

BRIDGEVIEWS



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7500 South Oketo Ave.
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6 NEW POLICE OFFICERS FOR BRIDGEVIEW!

On Wednesday, April 7th, Mayor Landek administered the oath of office to 6 new part time police officers. These new officers will help supplement and assist our excellent staff of full time law enforcement professionals. Eventually, some of these new officers will join the ranks of the full time officers to give extra coverage to our community.

Three of our new members recently graduated from the police academy and the other three officers joined us from other departments. Trustee Norma Pinion, Chairman of the Police Committee summed it up best, "Bridgeview is committed to professional policing and our community is investing the necessary tax dollars to make that happen."



Village Officials with police officers who received the oath of office!

\$500K for Water System Storage

Trustee Kal Baste, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reports that work has commenced on our 2 million gallon above ground water tank and the immediate results are visually stunning. In addition, the underground 500,000 gallon tank is receiving

maintenance repairs and will soon be filled with water again and fully operational. All of the painting and repairs are being done to assure our water reservoir is fully optimized for safe operation to carry water from the tank to your home.

When work is completed on the underground and above ground tank the next big project will be painting the water tower. That project will cost nearly 1.5 million dollars and is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.



Before

After

BUSY SUMMER AT THE STADIUM



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NEW AMBULANCE APPROVED!

Trustee Higginson chairperson of the Fire Department Committee is happy to report that the Village Board has approved the purchase of a new ambulance for the Bridgeview Fire Department. The fully loaded \$350,000 vehicle will replace an older model in our 4 vehicle fleet. Keeping our fleet up to date is critical to maintaining quick response times for our emergency personnel. The proposed new ambulance was put out for bid to get the most money for our tax dollars. The nearly \$350,000 price was the lowest bid received. However to

everyones disappointment the wait time for a new ambulance is nearly one year. The Fire fleet is in good order and the delay will not hamper the operations.

“As our community continues to grow we need to make sure that our personnel, equipment, and vehicles keep pace to provide the best service possible to our residents,” Commented Trustee Higginson. “It is important we continue to invest in our emergency services to ensure our people have the best chance possible to save lives in the future.”

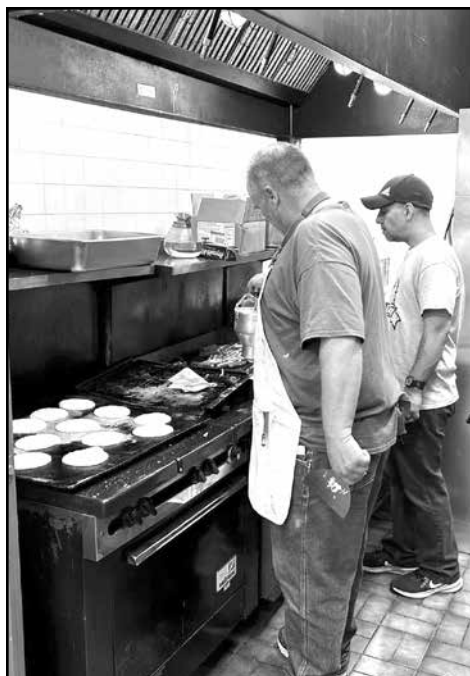


One of Bridgeview's current active duty ambulances.

Bridgeview Boy Scouts Troop 13 Host a Successful Pancake Breakfast

Early on Sunday, April 16th hungry families of Bridgeview marched their way over to the Bridgeview Community Center for the annual Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 13 Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale Fundraiser. By 6am the scouts were hard at work setting up and preparing breakfast which included pancakes, sausages and eggs. Proceeds from the event go towards funding future Boy Scouts operations and activities.

Trustee Gary Lewis Chairman of the Community Center extended congratulations to Boy Scout Troop 13 for its 68th year of service to Bridgeview. Troop 13 is the oldest Community organization in Bridgeview and has year after year produced young adults with life memorable life experiences. Troop 13 meets at the Bridgeview Community Center on Tuesdays from 6.30p.m. to 8p.m. For more information about troop 13 and how to sign up your child visit bas13.com.



