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*Hours:*

Monday

8:30am - 5:30pm

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8:30am - 5:00pm

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8:30am - 2:00pm

**Village Meetings**

Mayor, Trustees & Committees meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday each month

Mayor, Trustees, Committees & Department Heads meet on the 3rd Monday of every month

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 2350 S. 25th Avenue

All Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend

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# The Broadview Bulletin

## A Village Newsletter

SPRING 2013

*Greetings from the*  
**Mayor's Desk**  
Mayor Sherman Jones



Dear Broadview family,

Spring is upon us once again, and that brings to a close another fiscal year for our Village. I'm excited about upcoming projects that will begin within the next 60 days. Phase two of the water main replacement on Roosevelt Rd west of 17th Avenue includes, a streetscape of new sidewalks, parking, lighting fixtures, garbage cans, and benches that will bring a new look to our commercial corridor.

For those taxpayers who were able to make it out for the water rates/Capitol improvements informational forum got to hear first hand from the experts the different options available to us at this time. For those who couldn't make it out, we've made the entire meeting available on the Village web site [Broadview-il.gov](http://Broadview-il.gov). You now have the opportunity to ask questions based on the factual information. Finally, I'm pleased to report a consecutive year end surplus to our General Fund account and hope that you engross yourselves in the 4 year report provided by The Finance Department in some detail. So let's get ready for spring and continue the work of restoring our Village to Excellence!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Sherman Jones

### Village Officials Welcome New Business to Broadview



Mayor Jones, Board Trustees Kevin McGrier, Nicole Benson, Judy Hargrett and other Officials welcome Weight Watchers at their Grand opening in the Broadview Village Square. Since 2009 Broadview has attracted the opening of 74 new businesses.

# THE VILLAGE FINANCIAL REPORT



## The Finance Department

Budget Director - Thomas Hood

This spring marks the 4th year of Mayor Jones Administration and it is time to reflect back on where the administration started, where it's been and how does it propose to move forward.

In 2009(FY10), this administration came into office with thoughts of improving infrastructure, encouraging development and expanding public service, specifically as it relates to Police protection and Fire protection. After several months of trying to piece together, from the inadequate or non-existent records, exactly where the Village stood financially; the Budget Director at that time concluded that the condition was worse than feared. Due to an unrealistic budget, piles of unpaid bills and unresolved legal issues, it was apparent that the deficit would become worse. The Mayor instructed the Finance Department to work with the department heads to find ways to cut costs and bring expenses in-line with revenue. Unfortunately commitments under the FY10 budget increased the deficit to \$2.9million.

Fiscal 11(May 2010 to April 2011) saw a dramatic change in how the budget process was done. Under the Mayors guidance, priorities were set and Department Heads were consulted in detail about their needs to get the job done. Savings were found in renegotiating existing contracts, bringing in local vendors that did the work a fraction of the cost that the Village had been paying and holding down the cost of labor. The budget was prepared with public safety in mind, which means the Village looked for ways to cut costs without further reducing staff from the already bare-bones structure that existed. A modest surplus was forecasted for the year. Mother Nature however had another idea, throwing a 50 year flood at the region that left many homes damaged and repeatedly battering the community with gale force winds. These events of nature created roughly \$500,000 in unbudgeted expenses. The efforts of the Department Heads, especially the Finance Director, who negotiated a large decrease in the medical expense for Village employees, helped to offset this \$500K in unbudgeted expense resulting in \$240k deficit for the year.

Fiscal 12(May 2011 to April 2012) starts to show the benefits of the efforts undertaken by the Village staff and management. The same mindset has been carried forward, basically stated: "How can we do more with less". New Village equipment was obtained for the public works department, fire department and police department through grants and public private partnerships. Additional police were added through a grant and through restructuring of the department. Continued due diligence in contract management continues to wring the value out of each dollar spent. Legal fees decreased as old lawsuits were settled, in most cases favorable to the Village. FY12 resulted the first surplus in the general fund in years, finishing the year in the black by \$163K.

The current year FY13, is quickly coming to a close. We have continued on, maintaining our commitment to keeping expenses in line with revenues The Village also began to see the results of fully funding the pensions. The

Mayor had made doing so a priority, an underfunded pension liability will only grow and eat up more of the next year's budget. The results of fully funding the pension for the prior years have lead to more funds being available for the business of running the Village. FY13 has a built in surplus of \$317K and at this time we expect to meet or exceed this surplus. The Village of Broadview is definitely on the right path. You do not have to take my word on the matter, Standard and Poor's recently did an updated credit rating of the Village. It can be found at [www.standardandpoors.com/ratingsdirect](http://www.standardandpoors.com/ratingsdirect). While highlighting the challenges we face as a municipality, those challenges are being mitigated by "the village's improved budgetary controls, which have enabled to work toward restoring structural balance to year-end financial results".

