Highlighting Community News & Events

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Bridgeview's Own Firefighter Rey Cardenas Promoted to Lieutenant!

Village of Bridgeview firefighter Rey Cardenas was officially promoted to Lieutenant on Wednesday, September 6th at the Village Hall biweekly meeting. Mayor Landek and the Board of Trustees confidently supported the promotion of the Bridgeview native.

Trustee Gary Lewis said, "Back when I served on the Personnel Board I recommended Mr. Cardenas for his clear passion for his profession. I'm glad that he continues to work hard and exceed expectations, and I know he truly earned his promotion." Cardenas was hired as a Village of Bridgeview Firefighter in February of 2009.

The Mayor affirmed the promotion through the swearing-in ceremony, during which Lt. Cardenas swore to uphold his duties and serve the Village to the best of his ability. The Lieutenant's fellow firefighters attending the ceremony proudly supported him along with his family and longtime friends. The Village of Bridgeview congratulates Lt. Cardenas on his new promotion and looks forward to seeing him apply his dedication to his well-earned post.



Left to right, Trustees Gary Lewis, Kalid Baste, & Claudette Struzik, Clerk John Altar, Lt. Rey Cardenas, Trustees Norma Pinion & Michael Pticek, & Mayor Steven Landek.



Mayor Landek (left) Trustee Gary Lewis (center) and Water Plant Operator William Green (right) review the above ground tank completed repairs.

Water Tank Restoration Finish Line In Sight

ground tank was power washed and resurfaced from the inside, ensuring the safe and proper storage of our water supply for years to come. In addition, the underground water tank was also outfitted with updated water level sensors and is currently back in service. The clean-

Mayor Landek reports that in July repairs ing and painting of the 2 million gallon above to our underground 500,000 gallon tank were ground water tank was similarly completed successfully completed. The entire under- earlier this year. Now, the focus turns to the water tower which will undergo maintenance and be repainted in 2024 after repairs are complete. The completion of this project will round out the updating of the Water Department's infrastructure, which will be safely contained behind a freshly painted black fence.

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View of empty underground water tank after repairs and resurfacing.

SEPTEMBER 30TH FALL CLEANUP DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

The Village of Bridgeview Fall Cleanup Day is just around the corner! Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, September 30th for the entire village currently serviced by SBC Waste Solutions. Be sure to plan ahead to get rid of any unwanted waste in your home, garage, yard, or other parts of your property. To participate in Bridgeview's Fall Cleanup Day simply bring any number of garbage or bulk items to the curb BEFORE 6 A.M. on September 30th.

Oil or gasoline must be drained from lawn-mowers, trimmers, or other types of machines. Refrigerators & freezers must be drained. Paint cans must be dried using sand or kitty litter before disposal.

All non-bulk items must be bagged or boxed. For additional information please call the Bridgeview Customer Service Office at (708) 594-2525 Ext. 3. Happy Fall cleaning!



Family works together to get old furniture on the curb for cleanup day!



Don't be shy, fill up the curb and get rid of the clutter in your home!

CLEANUP DAY CHECKLIST! ✓

With cleanup days fast approaching here is a quick reference guide to things you can start prepping to throw out on the curb this fall cleanup day. Leave no stone unturned and rid yourself of all unwanted items in your house. Have everyone in your home help clean!

- ✓ Electronics (TV's, Stereo's, Speakers, DVD Players...)
- ✓ Furniture (Couches, Dressers, Cribs, unfixable shelfs...)
- ✓ Appliances (Dishwashers, Dryers, Vacuums, Washers, Refrigerators...)
- ✓ Construction Material (Unwanted Wood, Drywall, flooring, tiling, conduit...)
- ✓ Everyday Items (Toys, Shoes, Old Clothes, School Supplies, Board games with lost pieces...)

Cleanup Day is all about getting a seasonal fresh start to maintaining a cleanly home. Get rid of your clutter and put it out on the curb before 6am this September 30th! Stack it up, neatly! NO dumping on curb!

Bridgeview Pop Tab Tradition goes strong for over 30 years!

Every year for over 30 years Trustee Patricia Higginson, on behalf of the Village of Bridgeview, has been collecting thousands of soda pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Charities Pop Tab program.

Trustee Higginson first became involved with the "Pop Tab" program over 30 years ago when Pat Higginson, a Bridgeview employee, began looking for ways to support the families who have children with serious illnesses through their difficult times. "All children deserve to be running, jumping, playing, and learning. All children deserve a childhood and not spending their days on a hospital bed through no fault of their own. I had to do something, anything to help." Said Trustee Higginson.

