



BRIDGEVIEWS

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HEROES GET HEARTFELT HOMECOMING



When Bridgeview got the call to host 245 returning soldiers, everyone sprang into action. Toyota Park was quickly prepared on short notice.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, emotions were running high as 245 members of the 108th Sustainment Brigade of the Illinois National Guard were welcomed by family and friends at Toyota Park.

The brigade had been serving in Kuwait since January, providing mission command and logistical support operations, including Army watercraft, finance and contract oversight.

Governor Quinn and Brigadier General Michael Zerbonia thanked the families of the troops. They both called the families of the troops “the glue that holds the military together.”

Bridgeview is proud to have been asked to properly welcome home our Illinois soldiers!





Tobin Heath of the USA Women's Team makes a play during the impressive 5-0 victory over Guatemala at Toyota Park.

USA Women's Soccer champs played at Toyota Park

The USA Women's National Soccer Team played its second game of the CONCACAF Women's Championship at Toyota Park on Oct. 17, and it was a triumphant performance.

Fans and soccer lovers who showed up to cheer on the USA Women's National Team in its game against Guatemala left with pride after the U.S. squad claimed victory by a score of 5-0.

A week later, the USA Women's National Team won the CONCACAF championship, defeating Costa Rica 6-0 on Oct. 26. The USA outscored its opposition 21-0 overall in the tournament.



Chicago Fire players warm up before playing the last game of the 2014 season against the Houston Dynamo at Toyota Park.

Fire closes out 2014 season with comeback victory

Thousands of Chicago Fire fans came out to Toyota Park on Oct. 24 to support their local soccer team in the Fire's last game of the season, against the Houston Dynamo.

The Dynamo dominated the first half, but the Fire fans cheered on the home team throughout, and the Fire responded by mounting an exciting 2-1 comeback victory. It was a great way to cap off the season and Village of Bridgeview Appreciation Night.

7th Annual Tow Trucks for Tots rolls into Toyota Park

The world's largest tow truck parade made its way to Toyota Park on Nov. 9.

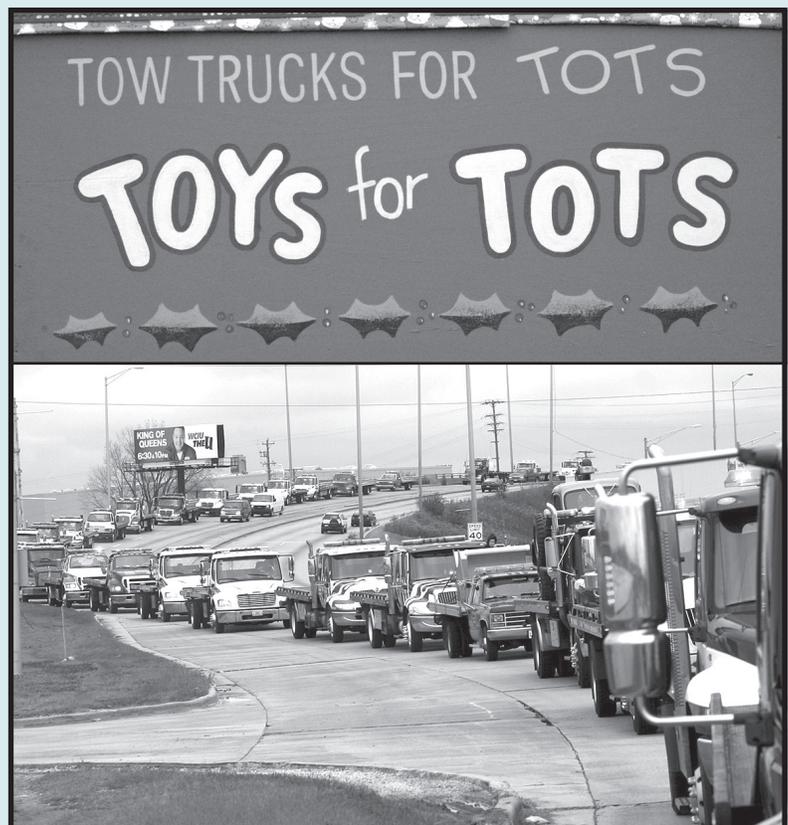
The 41-mile parade has three primary goals every year:

- To provide toys to needy children on the holidays through charitable organizations.
- To further enhance the image of the towing industry.
- To break the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest tow truck parade.

