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Bridgeview Secures New Ambulance

The Village of Bridgeview Board recently purchased a 2025 Wheeled Coach Ambulance for \$300,000, adding to the fleet of emergency vehicles used daily by our Bridgeview Fire Department. Chief Grzadziel gave Mayor Landek and the Board of Trustees a rundown on the importance of the ambulance and its functionality as they inspected the new vehicle.

"Our new ambulance uses a liquid-based strut system that is designed to reduce the impacts of

"We always want our Fire Department in top shape ..."

bumps in the road," explained the Chief. "The technology improvement makes for a slightly smoother ride for our drivers and patients."

The new ambulance pairs with the recently added refurbished ambulance to keep the fleet healthy. The Board of Trustees joined the Chief to inspect the refurbished ambulance and ensure it was ready to return to service. Remounting an ambulance's framework onto a new chassis is a cost-effective way of maintaining the vehicle when possible.

"We always want our Fire Department in top shape to serve our residents," said Mayor Landek. "That means that our Board invests wisely in equipping our emergency personnel for the difficult tasks they do."



The Fire Department and Village Board discuss the two ambulances now in service!



The new Ambulance 409 shines before its first shift!



Mayor Landek and the Board of Trustees inspect the refurbished ambulance with Chief Grzadziel.

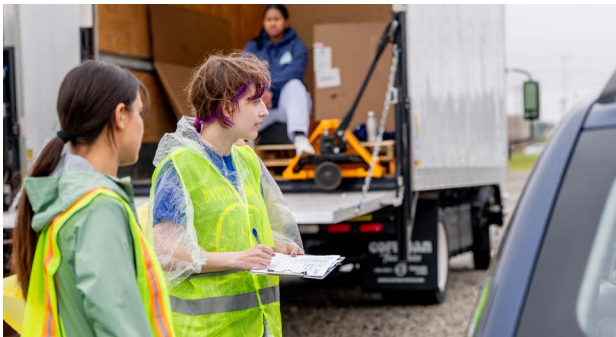
RECYCLING RETURNS



Interns from the Lyons Township sustainability program & members of the Cook County Center for Hard to Recycle Materials gather for a group photo.



Interns from the Lyons Township sustainability program work together to move a large tv to the electronics recycling truck.



Interns greet residents and prep to unload electronics from the vehicle.

In partnership with the Cook County Center for Hard to Recycle Materials, and the Township of Lyons internship sustainability program, the Village of Bridgeview hosted the 2nd annual Electronics Recycling event at SeatGeek Stadium August 1st.

This recycling program provided residents with a way to safely recycle unused electronics for free. Residents were encouraged to recycle their electronic waste keeping it out of landfills and preventing toxic heavy metals and haz-

ardous plastics from seeping into our soil and groundwater.

The Village of Bridgeview is proud to partner with Cook County and the Township of Lyons to bring free, sustainable ways to keep our community clean. Events like this make recycling more accessible, help protect the environment, and provide valuable resources that improve the quality of life for Bridgeview residents.



VILLAGE HALL CLOSED LABOR DAY

No Garbage Pickup on Monday, September 7th

Garbage Pickup takes place Tuesday, September 8th





PLAN AHEAD! NORTH COAST IS COMING TO SEATGEEK STADIUM SEPTEMBER 4, 5 & 6



A photo from the 15th Year Anniversary of North Coast Music Festival 2025



“Residents must have a current Vehicle Sticker for ease of access during music festivals.”

Our stadium continues to be a premiere destination for live music festivals, and with North Coast nearing once again it is important we work together to ensure that residents have easy access to their homes throughout the duration of the festival.

To help improve travel access in and out of the area, we have developed an access map on this page. Please use this map as a reference when making decisions to commute to and from your home. Stay informed of when traffic is expected to be the busiest and avoid traveling around the stadium between 10PM and midnight. It is best to plan to travel southbound, away from stadium traffic.

