



BRIDGEVIEWS

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Highlighting Community News and Events

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Businesses invest in Bridgeview



Above: Bridgeview Trustee Claudette Struzik stands with Bernard Larry, the manager of the McDonald's on 79th Street, at the restaurant's newly updated drive-thru lanes.

Below: The Super 8 motel on 79th Street is undergoing an extensive face-lift, inside and out.



You can measure the economic health of a community by looking at its business community. Here in Bridgeview, businesses have spoken loud and clear by investing big dollars in the community for business improvements.

The Super 8 motel on 79th Street is undergoing a face-lift, inside and out. New furniture, paint, mattresses, an upgraded reception area, outside fencing and building repairs all will mean better customer service, more business and a great improvement to the village.

McDonald's restaurants on 79th Street and 87th Street have added new drive-through lanes. The 79th Street location has also added a new exterior, and it looks great. These new drive-through lanes decrease customer wait time and make for an improved customer experience for McDonald's lovers.

KFC and Popeye's Chicken both located at 90th Street and Harlem Avenue have completed new looks for both of their buildings. The new colors and material improvements mean a better-looking business for Bridgeview and improved business for each establishment.

Title Max on 79th Street recently remodeled a long-time building in Bridgeview. It looks refreshed, timely, modern and ready for business.

Unfortunately, Bridgeview said goodbye to longtime retailer Payless shoes in the Southfield Plaza on 87th Street. The property manager reports that a new retail tenant is already in line to fill the space. The new store is not ready to be named, but it is clear business finds our community, with its infrastructure, residents and community leaders, a good place in which to invest.

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Relay for Life kicks off with walk in February

Trustee Patt Higginson, herself a cancer survivor, announces that the annual Bridgeview/Justice Relay for Life will kick off its 2013 cancer walk with a rally from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Bridgeview Community Center at 7900 Oketo Ave.

The rally is the start of the Relay for Life cancer fundrais-

er, which culminates with the actual relay on July 26-27 at the Bridgeview Park District's Commissioners Park.

Four teams have already signed up and have, so far, raised more than \$2,500.

The rally will include a DJ for entertainment, door prizes and raffles as well as information on the Relay for Life and how the American Cancer Society is battling cancer in Bridgeview and Justice.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

Higginson encourages ev-

eryone to attend and participate in this great cause.

The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity that helps involve the community in its effort find the cure for cancer.

Teams of people will camp out in the park starting at 6 p.m. Friday, July 26, and mem-

bers of each team will take turns walking or running through the park until 6 a.m. on Saturday, July 27. All ages are welcome.

There will be activities and ceremonies to honor and remember loved ones who have faced cancer.

If you are interested in forming or joining a team, sign up at <http://www.relayforlife.org/bridgeviewil>.

For information, contact event chairwoman Angel Malone at 708-845-1827 or visit the Relay for Life Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bridgeviewil.



Bridgeview Trustee Patt Higginson, a cancer survivor, is actively involved in Relay for Life events.



Bridgeview Library celebrates Heart Health Month with 'Go Red for Women'

The Bridgeview Library and the American Heart Association are celebrating Heart Health month in February with "Go Red for Women," a program that emphasizes the importance of heart health for women.

Patrons are asked to wear red on Feb. 1 and to stop in at the library during the month to pick up handouts on heart health, risk factors, healthy tips and recipes that will help keep heart strong and ticking for years to come.

The library will wrap up Heart Health month with a special program at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26, presented by nurses from Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

The presentation will cover recognition of heart attack symptoms, risk factors from diet, activity and medications, treatments and other information about heart health.

Please register for this program by calling 708-458-2880, ext. 105.

Waste hauler change a big plus for Bridgeview

Residents have asked why we changed waste handlers when the old company did such a good job for the past five years.

One reason is that the Village of Bridgeview shops around every few years for the best price on big ticket items and services. A Request for Proposal (RFP) committee is formed to ensure fairness to bidders, compare prices and lend transparency to the process.

This year, Allied Waste was selected to provide waste hauling services for the next five years. By shopping around for the best service and price, we were able to hold the line on large price increases and avoid an increase of more 10 percent in waste-hauling costs.

The switch to Allied also allows the village to save \$150,000 it has spent every year for the past 30 years to keep the cost of waste-hauling below the fair-market rate. The new rate no longer requires a taxpayer subsidy and covers the actual cost of the service.