Trustee Higginson's determination led her to the discovery of the Ronald McDonald House of Charities Pop Tab Program where she learned she could help raise money for the charity through collecting soda pop tabs. Every year, United Scrap Metal partners with the Ronald McDonald House of Charities to purchase pop tabs at the market value of aluminum as well as make a charitable contribution. Depending on the value of aluminum, a pound of pop tabs can be worth 40-55 cents. Higginson got to work quickly, organizing her network of friends, family, and coworkers to collect as many pop tabs as they could find.

Year after year Patricia Higginson collected more and more pop tabs and recruited more people to join the cause, including the late Trustee Mary Sutton. Together, Mary Sutton and Patricia Higginson rallied



Trustee Sutton (left) and Trustee Higginson (right) collected pop tabs together for over 30 years on behalf of the Village of Bridgeview.

the community in support of the Ronald McDonald House of Charities, sparking healthy competition among schools and other charitable organizations which resulted in massive yields of pop tabs. Even after the successful treatment of Mr. Kaput's daughter the pair continued to deliver barrels full of pop tabs to the charity.

Despite the devastating loss of Trustee Mary Sutton earlier this year, Patricia Higginson has continued to uphold the pop tab collection and on Wednesday afternoon of August 16 Higginson made the second drop off of the year which contained over 6,500 pop tabs. "Trustee Sutton worked with me for over three decades to collect and donate pop tabs in support of children and families battling medical issues. It is my



Trustee Higginson delivers the 2nd round of donations of 2023 with the aid of Ronald McDonald.

pleasure to continue this tradition in her honor."

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana provides a supportive place for families to stay while their child is receiving medical care. It is a playful, courageous, hopeful place and for over four decades has helped more than 100,000 families stay together with their hospitalized children through complex medical issues.

To help Trustee Higginson and the Village of Bridgeview collect pop tabs for charity please contact the Village of Bridgeview Customer Service Office at 708.594.2525 ext. 3 to arrange a drop off. For more information about the upcoming recycling event or Ronald McDonald House of Charities of Chicagoland & Norwest Indiana please visit https://rmhccni.org/

Village Board Makes Things Roll!

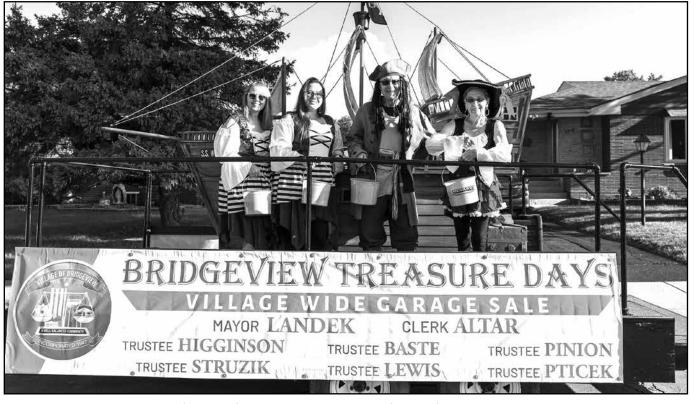
Village officials examined the new \$37,000 Volvo double drum asphalt roller recently purchased by the Village of Bridgeview.

Weighing in at about 3,400 lbs., this roller will be used for road repairs as needed. For example, when a road is torn up in order to repair the water mains beneath the road, the asphalt roller will be readily available to repair the road. The purchasing of this asphalt roller will give the Public Works Department a quick and cost-effective method of fixing the roads without having to contract a private company through a costly, time-consuming bidding process.

This roller is just one more investment in improving and maintaining the infrastructure of the Village of Bridgeview. Potholes, beware—Bridgeview is coming for you.



From left to right, Trustee Kalid Baste, Clerk John Altar, & Trustee Gary Lewis prepare to unload the roller.



 $Trustee\ Pticek\ and\ Trustee\ Pinion\ (right\ side)\ stand\ with\ their\ pirate\ crew\ (left\ side)\ on\ the\ Treasure\ Days\ float.$

Hundreds Enjoy Treasure Days!

The three-weekend village-wide garage sale known as Treasure Days made September a treasure itself! Hundreds of Bridgeview home owners sold objects of all kinds to fellow residents searching for deals and hidden gems, and a pirate crew tossed out gold-covered chocolate coins to the eager treasure-seekers while sailing through the village on a float every weekend.