Volunteers of troop 13 work the grills at the pancake breakfast.



Families wake up early to enjoy a good breakfast and support BSA Troop 13.



(Left to Right) Police officer Candace Klein, Sgt. Robert Tomiczak and officer Josh Brander.

Bridgeview's Finest Hit the Roof for Special Olympics

Before the crack of dawn, the Bridgeview Police Department was stationed up at 7949 West 79th Street collecting funds for the annual “Cop on a Rooftop” fundraiser. “Cop on a Rooftop” is a fundraising event for the Illinois Special Olympics between local police departments and Dunkin Donuts coffee shops across Illinois. On Friday, May 19th officers across Illinois were stationed at local Dunkin Donuts as early as 5am promoting donations going toward the Special Olympics.

Anyone who donated would receive a coupon for a free donut and those who donated \$10 or more would also receive a coupon for a free coffee at Dunkin Donuts.

This year is the 20th year that Dunkin' and Law Enforcement Torch Run partnered together to raise funds and aware-

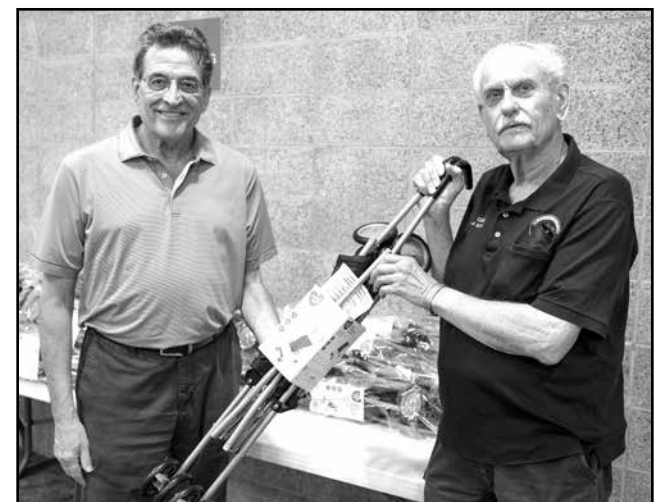
ness for the Special Olympic athletes in their communities. In addition to partnering with local law enforcement, Dunkin' also donated \$15,000 to the Law Enforcement Torch run to benefit the Special Olympics Illinois.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the Flame of Hope into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions. Annually, more than 100,000 dedicated and compassionate law enforcement members carry the “Flame of Hope,” symbolizing courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

Walmart & Bridgeview Team Up to Help Our Toddlers!

Walmart and the Village of Bridgeview teamed up to give 20 Bridgeview toddlers a new ride. On Friday, June 9th parents of young toddlers were able visit Bridgeview Village Hall and pickup a FREE Stroller. The durable and lightweight baby strollers were targeted towards new parents looking for an on-the-go type stroller for their young ones. The strollers were personally handed out by Village Clerk John Altar on a first come first serve basis.

“Parents with young children have plenty to manage for their babies like diapers, baby wipes,



Mayor Landek (left) and Clerk Altar (right) stack the strollers in preparation for the giveaway.

blankets, car seats, and doctor appointments. A simple stroller goes a long way to help young families stay on the go with their

daily routine or go out for a nice Summer walk and I'm glad we can give that to them free of charge,” said Clerk John Altar.

Another Financial Upgrade for Bridgeview

For the second year in a row Fitch Ratings, an international bond rating agency, has upgraded Bridgeview's financial rating another step, continuing Bridgeview's upward trend. Mayor Landek and the Village Board of Trustees have continued a disciplined approach to spending, hiring, revenue management and the maximizing of State and Federal resources leading to consecutive balanced budgets. Bridgeview's "Pay with Cash" policy has kept the village from incurring long-term debt. "It is no surprise that the Village of Bridgeview financial outlook continues to be recognized," said Mayor Landek, "The Village Board and I are working diligently to maintain fiscal responsibility and continue to build a strong economic foundation while providing top of the line public services through our fire, police



Mayor Landek

and public works departments. We are watchful on what we spend but never at the expense of our village infrastructure. We continue to make great strides in rebuilding our roads, improving the safety of our water systems, and bringing new developments into our village."