In addition, the new contract brought the following upgrades:

- New 90-gallon waste toters have been provided to each home at no additional cost.
 - New 90-gallon recycle toters have been provided to each home at no additional cost.
 - Two village-wide cleanup days (one in the spring and one in the fall) have been added.
 - Thanks to the new toters and Allied, trash collection has been reduced from three days a week to only two days, which also holds down costs.
- Recycling toters are collected every other week, but if that proves insufficient, weekly service can be



Gary Crossman indicates the proper way to position your toter for automatic pick-up: handles toward your home, opening of the can toward the street curb.



An Allied Waste truck picks up a recycling toter.



Mayor Landek stands among the 3,000 toters that will be relabeled and used for yard waste containers.

restored.

The village-wide cleanup days will help residents dispose of unwanted items and keep the village clean, which increases property values, makes our community look better and reduces rodent and nuisance issues.

3,180 old toters have been collected over the past three weeks. These will be cleaned and repaired and relabeled into 90-gallon yard waste toters. Bridgeview will become the first community in Cook County to have a complete toter program for yard waste — at no cost to the village.

Watch your mailbox for a new waste pickup calendar. It will remind you of your pickup day, your recycle week and days on which there is no waste pickup.

Trash collecting in Bridgeview has improved a lot over the past five years. There are no more garbage cans, no more trash tossed along the curbs, nor more debris laying uncollected, attracting vermin.

The new toter system has also brought a big change to our community. This isn't an exciting topic but everyone has trash and everyone

needs to dispose of it. It is an expensive service, which must be done each week for every house 100 percent of the time. There is no room for error.

Bridgeview has made great progress in being the first to find new ways to handle this service. The success is seen each week and it is especially noticeable on the bottom line for Bridgeview finances.

Bridgeview Lions Club hands out honors

The Bridgeview Lions Club honored four community members on Jan. 20 for their outstanding work for the community and the residents of Bridgeview.

The annual Teacher of the Year award was presented to Jeni LaFoy, who has taught third grade in School District 109 for more than 20 years.



The Veteran of the Year award was given to Jeff Kranig, who not only served his country

but has dedicated himself to veterans' causes in the Bridgeview-Justice area.

Community Service awards were presented to Jean Derting, who served on the District 109 school board for 27 years, and Arlene Jagazewski, who has served on the Bridgeview Library Board for 20 years.

The event, which is sponsored by the Village of Bridgeview and the Lions Club, attracted nearly 200 guests to the Lions' 19th annual Super Sunday community awards luncheon at Toyota Park.

Lion Ray Jachim took his 19th turn as host and master of ceremonies.

Helping hand out the awards were Mayor Steve Landek, who presented the community service awards, and District 109 Supt. Dr. Jon Nebor, who helped present the teacher of the year award.

Lions Club to host spaghetti dinner on Feb. 10

The Bridgeview Lions club has helped Bridgeview residents and the community for nearly 25 years.

People with impaired vision, and hearing and physical disabilities have all been helped by the good-hearted and giving members of this great organization.

This year, the Lions Club will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Feb. 10 starting at noon. Cost is \$6 per adult.

All the money raised goes to continue the good work of helping people!



Bridgeview Lions Club Veteran of the Year Jeff Kranig (seated) is joined by Mayor Steve Landek (second from left), Lions President Ray Jachim (right) and by family and friends.



District 109 Supt. Dr. Jon Nebor (far left) and Assistant Supt. Brad Nuccio stand with Teacher of the Year Jeni LaFoy, a District 109 teacher for more than 20 years.



Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek (left) and Lions President Ray Jachim stand with Community Service award winners Arlene Jagazewski and Jean Derting.

Bridgeview Public Library

Laugh along with the 'Funniest Women in Film'

Want to laugh along with some of Hollywood's premier funny ladies? Then visit the library for a rollicking afternoon when Marquee Movies present "The Funniest Women in Film" on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m.

Memorable movie clips will be shown from some of the funniest flicks ever made, including "Young Frankenstein," "The Lady Eve," "My Cousin Vinnie" and many others.

Don't miss this laugh-a-minute riot with stars ranging from Teri Garr to Gracie Allen to Barbra Streisand. Come and see your cinema favorites and laugh 'til you cry.

Please register for this program by calling 708-458-2880 ext. 105.