The parade began at Hollywood Casino in Joliet at 9 a.m. and arrived at Toyota Park around 10 a.m. Toys donated to the cause were collected at Toyota Park, where participants were welcome to enjoy refreshments and musical entertainment.

Each year, more local communities unite for the common cause of the toy drive.

A donation any time of the year can be made by visiting towtrucksfortots.com.



BRIDGEVIEW IN PROGRESS UPDATES

OKETO AVENUE

South of 75th, Oketo Avenue is almost complete. Soon the street will be in perfect driving condition.



PETE'S FRESH MARKET

On 103rd Street, west of Harlem, Pete's has a fresh and modern look from the outside, while the inside is still underconstruction. Pete's will be opening soon!



WENDY'S

After closing for remodeling, Wendy's at 78th Street and Harlem, is now looking like new and has been serving customers for the past few weeks.



CIRCLE K

Located on Harlem and 71st, in front of Toyota Park, the brand-new gas station is already taking shape.



MCDONALD'S

Open during construction, the location at Harlem and 77th Street has been making progress and soon will be looking its best to keep satisfying customers.





Pirates visit kids at Park District!

Trustees Michael Pticek and Norma Pinion enjoyed a pleasant voyage on their Pirate Float, making their way to the Bridgeview Park District on Monday, Sept. 23 and Tuesday, Sept. 24. The pirates' reason for sailing this time was not to hunt for treasures, but to visit the 3-year-old (top left photo) and 4-year-old (top right photo) pre-k classes and show kids their new ship.

"Arr, arr! Come this way, children," Pirate Pticek said on the microphone as children walked out of class.

Trustees Pticek and Pinion introduced themselves and showed the kids the float, and then encouraged the kids to act like pirates themselves and explore the float.

At the end of the short exhibition, children received "golden coins" from the pirates as a reward for their excellent behavior.



Trustee Norma Pinion, Officer Pedro Gonzales, and Trustee Patricia Higginson check out the look of the new squad car.

Bridgeview squad cars get a brand-new look

The Bridgeview Police Department has released a new squad car design. Chief of Police Walter Klimek explained that the Police Department wanted to upgrade the squad car design to a more professional-looking one.

Several designs were created, and it was decided to outfit a sample car with the two best designs, one on each side, and to conduct a poll. All the officers in the police department were asked to vote for the design they thought was more appropriate.

"The design you see today was chosen by the department," Chief Klimek said. "The cars and SUVs are all outfitted with brand-new state-of-the-art toughbook computers, which makes police work a lot more convenient and easier for the police officers. Also, we replaced LED emergency lights with new lights that make the police cars more visible when activated."

The new squad car look has been a great hit with village residents and other police departments in surrounding towns.

"I would like to thank Mayor Landek and all the trustees for allowing myself and Director Bill Cronch to take on such a task to improve our fleet," Chief Klimek said.

The village will be purchasing new SUVs in the near future to replace the older cars that have high mileage.



Chief of Police Walter Klimek and Clerk John Altar discuss the Village ID required for soliciting in Bridgeview.

Village ID required for solicitors

Clerk John Altar reminds Bridgeview residents that solicitors knocking on residents' door should have a valid Village ID.

Bridgeview established an ordinance that requires solicitors to obtain a Village ID to be able to canvass in Bridgeview. The ordinance helps the Village regulate soliciting and prevents burglars from knocking on residents' doors. According to Clerk Altar, the safety of residents was the primary reason for the ordinance.

To obtain an ID, solicitors need to submit an application to the Village. After the application has been reviewed and is ready to be processed, the applicant must obtain a background check and photo from the Police Department. If the background check is clean, the Village affixes the photo to an ID. Finally, Clerk Altar initials the ID to validate it.

For your safety, make sure solicitors show you the proper Village ID. If the solicitor does not have an ID, ask him or her nicely to leave, and lock your door for safety. If the solicitor refuses to leave or you feel threatened, do not hesitate to call the village Police Department or dial 911.

