

The Broadview Bulletin

A Village Newsletter

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Spring 2018



Mayor Katrina Thompson

It is so nice to have longer daylight hours as we move into spring and anxiously await the coming of warmer weather, the appearance of blooming flowers and trees, and visiting with our neighbors as we spend more time outdoors.

The Finance Department is pleased that the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit has been completed and the Village received a clean Audit Opinion from the Village's Auditors. The Fiscal Year 2017 Audit was high-

lighted by increase of \$1.1 Million in the Fund Balance of the General Fund. The completion of the Audit leads into Budget Season. The Finance Department will be conducting Budget review meetings with the Departments to review YTD Actuals and estimate the remaining expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018. The Budget review will be the starting point for the Village 2019 Fiscal Year budget conversations. Fiscal Year 2019 is shaping up to potentially be a difficult year because of various internal and external factors, namely the Governmental Elections, increased healthcare and pension costs and the Village ability to properly maintain the appropriate funding levels for Capital Projects. With that in mind, the Finance team began the budget process in February, the first meetings were with Department Heads to ensure that we understand their needs not only for the upcoming Fiscal Year but for years to come to ensure we make the correct prioritization of Village Funds. The 2019 Fiscal Year Budget will continue to allocate resources to focus on infrastructure improvements (streets, alleys and sidewalks) and enhancing public safety, while ensuring fiscal stability. We will look to receive resident input on the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget in March via Finance Committee meeting and present the budget to the Board of Trustees in April for approval. Besides working on the budget in the upcoming months the Finance Team will continue with the process with the implementation of Process Improvement Projects.

Broadview Continues to work to Improve Municipal Building:

Just like home ownership delayed maintenance can lead to further problems as time goes by. Upon review of the space needs of the Administrative, Building and Police Departments an architectural firm was hired to examine our twenty-seven-year old Municipal Building. FGM Architects of Oak Brook, along with engineers specializing in electrical, mechanical and fire prevention services conducted an evaluation of the existing facility finding several areas of concern.

Village Staff with the assistance of FGM Architects are proceeding to develop plans to modify and modernize the Municipal Building. Some of these highlights include ADA compliance in all areas, redesign of the front entrance way, increased work areas for all departments and upgraded fire, electrical and environmental systems.

Consolidation Mandate Progressing:

In June of 2016, the State of Illinois mandated the consolidation of 911 Emergency Telephone Systems based on residential population. Working under this mandate the Villages of Broadview and Maywood, are in the process of joining forces. Upon completion of negotiations, the Eisenhower Emergency Telephone System Board or "Ike 911" will be formed and housed at the Broadview Municipal Building. It is the intent of each municipality to provide a state of the art 911 center, capable of handling the needs of both communities well into the future.

Finally, the staff and I are available to you always. Feel free to call, email or meet any of us if you have any thoughts and concerns. We are here to serve you.

Be Blessed!

Mayor Katrina Thompson

Welcome Spring!

IN MEMORY OF TRUSTEE
Tara L. Brewer
1972 – 2018



Trustee Brewer, passed away on January 17, 2018. Trustee Brewer, a Broadview resident for 45 years, was a tremendous asset to our community, and she will be sorely missed. Trustee Brewer is survived by her parents; and her son Dereon T. Brewer-Adams. Trustee Brewer was sworn into office as Trustee on June 1, 2015. She enjoyed participating in community events and representing Broadview as a Trustee; she was instrumental in the passing of the 2017-2018 Broadview Village budget; she regularly participated in Operation Santa, attended village parades, dinners, and worked diligently with the Box Tops Program, where she collected labels for Lindop School District 92.

Trustee Brewer record of Civic engagement is unparalleled and her contributions will certainly be missed.

Friendly Reminders...

With Spring on its way, here are seven tips for giving the season the welcome it deserves.

1. The best refrigerator cleaner is a combination of salt and soda water. The bubbling action of the soda water combined with the abrasive texture of the salt to make a great cleaner.
2. The best way to get rid of lime buildup around the faucet it is to lay paper towels over the fixture, soak it with vinegar and let it set for an hour. The deposits will soften and become easier to remove.
3. Clean screens with a scrap of carpeting. It makes a powerful brush that removes all the dirt.
4. Clean windows with a rag and soapy water, and then dry them with another rag. You can also go to an auto-parts store and buy a windshield squeegee, which cleans very well.
5. If drapes are looking drab, take them out of the window, remove the hooks and run them through the air-fluff cycle in the dryer along with a wet towel (to draw off the dust) for 15 minutes. Hang them back in the windows immediately.
6. Clean the blades of a ceiling fan by covering them with a coat of furniture polish. Wipe off the excess and lightly buff.
7. Sometimes comforters, blankets and pillows don't need to be cleaned, but they do need to be aired out after a long winter in your closed-up home. Take them outside and hang them on a clothesline for a day.