And don't forget that Monday Movie Madness continues every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the library. The popcorn is free but you need to bring your own beverage.

For every four movies you attend you receive a coupon for a free movie rental from the library. To find out what's showing, call 708-458-2880, ext. 105.

KIDS & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Lego Club meets weekly

The library offers a Lego Club each week for kids in grades 3-6 where you can build anything you can imagine! Lego Club will meet on Thursdays at 5 p.m. through March 7.

Other youth programs include:

Teen Craft will be held on Thursday, Feb. 14, and Feb. 28. It is open to teens in grades 7-12.

Kids Craft for grades K-6 will be held on Wednesdays during this session. Join us on Feb. 6, Feb. 20 and March 6 for crafts.

New this session is a **Book Club** for kids in grades 5-7. In this club, kids will discuss favorite authors and characters, genres, current reads and more.

The library Youth Services Department will celebrate Valentine's Day with kids in grades K-6 with a party at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14. Be sure to dress in pink and red!

Middle and high school students can complete community service hours at the library. Call the Teen Desk at 708-458-2880 ext. 110 to find out more.

All programs are free and require registration. Call the library at 708-458-2880 x106 to sign up. Find out more about programs at <http://kids.bridgeviewlibrary.org>.

TOTS & TODDLERS PROGRAMS



Storytimes, crafts and more

There are lots of programs for tots and toddlers at the Bridgeview Public Library in February

The library offers weekly storytimes for kids from birth to second grade. The Winter Session will end on Saturday, March 9.

Baby Storytime (for up to 2 years old) is on Mondays at 11:10 a.m. Please bring a blanket or yoga mat to sit on with your baby.

Toddler Storytime (for ages 18 months to 3 years old) will be held at 11:10 a.m. on Wednesdays. All Toddlers must have a caregiver over the age of 16 with them during this session.

Preschool Craft (for ages 3-5) will be held at 1 p.m. on Mondays.

Preschool Storytime (for ages 3-5) will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and will have stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a craft.

Music, Movement, and More (for ages 2-5) will be held at 11:10 a.m. on Fridays and will include a story, songs, finger plays, dancing, musical instruments and more. All children under the age of 3 must attend class with a caregiver.

K-2 Club (for grades K-2) will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and will have fun stories and a craft.

Just a reminder that children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver age 16 and up at all times while in the library.

ADULT SERVICES DEPT.

Make your own Valentine's Day card

Get ready for Valentine's Day at the Card-Making class being held at the Bridgeview Library on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. All supplies will be provided but you must register in advance so we can have enough materials for everyone. Stop in or call 708-458-2880 to sign up.

Other events planned for February by the Adult Services Department include:

Candy-making class presented by Delicious Creations on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. This class is for adults but children are welcome with a parent or guardian. Please register. Stop in or call 708-458-2880 to sign up.

Blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 2-6 p.m. Call the library at 708-458-2880 ext.105 to schedule your appointment. A photo ID is required.

Get organized in the New Year at a special presentation on "**Organizing for Everyone**" by Beth Randall AKA Joe Organizer, on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Register in advance for this event. Call the library at 708-458-2880 ext. 105 to sign up.

All-day drop-in scrapbooking will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9. Come by anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. This event is for novices, experts, and everyone in between. Call 708-458-2880 for more information or to register.

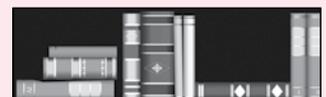
Craft supply swap. Have you got tons (or less) of craft items you no longer use or want? Bring them to the library and swap them out for something you do need. No money will be exchanged but materials swapped will have comparable values. Call for more information or to sign up at 708-458-2880 ext. 105.

BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Address: 7840 W. 79th St. **Phone:** (708) 458-2880

Website: www.bridgeviewlibrary.org

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Closed on Sunday.



Toyota Park

Non-profits have fundraising opportunities at Toyota Park

It's not too late to sign up for a unique fundraising opportunity at Toyota Park.

Toyota Park and Sodexo, the exclusive food and beverage provider for the Chicago Fire and Toyota Park, are looking for local non-profit organizations to participate in their fundraising program during the 2013 season.

Sodexo is actively recruiting civic organizations, high school boosters, churches and

other non-profit groups to operate concessions at Toyota Park to raise funds for their respective organizations.

Participating groups will be required to work each home game through the end of the season.