All spots on the map marked in green are access points that will be posted with personnel to keep concertgoers out and resident traffic moving. The process will move faster if your vehicle has a 2026 Village of Bridgeview Vehicle Sticker on it.

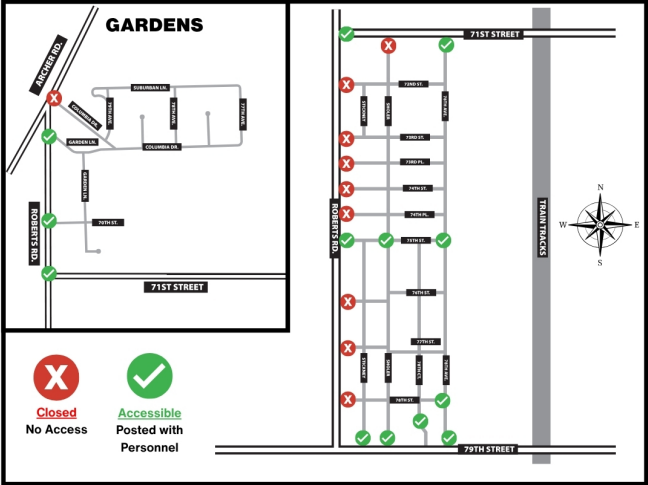
If you expect to have guests over during the festival weekend, please call Village Hall to make arrangements for your guests as soon as possible. Birthday celebrations, anniversaries, graduation parties, or any other type of planned private party must be called in to Village Hall. Residents who communicate with Village Hall regarding planned parties will receive special passes for their guests to enter in and out of the residential area of Bridgeview.

Call 708-594-2525 ext. 3 with any questions. We will be open late into the evening during festival days to help! Your patience and understanding are appreciated as we welcome our guests to Bridgeview!

NORTH OF 79TH STREET & EAST OF TRACKS ACCESS VILLAGE HALL AREA



NORTH OF 79TH STREET & WEST OF TRACKS ACCESS GARDENS & LYLE AREA



SeatGeek Stadium



The Vega Stage surrounds the crowd.



Music lovers crowd into the Fire Pit stage.



Tyrese Gibson (left) and Cody Walker (right) on Fuel Fest Stage.



Cars furiously drift in front of SeatGeek Stadium.



Overview of Fuel Fest.



Cars lined up in front of SeatGeek Stadium heading to the drift pit with eager passengers.

FuelFest Drifts Through SeatGeek with 12,000!

Cars, stars, and drifting marked the first-ever Chicagoland FuelFest at Bridgeview's SeatGeek Stadium. The spacious east lot played host to the Fast & Furious-inspired festival, and a variety of family-friendly activities kept crowds entertained throughout the full-day event.

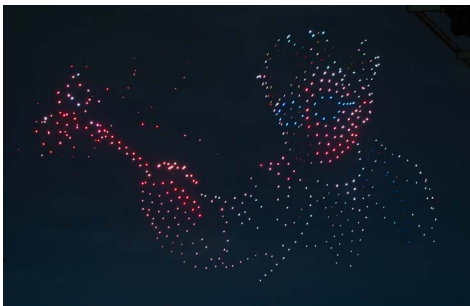
Fans of racing lined up for the drifting ride-alongs with professional drifters who zoomed and skirted through the course as the smoke from burning rubber rose into the air. The high-speed action proved to be incredibly popular, and a multitude of unique cars drove through the winding track for nearly eight hours. For those who wanted to take the wheel themselves, Toyota's GAZOO Racing go-karts offered fun and excitement paired with tamer turns and drifts.