Dressed as a pirate as she stood alongside Trustee Pticek on the float, Trustee Pinion gave her thoughts on the event. "I started Treasure Days to make it easy for people to hold garage sales and engage with their community. This year was another resounding success, so it's no wonder that other communities have followed our example."

Year Round Bridgeview Chipper Service

The Village of Bridgeview provides free chipping service throughout the year, as weather permits. Branches must be stacked no higher than 3 feet at the curb with Cut Ends facing the street.

During the months when chipper service is available, the weekly schedule is as follows:

Monday: North of 87th Street, West of tracks
Tuesday: North of 87th Street, East of Tracks

Wednesday: South of 87th Street

Branches should:

- be stacked at the curb line with the cut end facing the street
- not be stack over 4 ft. high
- be loose; there is no need to bind or bundle the branches
- be kept at a length of 4 ft. to 6 ft.

The Chipper cannot accept bushes with roots. lawn rakings, grass clippings, or debris should be placed in the appropriate refuse cans provided by the Village.



FREE OCTOBER RED STARS GAME!







Back from the USA Women's National Team Alyssa Naeher is back on the pitch for the Red Stars. 2023 Season Red Stars have proven they have what it takes to win!

The Chicago Red Stars invite Village of Bridgeview residents to join them for the 2023 NWSL Season Finale Match against Seattle's OL Reign for FREE! To request tickets, village residents can scan the QR Code to signup online, call the Village of Bridgeview Customer Service office at 708.594.2525 (ext. 3), or send an email to info@villageofbridgeview.com. Tickets will be assigned on a first come, first served basis and will be delivered digitally to your email prior to the event.

The 2023 Chicago Red Stars season kicked off to a rocky start as the team faced the loss of multiple players, including longtime veterans like Danielle Colaprico (2015-2022), Vanessa DiBernardo (2014-2022), and Morgan Gautrat (2018-2022) who all were well established Red Stars. To make matters worse, during a friendly match against the Women's Mexican National Team the Red Stars learned that one of their star teammates Mallory Swanson, who was playing for the Women's National Team at the same time, had torn her patella tendon. Swanson would be placed on the injury list and removed for the remainder of

Despite the shake-ups, the team has persevered throughout the season, landing big wins and impressive plays that highlight the potential for the newly reformed team. While the Red stars may not make the play-offs this year, they consistently remind everyone that they are not to be taken lightly. With their bursts of brilliance the Red Stars have managed to pull off a 3-0 shutout against the Houston Dash. With 2023 coming to an end and 2024 in sight we know there is plenty of potential for our Chicago team to retake their competitive place at the top of the league for seasons to come. Join the Red Stars for the end of the 2023 journey and witness the potential for 2024. Request your tickets today!

GAME INFORMATION

Event: Chicago Red Stars Vs. OL Reign Date: Sunday, October 15th Kickoff: 4:00PM CST Location: SeatGeek Stadium **Giveaway Rules** Must be 18 or over to claim tickets Must be a Village of Bridgeview Resident Parking not included Tickets will be distributed via email Deadline to Register: Thursday, Oct. 12







Dropkick Murphy's take the stage for the MLR Championship post-game concert.

Bridgeview Stadium Has Unforgettable Summer!

Bridgeview's Stadium has had an incredible Summer filled with Rugby, Soccer, and two weekend festivals which has attracted tens of thousands of guests to our Village. Summer highlights include the 2023 Major League Rugby Championship, the 2023 Leagues Cup, the 2023 NWSL Challenge Cup, the Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash, and the North Coast Music Festival! Each

event successfully drew in thousands of guests and maintained our Stadium's status as an entertainment spotlight of the Chicagoland area.

The Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash brought over 100 hip hop artists from all over the country to perform across 3 spectacular stages. Diamond artists Kid Cudi, Future, and Lil Uzi Vert were just the tip of the iceberg in

a stacked lineup filled with incredible talent and massive fan bases, including Playboi Carti, Lil Durk and \$uicide Boy\$. The 3 day festival was filled with unique artists' installations such as miniature recreations of music sets from popular Lyrical Lemonade music videos, including Juice WRLD's "Lucid Dreams" and Jack Black's "Peaches" to name a few. Fully loaded with a ferris

wheel, lounges, food vendors, and one of the largest stages ever constructed in the midwest, the Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash drew in over 100.000 guests over the course of 3 days.

The 2023 Major League Rugby Championship was an epic battle between the top two Rugby teams in the

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Ferris Wheel, the blazing Fire Pit stage, and Tetrominoes at the North Coast Music Festival.