Any interested parties should contact Sodexo Concessions Office at 708-496-6085 to sign up for the 2013 season, or to find out more about the program.

TOYOTA PARK 2013 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Time	Event
Sat., March 9	6:30 p.m.	Fire vs. New England
Sun., March 24	4 p.m.	Fire vs. Chivas USA
Sun., April 7	4 p.m.	Fire vs. NY Red Bulls
Sat., April 20	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Columbus
Sat., May 11	12:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Philadelphia
Sun., June 2	4 p.m.	Fire vs. DC United
Sat., June 8	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Portland
Sat., June 15	Noon	B96 Summerbash Concert
Wed., June 19	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Colorado
Fri., June 28		Porky's Rib Fest
Sat., June 29		Porky's Rib Fest
Sun., June 30		Porky's Rib Fest
Wed., July 3	7:30 pm	Fire vs. San Jose
Sun., July 7	2 p.m.	Fire vs. Sporting Kansas City
Sat., July 20	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. DC United
Sat., Aug. 3		Bridgestone Teen Drive Smart (East Lot, Stadium Club)
Sun., Aug. 4		Bridgestone Teen Drive Smart (East Lot, Stadium Club)
Sat., Aug. 10	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Montreal
Fri., Aug. 16		Polish Fest
Sat., Aug. 17		Polish Fest
Sun., Aug. 18		Polish Fest
Fri., Aug. 23	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Sporting Kansas City
Sun., Sept. 1	4 p.m.	Fire vs. Houston
Sat., Sept. 14	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. New England
Sat., Sept. 28	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Montreal
Sat., Oct. 19	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Toronto FC



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Website: <http://www.bridgeview-il.gov/dome/>

Free golf lessons at the Bridgeview Sports Dome

The Bridgeview Sports Dome is now offering free introductory lessons to those who want to start playing golf. These lessons will be conducted each Wednesday starting at 1 p.m. by one of our leading teachers.

To reserve your space for a lesson you must contact the instructors at 708-715-3867.

If you do not have golf clubs, don't worry — we will furnish them for you. There will be a small fee to rent the golf balls.

Professional golf instructors is available on site. Stop in for more info!

About the Sports Dome

The Bridgeview Sports Dome is a comfortable, climate-controlled sports arena. Its field is 90,000 square feet of artificial turf, great for a variety of sporting activities, plus free chipping and putting areas.

The Dome can be reserved for indoor soccer, softball, baseball, whiffleball, football practice or leagues, seminars, meetings and parties.

Meeting and party rooms, up to 1,000 square feet, are available to rent at \$50 per hour.

Concession stand service is available.

You can reserve the entire Dome, and there are split-field capabilities as well.

Make your reservations early. The schedule fills quickly!

RATES

Entire Dome Rental

\$425 per hour
(A one-hour deposit is required when making a reservation.)

Golf Driving Range

\$10 per half hour
(unlimited golf balls)

Senior Early Bird Special

\$8 per half hour
(7 a.m. - Noon, Mon-Fri)

Yearly Membership

\$600 per person
(Oct. through May 1st, prorated after Oct.)

Monthly Membership

\$125 per person

Meeting and Party Rooms

\$50 per hour

Directions to the Sports Dome

From I-294: Exit 95th Street West, turn right (north) onto Roberts Road, turn right (east) onto 87th Street, turn right (south) onto 78th Avenue and follow the signs.

From Harlem Avenue: Head west on 87th Street, turn left (south) onto 78th Avenue and follow the signs.

From Roberts Road: Turn right (east) onto 87th Street, turn right (south) onto 78th Avenue and follow the signs.

Show us your
beads!!



Mayor Steven Landek,
Village Board of Trustees & Clerk John Altar
invite you to the 4th

“Enjoy the Good Life in Bridgeview”



Sweetheart Dance & Luncheon

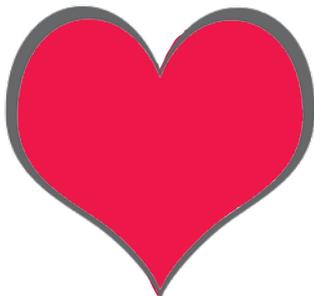
with a Mardi Gras Twist this year

Monday, February 11, 2013

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at the
STADIUM CLUB

Toyota Park



Please R.S.V.P. by Tues., Feb. 5th • Call Pam at 708-594-1818



Let us know if you need a ride. Please be ready for your ride at your designated time.