Outside of shifting gears, festival-goers perused the grounds filled with unique vehicles. Themed cars celebrated the Power Rangers, Imagine Dragons, and more while cars from the Fast

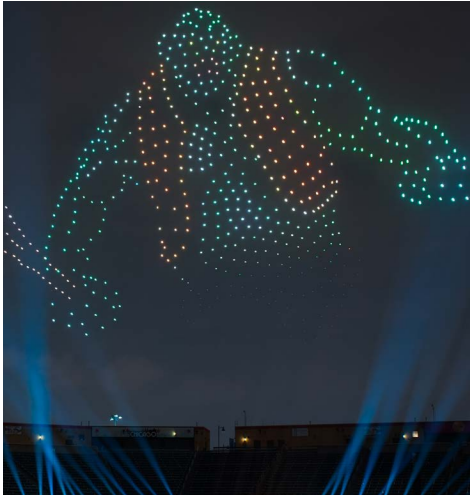
& Furious sat on display for fans to take photos with. Keeping crowds entertained with multiple shows, the Golden Riders motorcycle stunt group, contestants on America's Got Talent, rode their bikes around each other in the tight-knit Globe of Death as onlookers watched in amazement. The riders weaved and circled the entirety of the spherical cage as they defied gravity amid thunderous applause.

DJs added to the entertainment with upbeat tracks leading up to the performance by Walshy Fire of Major Lazer who got the crowd jumping. The fired-up crowd roared as Fast & Furious stars Tyrese Gibson and Cody Walker took the stage. Tyrese's R&B performance and Cody's update on the \$1 million raised for the late Paul Walker's Reach Out WorldWide disaster relief nonprofit gave fans all the exciting and heartfelt moments they could ask for because, at the end of the day, it's all about family.

Magical Harry Potter DroneArt Show Dazzles Crowds



Harry Potter waves his wand into the sky.



A massive troll takes to the sky.



A family of wizards enjoy a beautiful night at SeatGeek Stadium



Dozens of families get cozy on the Stadium lawn waiting for the show to begin.

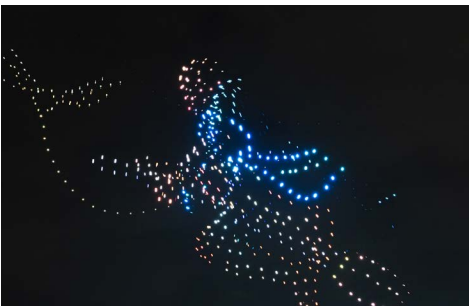


Lights add ambiance to the drone performance.

mous "butterbeer" nonalcoholic drink quenched the thirsts of fans seeking the wizarding world's butterscotch-tasting liquid.

Fans who wanted to return to the books that made the franchise possible could also sit back and listen to the audiobook versions of the Harry Potter novels in the Audible booth resembling the Hogwarts library right on the field!

Laughter, cheers, and amazed gasps erupted from the large crowd as they saw their favorite characters, scenes, and creatures come alive. A giant spider stretched its limbs across the stadium, an orange phoenix rose brilliantly from its ashes, and our hero Harry battled the infamous Dark Lord. The DroneArt Show used 1,200 drones to dazzle the night sky for two unforgettable wizarding nights at SeatGeek Stadium, and we look forward to more drone shows in the future!



Harry Potter catches the golden snitch!



Ravenclaw House emblem is projected into the night sky.

Rumble in the Dome!



Undeclared Eric "Izzo" Emery lands a hit on Jonah Cahill.



Evan Jack corners Tristian Gallichan for his first win.



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Will Hill struggles to stand after a punch from Anthony Mancilla.



Marco "Super Fly" Garcia strikes Elijah Hasman as he recoils.



Mariano Sandoval and Jeffery Beard clash.

Hitz Boxing hit the SeatGeek Dome Saturday, August 1st, marking their second summer showcase at the stadium. Drawing a passionate crowd of boxing fans, the dome echoed with chatter before the 8-fight extravaganza even began. Along with great hype music, there was no question the night would be an exciting one. The first half of the matches were fast-paced and impossible to look away from. Boxers brought quick moves, and dominant performances early into the afternoon.

