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PREPARE FOR **SPRING CLEANUP DAY!**

Saturday, April 26th

The Village of Bridgeview Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 26th for the entire Village serviced by SBC Waste Solutions. Now is the time to plan ahead and get rid of unwanted **residential waste** in your home, garage, yard, or other parts of your property. No industrial or commercial waste will be accepted. Furniture, clothing, old shoes, tires, scraps, and more can all be removed, with any number of bulk items allowed to be put out on this day. Remove the stressful clutter and make room for something new. **To participate in Bridgeview's Spring Cleanup Day simply bring neatly contained garbage or bulk items to the curb before 6 A.M. on Saturday, April 26th.**

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



Get rid of unused furniture and other bulk items.

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 ad-

ditional information please call the Bridgeview Customer Service Office at (708) 594-2525 Ext. 3. Happy spring cleaning!

Four Bridgeview Firefighters Sworn In!

At the April 2nd Village of Bridgeview Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Gerardo Bustillos as a Firefighter/Paramedic of the Bridgeview Fire Department. Bustillos is a young resident who was inspired to join the Department after his family was personally helped by Bridgeview Fire Lt. Rey Cardenas, and he stood alongside Firefighters Matt Lasak, Dylan Siroky, and Yousef Razick for a swearing-in ceremony that brought out friends, family, and community members. Each firefighter has shown their desire and dedication to serve the



Back Row: From left to right, Trustees Gary Lewis and Kalid Baste, Fire Chief Grzadziel, Firefighters Gerardo Bustillos, Matt Lasak, Dylan Siroky, and Yousef Razick, and Clerk John Altar. Front Row: From left to right, Trustees Claudette Struzik, Norma Pinion, Patricia Higginson, and Michael Pticek.

See **FIREFIGHTERS**, Page 2

2025 VEHICLE STICKERS



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Firefighters

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Village of Bridgeview, which prides itself on delivering quality service to all residents. At the meeting, the Board also approved the appointment of Lat-eral Hire Zohaib Zaib as a Bridgeview Police Officer, pending all background

checks and testing as required.

“It’s great to see young people with Bridgeview ties serving their community as Bridgeview Firefighters,” said Mayor Steven Landek. “The bright future and high quality of our Fire Department depends upon local residents passionate about saving lives taking on this important role for the public good.”

IDOT Updating Harlem Avenue between 76th and 90th streets

Trustee Gary Lewis wants to alert all Bridgeview residents about ongoing Harlem Avenue upgrades.

“The Illinois Department of Transportation announced [March 18th] that an improvement project on Harlem Avenue between 76th and 90th streets in Bridgeview will require intermittent lane closures beginning, weather permitting, Monday, March 24.

The \$7 million project, which includes intersection widening, modernizing traffic signals and constructing new ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps along Harlem Avenue at 78th, 79th, 83rd, 84th, 87th, 88th/Southfield Shopping Center Drive and 90th/Cambridge streets, is anticipated to be completed in late October.

Throughout construction, at least one lane in both directions will remain open. Access to residences and businesses within the work zone will be maintained.

The public should expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Alternative routes are encouraged. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.”

For information on traffic and road conditions in Illinois, visit www.getting-aroundillinois.com.



Illinois Department of Transportation



Work is being done to modernize traffic lights and construct new ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at 79th & Harlem.

Bridgeview Electronic Waste Pickup Information

The Village of Bridgeview Community Services and Public Works Departments handle collecting all electronic waste (e-waste) for disposal. Call the Village Hall at 708-594-2525 to coordinate the pickup from your home, and somebody will be there within 24 hours to pick it up. Acceptable e-waste items include personal computers, keyboards, printers, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, CD players, laser disc players, CB and two-way radios, telephones and cell phones, paper shredders, laptops, monitors, computer mice, radios, DVDs and CDs, video games, answering and fax machines, scanners, adding machines, and microwave ovens. No hazardous waste, light bulbs, or



glass is accepted. Put out only residentially generated items. No business electronic waste is allowed. Delete personal information from hard drives. Please call the Village Hall front desk at 708-594-2525 for more information.



