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2024 ROAD WORK COMPLETE!

The Bridgeview Street Resurfacing Project continues with new road repaving to improve our infrastructure and beautify our community. Work has been completed on six streets, with a total of nearly half a mile of streets repaved. Curbs, sidewalks, and storm sewers have also been updated as needed.

Roads Completed:

- 77th St - 78th Ave to Roberts Road
- 78th St - 78th Ave to Sholer
- 82nd St - 78th Ave to Roberts Road
- 81st Place - Roberts Road to the cul-de-sac
- Ferdinand - 82nd to 83rd Street
- Dover - Willow to Southfield
- Stanford - East to cul-de-sac

Trustee Gary Lewis, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, stated that, "This year's planned streets were beautifully repaved. Looking at the 'before' pictures, it's clear that the investment will make for a smoother ride through the neighborhood. Eliminating potholes and keeping our roads in top condition is important for the safety of our residents as well as our first responders who may



Mayor Landek and resident Ted examine the freshly paved road.

need to travel at higher speeds during emergencies."

Updating the roads provides both style and function to the Village of Bridgeview and benefits all who live and work in our Village. Whether you're driving home, driving a child to school,

or driving to work, you deserve a trip that's as safe and easy as possible. The Village is committed to modernizing our public infrastructure and will continue to improve our roads and sidewalks through the Bridgeview Street Resurfacing Project.



A view of 77th St. heading towards Roberts Rd. prior to being repaved.



The roller smooths over the remaining asphalt on the cul-de-sac of 81st Place.



The paver heats and drops asphalt before paving over it.

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Community Enjoys Free Services at Resource Fair

Local residents enthusiastically came out for Bridgeview's 2nd Annual Community Resource Fair organized in partnership with the Village of Bridgeview, Pathlights, and JourneyCare Hospice at the Bridgeview Community Center on Friday, October 25th. The three-hour fair provided free services and informational resources to all who attended helping to meet community needs and support public health. Free services included hearing and vision screenings provided by the Lions Club, glucose measuring, blood pressure testing, massages, flu and COVID-19 shots, and more. The Secretary of State's Seniors Only DMV also continued operating out of the Community Center as normal, conveniently providing DMV services to those who attended the Resource Fair.

The health services offered are valuable parts of preventive care and personal health management. A hearing screening by the Lions Club, for example, serves as a diagnostic test that tells people whether or not they would benefit from hearing aids. The COVID-19 and flu vaccines offered by the Walgreens Vaccine Clinic reduce the risk of hospitalization if the diseases are contracted, saving lives and relieving the stress on our healthcare system. The variety of services offered at no cost once again made the Bridgeview Public Services Fair an impactful community health event.

The Community Blood Center also ran a blood



Organizations attending the Resource Fair speak to residents about their healthcare needs.

drive at the event, collecting blood donations from local community members, Bridgeview employees, and other attendees to help ensure that our healthcare system has this lifesaving resource.

The Village of Bridgeview is committed to meet-

ing the needs of its community, promoting public health, and serving its residents through events like the Community Resource Fair. The Village appreciates the work of everyone who made the event possible and thanks residents for attending.



A Bridgeview employee donates blood.



A community member takes the hearing screening administered by the Lions Club.

December 2nd, Last Day to Get Rid of Yard Waste!

The last 2024 yard waste pickup date for the Village of Bridgeview is Monday, December 2nd. Leaves and other acceptable yard waste must be placed in the blue toter labeled yard waste and/or brown paper bags. **No plastic bags filled with yard waste will be accepted.** The village chipper service operates year-round and will continue chipping branches placed out on the curb throughout the winter when weather permits. If you have any questions, please call the Village of Bridgeview Customer Service Office at (708) 594-2525 extension 3. Happy landscaping!




Village of
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2024 Yard Waste Pickup Ends

December 2ND



Seniors Feast at the Fall Harvest Luncheon!



Bridgeview Fire Chief Keith Grzadziel (left) and Water Plant Operator William Green (right) serve mashed potatoes, vegetables, and salad to seniors.