Property Tax Information



1. Cook County Assessor – Establishes property assessments, oversees exemptions and appeals. Website - Cookcountyassessor.com Phone - 1-312-443-7550
2. Cook County Clerk – Maintains warrant, scavenger, and judgement books. Handles all tax redemptions (sold/forfeited). Website – Cookcountyclerk.com, Phone – 1-312-603-5656
3. Cook County Recorder of Deeds – Maintains records of real estate ownership, federal, and state tax liens. Phone – 1-312-603-5070
4. Cook County Treasurer – Prints, mails, and collects all property taxes. Administers the annual tax and scavenger sales. Also, oversees the distribution of revenues to local government agencies. Website - Cookcountytreasurer.com, Phone 1-312-443-5100

Housing Assistance Programs

1. Illinois Housing Development Authority - State agency that helps people with modest means find a way to purchase a home for their family through various lending sources and grant programs such as I-Refi, 1stHome Illinois, and Closing Cost Assistance Grant. Phone – 1-312-836-5200
2. ComEd provides assistance in several forms to assist with your electric bill. <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/assistance-programs/Pages/default.aspx>
3. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is available to our residents through the Community and Economic Development Associate of Cook County. Please click here learn more about the program. <http://www.cedaorg.net/www2/EnergyAssistance.html>
4. NICOR utilities LIHEAP assistance, in addition to other resources: <https://nicorgas.com/residential/energy-assistance>



Current Construction Projects

Currently, the Village of Broadview has several construction (renovations or additions) projects underway:

1. Buddy Bear Carwash – 19th and Cermak – Demolition complete
2. Strip Mall – Location - 17th Ave and Roosevelt – Project started
3. Ashley Furniture – Village Square – expansion project – Started demolition
4. MB Financial – 1500 Roosevelt Road – Truss/roof work continues
5. Ross Dress For Less – 1000 Village Square – Demolition started
6. Target – 800 Village Square – Complete renovation -Project starting
7. River Oak Properties – 2801 South 25th Ave – Interior/Exterior renovation

Broadview Welcomes New Businesses

Advance Parts & Service
1800 Parkes Drive

Stain Glass LTD.
1945 Gardner Road

ASG Staffing, Inc.
2929 So. 25th Ave

Patriot Medical Transport
2315 Gardner Road

Galway Marble & Granite
2550 W. Cermak Road

GC Laser Systems
1720 W. 19th Street

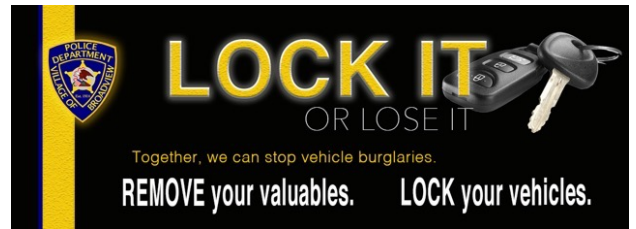
Webb & Gerritsen
2600 So. 25th Ave

Broadview Family Restaurant
(formerly Marquee)
2417 Roosevelt Road



Lock It or Lose It

We all lead busy lives, so it's easy to forget to lock your car doors or to assume that because the neighborhood is safe, our cars are safe. But every neighborhood has crime, and the vast majority of the reports we take for burglaries to vehicle involve unlocked car doors. The people who commit these burglaries often check several door handles in the middle of the night until they come upon one that is unlocked. Sometimes they come away with only some loose change, but other times it's something more valuable or even the car itself.



Lock those car doors every night and remember to report suspicious activity when you see it.

Thanks for your help!

Home Ruse Entry Scams and Home Improvement Scams



Spring is the season when we experience a rise in Home Ruse Entry and Home Improvement Scams. A Home Ruse Scam is when a stranger appears at your door and talks their way into your home with the intent to commit a crime. They might pretend to be from the water department or the cable company or even the police or fire department. They convince the homeowner (often the elderly) that they must come inside to check something and to prevent an emergency. Once inside the house, these criminals will try to confuse the homeowner with questions and requests, all aimed at diverting the homeowner's attention so that they can steal valuables.

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Home Improvement scams are a little different. These are when bogus contractors come to your home and try to convince you that you need work done and that they can make the repairs quickly and inexpensively. Often, it's repair of a driveway, front steps or the roof. These criminals may arrive in a marked truck that looks legitimate and present a real looking paper contract.

Once the (shoddy) work is complete, these criminals will then demand much more money than was originally agreed upon. They will threaten the homeowner with legal action if full payment is not made. Don't fall for it. Never hire anyone to work on your house that comes to you unsolicited. Just say no thank you and call 911 immediately.