The Cook County Clerk's Office speaks with a Veteran.

Community Center Hosts Veterans Resource Fair

On Thursday, March 20th the Village of Bridgeview, Township of Lyons Clerk's Office, and Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs held a Veterans Resource Fair at the Bridgeview Community Center from 10am to 2pm. Over fifteen different agencies and organizations attended the event to provide

information on topics ranging from healthcare to burials to taxes. Township of Lyons Assessor Pat Hynes was on site at the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission table to offer tax assistance to veterans curious to learn about the tax credits they're entitled to and how to claim them.

Avoid Distracted Driving

ATTENTION BRIDGEVIEW DRIVERS—The Village of Bridgeview is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to increase safe driving enforcement efforts across the state in recognition of “Distracted Driving Awareness Month” this April.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving claimed the lives of 3,308 Americans in 2022, highlighting that using a cell phone while driving creates enormous potential for deaths and injuries on U.S. roads.

Illinois prevents the usage of handheld electronic communication devices while driving unless using hands-

free mode. To keep your attention on the road, remember these tips:

- If you are expecting a text or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location.
- Ask your passenger to be your "designated texter."
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.
- Cell phone use is habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Activate your phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature.

The Village of Bridgeview encourages everyone to drive safely and avoid handheld phone use while driving to keep our children, residents, and community safe.



2025 VEHICLE STICKERS, PET TAGS ON SALE NOW!

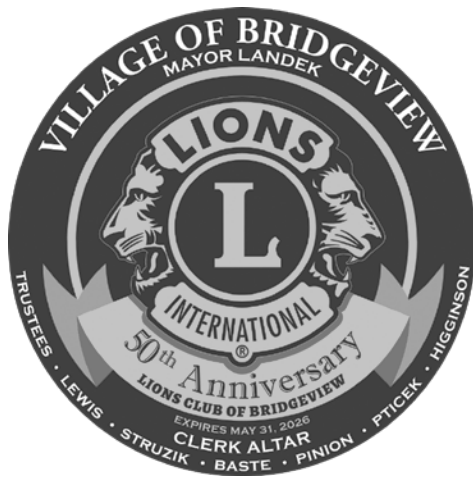
Village of Bridgeview 2025-2026 Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags are ON SALE NOW at the Village Hall Customer Service Office. This year's vehicle sticker honors the Bridgeview Lions Club, one of the oldest civic organizations in the area that has volunteered to help clean up the Shooting Star Prairie, has provided free vision screenings at the Community Center, and actively engages with the community by honoring community members at the annual Super Sunday event. 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 applications by scanning the QR codes. 2024-2025 Vehicle Stickers and Pet Tags EXPIRE May 31st.



Pet Tag Application



Vehicle Sticker Application



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.

- Pre-mark your dig area with white paint, stakes, or flags.
- Submit a request online or call 811. The law requires you contact JULIE 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 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.



Janete Lopez (left) is hit with a crowd-pleasing pie.

Bridgeview's Hampton Inn Hosts Autism Awareness Fundraiser!

On April 2nd, the Hampton Inn & Suites of Bridgeview, neighbor of Seat-Geek Stadium, held its Annual Autism Awareness Fundraiser in support of Autism Acceptance Month to promote acceptance, understanding, and inclusion of people with autism. The event successfully raised \$1,416 for the Tree House Learning and Development Organization, an organization dedicated to supporting youth and adults with autism, and the donations will help fund tuition scholarships for students with learning disabilities to help make education more accessible.

Hampton Inn staff and other attendees bought tons of freshly made tantalizing tacos at \$3 each along with fluffy \$5 whip cream pies to smash into the smiling faces of Hampton volunteers while a DJ played music for a fun and engaging fundraiser. The hotel contributed \$350 worth of ingredi-

ents for tacos and pies, ensuring that every dollar raised went directly to the cause. Hampton Sales and Marketing Manager Janet Lopez also collaborated with Seat-Geek Stadium music festival groups Summer Smash and North Coast to raffle off free festival tickets to encourage donations in support of the great cause while fostering a sense of community.