Lucky residents received fall-themed raffle prizes!



Residents danced to Charles & Company throughout the afternoon.

Autumn brought a plentiful harvest to Bridgeview's Community Center where residents aged 55+ gathered on Wednesday, October 16th at 11:30am to celebrate the season of change. Delicious food, fall-themed giveaways, and the ever-popular Charles & Company ensured the crowd left with smiles on their faces.

The Community Center wowed attendees with hay bales, leaf balloons, corn husks, and other beautiful fall decorations. Seniors dined on delicious eats from Niko's, including bratwurst, hamburgers, chicken

sandwiches, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, buns, and more along with water, lemonade, and coffee refreshed at every table as needed throughout the event. A mouth-watering slice of pumpkin pie with optional whip cream served as the seasonal dessert.

Charles & Company played their hearts out, making people's feet move to the grove throughout the Community Center. People danced, sang, and laughed the afternoon away as Charles played his guitar with the musical accompaniment of the keyboarder, drum-

mer, and fellow guitarist. When Charles took a break, the exciting calling of the prize giveaways began, with Clerk John Altar delivering the autumn treats to the winners. Bridgeview residents lucky enough to have their raffle ticket numbers called received fall-themed door decorations and gift baskets with chocolates, candles, stuffed animals, and more.

The Village of Bridgeview appreciates all who attended for making the Fall Harvest luncheon so wonderful!

Argo vs. Reavis at SeatGeek!

Bridgeview's SeatGeek Stadium, our community's very own professional soccer venue, once again opened its gates to the spirited annual Boys High School Varsity Soccer match between Argo and Reavis High Schools. The student-athletes' much-anticipated game on the Major League Soccer-approved field took place on Monday, October 14th, drawing enthusiastic crowds from both school communities.

The game saw close calls, impressive saves, and strategic plays that kept the audience on the edge of their seats. The goalkeepers were tested repeatedly, with the Reavis Rams coming out strong in the first half with two crowd-pleasing goals.

Despite being down 0-2, the Argonauts never gave up. As the game progressed, Argo put the pressure back onto Reavis with swift counterattacks and

well-coordinated passes. In the blink of an eye, the score was tied at 2-2. Friends and family of the soccer players cheered for both teams as the game intensified.

After a back-and-forth match, one team finally gained the upper hand. With time ticking down, the Argonauts scored a game-winning goal despite the best efforts of the Rams and secured a 3-2 victory that sent the crowd into a frenzy.

The annual showdown at Bridgeview's SeatGeek Stadium continues to be a highlight of the boys' high school soccer season, fostering a sense of community and pride among the students and their supporters. The Village of Bridgeview appreciates the chance to let students play on the Chicago Stars FC and the Chicago Fire FC II's home field, and thanks fans for coming out to cheer on their local athletes.



A group of local volunteers, including Reavis High School students and their environmental science teacher Joseph Kamper and Scouts from La Grange Troop 14, show off the seeds they collected.

Bridgeview Celebrates National Public Lands Day!

In celebration of National Public Lands Day, the Village of Bridgeview, Township of Lyons, ecologist Dr. Louis Mulé of Tallgrass Associates, and local volunteers cleaned up trash, removed invasive/non-native plants, and collected native plant seeds at Bridgeview's Shooting Star Prairie bordering Harlem Avenue near 76th Street. Teams removed and bagged different plants, such as Canadian Goldenrod and Sawtooth Sunflower, under the direction of Dr. Mulé. Other teams collected seeds from native plants vital to the black soil prairie's health, including Common Milkweed, Compass Plant, Coneflower, Indian Grass, Mountain Mint, and Switchgrass.

Dr. Mulé explained the importance of the seed collection, saying "these are wild native seeds locally adapted to our area—our ecotype. Generally, they are more difficult to obtain and cost more than horticultural variants sold by growers."

