

Bridgeview-il.gov 🗗 VillageofBridgeviewIL

Highlighting Community News & Events

May 2024 - Volume 33, No. 4



#### VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW MAYOR

Steven M. Landek

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Patricia A. Higginson Kalid Baste Norma J. Pinion Michael J. Pticek Claudette Struzik Gary D. Lewis

#### **VILLAGE CLERK** John Altar

#### VILLAGE CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Mon:	8 a.m 6 p.m.
Tue:	8 a.m 6 p.m.
Wed:	8 a.m 8 p.m.
Thu:	8 a.m 6 p.m.
Fri:	8 a.m 6 p.m.
Sat:	9 a.m 1 p.m.
Sun:	CLOSED

Open 56 hours a week to serve you better!

7500 South Oketo Ave. Bridgeview, IL 60455 Village Services: (708) 594-2525 Emergency: 911

## GET READY FOR SPRING CLEANUP DAY ON MAY 11TH

The Village of Bridgeview Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 11th for the entire Village. Now is the time to plan ahead and get rid of unwanted waste in your home, garage, yard, or other parts of your property. Furniture, clothing, old shoes, tires, scraps, declutter your home and make room for something new. **To participate in Bridgeview's Spring Cleanup Day simply bring any number of garbage or bulk items to the curb before 6 A.M. on May 11th.** 

Oil or gasoline must be drained from lawnmowers, 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. E-Waste such as old TV's, computers, stereos, etc. can be put out on the curb for this day only. For additional information please call the Bridgeview Customer Service Office at (708) 594-2525 Ext. 3. Happy Spring cleaning!



Paint must be mixed into sand or kitty litter before cans are placed empty on the curb.



Dispose of old tires during Cleanup Day.



Get rid of unused furniture and other bulk items.



You're Invited

The Citizens Committee, in support of the Police and Fire Departments and the Village of Bridgeview, would like to

The Citizens Committee from left to right: Don Pointer, Crystal Skoczylas, Bridgeview Trustee Patricia Higginson, Bridgeview Firefighter Paramedic Tony Roeback, Mary Bilek, Ashley Duzak, Fire Lieutenent Mathew Duzak, Auxiliary Jeremy Cano, Poilce Officer Dan Matuszak, Nora Pointer and Auxiliary Debra Tonika

Village of Bridgeview 7500 South Oketo Avenue Bridgeview, IL 60455 Email: info@villageofbridgeview.com Facebook.com/VillageofBridgeviewIL Permit 318 Permit 318 cordially invite you to our Police & Fire Appreciation Event

#### **\*** FREE TO ATTEND **\***

★ WHEN: Friday, May 17, 2024
★ WHERE: Bridgeview Community Center 7902 S. Oketo Avenue Bridgeview, IL 60455
★ TIME: 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Please join us for food raffles and split

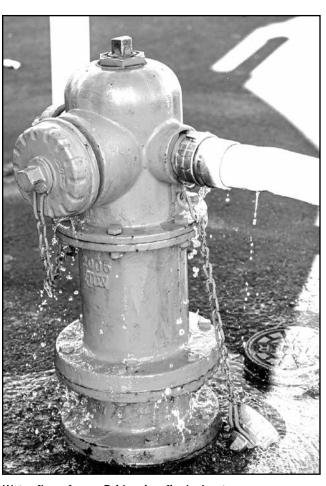
Please join us for food, raffles, and split-the-pots

We hope to see you there!

#### May 2024

## **Hydrant Flushing** and Leak Testing

Trustee Higginson, Chair of Fire Safety Committee, reports that the Village of Bridgeview continues to ensure that our fire hydrants are fully operable by flushing and testing for leaks in their water lines. This routine maintenance involves removing sediments from the water lines so that hydrants maintain the proper water flow and pressure required for emergency situations. Hydrant flushing is currently underway from 79th Street south to 103rd Street. The Village of Bridgeview stays true to its commitment of fully serving residents by ensuring that keeping Bridgeview's water system safe and reaffirming Bridgeview's emergency preparedness are always top priorities.