"Our goal was to maximize the impact of every donation," said Janete. "By covering the cost of food ourselves, we ensured that 100% of the funds raised could go directly to Tree House Learning and Development, an organization doing incredible work in education and youth support."

The Village of Bridgeview commends the Hampton Inn for their fundraising efforts in honor of Autism Acceptance Month.

Water Rate Increases

The City of Chicago raised water rates again for all of their suburban customers. Bridgeview purchases water from Chicago and is faced with this unpleasant news of a water rate hike. Trustee Baste, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said, "The Chicago rate

hikes have been occurring yearly for the past decade. Bridgeview has no choice but to pass on the increase to Bridgeview water customers."

This year the increase will be slightly over 3%, and the new rate will be reflected on the May billing.



The Village of Bridgeview receives its water from the City of Chicago.

POLAND VS MEXICO PLAYERS REVEALED!

Soccer Legends

POLISH LEGENDS TEAM

- Adam Matysok
- Jerzy Dudek
- Radosław Majdan
- Michał Żewłakow
- Jożek Bąk
- Piotr Świerczewski
- Arkadiusz Głowacki
- Artur Wichniarek
- Jack Krzyżówek
- Jakub Winiarczyk
- Maciej Żurawski
- Sebastian Miła
- Marcin Wasilewski
- Marcin Basztyński
- Tomasz Kłos
- Radosław Gilewicz
- Kamil Kosowski
- Jerzy Engel - Coach

MEXICAN LEGENDS TEAM

- Alberto Medina Briseño
- Moisés Muñoz
- Jared Francisco Borgetti Echavarría
- Oswaldo Javier Sánchez Ibarra
- Orlino Peralta Morales
- Claudio Suárez
- José Francisco Fonseca Guzmán
- Braulio Luna Guzmán
- Jenny Magallón
- Aldo de Nigro Guajardo
- Guillermo Luis Franco Farquarson
- María Méndez
- Ricardo Osorio Mendoza
- Daniel Osorno
- Omar Bravo
- Carlos Salcido
- Ramón Ramírez
- Pavel Pardo Segura - Coach

POLAND VS. MEXICO

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Chicago Stars Kick Off 2025 Season!

The Chicago Stars faced off against the Houston Dash for their fiery Home Opener at SeatGeek Stadium, and fans flocked to the merchandise stands while donning their free Stars Beanies, the game's giveaway for the first 500 attendees. Everyone was repping their favorite women's soccer team by the time of the kickoff, and it wasn't long before the players had the crowd roaring. Star Jameese Joseph got in front of her defender and scored a quick early game goal at min-

ute 17 to thunderous applause! Dasher Paige Nielsen struck back only 3 minutes later with a goal of her own though, and the 1st half finished with both teams at 1 point. Animated stars fans sang and cheered on their team, hoping they could increase the offensive pressure they had mounted earlier. During a fierce 2nd half, Houston's Maggie Graham managed to break through the Stars' defense and score in the 64th minute, taking the lead for the visiting team. The Stars

fought valiantly to return the favor with limited time left but ultimately failed to break through and fell 1-2 to the Houston Dash.

The Stars may have lost the battle, but the 2025 season is just getting started! This is a team that's no stranger to getting knocked down and getting right back up again even stronger, so keep your eyes on their record as they look to shine brighter than ever before this year!



Star Ally Schlegel stretches to keep the ball out of Houston's reach.



Star Ally Schlegel jumps in the air to fight Louisville FC for the ball at the March 30th game.

RETURNING TO BRIDGEVIEW! 2025 Summer Smash Lineup Announced!

The fantastic Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash is returning to SeatGeek Stadium in 2025 for the weekend of June 20th-22nd. Now in its seventh iteration, the premier Midwest hip hop festival is once again bringing together iconic artists, including Don Toliver & Yeat, Future, Young Thug, and Chance the Rapper! Last year, the festival had a record-breaking 100,000 people in attendance across the three days. To see the photos and recaps of each day of last year's amazing Summer Smash, scan the QR Code and visit the Village of Bridgeview website.