Last year the Village of Bridgeview General Fund resulted in a surplus of \$2.2 million and the Stadium Fund resulted in a surplus of \$1 million. The Stadium's steady growth of activity has surpassed pre-pandemic levels and is currently home to Major League Rugby's Chicago Hounds, National Women's Soccer League's Chicago Red Stars, and Major League Soccer's Next Pro League's Chicago Fire II team. The stadium is used as a training facility for all aforementioned teams as well as the Chicago Fire first team and youth academy. Bridgeview's Stadium is also set to host high profile music festivals including the Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash and North Coast Music Fest



this year in addition to hosting the 2023 Major League Rugby Championship. "The outlook on the Village of Bridgeview and stadium will remain strong despite the economic challenges facing the greater U.S. we need to continue

to exercise fiscal responsibility for the long term," stated Mayor Landek. "We are on a path to pay down our debts and keep pace with inflation with a minimal impact on our residents when compared to our neighboring suburbs."



A new pipe gets lowered into the trench.



Mayor Landek (left) and Water Plant Operator William Green (right) discuss water treatment near the chlorination pipe.



A broken section of a water main.

KEEP THE WATER FLOWING

Water main breaks are a common occurrence throughout Illinois and it is an unfortunate side effect of our Midwestern weather. It takes a lot to keep the water flowing in Bridgeview but it's necessary to keep our water safe and clean for our residents and industry. The natural shift in seasons causes the soil underground to constantly expand and contract and over time breaks happen. Once a break occurs Bridgeview's water pressure monitoring system sends out a low water pressure alert indicating a break. The monitoring system will give a general location for the break but it is up to crews to identify the exact location. Once the break area is identified crews will locate the nearest shutoff valve to turn off the water to the main and the hard work begins.

Excavators will work to dig a trench about 10' to 15' deep around the water main so crews can comfortably work on replacing the necessary section. Crews

work within a reinforced structure designed to protect them from the earth collapsing onto them. Once the old section of pipe is removed the new one is carefully lowered into the ground and installed. The new pipe is then filled with water then flushed to ensure it is working properly.

Once the pipe is in good working order it is refilled with water and chemically treated as required by State Law. The earth around the break is refilled and if applicable the streets or sidewalks are repaired. "There is a lot of work that goes into replacing our water mains but the end result is a positive for the village. As mains are always replaced with more durable materials than what was used 70 years ago, we are positioning our water system for a long term positive result," said Trustee Mike Pticek, chairperson of the Finance Committee.



2023-2024 VEHICLE STICKERS LATE FEE PENALTY
\$25.00 PENALTY AFTER MAY 31ST
\$50.00 PENALTY AFTER JUNE 30TH



2023 Major League Rugby Championship Final & Celebration Coming to SeatGeek

Major League Rugby has announced that the 2023 MRL Championship Final is coming to Bridgeview's SeatGeek Stadium! To celebrate the occasion our native Chicago Hounds have

invited Dropkick Murphys and DJ Diesel (Shaquille O'Neal) for a pregame and postgame celebration.

In addition to the headline performers and Championship Game, the Chicago

Hounds will host festivities including the Dawg Town Block Party fan festival, showcasing the best of Chicago rugby and culture through Windy City-themed vendors, musicians, food, and drinks.

Rugby-specific activities will include a youth tournament, high-performance combine, social sevens tournament, and rugby 101 sessions. Tickets for the event are on-sale now and include access to all of the

day's festivities.

For information, tickets, and travel packages, for the celebration and MLR Championship Final, visit www.chicagohounds.com/block-party.

NATIONS CUP SERIES SET TO KICKOFF AT SEATGEEK STADIUM JULY 26TH

Elite Promotions Group announce they will hold The Chicago Nations Cup, a world class pre-season match between English Premier League Club, Crystal Palace FC, and Categoría Primera A's Millonarios FC. The match will take place at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

The Chicago Nations Cup will mark the return of International Football to Chicago, who has seen several matches over the years, the likes of which have included Manchester United, El Salvador, Bayern Munich, AC Milan, and Paris Saint-Germain.

