Greetings from the Mayor's Desk

Mayor Katrina Thompson

As your new Mayor, I’ve been hard at work bring positive change to Broadview. Since taking office in May, I’m proud to say we’ve already made great strides in professionalizing and modernizing village government. The Village Board adopted an efficient and comprehensive budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year and is conducting a thorough financial audit and review of village operations. One of my most important duties as Mayor is to ensure that our tax dollars are being spent wisely, and I’m proud of the improvements we’ve made in this year’s budget.

I’m also proud of the way our community came together for the Broadview 4th of July Parade. We worked together with the Broadview Park District and the Broadview Public Library so the whole community could celebrate Independence Day. Community collaborations like these are what make Broadview such a wonderful place to live. I hope to continue working closely with the Park District and the Public Library to provide wonderful events like the 4th of July Parade. If you missed the parade, be sure to check out the highlights at broadview-il.gov/4th-of-july-broadview-parade.

New Police Chief Appointed

I’m proud to have appointed Kevin Eugling as Police Chief for the Village of Broadview. A Broadview native and graduate of Proviso East, Kevin has been with our Police Department for over 26 years. As a lifelong member of our community and outstanding police officer, Kevin knows how to keep Broadview safe and secure.

As Chief, Kevin hopes to expand our Police Department’s youth outreach activities. Building a solid, trusting relationship between law enforcement and our youth is a vital aspect of community policing. The example we set for our kids becomes the community we will have in the future. I’m proud to have Chief Eugling on board.

New Village Website

The Village of Broadview has successfully launched its new website, broadview-il.gov. The new website is an important part of my pledge to increase the transparency of village government. You can now access important information about Broadview online, including videos of village board meetings, upcoming events, information about our police and fire departments, and village financial reports. This information will allow the people of Broadview to hold us accountable and access all of the services we provide.

I’d like to wish everyone in Broadview a blessed autumn, and good luck to all of the children who have recently started their school year.

Sincerely,
Mayor Katrina R. Thompson
The Finance Department
Timothy Hicks - Interim Finance Director

The Finance Department looks forward to working with the New Mayor and Administration to strengthen Fiscal Responsibility, increase Financial Transparency and leverage Technology to provide enhanced service to the Residents. Since taking Office, the Mayor has worked with the Finance Department to prepare and pass a balanced budget and implement Cash Management Best Practices. This will result in Resident’s payments being processed more efficiently and effectively as well allowing Residents to pay tickets, fines and water bills using their credit or debit cards. The Financial Department is working diligently with the External Auditors to complete the Financial Audit for the 2017 Fiscal Year.
Building News

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

Completed Projects:

1) New To You – 1700 West Roosevelt Road – HVAC install - completed July 2017

2) AAMRO – 3110 So. 26th Ave – addition - completed July 2017

3) Aldi – 1001 Cermak Road – store renovation and expansion – completed September 2017

Projects Underway:

4) MB Financial – 1500 Roosevelt Road – truss/roof repair - October 2017 – completion date

5) Marquee Restaurant – 2417 West Roosevelt Road – November 2017-completion date

6) Buddy Bear Carwash – 19th and Cermak – demolition starting in the Fall 2017

7) Ashley Furniture – 300 Village Square – expansion project – started demolition

8) Strip Mall – Location - 17th Ave and Roosevelt – Plans submitted for review

Businesses closures: Liberty Tax, Domino’s, and Payless Holding, LLC.

Preparing Your House for the Fall/Winter seasons

1) Get your furnace or heating system checked.

2) Check roof – Repair damaged, loose, missing shingles.

3) Caulk around all windows and doors.

4) Clean gutters and downspouts.

5) Test your sump pump.

6) Verify that all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly.

7) Make sure your snow blower is working properly. Restock on items as sand, salt, and ice melt.

Please refer to the Village of Broadview Building Code (www.broadview-il.gov) for information regarding occupancy, contractor registration, garbage collection and other Building Department matters.
Leaf Bags

The leaf program will begin Monday, October 2, 2017. Each household will be given ten (10) biodegradable bags to put leaves in. Residents will be able to purchase additional bags as needed. You can pick up your free bags at the Public Works Department (2734 S 9th Ave) between the hours of 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday thru Friday.

The leaf program will continue until the first major snow fall. Bags are to be put on the parkway for pickup by Village personnel. Raking leaves, grass clipping, and other debris into the street is prohibited by the city ordinances. Doing so may clog inlets and prevent the flow of storm water into the sewer system. Leaf bags do not require a sticker.