Promotions

We are pleased to announce two recent promotions within the Broadview Police Department family. Pierre Smith was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Tom Kostka was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on January 16th. Sergeant Smith will supervise Patrol Officers on the 7pm-7am shift and Lieutenant Kostka will be assigned to Administration as the Administrative Commander. Sergeant Smith has been a Broadview Patrol Officer since 2001 and Lieutenant Kostka was hired in 1992 and has most recently been assigned to the Community Outreach Office. Please join us in congratulating both men on their accomplishments.



Sergeant Pierre Smith



Lieutenant Tom Kostka

Staff and Command

The Broadview Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Commander Mike Kosik from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University. The school provides upper-level college instruction in a total of twenty-seven core blocks. The major topics of study include: Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Police Development, Budgeting and Resource Allocation. This course was held over a ten week period. We're proud of Commander Kosik's accomplishment and we know that this advanced training will benefit this police department and the service we provide to the community of Broadview for years to come.



Curfew in Broadview is as follows:

Friday & Saturday: Midnight to 6 am
Sunday through Thursday: 11 pm to 6 am

Community Engagement



Spring is here! As you begin Spring cleaning, consider having a home safety check. The Fire Department will come to your home and make safety suggestions, as in where to place smoke detectors, how to use your extinguishers, and how to create an exit plan for your family in the event of a fire. This service is no charge to our residents and non-punitive. We care about your safety and by helping you we reduce the risk of fire in our community. Please contact the Fire Prevention Bearue and ask for Inspector Nykaza or Inspector Monks at 708-343-6124 (ext 3)

In February we hosted our first Community Heart Saver event. CPR saves lives and the more people that know it, the better chance a item has for survival.

In December, one of our own Broadview Explorers was driving home from school when he saw a woman lying on a sidewalk with a crowd around her. Christopher Psenicka exited his car, he observed that this woman was not breathing and he didn't feel a pulse, he began CPR and continued until paramedics arrived. When the paramedics arrived continued Advanced Life Support was given and the female recovered. Chris used his CPR skills and saved a life. Chris received many awards and recognition for his efforts, including a HERO award from the village of Broadview. He was presented with this award at the January 16th Board meeting. Chris graduates from high school this year and will be attending College in the fall seeking a Fire Science Degree.

If you have an interest in becoming a Broadview Fire Explorer or know someone who is, Please Contact Firefighter Patrick Mcgivney at 708-343-6124 (ext 6). The Explorers meet two nights and one Saturday a month. There is mandatory attendance to meet the safety and skills qualifications to attend Fire camp in July.

Department News

On Christmas Eve The fire department hosted a brunch for all fire department retirees. Each holiday we welcome back those who built the foundation for a successful Fire and EMS program. If you know of a Fire Department retiree not receiving information regarding Fire Department events, please have them contact Chief Kenny at tkenny@broadview-il.gov.



Gift of Hope

The Gift of hope is our Fire Department initiative this year. Please consider making a donation to this organization.

We don't always have to give expensive gifts, the best gift we can give is "The Gift of Hope". The Gift of Hope is all about organ donation. Visit lifegoeson.com for more information.

Please remember to sign your organ donation card through this website, 8 lives can be saved with just one promise.

From the Chief

Join me March 10th at the Broadview Family Restaurant for coffee and discussion about all the exciting changes and advancements going on in the Fire Department.

We are available for blood pressure checks, every day from 8:00am to 6:00pm in our lobby.

Enjoy the good weather to come and keep safe.

Chief Tracy Kenny

The Fire Department will be hosting its annual blood drive on

**Saturday, May 12th
9:00am to 2:00pm.**

We encourage all residents to take part in this life saving event. Snacks and juice are provided. You can make an appointment for the event at lifefsource.org if you are unable to attend, let them know we referred you!



FIRE

Spring Clean-up

The Public works department wants to first thank our residents for helping us get thru our most challenging season of snow and ice removal. However, your continued assistance is vital as we transition to our annual spring clean-up. We would like to remind our residents of the Annual Spring Clean-up which occurs on the 1st Saturday in May. Residents can dispose of an unlimited amount of eligible refuse. For additional information contact the Public Works Department at (708) 681-3602.

The village street sweeper will be dispatched according to daily monitoring of area needs and weather forecasting.



Rain Barrels



It's time to re-connect the rain barrels for the rainy season. Don't forget to check your gutters and downspouts. Once the barrel is reconnected check your water intake screen, mosquito screen and spigot for leaks, obstructions or debris. Also, confirm that the lid is secure so children and animals cannot fall into the rain barrel.