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW

MAYOR

Steven M. Landek

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Norma Pinion
- James Cecott
- Patricia Higginson
- Mary Sutton
- Michael Pticek
- Claudette Struzik

VILLAGE CLERK

John Altar

VILLAGE CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Mon, Tues., Thurs., Fri.:
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wed.: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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BUILDING DEPT.
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(708) 594-2525

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Emergencies only: 911
Fire non-emergency
(708) 924-8250
Police non-emergency
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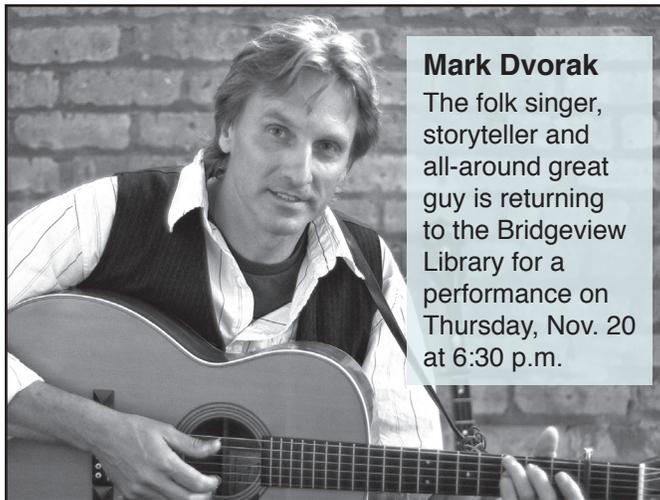
TOYOTA PARK

Chicago Fire soccer,
concerts, special events
(708) 594-7200

SPORTS DOME

Availability, pricing
(708) 924-8290

BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY



Mark Dvorak

The folk singer, storyteller and all-around great guy is returning to the Bridgeview Library for a performance on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

November Events

Gentle Flow Yoga

De-stress, relax, and chill out with Gentle Flow Yoga **Tuesday, Nov. 18** at 6:30 p.m. And you don't even have to leave your chair!

Book Club

The BVS book club meets on **Tuesday, Nov. 25** at 7 p.m.. The book we will discuss is "The Girl you Left Behind" by Jojo Moyes. You can pick up a copy at the circulation desk. We have it in print, large print, and audio.

Knitting and more

Knitting, crocheting, and other needle arts group meets on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.**

Coming in December

Yoga, Friday Films, Book Club (*A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg), Knitting & Crocheting, and a wonderful presentation on World War I, "A World Gone Mad," by local historian Jim Gibbons, on **Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

- We ask you to PLEASE register for these events so we may accommodate everyone and so we can contact you if the program is cancelled for any reason. Just call the library at (708) 458-2880, ext. 105 OR stop in at the reference desk and sign up. There is no charge for any of our programs.

TEEN INC.

Teen Craft Night

Chillax in the evening with a craft! Pizza and drinks will be served! **Friday, Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m.**

Minute To Win It

We will have a bunch of challenges you'll have to accomplish in one minute. WARNING: This activity gets a bit CRAZY! **Saturday, Nov. 22, 4:30 p.m.**

Fear Factor Party

Think you have the guts to do something freaky? Come join the fear factor show to see what you are really capable of. **Saturday, Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m.**

Brownie Cake Pops

Get your inner baking skills out and make some cake pops the RIGHT way! **Saturday, Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m.**

Special Programs

Super Smash Bros: Smash Bash

Come play smash brothers with friends and meet new people. Make sure to bring your 3DS and the game! **Saturday, Nov. 15, 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**

Teen Movie: The Fault In Our Stars

Saturday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY FILMS are back!

- Nov. 7:** *21 Jump Street*
- Nov. 14:** *Pitch Perfect*
- Nov. 21:** *Mom's Night Out*
- Nov. 28:** Library closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

- All movies begin at 1 p.m. We serve free popcorn. You may bring your own soft drink.



Bridgeview Park District

HOLIDAY CRAFTS, EVENTS AND TRIPS

Registration is necessary. Visit us at Bridgeview Park District - 8100 S. Beloit Register early: 708-594-1818
Enjoy the Ride on our bus and leave the driving to us. All trips leave from Bridgeview Park District.

November Monthly Craft

Thanksgiving Craft for 3-6 yrs old & 7-10 years old

Let your kids explore their creativity and contribute to Thanksgiving! Drop your child off and go run a few errands while we get creative! Your child will be assembling and creating a unique craft for your family to enjoy during the Thanksgiving season. Pre-registration required.

Date: **Saturday November 8th**

Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Fee: \$10 per child

Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair

Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

With Crafters and Vendors selling their unique goods, you can get your special shopping done and then stay to see our tree lighting! Entrance fee to the fair is a new unwrapped toy. The Mason's will take the toys and bring joy to the young patients in the Children's Home in LaGrange. You can also contribute to the Children's Home by purchasing a raffle ticket for items on the raffle table.