Flume on stage with a special guest appearance by Vera Blue on the Final Night of the North Coast Music Festival.



North Coast Music Festival stadium stage packed with thousands of fans.



The NC Yacht by Beatbox at the North Coast Music Fest.

Stadium

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U.S., the San Diego Legion and the New England Free Jacks. DJ Diesel, also known as NBA legend Shaquielle O'Neal, kicked off the pregame party in style on the Stadium stage. The loud and passionate crowd then hyped up the fierce competition between the San Diego Legion and the New England Free Jacks, with the Legion up 17 to 13 in the first half of the match. The Free Jacks, however, refused to be buried and struck back throughout the second half until finally securing an amazing victory by the slimmest of margins, 25 to 24, to become the 2023 MLR Champions! The Stadium energy was electric, and the day finished strong with a postgame party performance by Dropkick Murphys. This thrilling nail-biter of a championship certainly created new fans of rugby and will be sure to keep

existing fans coming back for more!

The three-day North Coast Music Festival was jam-packed with action. The festival hosted some of the biggest names in EDM and house music genres, including Marshmello, Alesso, and Flume, who sent the massive North Coast crowds into a frenzy. The Stadium campus was filled with fantastical art installations, incredible musical talent, and high-quality vendors from around the country. Big-name corporate sponsors like Ford and Jose Cuervo seized the opportunity to be part of the festival and developed creative activations to engage with the Coasties, the friendly festival goers who came together for an amazing and unique experience celebrating their differences in an inclusive environment. North Coast truly provided everything a brilliant and memorable festival needs, and the results showed why SeatGeek Stadium was a great choice for this sensational event.



Lil Uzi Vert draws massive Summer Smash crowd!

Loading up Bridgeview Stadium with innovative and imaginative events that fully utilize the surrounding property is key to its future success. We are grateful to be able to host some of the

most unforgettable experiences for people from all over the country and sometimes the world, and we look forward to continuing to provide quality content in 2024.



Playboi Carti closes out the 3 day Summer Smash Music Festival!



2023 Summer Smash's biggest names including Kid Kudi, Future, and Playboi Carti performed on the massive Lyrical Lemonade Starry Stage.

BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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

SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT



Thursday, October 19th at 6:30pm The Incredible Bats Show:

Join us as we learn amazing facts and get up close to BATS, along with other creepy misunderstood creatures. We'll also get to meet Rico the Sloth!

ALL AGES—No registration required



Whodunit? Mystery Book club presents: Home Before Dark by Riley Sager

Tuesday October 24th, 2023 @ 6pm Call 708-458-2880 to register

Movie Night at the Library presents:
A Quiet Place Part 2

SILENCE IS NOT ENOUGH



Pick up books on/after September 28th, 2023 Meeting is on Thursday October 26th, 2023 @

6pm
Any questions, please email me at

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HALLOWEEN SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30pm—Halloween Craft: The Spooky season is upon us, come make a Spooktakular craft at the library! AGES 5 to 12 years—MAX 20

Thursday, October 26th at 4pm—Paint O' Pumpkin and Scooby Doo Movie: Come join us as we watch Scooby- Doo Ghoul school and paint mini pumpkins. AGES 9 to 12 years (4th to 6th grade) — MAX 15

Friday, October 27th at 11am—Not so spooky Costume Story time: Come dressed in your costume to celebrate Halloween together at the library in a not so spooky way! We'll read some stories, sing and dance to some fun songs, and create an easy Halloween themed craft. We'll finish up with a parade around the library for some treats! Pre-Registration starts October 23rd until capacity reached. AGES 2 to 5 years ONLY -MAX 15



TEEN Read Week

October 16th to October 21st Come to the Library and do our scavenger hunt. Prize awarded upon completion!

Bridgeview Public Library presents:

Gregory Alexander: Blues Brothers

In 1978 John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd performed on Saturday Night Live as Jake and Elwood Blues, releasing a very successful live album shortly after and eventually staring in the 1980 Blues Brothers film. On Tuesday October 3rd at 6:00, music historian Professor Moptop (Gregory Alexander) will discuss the bands history and legacy using rare photographs, film and audio. Please join us for this very fun and information presentation.