Many boxers were accompanied by dedicated fans, notably Anthony Mancilla of Gold Star Gym hailing from Kankakee. Mancilla, the winner of the second fight, was cheered on by enthusiastic onlookers in matching green shirts. With many other boxers gathering similarly committed crowds, it showcased the strong Hitz Boxing following. It was clear the audience was not just there

for the fights, but also for the devoted community.

As the event rounded its second half, the matches intensified. More experienced boxers came into the ring with complex strategies, making for longer methodical fights. The highlight of the night came during fight 7, when the undefeated "Handsome Heavyweight," Deontae Pettigrew knocked out DJ "The Black Matador" Stephenson with a crushing blow to the head leaving Stephenson motionless on the floor as medics scurried to wake him leaving the crowd stunned.

The final fight of the night brought out Ukrainian boxer Mykola Paianok to face Chicago's Alex Martin of the Chi-Town Heat. The international match put Paianok's record of 8-1 to the test against Martin's 19-13 record. In the end after going the distance, Paianok came out on top by unanimous decision, closing off the electric fight night.



Raymond "Bad Boy" Chacon ducks to avoid Luka Moldenhauer's swing.



DJ Stephenson lands a hit on the "Handsome Heavyweight" Deontae Pettigrew.



International fighter Mykola Paianok battles Chicago's Alex Martin.



The audience listens as the announcer introduces the next fighters.

CSU to Play 5 Home Matches at SeatGeek Stadium

Chicago State University Athletics has announced that its brand-new football team will play five home matches at SeatGeek Stadium. CSU has the only NCAA Division 1 FCS program in the City of Chicago, led by coach Bobby Rome II.

Matchups for the home season include Roosevelt University, Kentucky Christian University, Norfolk State University, the University of Fort Lauderdale, and Virginia University of Lynchburg.

As the first match takes place

on Saturday, August 29th, this will be the first time a Division 1 college football team has played at SeatGeek. Season tickets are on sale now, and all currently-enrolled CSU students will receive a free ticket two weeks prior to games.

SeatGeek Stadium continues to prove itself to be a versatile venue, being home to world-class music festivals and multiple sports including soccer, rugby, lacrosse, boxing, and now football.



Sep 12



Sep 26



Oct 31



Nov 14



Aug 29



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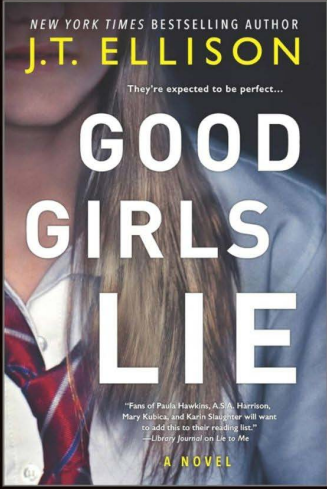
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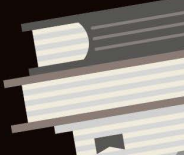


Whodunit? Book Club presents:

Good Girls Lie by J.T. Ellison



Tuesday,
August
25th, 2026
6pm



DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

Youth Programs
will return in
SEPTEMBER!



PLAN AHEAD FOR CLEANUP DAY!

Fall Cleanup Day
Saturday,
October 3rd!

Neatly place bulk items and
other residential garbage
on the curb by 6AM.





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RESCHEDULED FIREWORKS
DELIVERS 2 NIGHTS OF FAMILY FUN



Bright colors filled the night sky!



Tons of pyrotechnics awaited to be set off during the show.



The Wienermobile served as a prime photo ops location for families.

Hundreds of Bridgeview residents gathered at Commissioner's Park on the evening of July 17th for the Park District's annual 3rd of July fireworks celebration. The event was rescheduled due to extreme storms, but nothing could stop this America 250 Celebration!