Competing in what is widely regarded as the best league in the world, London-based Crystal Palace is currently placed 12th in the English Premier League. The club is



currently managed by former England Men's National Team manager Roy Hodgson and their squad is packed full of international stars such as US Men's National Team

player Chris Richards, England international Marc Guehi, Ghana's Jordan Ayew and Jeffrey Schlupp, and Denmark's Joachim Andersen. Millonarios Fútbol

Club, from Colombia, is one of the most successful and iconic football clubs in South America. Based in Bogotá it plays in the Categoría Primera A, the topflight of football in Co-

lombia. They are currently top of the league and have won 15 league titles, 3 Colombian Cup titles as well as 1 Colombian Super Cup. The Chicago Nations

Cup will highlight the continued expertise of Elite Promotions Group and their commitment to bring best-in-class international football events to the American market.

SUMMER SMASHES INTO SEATGEEK STADIUM THIS JUNE!

Lyrical Lemonade & SPKRBX team up once again to bring you the 5th Annual Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash, a 3 day hip-hop music festival set to launch Friday, June 23rd at its new home Seat-Geek Stadium. The 3 day Chicago fest has announced a stacked lineup of over 50 DJ's and artists including Kid Cudi, Future, and Playboi Carti. Summer fest has moved from its longtime home at Douglas Park to our stadium in order to accommodate its growing fan base and artist lineup. The stadium's main stage, on-site parking, on-site hotel, and array of artificial turf fields create new opportunities for the showrunners to enhance the experience for fans as well as the performing Artists.

Lyrical Lemonade has been a Chicagoland Media Powerhouse for many years developing music videos for many talented artists including the late Juice Wrld's Lucid Dreams which has over 890 Million views. More recently Lyrical Lemonade developed the Music Video for the popular animated Super Mario Bros. movie song titled "Peaches" performed by Jack Black.

SPKRBX is an independent, Chicago based, concert production company. Since 2015 SPKRBX has ascended to become a premiere, boutique, live entertainment firm producing concerts in various venues nationwide ranging from 300 to 40,000 attendees. SPKRBX manages all facets of production including talent buying, marketing, management, design, strategy, and operations.

Visit the festival website at the-summermash.com, facebook @thesummermash, or text SUMMER to 312-847-4349 for the latest news and announcements.

THE 2023 LYRICAL LEMONADE SUMMER SMASH
 PRESENTED BY SPKRBX

FRIDAY KID CUDI JUNE 23
 VINCE STAPLES • ICE SPICE • GLORILLA • FREDDIE GIBBS
 NLE CHOPPA • COCHISE • LIL PUMP x SMOKEPURPP • EEM TRIPLIN
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 SXMPRA • NINA TECH • BROKEBOII
 WITH SPECIAL GUEST **\$UICIDEBOYS\$**

SATURDAY FUTURE JUNE 24
 SKI MASK THE SLUMP GOD • G HERBO • CORDAE • JUICY J
 TEE GRIZZLEY • LUH TYLER • LIL TRACY • SAHBABII
 FAMOUS DEX • YUNG BANS • JASIAH • VEEZE • GLOSS UP
 DANNY TOWERS • SEXYY RED • CDOT HONCHO • DOM CORLEO
 CP • HIGHWAY • KOMLA
 WITH SPECIAL GUEST **LIL UZI VERT**

SUNDAY PLAYBOI CARTI JUNE 25
 TRIPPIE REDD • LUCKI • CENTRAL CEE • LIL SKIES • RICO NASTY
 BABYTRON • LIL B • LIL MOSEY • SEMATARY & THE HAUNTED MOUND • RAMIREZ
 BK THERULA • BLP KOSHER • 2RARE • BABYXSOSA • SID SHYNE
 SLIME DOLLAZ • AUSAR • POLA BEAR
 WITH **A VERY SPECIAL CHICAGO GUEST**
 SOUNDS BY ZACK BIA • DJ SCHEME • FILTHY • BLACCMASS • GLOUPJAKE

SEATGEEK STADIUM BRIDGEVIEW, IL
 5 YEARS
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SPECIAL GUEST **I PREVAIL**
 WITH SAID THE SKY
 ANNIKA WELLS

SAT. JULY 22
 SEATGEEK STADIUM

POOL SEASON HAS BEGUN!