Thursday October 3rd, 2023 @ 6pm Call 708-458-2880 to register

Bridgeview Public Library presents: Quantum Paranormal Investigators

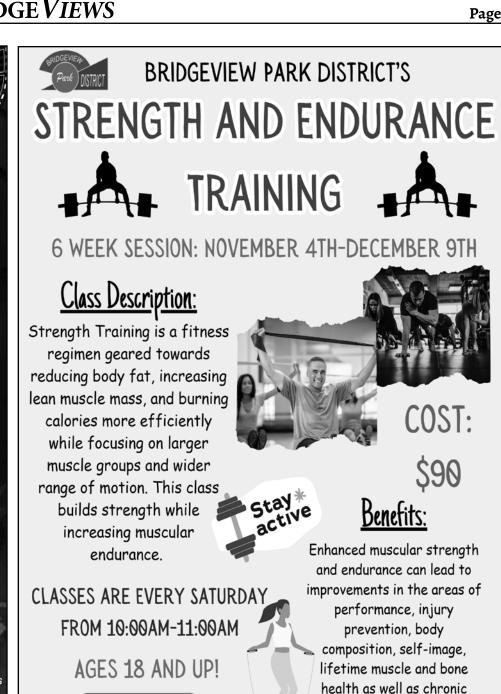


Quantum Paranormal Investigators

Come and enjoy learning, The Basics of Paranormal Investigating, from Quantum Paranormal Investigators who has a combined 30 years of experience. Learn about the equipment, the dos and don'ts, and how to do an investigation in an appropriate way. You will also learn about well-known haunted locations in the Chicago area and the State of Illinois and experience evidence from some of those locations.

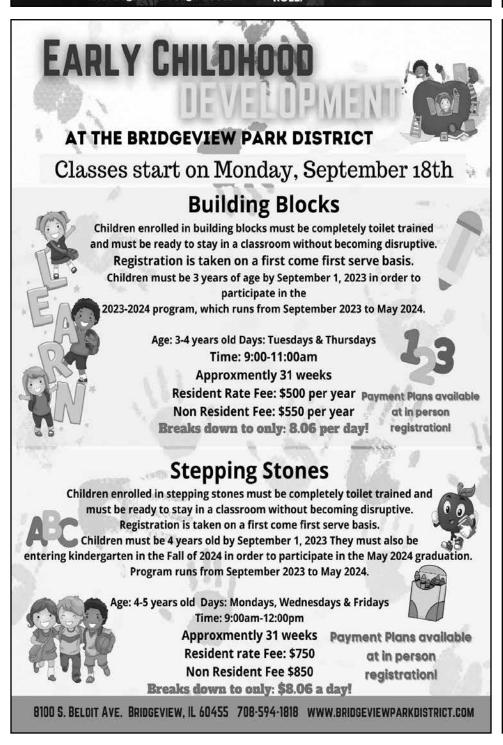
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Year 3, of the Road to Progress!

The Village of Bridgeview made a commitment to begin resurfacing streets in 2021 and since then has made significant progress over the past three years. This year, nearly a half a mile of streets will be repaved. The list of this year's roads to be repaved include:

- Olympic, from 87th Street to Hartford
- 90th Street, from Harlem Avenue to Oketo Avenue
- 76th Street, in front of Lyle School from 78th Avenue to Sholer Avenue.

In addition to the roads and curbs being replaced, the storm sewers will also be reviewed and repaired as necessary to maintain and improve the flood preparedness of the Village.

The Bridgeview Street Resurfacing Project is vital to enhancing the infrastructure of the Village and ensuring that roads and sidewalks are safe and beautiful for many years to come. The years of work put into the project has resulted in a total of nearly 4 miles of streets, curbs, and sidewalks completed. This investment will continue to keep our home values strong and our Village attractive.



Excavator tears out portions of a residential curb in Bridgeview.



IMPORTANT VILLAGE WIDE DATES

- October 12th Motown Music 55+ Luncheon
- November 23rd...Village Hall Customer Service Office
 Holiday (Holiday)
- November 28th . . . Last Day for Yard Waste Pickup
- **December 25th** . . . Village Hall Customer Service Office Closed (Holiday)
- **December 25th** . . . No Garbage Collection (Holiday)
- **December 26th** . . . Trash Pickup Day
- January 1st . . . No Garbage Collection (Holiday)

- January 2nd . . . Trash Pickup Day
- **April 1st** . . . Yard Waste Collection Begins
- **April 1st** . . . 2024 2025 Vehicle Stickers & Pet tags go on Sale
- May 11th . . . Spring Cleanup Day
- May 27th . . . No Trash Collection (Holiday)
- May 28th . . . Trash Pickup Day
 - May 31st . . . 2023 2024 Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags Expire

