Tracks)

October 1st

Fall Cleanup Day

TREASURE Days

VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE!

SEPT. 10-11

South of 87th Street

SEPT. 17-18

North of 87th St. & East of Tracks

SEPT. 24-25

North of 87th St. & West of Tracks

The Village of Bridgeview Treasure Days will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the last 3 weekends of September. Residents can now register by filling out and returning the form below to Village Hall. Once registered, you will receive a bright pink cover to place over your mailbox. There is no fee to participate in Treasure Days!



Treasure Days 2022

YES! I want to cash-in on Bridgeview Treasure Days! Please include me on the list of homes participating. My day of participation is:

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11
South of 87th Street

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18
North of 87th St. & East of Tracks

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25
North of 87th St. & West of Tracks

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please print clearly and bring to the Customer Service Window at Village Hall - 7500 S. Oketo

****NO FOOD SALES ALLOWED****