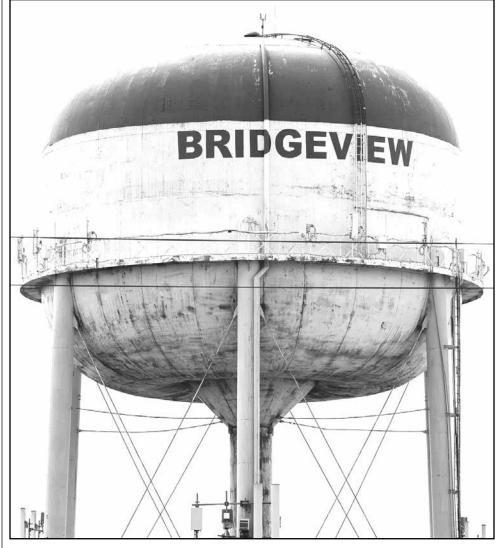
Water flows from a Bridgeview fire hydrant.

## **Reducing Flooding** with Smoke Testing

Trustee Gary Lewis, Chair of Public Works Committee, announces that as part of the Smoke Testing and Manhole Inspection Project, the Village of Bridgeview conducted smoke testing in the Bridgeview sanitary sewer system west of the train tracks in February as required by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD).

Smoke testing is a simple method of locating openings in the sanitary sewer system that allow surface rainwater runoff to enter the sanitary sewers. Air combined with non-toxic smoke is forced into the sewers at manholes, usually located in the street, filling the system. If there are leaks in or impropthe sanitary sewer system. Smoke will appear where there are defects in the main sewer line or sewer service connections, which identifies the infiltration of rainwater. The safe smoke testing process detects leaks and thus enables the Village to maintain the safe operation of Bridgeview's sanitary sewer system by fixing those leaks and preventing basement back-ups and sanitary sewer street overflows.

Trustee Gary Lewis commented on the vital work being done to maintain Bridgeview's flood preparedness. "Pro-actively identifying problematic areas in our system is a must to reduce er connections to the sanitary sewer the threat of major issues and to secure



The water tower will soon be updated and repainted a brilliant blue!

## WATER TOWER WORK **BEGINS THIS JUNE!**

Work to resurface and paint the Bridgeview Water Tower is starting July 15th. The project includes cleaning, repairing, and resurfacing the interior of the water tower, removing and reinstalling affixed cell phone relays, and the complete cleaning and repainting of the tower's exterior.

Updating the Bridgeview Water Tower will round out the millions of dollars of investments in Bridgeview's

water infrastructure that included repairs and upgrades to the ground-level and underground water tanks as well as the removal of 100% of lead pipes in our village. The Water Tower is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, ensuring Bridgeview's water infrastructure remains able to store and transport clean, safe drinking water for the entire community for years to come.

## **Call JULIE Before You Dig!**

Planting, building, adding, or fixing anything outdoors? Know what's below. Get your underground utility lines marked before you start digging. It's a FREE service that could save you time, costly utility repairs, and even your life. The danger of hitting a gas line, electricity line, water line, etc. is real. Neither you nor your neighbors will want to lose a critical service due to an avoidable mistake. Online or over the phone, JULIE's request system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Follow the steps below before digging.

at least two business days before you plan to start digging!

• After you receive email confirmation from JULIE, local utility company members locate and mark underground utility lines with colored

system, storm sewer water may flood the safety of our Bridgeview families."



- Premark your dig area with white paint, stakes, or flags.
- Submit a request online or call 811. The law requires you contact JULIE
- paint and flags.
- Respect the markings and don't remove them until digging is finished.
- Dig carefully and use hand tools when digging within 18 inches of a marked underground line. Contact JULIE and your utility company if you may have struck a line.

Visit www.illinois1call.com for more information.

#### **Electronic Waste**

Electronic waste pickup is provided by the Village of Bridgeview. To schedule a pickup please contact the Village customer service office at 708.594.2525 ext. 3. Once you have scheduled your pickup you may place the e-waste out on the curb.