2024 Day 1 Recap

SEATGEEK STADIUM

THE LYRICAL LEMONADE
SUMMER SMASH
PRESENTED BY SPKRBX

2025

FRIDAY DON TOLIVER x YEAT JUNE 20
 TRIPPIE REDD • SKI MASK THE SLUMP GOD • NLE CHOPPA • YOUNG NUDY
 NETTSPEND • CHE • DC THE DON • MOLLY SANTANA • BENJI BLUE BILLS
 KARRAHBOO • WEILAND • CLIP • PRETTIFUN • THIRTEENDEGREES° • BOSSFTR

SATURDAY FUTURE JUNE 21
 SEXYY RED • LIL TECCA • DESTROY LONELY • SAHBABII • SOULJA BOY
 OSAMASON • BABYTRON • PLAQUEBOYMAX • LAZER DIM 700
 FAMOUS DEX • YUNG BANS • CHUCKYY • 1900RUGRAT • NINO PAID
 1ONEAM • ADAMN KILLA • XTSY* • KOMLA

SUNDAY YOUNG THUG JUNE 22
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Visit our website: www.bridgeviewlibrary.org for detailed program information and Spring TEEN programs

Saturday, April 26th at 2pm—Chicken Little Movie: *Young Chicken Little throws his small town into panic by claiming the sky is falling. Unable to find the piece of "sky" that hit him, he earns the town's scorn. A year later, outcast Little tries to redeem himself by joining the baseball team, helping to win a crucial game.* **Grades K-6th MAX 20**

Monday, April 28th at 4pm—Heavy Metal Science: Join us as we do some *tin-credible* science experiments with various metals. These activities are guaranteed to steel the show! **Grades 3-6th MAX 15**

Thursday, May 1st from 5 to 7pm—Mother's Day Drop-In Craft: Celebrate mom by making a cute craft at the library. **Grades K-6th **While Supplies Last****

Saturday, May 3rd from 2 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**

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



May 10th at 2pm

A SPECIAL TREAT TO ENCOURAGE OUR READERS TO READ INDEPENDENTLY. OUR FURRY CANINE FRIEND WILL BE HERE TO LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ A SHORT STORY. ONLY ONE BOOK PER CHILD, AND CHILD MUST BE WILLING TO READ BY THEMSELVES. GRADES K - 4TH ONLY. STARTING APRIL 28TH-STOP IN OR CALL (708) 458-2880 TO RESERVE A TIME SLOT MAX 12

Whodunit? Mystery Book Club presents: Just the Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica



Pick up books on Thursday April 24th, 2025 6pm
Thursday March 27th, 2025

Questions? Suggestions? Email me @ apierce@bridgeviewlibrary.org


Air Fryer Culinary Demonstration

Join Emily Paster as she conducts a culinary demonstration on how to use an air fryer, great recipes you can make with an air fryer and neat tricks and hacks an air fryer has.

Monday, April 28th, 2025 4pm

Register by calling (708) 458-2880





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SESSION 2 - JULY 14TH - AUGUST 8TH.



CAMP WEEK OFF JUNE 30TH- JULY 4TH

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Summer Camp Pricing & info

SESSION 1 - JUNE 9TH-JULY 11TH
 SESSION 2 - JULY 14TH - AUGUST 8TH.
 CAMP WEEK OFF JUNE 30TH- JULY 4TH



TOT CAMP: 3-5 YEARS OLD	DAY CAMP: 6-13 YEARS OLD
<p>Tot camp A</p> <p>Monday through Friday 9:00- 12:00pm</p> <p>\$215.00</p>	<p>Day Camp A</p> <p>Monday through Friday 9:00-3:00pm</p> <p>\$350.00</p>
<p>Tot camp B</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday & Friday (No date changes accepted!)</p> <p>9:00-12:00pm</p> <p>\$165.00</p>	<p>Day Camp B</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday & Friday (No date changes accepted!)</p> <p>9:00-3:00</p> <p>\$230.00</p>

EARLY BIRD CAMP - AD ON OPTION

<p>Early Bird camp A</p> <p>Monday through Friday 7:30-9:00 \$110.00</p>	<p>After Camp A</p> <p>Monday through Friday 3:00-6:00 \$180.00</p>
<p>Early Bird camp B</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 7:30-9:00 \$100.00</p>	<p>After Camp B</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday & Friday 3:00-6:00 \$130.00</p>

Camp must be paid in full before first day of each session: Payment plans will be split among the remaining months left before camp begins with the final payment for session 1 due June 8th and second session final payment due on: July 11th.