YES, I will attend the 4th “Enjoy the Good Life in Bridgeview” Sweetheart Dance and Luncheon

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

YES, I need a ride. Please contact me for pickup.

NO, I do not need a ride

Bridgeview Park District

Activities for Adults

Cross Harlem Classic

Tuesday, Feb. 19 and
Thursday, Feb. 21
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Welcome to the 1st annual Cross Harlem Classic! This is a senior Wii Bowling Tournament between park district patrons and Humana patrons. This is a 2-day tournament. Humana hosts on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7945 S. Harlem Ave. Bridgeview Park District hosts on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 8100 S. Beloit Ave.

Play begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. on both days. Single elimination will be played. Any roll-offs will be played on Feb. 21. Awards will be presented. Waivers must be signed at both locations prior to play of the day. Spectators are welcome. Pre-registration is necessary and limited. Registration at the Bridgeview Park District will place you on the lineup.

Register by Friday, Feb. 15

Ages: 55+

Fee: FREE

Spring Wii Bowling Leagues NOW FORMING!!

Get ready for another season of Wii Bowling at the Bridgeview Park District! Leave your bowling balls and shoes at home. We use the Wii game and big-screen TV for this league. The regular season is 8 weeks long. Each team has a minimum of 4 players. You can bring in a team or sign up as an individual and be placed on a team. Each team bowls one match per week on Fridays. A match consists of 2 games.

Spring League session begins on Friday, March 8 at 10 a.m. Bowling awards are presented at the end of the season.

Spring Session: 8 weeks
Fridays, March 8 - April 26
Age: 55+

Walking Track/Aging Well

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10 a.m. - Noon

Bridgeview Park District in conjunction with the Bridgeview CAT on Aging Well offers Bridgeview Seniors FREE use of the Walking Track on the above days and times.

- Aging Well Seniors can upgrade to a full Walking Track membership (*good for one year from date of purchase*) and receive \$5 off the regular rate just by showing your Aging Well membership card. There will be no rebates or refunds on prior memberships.

B.E.S.T. Walking Club

Current Destination:
New Orleans for Mardi Gras!

Join our B.E.S.T. (Bridgeview's Exceptional Senior Team) Walking Club for Aging Well patrons! Now you can walk across America with the B.E.S.T.!

Take advantage of the Free Walking Track privileges on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Walk at your own pace; 16 laps around the track or 2,100 steps is equivalent to 1 mile. Turn in your weekly tallies and we will record your progress. Team total steps help us reach our destinations.

Ages: 55+

Fee: FREE with a walking track membership or Aging Well pass.

GET FIT, STAY ACTIVE



BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT

8100 S. Beloit Ave.

Phone: 708-594-1818

www.bridgeviewparkdistrict.org

FREE Senior Game Day

"Cupid Calling" Monday, Feb. 4

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

All Bridgeview residents age 55+ are invited to the Sports Complex to mix, mingle and have fun on the first Monday of each month. LRC, Scrabble, Pokeno and cards are just some of the games to play. You can bring your own favorite games, too. Light refreshments will be available.

Pinochle Club

Monday, Feb. 18

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Are you interested in playing Pinochle? Would you like to learn the game? Whether you are a novice or a pro, you are invited to join us on the third Monday of each month for our Pinochle Club. Bring a friend.

Ages: All Ages

Fee: FREE

ADULT DANCE - Line Dance

Whether you're a pro or new to the floor, come join us for a fun way to burn off extra energy or learn the latest dances. Dress comfortably for dancing!

BEGINNER CLASS

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Ages: 16 and older

Fee: \$30 per session

4th Session Dates:

March 13 - May 1



INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Ages: 16 and older

Fee: \$30 per session

4th Session Dates:

March 5 - April 23

Bridgeview Park District

Trips & Forums for Adults

ONE-DAY TRIPS

All trips will depart from the Bridgeview Park District Sports Complex, 8100 S. Beloit Ave. unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required on all trips. Register early to avoid disappointment of a filled trip or cancelled trip due to low enrollment. The park district bus is a mini-coach 24-passenger bus.

NOTE: Return times are approximate due to any traffic delays.

RIVERS CASINO - Des Plaines, IL
Monday, March 11
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rivers Casino is the newest casino in Cook County. It boasts more than 44,000 square feet of gaming excitement! It has the most popular slots and table games around.