#### May 2024



Assessor Patrick Hynes (left) and resident Fred Komersak (right) smile for a photo after discussing Mr. Komersak's taxes.

## Lyons Township Assessor Comes to Bridgeview Community Center

The Township of Lyons Assessor Patrick Hynes held a "Mobile Office Day" at the Bridgeview Community Center on Wednesday, April 17th from 10am to 2pm to provide his Office's tax services to any resident in need of assistance. Assessor Hynes happily discussed property tax exemptions, disabilities exemptions, veterans with disabilities exemptions, and the senior freeze with anyone who was curious about their tax status. The Township of Lyons Assessor's Office saves residents millions of dollars every year through correcting improper taxation as well as ensuring residents receive the exemptions they qualify for, and residents are encouraged to call, email, or visit the Assessor's Office if they have any questions. The Village of Bridgeview thanks Assessor Hynes for bringing his Office's tax services to the Bridgeview Community Center!

The Township of Lyons Assessor's Office is located on the second floor at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside and is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Their phone number is (708) 482-8300, option 1.

## PET TAGS & VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE NOW!

Village of Bridgeview 2024-2025 Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags are ON SALE NOW at the Village Hall Customer Service Office. New vehicle stickers must be displayed on your vehicle beginning June 1st. Applications are available in person at the Village Hall Customer Service Office. You can also download and print the application by scanning the QR code. 2023-2024 Vehicle Stickers and Pet Tags EX-PIRE May 31st.



## Bridgeview's Hampton Inn Hosts Autism Awareness Event!

SeatGeek Stadium neighbor Hampton Inn put on their Annual Pie-Throwing Event to promote acceptance, understanding, and inclusion of people with autism and raise funds for The Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays at the University of Chicago for Autism Acceptance Month. With a mix of live and curated music playing in the background, mouth-watering \$1 tacos were created fresh on-site, and whimsical \$1 whip cream pies were thrown at Hampton Inn employees that stepped up to help put on the inviting and entertaining event. They put smiles on our faces and raised nearly \$1,000!



Hampton Inn team photographed together.



Bridgeview Officer Mark Bruss joins in on the pie-smashing fun.











Vehicle Sticker Application

Students from the Environmental Club at Argo Community High School, Argo faculty, the Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce, and Prairie Materials successfully plant Argo's new tree.

### Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce Plants Trees for Earth Day

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce and Prairie Materials planted trees with the children at Walsh Elementary School, Argo Community High School, and AERO Special Education Cooperative in celebration of Earth Day on Monday, April 22nd. Children had the chance to learn about trees and helped shovel dirt around the base of the fresh-

ly planted purple leaf plum tree at their respective school. The educational and environmentally friendly event successfully engaged students and made the schools a little bit greener. The Village of Bridgeview commends the Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce and Prairie Materials for their impactful work.

## Don't Forget! May 11th Bridgeview FREE DAY Chicago Hounds Rugby



Fans cheer as Hounds break away from the competition!

Village of Bridgeview residents can experience the exciting game of rugby on May 11th by accepting the FREE tickets offered by the Chicago Hounds. If you've never seen a rugby game, this is your chance to witness the exhilarating sporting event with your community. We encourage you to bring your friends and family and enjoy a game that is older than American football. You may not understand all the rules, but the fast play and competitive action will provide all the fun you could ask for.

The Chicago Hounds recently secured their first home game win of the season against Carolina Anthem RC

Village of Bridgeview residents can perience the exciting game of rugby May 11th by accepting the FREE ticks offered by the Chicago Hounds. If u've never seen a rugby game, this is ur chance to witness the exhilarating orting event with your community. with a completely dominant performance that left fans howling at the 59-26 score. The May 11th match is "Dog Day" themed, meaning you can bring your dogs to watch the Hounds battle Old Glory DC whom they previously drew this season!

> To request tickets, Bridgeview residents can scan the QR Code on this page to sign up 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 emailed on a first come, first served basis and will be delivered digitally to your email prior to the event.