Field Trips/ more camp info!

There will be 2 field trips per session - 1 included in the price of camp fees and 1 non included in price of camp fees. On the first week of camp your camper will receive a camp packet including - concession stand pricing, field trip forms that WILL have a due date and a camp calendar of theme days, pool days etc.

It is important that all parents/guardians note these days and follow accordingly

Emergency forms must be filled out by 3rd day of session.

Parent/camper night May 28th OR June 3rd 6:30p.m

Come with your questions and see what we have planned for camp!

Bridgeview Park District

PRE-SEASON CONDITIONING DANCE CLASS

Want to tryout for our performance Dance team? Try this conditioning class to help secure your spot on the team!

We will be experimenting with routines, gaining flexibility as we work on stunts and tumbling!



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Ages: 5-12

MAY 13TH-JULY 1ST

Tuesdays: 4:00-5:30p.m.



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Bridgeview Park District

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Yard waste pickup resumed on Monday, April 7th, 2025. Please place your blue Village of Bridgeview yard waste bins on the curb when getting rid of yard waste. No plastic bags filled with yard waste will be accepted. Yard waste bins should be clearly marked with yard waste stickers on both sides. Replacement yard waste stickers for your bin are available for free at the Village Hall front desk.



Repair Cafe Fixes Residents' Items!



Lifelong Bridgeview residents Betty Noto and Susan Crundwell smile as they show off their brother's newly fixed jacket after volunteer Mary Ann sewed it.



Sharpening Services volunteer Bill Storm sharpens a knife.

The Township of Lyons Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg brought her office's Repair Cafe to Bridgeview's Village Hall on Saturday, March 15th, and dozens of local residents came out to get their prized possessions, appliances, clothing, and more fixed up. The three-hour long Repair Cafe run by the Township and volunteers offered knife sharpening, sewing, jewelry repair, and general appliance/item fixing that put smiles on faces as residents received their improved objects. To get their items repaired, residents checked in and took a number, sat and enjoyed free coffee, donuts, and sandwiches, and This sustainability event routinely held by Lyons Township in varying locations is designed to reduce environmental waste by enabling individuals to reuse their current items and avoid purchasing new ones, saving money and resources. The event also proves to be emotionally powerful, as attendees often bring in objects of sentimental value to be repaired and maintained. The joy in the

room after a successful fix was palpable, and every person whose item was repaired rung a celebratory bell to mark the occasion amid cheers and applause.

Lyons Township Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg explained, "The Repair Cafe is both an environmental and social program that saves residents money by helping people use what they already have. It also brings people together and fosters a sense of community in a fun, practical, and unique way."

There was a story attached to every object people brought in, whether it was an old coat that had been torn, a new microwave that stopped working for seemingly no reason, or an antique lamp that provides the perfect ambiance—when it actually lights up. The first Repair Cafe in Bridgeview proved to be a success filled with interesting items, kind people, and joyful repairs.

2025 IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, April 26th
Spring Cleanup Day

Monday, May 26th
Memorial Day
(Garbage Pickup on Tuesday)
(Village Hall Closed)

Thursday, July 3rd
Bridgeview Park District
Fireworks

Friday, July 4th
Independence Day
(Village Hall Closed)

Tuesday, August 5th
National Night Out/
Community Day

Monday, September 1st
Labor Day
(Garbage Pickup on Tuesday)
(Village Hall Closed)

Saturday, October 4th
Fall Cleanup Day

Friday, October 31st
Halloween

Thursday, November 27th
Thanksgiving Holiday
(Village Hall Closed)

Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Holiday
(Village Hall Closed)

2025 TREASURE DAYS
Sept. 6th and 7th
homes south of 87th street

Sept. 13th and 14th
homes north of 87th street
and west of tracks

Sept. 20th and 21st
homes north of 87th street
and east of tracks