Seed collection is typically done in the late summer or fall and ensures

that stewards of the prairie have each major species of plant to support those native plant populations and keep them healthy. Seeds are placed into a paper bag and stored in a refrigerator, simulating winter temperatures so that the seeds will properly sprout when planted in the spring. Seed collection also provides a valuable record of what plants are thriving in the area, and volunteers interested in starting a native garden at their homes were free to take seeds to support their local environments.

The National Public Lands Day event provided a valuable educational and volunteer opportunity for Scouts from Troop 14 in La Grange as well as students from Reavis High School who attended with their environmental science teacher. Fourteen bags of seeds were collected, weighing an estimated 2.2 lbs. and providing an estimated value of \$104.78. The Village of Bridgeview appreciates the volunteers who came out to help preserve and maintain the Shooting Star Prairie.



Argo and Reavis players race to keep control of the ball!

Red Stars Shoot to Playoffs

The Chicago Red Stars are no longer underdogs after a transformative year. During the 2023 NWSL season, they ranked last place, with only 24 points. Since then, they've brought in new players, new coaches, and new management.

New athletes drafted to the team included Hannah Anderson (31st overall), Bea Franklin (41st overall), Jameese Joseph (15th overall), and Leilanni Nesbeth (10th overall). Returning to the field this season was Mallory Swanson, a starter and top scorer for the Red Stars who was unable to play due to a knee injury that required two surgeries. The person picked to lead the new and improved team was Lorne Donaldson, former coach of the Jamaican women's national soccer team, was made head coach.

The Stars also boast a truly star-studded group of Olympic athletes, including U.S. gold medalists Alyssa Naeher and Mallory Swanson, Brazilian silver medalist Ludmila, and Canadian midfielder Julia Grosso who each competed in Paris in 2024.

On the evening of October 13th, the Chicago Red Stars, ranked #6 in the NWSL, revealed that they had clinched a spot in the 2024 NWSL playoffs! The path to the playoffs wasn't easy, but the Stars shone bright and earned their spot, proving they have what it takes to compete with the top half of the league.

Completing their 2024 transformation, the Chicago Red Stars announced on October 23rd that they were rebranding themselves as the Chicago Stars FC for the 2025 season. The new Chicago Stars crest features



Fans show off their free Red Stars Nuestra Ciudad hats with Supernova the mascot at the Stars vs. NC Courage match!

tributes homages to the six-pointed stars of the Chicago flag, Wrigley Field, the Chicago Theater, Lake Michigan, and more.

After a season of success at SeatGeek Stadium, the Stars secured their spot in the playoffs and prepared for the tough battles ahead. They put up a brave fight against the number one seed, Orlando Pride, but fell to the season champions 1-4, knocking them out of the playoffs. The Village of Bridgeview congratulates the Chicago Stars on their solid 2024 performance and wishes them a restful break before their sure-to-be exciting 2025 season.



The Stars fell to Gotham FC after a hard-fought battle!



Even in tight situations against Houston, the Red Stars continued to shine.

CHICAGO STARS FC

BREAKDOWN OF THE CREST
The new Chicago Stars FC crest was developed with excitement and enthusiasm, welcoming in a new era for our club.

BALL & STAR
The inclusion of the ball, representing soccer, and the Chicago six-pointed star, representing our athletes, highlights our dedication to our athletes and commitment to keep them at the center of everything we do.

CREST SHAPE
The unique marquee shape at top of crest pulls in the familiar iconography of the Chicago Theater and Wrigley Field Marquee.

LAKE
The vibrant "great lake" blue is a nod to Chicago's flag, with an added brightness that represents the energy and positivity of the future.

LAND
The dark navy filling the top of the crest represents the city of Chicago as seen by the sky at night.