Capital Improvements

The village capital improvements will continue this spring with the replacement of the villages last 4" inch water main in the 2000 and 2100 blocks of 17th avenue. The sidewalk and parking restoration for this project will tie into the corner development of 17th avenue /Roosevelt Rd and the municipal parking currently underway. If budgeting trends continue with village finances approximately \$1,000,000.00 will be allocated per year for completing the village wide street resurfacing program. If we continue this way, the majority of our residential streets and alleys will be resurfaced/ reconstructed within 3-5 years. We will keep you informed about street/alley selections and schedules.



Important Notice!

Beginning this spring the village yard waste & leaf collections will now be collected by the village garbage service provider on the same day as your garbage and recyclables collection.

Yard waste and leaf collection will occur either Monday, Thursday, or Friday depending on your service area collection day. The collection of yard waste still requires the purchase of a yard waste sticker to be affixed to the Bio-degradable bag. Our fall leaf collection will not require stickers. Brush will be collected similarly and requires that branches are to be in bundles no more than 4' feet long and stacked with the cut ends of the branches to be facing the street. Yard Waste is collected from April 1st – November 30th.

Daylight Saving Time Returns

**Daylight Saving Time will begin at
2 a.m., Sun., March 11.**

Clocks should be set ahead one hour. Public Works recommends using the time change as a convenient reminder to replace the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Tips to Help Prevent Litter

1. Set an example by not littering.
2. Keep a litterbag in your car.
3. Keep your yard clean and free of things that can blow into the street and become litter.
4. When you visit a park, remember to take out what you bring in. Keep trash and recyclables in a bag or backpack until you can put them in a litter basket.
5. Talk to your family and friends about recycling to reduce the amount of litter you throw away.
6. At home, make sure garbage and recycling bags are tied securely so that loose papers and other items can't fall out and become litter in your alley or street.
7. Make sure you close the lid on your refuse containers after depositing your trash or recycling inside. This will prevent refuse from spilling into the alley or street.
8. Do not overfill refuse containers. Exposed garbage will likely result in litter in the alley or street.
9. Remove flyers or take-out menus promptly from your front door before they are blown into the neighborhood as litter



Adopt good habits. Never throw litter out of car windows or on the ground. Keep it with you until you can dispose of it in the proper receptacle. Carry a litterbag in your vehicle and use it!

**** SMOKERS: Please, no flicking. Dispose of used tobacco products in proper containers. Help get tobacco litter off our streets.**

Don't let people around you litter. Talk about it with them. Set a good example. Never litter. Report problem sites and dumping to 708-345-6550

**** PET OWNERS: Stoop and scoop if you own pets. You are required to clean up after your animal.**

REMEMBER!

A CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD

IS A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD, LESS CRIME.

2018 - 2019 Vehicle Stickers

The 2018-2019 Vehicle Stickers will be available for purchase on Monday, March 12, 2018.

You will have until June 15, 2018 to purchase your 2018-2019 vehicle sticker.

PUBLIC WORKS



Village of Broadview
 2350 South 25th Avenue
 Broadview, Illinois 60155-3827

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Calendar of Events

- March 8, 2018:** **Free Movie Screening & Discussion Human Trafficking on "Stopping Traffic"**
 Time: 6 p.m.
 Location: Village Chambers
- March 10, 2018:** **Senior Tax Freeze Event**
 Time: 10 a.m.
 Location: Beverly Center 3031 S. 25th Ave.
- March 11, 2018:** **DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME**
- March 12, 2018:** **Vehicle Stickers Available for Purchase**
- April 21, 2018:** **Tea Party for Girls**
 Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 Schroeder Park
- May 5, 2018:** **Annual Clean-Up Day (Village Wide) Community Shred Day 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
 Village Hall
- May 5, 2018:** **The Answer, Inc. Walk-a-Thon**
 Proviso West High School
 Time: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- May 5, 2018:** **Broadview Little League Baseball Opening Day Parade**
 Line up at Pioneer Park
 Time: 11 a.m.
- May 12, 2018:** **Fire Department Blood Drive**
 Fire House
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- May 12, 2018:** **Mayor's Mother Day Brunch**
 (location to TBA)
 Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Village President

Katrina R. Thompson

Village Clerk

Kevin McGrier

Village Administrator

LeTisa Jones

Finance Director

Timothy Hicks, CPA

Treasurer

Thomas Hood

Village Hall

2350 South 25th Avenue
 Broadview, Illinois 60155-3827
 (708) 681-3600

Hours

Monday: 8:30am - 5:30pm
 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 2:00pm

Trustees

Judy Abraham
 Judy Brown-Marino
 John Ealey
 Verina Horne
 Sherman C. Jones

Village Attorney

Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

Village Meetings

Mayor, Trustees & Committees meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday each month at 7:30pm.
 All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at
2350 South 25th Avenue
Residents are encouraged to attend.