Hounds celebrate after a well deserved try (touchdown).

Utility Back Micheal Baska rips through Anthem defense.



Flanker Micheal Matarazzo dawns a contagious smile after scoring for the team.

#### **BRIDGE** *VIEWS*

## SUMMER SMASHES INTO BRIDGEVIEW!

The 2024 Summer Smash returns to the Village of Bridgeview on the first weekend of Summer June 14-16 kicking off the season. Last year Summer Smash drew in crowds of over 100,000 guests throughout its 3-day duration. Praised for the ease of access and amenities that only Bridgeview's SeatGeek Stadium can offer, the fans of the festival are clamoring to come back. During Summer Smash 2023, Mark Braboy of the Chicago Sun-Times wrote, "I almost wept through a blissful smile when [Kid Cudi] performed 'The Prayer,'" a testament to the topof-the-line artists and incredible experiences people gather for at the renowned music festival.

Last year's Summer Smash was considered by many to be one of the best independent hip-hop fests in the Midwest. Headliners included Kid Cudi, Future, and Playboi Carti who each put on legendary performances for their fans. The other fantastic artists filled the Stadium with an amazing energy that kept the crowd wildly engaged throughout the day. Hungry fans enjoyed the eats from high-quality vendors, a few of which came locally from Chicago. Festival goers also loved the opportunity to pose with colorful larger-than-life art installations scattered around the expansive Stadium grounds. The smashing success of last year is sure to attract even more passionate fans this summer!

Although the 2024 lineup hasn't been announced rumor has it that it will be epic! To stay up to date with the lineup and ticket sale information be sure to visit thesummersmash.com or signup for their text alerts by texting SUMMER to 312-847-4349.

#### What does all the hype and excitement mean for Bridgeview residents?

Residents need to plan ahead and expect heavy traffic on June 14th, 15th, and 16th. GETTING YOUR VEHICLE STICKER IS A MUST to enter in or park in residential areas of Bridgeview north of 79th street. Gates will be closed, and access points will be monitored to keep festival traffic out of our residential streets. If you plan to have guests stay the night during that weekend, be sure to pick up a guest parking pass at the Village of Bridgeview Customer Service Office.

This Summer, Bridgeview will be the place where tens of thousands come to celebrate the season with their favorite artists. Let's work together to make the experience enjoyable for them and ourselves.





Summer Smash festival goers race through the gates to begin their fun!



The Stadium Grounds were transformed into a whimsical playland.



Kid Cudi was among the stunning performers that headlined Summer Smash 2023.



Beyond the 3 main stages there were plenty of other spaces to party the night away. The absolutely massive Summer Smash Starry Stage was a sight to behold in 2023.

## BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADDRESS: 7840 WEST 79TH STREET BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455 PHONE: (708) 458-2880 WEBSITE: BRIDGEVIEWLIBRARY.ORG

LICE VILIMEK - BETTY MARTINEZ - MARWAN ALSAFADI Nick Lamnatos - Randy Carben - Alice Porfirio Anna Ziaja-Castillo

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

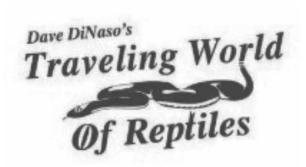
## SUMMER READING 2024: READ - RENEW - REPEAT

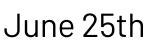
Beanstack Pre-Registration: June 10 • Program and Reading Logging: June 17

Summer Reading and Program information will be available May 28th. www.bridgeviewlibrary.org

# **Preview of Summer Events**







June 29th



July 12th





July 16th



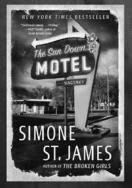
July 20th







**Beanstack** 



Upstate New York, 1982. Viv Delaney wants to move to New York City, and to help pay for it she takes a job as the night clerk at the Sun Down Motel in Fell, New York. But something isn't right at the motel, something haunting and scary.