Dial A Ride

Village Of Broadview offers FREE rides to senior citizens. Village of Broadview offers Senior Dial A Ride Program for residents that are at least 60 years of age or have a disability that may need transportation to and from medical facilities and other qualifying non-medical locations within Proviso Township. All participants must reside in the Village Of Broadview. The Senior Dial the Ride Program is a curb to curb service. Interested individuals should call Village Of Broadview at 708-681-3602.
REMEMBER TO REMOVE YOUR GARBAGE CANS ON THE DAY OF COLLECTION.

Ordinance # 4-5-3 Section C requires that all garbage and recycling cans be placed at the edge of the alley or in the parkway no earlier than 6:00 P.M. the night before collection and removed no later than 7:00 P.M. the day that garbage and recycling collections have been made.

Snow Removal Requirements

It is prohibited for Village residents to plow snow or ice into streets or up against fire hydrants. In the event of a fire, keeping fire hydrants clear of snow and ice will assist firefighters by making fire hydrants more accessible.

Apartment or multi-unit complex dwelling owners are required to clear off-street parking spaces and parking lots within 12 hours of a two-inch snow fall.

Snow Parking Restrictions

Village Ordinance prohibits street parking during the snow season or after a two-inch snowfall until after the streets have been cleared by Village plows.

In addition, parking in municipal lots after a two-inch snowfall is prohibited until after the lot has been cleared by Village plows.

The Police Department is authorized to have vehicles in violation of snow parking ordinances towed. The vehicle owner will be responsible for all towing and storage costs associated with these illegally parked vehicles.
Fire Department
Tracy Kenny - Fire Chief
2400 S. 25th Avenue
9-1-1 EMERGENCY
(708) 343-6124 (non-emergency)

The month of October brings us Fire Prevention Week. This year’s theme is “Have Two Ways Out.” Get together with your family over dinner and discuss emergency exits in your home.

As cold weather will be fast approaching, make sure your Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Monitors are in working condition. Have your furnace inspected before you begin to use it. Maintenance and care can prevent fires and illness due to faulty systems. If you need assistance please contact our fire prevention bureau. (708) 343-6124 extension (3).

Thank you to all the community members that came out to help collect much needed items for Hurricane Harvey victims in Rockport, Texas. We sent five full semi trailers. The residents of Rockport were so grateful. Go to “Broadview Fire Department” Facebook Page and like our page for more details on this community effort!

Please remember your fire safety and physical well being are important to us. Preventive measures are a must. Stop by for fire safety tips or a blood pressure check.

Applications for Fire Explorers are being accepted. See Explorer Representative Pat McGivney for applications and details.

Stay Safe!

Chief Tracy Kenny
Police Department
Kevin Eugling - Chief of Police
2350 S. 25th Avenue
9-1-1 EMERGENCY
(708) 345-6550 (non-emergency)

WE SEE - WE CALL

Send a signal to criminals that Broadview won’t tolerate crime in our community.

“We See We Call” stickers are available at the Police Department now.

Let them know that you support your local Police and that you’re not afraid.

Vehicle Burglaries

Vehicle burglaries can occur at any time of day, but are most common after dark.

Burglars look for easy targets, so they walk up and down side streets checking door handles.

Once inside your car they can be difficult to see, so vehicle burglaries often go unsolved.

However, by simply locking your car doors and hiding valuables (Stereo faceplates, GPS units, etc.), you can greatly diminish the chances of becoming a victim.

Remember, don’t make it easy for criminals. Lock your car doors.

Congratulations to Officer Thomas Ackerman

Officer Thomas Ackerman of the Broadview Police Department hung up his duty belt for the last time, retiring in July.

Officer Ackerman served the Village of Broadview with distinction for 28 years as a Patrol Officer, K9 Handler and Range Master. His enthusiasm for Critical Incident Training was unmatched and his fellow officers have benefited greatly by his instruction and experience.
Welcome Back Students!

I’d like to take a moment to speak about traffic congestion around our schools. For years, we have worked with school administrators to come up with safe traffic patterns that allow parents to drop off and pick up their children in the safest and most efficient way possible.

Parents of Roosevelt Grammar School students will notice that during drop-off and pick-up, 14th and 15th Avenues are now blocked off to allow one-way traffic only. This ensures that cars are not traveling in both directions at a time when the street is already cluttered with parked cars and pedestrians, including children.

At Lindop Elementary School, school officials have placed traffic cones and directional signs on 15th Street. This effort has greatly decreased headaches for everyone involved while ensuring the safety of the students.

Your children are always watching. When children watch their parents ignore traffic rules, it sends the message that rules don’t need to be followed when they are inconvenient.

By setting a positive example, parents can teach valuable lessons about patience and consideration of others.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter and we look forward to a wonderful and safe 2017-18 school year.

Thank you.

Kevin Eugling - Chief of Police