POOL HOURS

Monday – Friday 12:00PM – Dusk
 Saturday – 12:00PM – 7:00PM
 Sunday – 12:00PM – 6:00PM

SINGLE DAY ENTRY

Individual: \$14.00
 Family: \$48.00

Family consists of 5 people

WADING POOL

Supervised children 5 & under:

\$10.00 Resident \$11.00 Non-Resident

SEASON PASS MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family Rate – Up to 5 people

\$175.00 Resident \$210.00 Non-Resident

Additional Family Members - \$35.00 each

LIMIT 2 ADDITIONAL

Individual rate

\$105.00 \$120.00 Non-Resident

Senior Rate (62+)

\$75.00 Resident \$85.00 Non-Resident

ADULT SERENITY SWIM

Monday-Friday

10AM – 12PM

Daily Fee:

\$8.00 Resident \$11.00 Non-Resident

Season Pass: \$55.00

Starting Sunday June 4th
 Bridgeview Park District
Summer Pool Hours 2023
 Monday-Friday 12-8pm
 Saturday: 12-7pm
 Sunday: 12-6pm
 BRIDGEVIEW Park DISTRICT

Proof of Residency will be required for all passes issued. Pool appropriate attire is required. Please see the pool rules.

BEGINNING AUGUST 7TH THE POOL HOURS OF OPERATION WILL CHANGE AND WILL BE OPEN MON-FRI FROM 4PM UNTIL DUSK.

BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

7840 W. 79th Street • Bridgeview, IL 60455 • (708) 458-2880 ext.106 • www.bridgeviewlibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. 10 a.m.—6 p.m. • Tues. 12 p.m.—8 p.m. • Wed. 10 a.m.—6 p.m. • Thurs. 12 p.m.—8 p.m. • Fri. 10 a.m.—6 p.m. • Sat. 10 a.m.—6 p.m. • Closed Sunday

SIGN UP ONLINE THROUGH **Beanstack**

Beanstack Summer Reading Pre-Registration begins June 12th

Start Reading!

Log your minutes & check in for badge prizes begins June 19th

GOALS for Beanstack Badges:

Toddler/Preschool/K— 50 minutes for the week!

1st through 6th grade—100 minutes for the week!

Jr. High/Sr. High—any reading material of your choice,

1 review per week!

Hit your weekly goal badge and win a prize!

Visit our Library's website home page to register

www.bridgeviewlibrary.org

Or Visit www.bridgeviewlibrary.beanstack.org Or download the APP



SPECIAL FAMILY EVENTS

Thursday June 22nd at 6pm—The Science of OZ: Join science teacher Steve Belliveau for science experiments related to The Wizard of Oz book. This family show also includes a skit about using your brain, heart and courage to follow your dreams and find home sweet home. This show is recommended for children 6 years and older.



Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30pm—A Wild Goose Chase Shadow Puppet Show: A Wild Goose Chase comprises a series of interactive vignettes and verses that illustrate key poetic devices to elementary audiences. ALL AGES WELCOME!



IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

Tuesday, June 20th at 2pm—Find Your Animal Voice and Bingo: Together we'll discover different animals voices, play a game of guess who, and we'll also play a few rounds of Animal sound

Bingo! AGES 3-5 years (Caregiver must attend with child) MAX 15

Monday, June 26th at 4pm—Shadow Science: We'll be learning about Light and then we'll do experiments to learn

how light travels, and what creates shadows. AGES 5 to 8 years old MAX 20

Friday, June 30th at 11am—Toddler Time: Summer fun at the Library for our littlest patrons! Together we will

read a story, dance and sing to music, and learn how to play together while doing toddler sensory activities. AGES 18 months to 3 years (Caregiver must attend with child) MAX 15

Celebrate Independence Day ★★★★★★ in Bridgeview! ★★★★★★

BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS:

CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE IN A BIG WAY!