Upstate New York, 2017. Carly Kirk has never been able to let go of the story of her aunt Viv, who mysteriously disappeared from the Sun Down before she was born. She decides to move to Fell and visit the motel, where she quickly learns that nothing has changed since 1982. And she soon finds herself ensnared in the same mysteries that claimed her aunt.

Thursday May 30th, 2024 6pm Pick up books on/after April 25th, 2024 **Questions? Suggestions? Email me at** apierce S bridgeviewlibrary.org

Friday May 24th, 2024 1pm Call (708) 458-2880 for more information

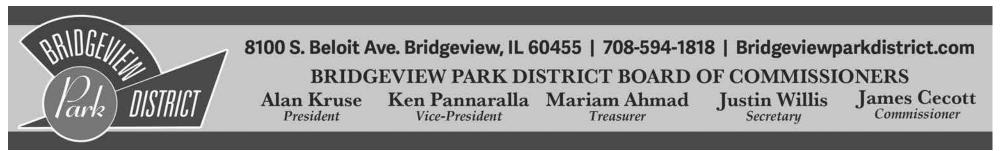


IT STARTED IN A BARN AND, TWO DAYS OF FLAMING HELL LATER, NEARLY DESTROYED A CITY. IN "THE ESSENTIAL GREAT CHICAGO FIRE", WILLIAM WEAVES TOGETHER TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE FIRE WITH VIVID FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS FROM THOSE WHO LIVED THROUGH THE CONFLAGRATION OF 1871, BRINGING ALIVE ALL THE EXCITEMENT AND TERROR IN A MULTI-MEDIA STORYTELLING EVENT THAT WILL NOT SOON BE FORGOTTEN.

#### TUESDAY MAY 7TH, 2024 @ 6PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! CALL (708) 458-2880 TO **REGISTER** 

#### **BRIDGE** VIEWS



## Bridgeview Park District Pavilion to Shine in Summer

May 2024

The Bridgeview Park District recently completed a new pavilion at Commissioner's Park for residents to enjoy at their leisure. This structure will provide shade and shelter from the elements and provide a perfect staging area for DJ's, and bands for upcoming outdoor activities hosted by the Park District. It can also serve as a great place for a quick picnic as the pavilion houses 4 picnic tables. Whether you're out walking and need a cool place to rest or you're attending a fun outdoor Park District event, the pavilion is for you. It's a wonderful addition to the newly installed playground, offering form and functionality to better serve Bridgeview residents.









training we have got you covered!

We have partnered with the trainers of CANINE OBEDIENCE COLLEGE with over 30+ years of experience to bring you these fantastic classes!

### CLASSES OFFERED

AD Wednesday's 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Cost \$225- Training Collar included! 7 week course 10 v Starts June 12th Location: 7151 Hartford Bridgeview IL Muehe Building Br

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE CLASS SCHEDULE Wednesday's 8:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Cost \$125 10 week course - Starts June 12th Sign up anytime Location: 7151 Hartford

Bridgeview IL Muehe Building Bridgeview IL Muehe Building Advanced classes can be used for basic obedience refresher (upon completion of a 7 week session) and advanced obedience.

Register in person or online today with us! 708-594-1818 www.bridgeviewparkdistrict.com

#### **BRIDGE** VIEWS

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, May 27th — Tuesday, May 28th — May 31st —	<ul> <li>Chicago Hounds – Bridgeview FREE Day</li> <li>Memorial Day – Village Hall Closed</li> <li>Garbage will be picked up</li> <li>Vehicle Sticker Deadline</li> <li>55+ Senior Picnic</li> <li>Summer Smash Music Fest</li> <li>(Residential Gates will be Activated)</li> </ul>
August 6th	<ul> <li>Park District Independence Day Celebration</li> <li>Mational Night Out</li> <li>Fall Cleanup Day</li> </ul>

#### ..... Treasure Days ..... September 7th & 8th — North of 87th Street / East of the Tracks September 14th & 15th — North of 87th Street / West of the Tracks September 21st & 22nd \_\_\_\_\_\_ South of 87th Street



RSVP NOW 708.594.2525 Ext. 3 email: info@villageofbridgeview.com Scan QR Code