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- Parking Discount**
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IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

Registration at the Youth Services desk begins 30 minutes before each program. No registration for Drop In programs

Wednesday, Nov. 6th, Nov. 20th at 4pm—Choose Your Own Book

Club: This book club will allow kids to choose their own book, after discussing with their peers about what the genre or theme will be. Come back for the next club date to discuss your book with the group. November's club will be discussing books chosen from the **MYSTERY** genre. Choose your own book and join us! **Grades 3rd—6th MAX 15**

Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm—Turkey Trot: Become a puppeteer by building a simple marionette turkey puppet that dances and "trots", while we gain knowledge about how a marionette functions. **Grades K-2nd MAX 15**

Fridays starting November 8th at 11am—Book, Boogie & Play!
 The best of both worlds for our toddlers! We will read a story, boogie to music with instruments, and finish the remaining time playing together. **Ages 18 months to 3 years MAX 15**

Friday, November 8th at 4pm—Celebrate STEAM Day: It's Steam day! Join us as we do a STEAM based activity to celebrate the day. **Grades 3rd—6th MAX 15**

Saturday Nov. 9th at 2pm—Sensory Storytime: An inclusive sensory-friendly storytelling experience crafted for diverse needs. Stories are presented with sensitivity to the diverse needs of our audience, fostering a love for literature and promoting sensory integration in a welcoming setting. **Ages 3 to 8 years MAX 10**

Thursday, November 14th at 6:30pm—Thanksgiving Storytime: Join us for a special Thanksgiving themed storytime program. We will read and learn about



both the holiday and being thankful, sing some festive songs, and make a craft to take home. **Ages 4 to 6 years MAX 12**

Saturday, November 16th from 2pm to 4pm—Creation Station:

Drop in anytime during the program's time to do a STEAM based activity. (Although this is a drop in program—we can only accommodate 12 kids at a time—your child may have to wait until a spot is available. In order to finish an activity before the end of the program, no one will be admitted after 3:45pm **Grades K-6th**

Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm—Thanksgiving Craft:
 Come and create a special craft to add to your holiday decorations!
Grades K-6th Max 20

Saturday, Nov. 23rd at 2pm—Family End of Month Movie: The Big Bad Fox & other tales Whoever thinks that the countryside is calm and peaceful is mistaken. In it we find especially agitated animals, a Fox that thinks it's a chicken, a Rabbit that acts like a stork, and a Duck who wants to replace Father Christmas. Rated G **Grades K-6th MAX 20**

Tuesday, November 26th at 4pm—Puzzle Day: Come play with our collection of puzzles for you to solve with a friend or by yourself! **Grades K-6th Max 20**

Saturday, November 30th from 2pm to 4pm—Drop In Lego & Play doh: What's your favorite, Lego or Play doh? This program let's you choose both! Come and be creative at the Library. Children under the age of 5 must be supervised by a parent or caregiver. **AGES 3 to 12 years**



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Bridgeview's Haunted Homes Give Out the Treats!

Bridgeview residents put on their crowns, capes, and masks and ventured out into the community to ask for candy on a brisk autumn day. With plenty of homes adorned with spooky and terrifying decorations for all to be scared by, residents enjoyed the sights of 12ft. tall skeletons and creepy witches stir-

ring cauldrons as they knocked on doors. Adventure-seekers made sure to check out the most grandly and ghoulishly decorated Haunted Homes by checking Bridgeview's digital Haunted Homes Map as they explored their spooky neighborhood! The cool fall breeze blew leaves and rattled wind chimes through-

out the afternoon and into the evening, further adding to the scariness of the Halloween holiday. As darkness slowly settled in, the only creatures going bump in the evening were costumed community members with smiles on their faces. Bridgeview's 2024 Halloween proved to be another spooky success!



Darth Vader and his accomplice receive candy from a witch and a witch doctor at the Boo-loit Cemetery, one of the residences registered with Bridgeview's Haunted Homes program!



Bridgeview resident Angela and her family smile for a photo after getting candy at Pavel's Cemetery, another Haunted Home!



IMPORTANT 2024 DATES

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 28th

Thanksgiving Holiday
(Village Hall Closed)

November 29th

Village Hall Open
8am to 12pm

December 2nd

Yard Waste Pickup Ends

December 11

Happy Holidays Senior Luncheon

December 25th

Christmas Holiday
(Village Hall Closed)

IMPORTANT 2025 DATES

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

New Year's Day
(Village Hall Closed)

January 20th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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