Independence Day festivities were at an all-time high, with fabulous local food trucks and a second-ever appearance from the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. Families and fans alike could not resist taking pictures with the legendary motor vehicle, some of whom even knew the legendary 1973 commercial jingle. The Wienermobile and its crew brought activities for children to partake in, including ring toss and fun costumes for photo opportunities.

As children continued to play with limitless energy, parents set up their picnic blankets and lawn chairs while the sun set. It was a night full of anticipatory energy, waiting for the marvelous show to begin.

At 9:15PM, it was time for the show to begin. Instantaneously, the crowd settled down and looked off to the distance. As beautiful fireworks cascaded into the air, the crowd looked on in awe and inspiration. Blue, green, red, purple, and even gold colors painted the night sky.

As the show went on, the fireworks got bigger. Both 3-inch shells and 4-inch shells were fired throughout the final stages. Joyful faces filled the crowd. As the final fireball blew into the air above, attendees couldn't help but clap and cheer. Here's to another 250 years of American independence!

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2027 UPCOMING DATES:

- September 1
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1

12:30pm - 1:30pm

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BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED!
PRE- FALL SESSION 6 WEEKS!
At the Bridgeview Park District

Mental Clarity • Emotional Agility
Sustainable Performance

About the Session

ALL LEVELS YOGA

This class is designed for experienced yogis ready to deepen their practice and build upon foundational knowledge. Expect a dynamic flow that links breath with movement, incorporating more challenging poses, longer holds, and creative transitions to increase strength, flexibility, and balance. Students will be encouraged to explore variations, refine alignment, and cultivate focus and control throughout the practice. This class moves at a steady pace and is best suited for those comfortable with basic yoga poses and mindful sequencing. Come prepared to challenge yourself, stay present, and elevate your practice.

MONDAYS | AUGUST 24TH - OCTOBER 5TH
6:30P.M. AGES: 15 AND UP | \$65 PER SESSION
\$15 DROP IN CLASS

Beginner Yoga

This class is perfect for those new to yoga or looking to revisit the basics. We'll gently explore foundational poses, focusing on breath and mindful movement to build strength, flexibility, and confidence. Expect a supportive environment where you can move at your own pace, questions, and enjoy the process of learning. No experience needed—just come as you are!

AUGUST 27TH - OCTOBER 1ST 6:30P.M. AGES: 15 AND UP | \$65 PER SESSION
\$15 DROP IN CLASS

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About the Instructor:

Kim Hernandez is a certified yoga instructor with over a decade of experience teaching Hatha Yoga in the Garfield Ridge/Glenview/Glenview area of Chicago. Inspired by her first yoga teacher, Kim completed her RYT 200 at The Temple of Krishna Yoga in 2011 and later earned her RYT 500 at Prairie Yoga in Lisle. She has taught a wide range of classes including chair yoga, prenatal, moon & hot yoga for athletes, restorative, and yoga for girls. Kim is passionate about introducing new students to yoga and creating a safe, fun, and supportive environment for all.

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2026 FALL SOCCER LEAGUE

AUGUST 24TH - NOVEMBER 7TH

LEAGUE PLAY- OUR TEAMS WILL RETURN TO LEAGUE PLAY IN THE SOUTH SUBURBAN SOCCER LEAGUE. EACH TEAM WILL PLAY A HOME AND AWAY SCHEDULE SATURDAYS THROUGH THE FALL A WEEK NIGHT GAME AS WELL.

PLAYERS- ALL PLAYERS WILL BE PLACED ON BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT TEAMS IN APPROPRIATE AGE GROUPS.

PRACTICES- ALL TEAMS WILL PRACTICE A MINIMUM OF ONCE WEEKLY FROM THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 7TH

LEAGUE GAMES- THE SOUTH SUBURBAN SOCCER LEAGUE WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AND RUN THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER

AGE GROUPS

- SUPER PEE-WEE'S-** 4-5 Years old
- PEE WEE-** 6-7 Years old
- JUNIOR-** 8-10 Years old
- DEFENDING CHAMPIONS-** 11-13 Years old

COST & REGISTRATION

\$140 PER PLAYER
INCLUDES UNIFORM & POST SEASON BANQUET.