BRIDGEVIEW Park DISTRICT

3RD OF JULY 2023

FOOD TRUCKS, WORLD FAMOUS DJ "THE ITALIAN STALLION" & FIREWORKS SHOW

FIREWORKS: 9:15 p.m.

FOOD TRUCKS ALL NIGHT!

Glow sticks and other light up items will be available for purchase!

Commissioners Park

8100 S Beloit ave bridgeview

708-594-1818

LET'S HONOR ALL OF BRIDGEVIEW'S HEROES!

The Village of Bridgeview is proud to Honor those who have served or are currently serving our country in the military by recognizing them along Harlem Avenue through our Hometown Heroes program.

The Village of Bridgeview Hometown Heroes program allows any resident to honor a family member or friend who has served in a branch of the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast

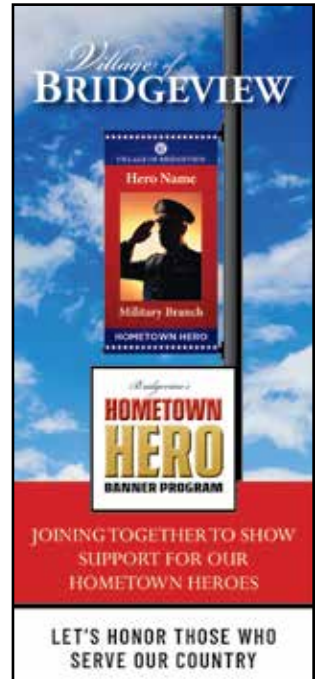
Guard, National Guard, Space Force) with a banner displayed throughout the community at the Village's discretion.

Applications for banners are available at the Village of Bridgeview Customer Service Office located at 7500 South Oketo Avenue or online at www.bridgeview-il.gov. Applicants must provide a headshot/portrait photo of the veteran, preferably, in uniform. Please remember to bring the photo with

you when you submit your application. The photo will be scanned and returned to you. Photos submitted should be in reasonably good condition.

The fee per application is \$75 and includes the production and placement of the banner by the Village as well as 3x7 photo of the banner to be shipped to the banner sponsor.

Let's join together and show our support for our Hometown Heroes!



INFORMATION SAVES LIVES! DOWNLOAD SMART 911!

9-1-1 call takers play a critical role in the emergency response pipeline to dispatch emergency services to residents in their time of need. Communication is critical for 9-1-1 call takers, however, residents in immensely stressful situations cannot always communicate clearly when speaking to an operator leaving emergency service personnel to discover lifesaving information on site. SMART 911 gives residents the power to bridge the gap of information the moment they dial 9-1-1 which increases the efficiency of a rapid response team. Here's how it works:

- You download the Smart 911 App or visit Smart911.com
- With only a phone number, you create a safety profile for yourself with basic information.
 - Once you create a profile you can add/remove as much information as you would like such as medical conditions, emergency contacts, property layout, number of people or pets on property and more.
- In the event you dial 9-1-1 an operator will immediately see all the lifesaving information you provided via Smart911 and dispatch emergency services according to your call.
 - In addition, if you download the SMART911 app a 9-1-1 operator can get an exact location of your phone. A cell phone without Smart 911 will only ping off the nearest cell tower and an operator will need to take the time to get a precise location from a caller.

“When an emergency call comes in, dispatchers and first responders are tasked with responding as swiftly as possible. The more information we have to do that, the better and quicker an emergency response will be,” said Mayor Landek. “Smart911 helps operators know more about the individuals involved in an emergency so that we can arrive on scene ready to take action. Every Bridgeview resident should

consider making a profile so that if an emergency ever occurs, they can feel confident that 9-1-1 professionals and first responders have information that helps to inform a rapid, successful response.”

Smart911 is currently available in all 50 states with more than 3,500 municipalities across the country utilizing the tool to protect more than 66 million people. In addition to providing

9-1-1 operators with critical information Smart911 users can opt into Emergency alerts from local municipalities. Smart911 is private and secure; it is only made available to the 9-1-1 system in the event of an emergency call. Smart911 is designed to send the right response teams to the right location with the right information. The Smart911 App is available on the Apple Store or Google Play.