The Village of Broadview has broken the streak of deficit spending. Now it is time to work on the debt that has keep the Village's General Fund in red for over a decade. To do this we cannot lose sight of the importance of cost control, but we also must improve upon the condition of our infrastructure and the quality of our services. To do this we cannot cut our way to quality, instead, we must find ways to grow our revenue. Growth is on the horizon, the final payments on the Bond debt for Village Square are coming due. Once it is retired, more funds will flow back to the Village. Other obligations will be paid off at roughly the same time. There is new commercial development in the works for the Roosevelt Road corridor whose success can lead directly to more businesses opening in the area. There have been over 70 businesses opened or relocated to Broadview over the last 4 years. As they say in real estate, there are three important things: location, location and location. Broadview has location, location and location. This fact can be leveraged to attract commercial and industrial entities that will strengthen our tax base and hopefully generate new streams of revenue for the village.

Increased revenue must first be used in eliminating the lingering deficit in the general fund. This will allow for lowering borrowing costs for the Village. With strong revenue and good credit, Broadview can invest in itself and strive to make Broadview a better place to live and invest. I personally think of my house as an investment that someday down the line I will sell for more than I paid for it. For that to happen, the Village must maintain its infrastructure.

In order to insure that our showers work in the morning, that our sewers function when needed and that we do not need a four wheel drive to get to our homes, as the revenue increases, we need to wisely invest in improving the infrastructure of the village. I say wisely, because as we seek improvements in this area, we must also regain the superior services that many of our older residents remember. The residents and future residents need to feel that they are secure and safe at all times. You may ask, "How can we have it all"?

The answer is structural balance. We cannot do these things overnight. Patience and perseverance is the key to success. Don't spend unless we have to. Leverage any borrowing that we do. For example, if we have a dollar to spend, we need to find a grant that will match it. Squeeze the most out of every dollar that we spend. Insure that incentives used to bring in business are a net positive for the Village. Continue to take advantage of state and federal programs when available. Only incur debt that you can pay. These are all common sense practices of our grandfathers and grandmothers. It is something that local , state and federal governments have forgot.

By using the techniques that we are currently using to bring the Village out of a crisis, we can grow Broadview into something special. We have started down the path, we need to continue.



## Police Department

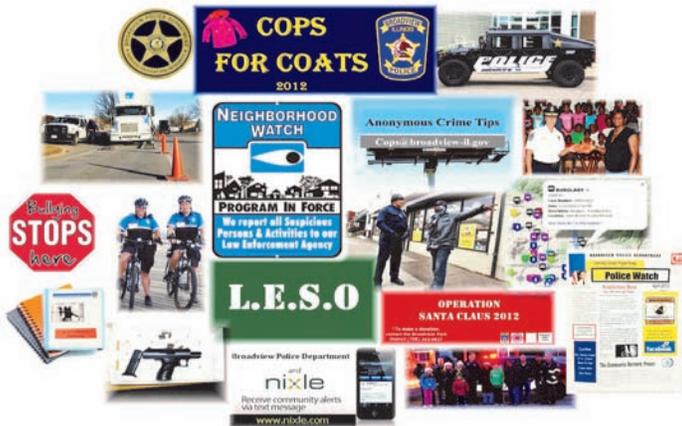
Luis C. Tigera - Chief of Police  
2350 S. 25th Avenue  
9-1-1 EMERGENCY  
(708) 345-6550 (non-emergency)

### Police Department News

During 2012, the Broadview Police Department remained true to its value system and each officer displayed the highest regard for the safety and security of the residents of Broadview. We continued throughout the year to obtain every available resource to assist in our mission and to forge strong partnerships to assist in our crime fighting efforts. I have been impressed by the individual efforts that have been exerted by each officer and civilian employee. We continue to forge strong alliances with our residents and to hold their concerns in the highest regards.

I would like to thank our residents who have provided incredible support and encouragement in our efforts throughout the year. I also would like to acknowledge the continuing support of our Board who have given us the tools to accomplish our mission and the Mayor for his continued faith and support of our efforts. Moreover, the approval to hire five (5) officers, (three (3) of which increased our headcount) was much appreciated. Most importantly, I must thank each of the employees of the Broadview Police Department with whom I have had the honor to serve with.

### 2012 A Big Year for the Broadview Police Department



- Restructuring of the entire Police Department.
- A brand new Community Outreach Program "C.O.P.'s" Bureau was created.
- Seven new promotions within the ranks. Officers now have hope for career advancement.
- Incentive-based career opportunities for Officers, based on their overall performance.
- Annual award ceremony for recognition of excellence in service.
- Advanced training offered to Officers.
- Roll call facility modernized with computerized video feed of recent activity to assure that Officer's are up to date with information from the previous shifts.
- Assisted in the creation Monthly Neighborhood Watch program.
- Monthly "Police Watch" newsletter circulated.
- "Chat with the Chiefs" provides an opportunity for residents to meet with Chief Tigera and Chief Gaertner (Fire Department) informally to share ideas and concerns.
- Bike patrol re-implemented to increase Police visibility and to encourage interaction with the community.

- Foot patrol "walk n' talks" re-implemented and encouraged.
- Officers taking part in "Operation Santa Claus" to purchase and deliver gifts for needy families in Broadview on Christmas Eve.
- "Directed Patrols" implemented to target specific identified areas of concern.
- First annual "Cops for Coats" coat drive.
- Truck Enforcement unit established.
- New patrol vehicles equipped with mobile camera systems and advanced lighting technology to promote safety.