It also is home to several dining options. Lunch and gaming is on your own. We provide transportation in our 24 passenger mini-coach bus.

Ages: 21 and older
Fee: \$8 for transportation

CHICAGO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW
Thursday, March 14
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

With its "Art of Gardening" theme, the show's 25+ gardens will draw inspiration from textures and colors found in plants and fabrics, as well as alluring and beautiful elements found in nature. The gardens at the 2013 Chicago Flower & Garden Show will be about variety blended with fantasy yet practicality. You will leave this venue inspired with phenomenal garden and landscaping ideas. Lunch will be on your own. Choose from an array of wonderful restaurants on the Pier.

Ages: 21 and older
Fee: \$19 per person

FOUR WINDS CASINO - New Buffalo, Mich.
Monday, April 8
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

There are over 3,000 slot machines ranging from 1¢ to \$100 at the Four Winds Casino. Table players can choose among Black Jack, Craps, Baccarat, Pai Gow and 3- or 4-Card Poker.

Your deluxe package includes motor coach transportation via the Four Winds Casino Shuttle, \$15 instant slot credit and up to \$10 in food credit that can be used at any of the restaurants. If you have a Players Card, please provide the number when registering. Don't forget to bring your state I.D. with you too.

Ages: 21 and older
Fee: \$31 per person

CANTIGNY GARDEN and McCORMICK TOUR - Wheaton, IL
Tuesday, May 7
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We start our day with a tour of one of the many gardens on the 40-acre formal gardens site. You will be able to overload your senses with stunning sights, tranquil sounds and aromatic scents. Lunch will be on your own at the LeJardin or Bertie's Gourmet Coffee Shop. Then we are off to tour the Robert McCormick Museum. Afterward, you will be on your own to tour the 1st Division Museum, Tank Park and gift shop before we head home.

Ages: 18 and older
Fee: \$12 per person

INFORMATION FORUMS

The Bridgeview Park District is teaming up with various groups throughout the year to bring you topics that can be informative for you or someone you know. Please be sure to pre-register for these workshops as they fill up quickly. Light refreshments will be served.

Understanding Medicare

This workshop is for adults turning 65 who need to know the eligibility, enrollments and the benefits of Medicare Parts A & B and the Medicare Supplemental Plans that are available in Illinois. This is a 90-minute presentation by Diane Adduci from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois. There will be time for questions and answers.

Place: Park Sports Complex

Date: Monday, Feb. 25

Time: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 65+

Fee: FREE

Aging Care Connections Tax Assistance Programs

Aging Care Connections in LaGrange will be accepting reservations for those who need assistance in filing 2012 tax returns. There will be AARP-trained volunteers to help you. This service is available to those 60+ years.

You must bring the following documents to your appointment: last year's federal and state returns, all records of interest, dividends, pensions, Social Security, retirement annuities and property tax bills.

Call 708-354-1323 to schedule your appointment. All appointments will be scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday mornings beginning Feb. 4 through April 12. Appointments are held at:

Aging Care Connections
 111 West Harris Avenue
 LaGrange, IL 60525

LET'S DINE! Wednesday, Feb. 27

The Grapevine Mediterranean/Gourmet Cafe is our next stop. Located in the heart of downtown LaGrange, this cafe offers a wide range of Mediterranean cuisine to sandwiches, salads and pizzas.

Time: 5:30 p.m. **Ages:** 21 and older **Fee:** \$8 for transportation



Bridgeview Park District

Activities for Little Rascals

YOUTH ONE-DAY PROGRAMS

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

Wednesday, Feb. 13

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

Join us at the Bridgeview Park District to make your special Valentine's Day cards. We will play Valentine Pictionary and be making a yummy heart shaped treat.

Ages: 6-9 years old

Fee: \$8

DINOSAUR EXPLORER PARTY

Wednesday, March 20

It will be an afternoon of Triceratops and T-rex's as the kids will be searching for "Dinosaur Eggs" on our hunt through the building. The kids will make a dino puppet first to help them find the hidden eggs. They will color dinosaur books and go home with a goodie bag.