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON TODAY!

VOLUNTEERS:

VOLUNTEER COACHES WILL BE NEEDED FOR EACH TEAM. ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING AND GUIDANCE FROM THE BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT ATHLETIC STAFF. ALL HEAD COACHES WILL A DISCOUNTED PLAYER FEE AND A COACHING PACKAGE.

BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE

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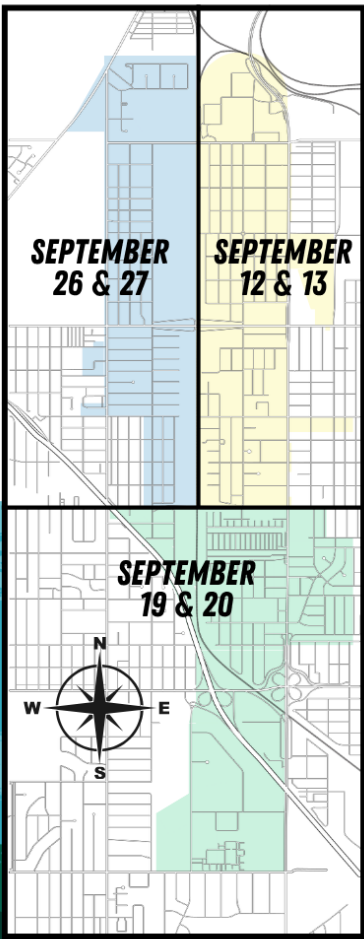
TREASURE DAYS

VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES THIS SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH
HOMES NORTH OF 87TH ST. & EAST OF TRACKS

SEPTEMBER 19TH & 20TH
HOMES SOUTH OF 87TH ST.

SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH
HOMES NORTH OF 87TH ST. & WEST OF TRACKS



Treasure Days 2026

VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE

☐
September 12 & 13
Homes North of 87th St.
& East of Tracks

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September 19 & 20
Homes South of 87th St.

☐
September 26 & 27
Homes North of 87th St.
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**** NO FOOD SALES ALLOWED ****

IMPORTANT DATES

2026

- SATURDAY, OCT. 3** FALL CLEANUP DAY

MONDAY, OCT. 12 COLUMBUS/INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
(NORMAL GARBAGE PICKUP)

SATURDAY, OCT. 31 HALLOWEEN
(TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS 3-7PM)

SUNDAY, NOV. 1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

TUESDAY, NOV. 3 GENERAL ELECTION DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11 VETERANS DAY

THURSDAY, NOV. 26 THANKSGIVING
(VILLAGE HALL CLOSED)

THURSDAY, DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
(MODIFIED HOURS)

FRIDAY, DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS
(VILLAGE HALL CLOSED)

THURSDAY, DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
(MODIFIED HOURS)

2026 TREASURE DAYS



SEPT. 12 & 13	HOMES NORTH OF 87 TH STREET & EAST OF TRACKS
SEPT. 19 & 20	HOMES SOUTH OF 87 TH STREET
SEPT. 26 & 27	HOMES NORTH OF 87 TH STREET & WEST OF TRACKS

AUGUST TO DECEMBER

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 22** CHICAGO TRUCK
INVASION 2026

★ **SECURE PARKING PASSES FOR GUESTS THIS WEEKEND!** ★

FRI-SUN, SEP. 4-6 NORTH COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL
(RESIDENTIAL GATES CLOSED)

MONDAY, SEP. 7 LABOR DAY (VH CLOSED)
GARBAGE PICKUP TUESDAY

FRI-SAT, SEP. 18-19 BRIDGEVIEW
NIGHT OUT