## Fire Department

Thomas Gaertner - Fire Chief  
2400 S. 25th Avenue  
9-1-1 EMERGENCY  
(708) 343-6124 (non-emergency)

### Fire Department News

This past year the Fire Department maintained our focus and direction to providing the best possible services for our residents, business owners and guests. It has been a year already since I became your Fire Chief and over these past twelve months we have accomplished many things. Some of these include funding programs through grant dollars, upgrading our aging equipment, and producing new fire safety programs just to name a few. Below I have listed the many other accomplishments the department has made over the past year.

#### Administrative:

- Signed contract for Wireless Fire Alarm Systems throughout Village
- Mandatory Physical Training Program for the Fireman
- Applied for two Federal Grants (SAFER-AFG)

#### Fire Station / Equipment:

- Purchased New Type 1 Ambulance
- Replaced 20 Year Old Administrative Vehicle
- Replaced Station Fire Alarm System
- Twin Supplies Lighting Grant (Saved Village Approx \$100,000.00)
- Replaced 50 Year Old A/C System

#### Training:

- Host site for State Training Programs
- Conducting Live Fire Training (17th Avenue) First in 12 Years
- Received Grant From MABAS Division 20 Training Tower Repairs

#### Community:

- Created Community Service Liaison Position
- Vial of Life Program
- CPR Training Expanded / Trained Park District Personnel
- Reading AT Schools / Mentoring Program
- Annual Open House
- Dial 911 Classes at Schools
- Visiting at Senior Groups
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Operation Santa Claus (Boot Drive, Etc)
- Lifesource Blood Drives

#### Public Safety Partnership with the Police Department:

- LESO Program (Hummer, Monitors, Computers, Pulse Ox)
- Developing Village EOC in Conference Room
- Mobile Command Unit
- Department Awards / Recognition Luncheon
- Chat with The Chiefs



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**Fire Department News Cont'd**

During the year we responded to 2408 emergency calls. Of those calls; 1491 were EMS/Rescue, which includes all ambulance, auto accidents, and industrial accident calls. We also responded to 917 fire calls. Broadview Fire Department is a member of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alerting System) Division 20. This agreement is we assist on calls outside the Village boundaries, and receive assistance from other communities as needed. During the past year, we were involved in 812 Mutual Aid calls.

We accomplished all of this while staying below budget and while responding to almost 2500 Fire / EMS / and calls for Service over the past year. I look forward to another year of continuing our progress in rebuilding the department, changing its culture and thus giving the citizens and the business owners of Broadview the highest quality, most highly trained and most highly dedicated Fire Department in the area. I would also like to thank Mayor Sherman Jones and the Village Board for their continued support.

Thomas D. Gaertner  
Fire Chief

**Building Department**  
David Upshaw - Commissioner  
2350 S. 25th Avenue  
(708) 345-8174

**Campaign Signs**

The campaign season is here. The Broadview Village Code 9-8A-12 (7) on campaign signs is as follows:

- **Political signs shall be allowed without a permit.**
- **Duration:** The sign(s) may be installed no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the election or referendum, and shall be removed within three (3) days after the election or referendum.
- **Location:** The sign shall be placed on private property and set back from any public right of way.
- **Number:** There shall be no limit on the number of political signs permitted; provided, however, that the quantity of signs displayed does not create a safety hazard to traffic by distracting motorists or interfering with safe pedestrian flow, in which case the chief of police and/or the building commissioner shall be authorized to require that the number of signs be reasonably reduced.
- **Size and Height:** In residential districts, the sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in surface area. The sign shall not exceed four feet (4') in height from grade. In nonresidential districts, the sign shall not exceed nine (9) square feet in surface area. The sign shall not exceed six feet (6') in height from grade. (Ord. 2000-03, 3-20-2000)



**Public Works**  
Matthew Ames - Director  
2734 S. 9th Avenue  
(708) 681-3602

**Spring Clean-up**

The Village of Broadview would like to remind its residents of the Annual Spring Clean-Up. Spring Clean-up occurs on the first Saturday of May.

Acceptable items are to be placed at the curb by 6:00 am on collection day. Items other than furniture, large appliances, and bulk items must be placed in bags, cans, or boxes, not to exceed 50 lbs each.

For additional information please call the Public Works Department at (708) 681-3602 or Groot at (708) 485-0900.

**50/50 Programs**

**50/50 Shared Cost Sidewalk Replacement Program**

The Village is offering a shared cost sidewalk replacement program. If the sidewalk in front of your residence is in poor condition and you would like to replace it, the Village will split the cost with you. Call the Public Works Department at 708.681.3602 to register.

**50/50 Shared Cost Parkway Tree Program**

The Village is offering a 50/50 shared cost program that includes the purchase and planting of a new parkway tree. Residents have a choice of 4-5 types of trees indigenous to the area. Call the Public Works Department at 708.681.3602 to register.

*Both Programs are limited and are on a first come first served basis.*