Fee: \$8 per child

Ages: 3-5

Time: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ages: 6-9

Time: 6 p.m. - 7:30 pm

KIDS' CORNER

Galloping Gourmet for Junior Chefs 6-10 year-olds

This class is designed for the older child who likes to be creative in the kitchen. We will develop those culinary skills through fun food and desserts. We will also cover the food pyramid, table manners and table settings. Pre-registration is necessary.

Ages: 6-10 years old

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13

Time: 5 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30

YOUTH DANCE

Hip Hop: Focuses on the latest dance steps incorporating rhythm with dancer's own personal style.

Ballet: This is the first step for the young dancer, incorporating ballet movements in a structural class. Students will study basic coordination, gross motor skills and dance class etiquette in a fun atmosphere.

Tap: Dancers will learn the basic principles of tap through music and movement exercises with an emphasis on rhythm and timing.

Jazz: Focus is on building strong technique, strength and flexibility. Students will learn different turns, jumps and leaps.

*Ballet/Tap shoes are required for each class. Leotard is recommended or loose fitting comfortable clothing.

Wednesday classes:

Ballet

3-6 yrs old4-4:30 p.m.....\$25

7-10 yrs old4:30-5 p.m.....\$25

Hip Hop

10-14 yrs old ..5:15-6 p.m.....\$45

Session #4: 3/06/13 - 4/24/13

Sign up now!

Friday Classes:

Ballet

3-6 yrs old3-3:30 p.m.....\$25

Hip Hop

4-7 yrs old3:30-4 p.m.....\$25

Tap

6-10 yrs old4-4:30 p.m.....\$25

Hip Hop

8-12 yrs old4:30-5:15 p.m.....\$45

Jazz

8-12 yrs old5:15-6 p.m.....\$45

Session #4: 3/08/13 - 4/26/13

Sign up now!

PEBBLES

This class is for 2-year-olds. Spend quality time with your little one in our Pebbles program designed for child and mom, dad or significant other adult.

Through stories, songs, simple crafts and gym activities, your child's motor and socialization skills will be stressed. It is a great time for learning through play with mom or dad nearby.

All supplies and a light snack are included in the fee.

Ages: 18 months - 3 years with parent or guardian

Days: Mondays

Time: 11 a.m. - Noon

Dates: March 25 - May 13

Fee: \$47

(3rd session Pebbles in process from Jan 28 - March 18)

KIDS SAFE CITY

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www.Kidssafecity.org

email: kidssafecity@att.net

A camp designated especially for children ages 4-9 years of age

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- Protection from Strangers and Bullies
- Home and Poison and Dog Safety
- Good Touch/Bad Touch
- Internet Safety
- First-aid and Pool Safety

Dates:

1) Mon., 06/17/13 - Fri., 06/21/13

2) Mon., 08/05/13 - Fri., 08/09/13

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fee: \$70.00 per child (family discount available), Kids Safe City T-shirt, and backpack included.

* Each child is required to bring a lunch.

Register early. Classes fill up fast.

Contact Toni at 708-227-1129

SCOUTING PROGRAMS WELCOME

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Call the Bridgeview Park District 708-594-1818 to register or for more information.

Bridgeview Park District

Youth Sports & Other Activities

HORNETS BASKETBALL

The girls started off the year with a bang, winning their first two games! "Only through practice will we improve as a team. The girls are doing extremely well because they bring everything they learn at practice to the games with them," Coach Amanda Brookshire reported. Come cheer on the girls at the Bridgeview Park District every Saturday, with playoffs in March!

Delilah Herrera, Samantha Herrera, Kia King, Sumaria Jones-Tinsley, Angela Lopez, Elsa Luchsinger, Jessie Gamez, Emily March, Tess McKenna, Alexis Mendieta, Madison Simpson, Isabella Zepeda



The Hornets' first loss was by two points in an intense game on Saturday, Jan. 19.

SOCCER PROGRAMS



Indoor Recreational Soccer is for boys and girls ages 3 to 14. This is a great opportunity for the children to be introduced to soccer or to continue developing their skills. This program allows your child to keep moving during the winter months and keep in shape for Spring Soccer. Classes are held at the Bridgeview Sports Dome, 8900 S. 77th Ave., which features rubberized Astroturf and a climate controlled atmosphere.

Class begins with stretching and skill building drills and ends with a scrimmage game. Shin guards and gym shoes or rubber cleats are required.

Classes for four divisions are held on Saturdays at the following times:



Shin Kickers: (ages 3-5 yrs) meet 12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. **Fee:** \$35

Pee Wee: (ages 6-8 yrs) meet from 12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. **Fee:** \$50

Juniors: (ages 9-11 yrs) meet from 1:45 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. **Fee:** \$50

Varsity: (ages 12-14 yrs) meet 2:45 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Session 2: Feb. 2 - March 30
(No class March 16)

CHESS CLUB

Begins Monday, Jan. 28

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Muehe Building

7151 Hartford (by Shop & Save Mkt)

Chess is a game of imagination and strategy, one that provides rules, order and opportunities for intellectual growth. Chess teaches a skill that can be applied to other aspects of life. Dr. Brian Boyd stated, "playing chess is likely to promote spatial and analytical intelligence, effective learning and interpersonal skills, problem solving and decision making, self-esteem and self-confidence." Class is taught by U.S. Chief Petty Officer Michael and Lia, a former airline employee and previous restaurant owner.

Ages: All ages and playing levels

Fee: A small fee may be necessary for monthly tournaments.

Register: Bridgeview Park District, 708-594-1818.

For class details contact Michael at 773-606-8142.

10th annual "Under the Dome Car Show & Craft Fair" Saturday, May 4 at the Bridgeview Sports Dome

CRAFTERS WANTED

- 10 x 10 space on astroturf
- Crafter/vendor must bring their own table and chairs.
- No electric outlets available.
- Set-up begins at 7 a.m. on May 4.
- Fee: \$20 per space, plus a donation for the raffle table.

CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION

- Staging begins at 7 a.m.
- Entry fee: \$15 per vehicle
- All pre-registered vehicles receive Participation Awards.

Call Pam or Jenn at 708-594-1818 for more information.

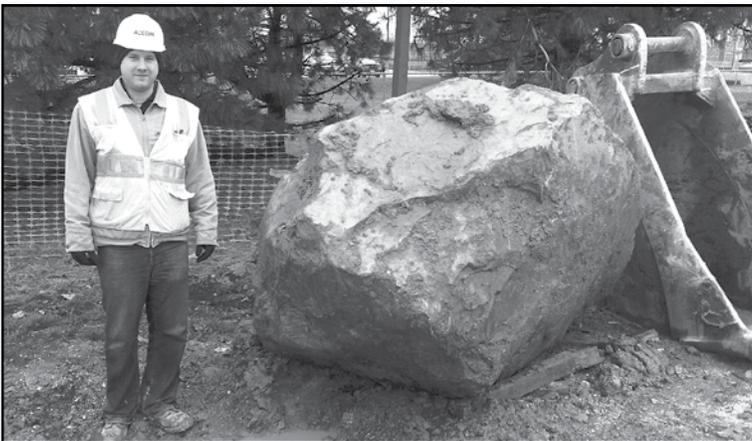




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71st Street project unearths big surprise



The project to build an underpass at 71st Street in Bridgeview has been marked by many surprises, but none as big as the one that workers found recently.

A boulder the size of a small car was dug up 18 feet underground. There were no other rocks found in the vicinity, which was mostly clean dirt.

How did the boulder get there?

Most likely it was left by a retreating glacier from the last Ice Age that covered Illinois from 25,000 to 14,000 years ago.

Often, the glaciers carried boulders or rocks called erratics long distances from their source to where they were dropped as the ice receded. This one was covered over by tons of dirt in the ensuing millennia and remained undisturbed until now.

These same glaciers carved out the rivers, gorges and marshes that mark the southwest suburbs as well as deposited the sediment that became the hills, ridges and moraines that dot the same area.

The boulder was one of the nicer surprises workers have found over the past year. Time-consuming surprises included buried cables not being where they were supposed to be, which delayed the project last winter.

Work on the \$20 million project is past the halfway point and the weather has continued to mostly cooperate.

Workers recently started pouring the abutment foundation on the south side of 71st Street. That piece of the puzzle will contain about 300 cubic yards of concrete.

Mayor Steve Landek said the project is on target to be completed by late summer.

“We’re tentatively planning the ribbon cutting for the beginning of August,” he said.

Work that remains to be done includes support beams and rebuilding 71st Street, which will actually be among the final phases, Landek said.

Above: A worker stands next to a boulder that was found 18 feet underground during the 71st Street underpass project. Right: Work continues on the project, which is past the halfway point and is expected to be completed by late summer.