Date: **Sunday, December 7th**

Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Bridgeview Sports Complex - 8100 S. Beloit

Fee: A new unwrapped toy

Vendors/Crafters:

- Set-up begins at 9:00am
- Fee is \$20 per space, if you bring your own 6- or 8-foot table plus a donated raffle prize
- Fee is \$25 per space, if you rent a 6 foot table from us plus a donated raffle prize
- **Registration deadline is Sunday, November 30th**
- Registration is taken on a first come first serve basis until we are at full capacity
- Vendors- only one vendor per direct sales company will be allowed to give you priority sales
- No refunds

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 7th - 5:00 pm

The Tree Lighting Ceremony is a highly-anticipated event drawing people of all ages to see the tree light up! The holiday season officially commences when the switch is flipped and the lights begin to sparkle! Get your shopping started before the lights are flipped and check out our vendor and craft show. See above for more information!

Location: Bridgeview Sports Complex - 8100 S. Beloit

Fee: **FREE**

Trips

ILLUMINATION - Morton Arboretum, Lisle

See the Morton Arboretum in all its' splendor at the 2nd annual Illumination! Walk the mile long pathway alit with holiday magic, stop at a food vendor for hot chocolate and more. Warming stations are available. This is a self guided outdoor event, please dress accordingly.

Ages: ALL - under 16 must be accompanied by a paid adult

Date: **Thursday, December 11, 2014**

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00pm

Fee: \$20.00 per person (19 yrs. & older)

\$13.00 per person (ages 2-18 yrs.)

(Note: Fees include transportation and admission only.

Beverages and food are on your own)

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY - Hollywood Casino, Aurora

Be a part of the lights, camera and action on the Hollywood Casino floor in Aurora! There are a variety of table games to choose from and over 1,000 slot machines in various denominations from 1¢ to \$100! Lunch and gaming are on your own.

Age: 21yrs. & older

Date: **Monday, November 17, 2014**

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$8 (transportation only)

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

- Theater at the Center, Munster, IN

Join us for the new musical adaptation of Truman Capote's chronicles as a young boy's friendship with eccentric relatives including his cousin and friend, Sook. This is a festive tale whose songs celebrate the simple pleasures of country life, friendship and the joy of giving during the Christmas season. Lunch is included in this theater package.

When registering, please indicate your choice of:

½ baked chicken with apple stuffing or a baked pork chop.

Age: 16 yrs. & older

Date: **Thursday, November 20, 2014**

Time: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$60 per person - includes transportation, play and meal.

14TH ANNUAL "ONE OF KIND SHOW & SALE"

- Merchandise Mart, Chicago

The Merchandise Mart will be a flurry of activity during this holiday, with you joining in the fun. With over 600 exhibitors from all across the country, you should be able to find that unique gift for those on your holiday list! Walk at your leisure. Lunch is on your own in the Food Court or in one of the Mart restaurants.

Ages: ALL - under 16 must be accompanied by paid adult

Date: **Thursday, December 4, 2014**

Time: 10:15am - 3:30pm

Fee: \$20 per person

BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT NEWS

Adult Fitness

Get a head start before the holidays in our FITNESS CENTER

TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

The Trial Membership is good for 30 consecutive days, for the Weight Room and the Indoor Track. Afterwards, there is a 7-day grace period to apply for Gold Membership, where the trial fee will be applied to.

District Fee: \$20
 Non-District Fee: \$25

GOLD MEMBERSHIP
 Full year membership includes access to Indoor Track and Fitness Center.

Adult District: \$105
(work in Bridgeview, bring us a current check stub and get our district rate!)
 Senior District Fee: \$85
 *Youth District Fee: \$75

Non-District Adult Fee: \$130
 Non-District Senior Fee: \$110
 Non-District Youth Fee: \$105
 Daily Rate: \$5 per visit

INDOOR WALKING TRACK MEMBERSHIP

Daily Rate: \$2 per visit
 District Fee: \$20 per year
(work in Bridgeview, bring us a current check stub and get our district rate!)
 Non-District Fee: \$30 per year

NOTE:

18 years and older constitutes an ADULT.
 62 years and older constitutes a SENIOR.
 13-17 years old may purchase YOUTH passes when accompanied by an ADULT pass holder. Passes are only for weight room and walking track use.

FREE Programs for Bridgeview Adults 55+

Sr. Game Day

1st Monday of each month

FREE

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
 Bridgeview residents age 55 and older are invited to stop in at the Sports Complex to mix, mingle and have fun the first Monday of each month for Senior Game Day. LCR, Scrabble, Pokeno and cards are just some of the games to choose from. You can bring your favorite games in to play and share, as well.

Light refreshments are available.
 Ages: 55+ Bridgeview seniors
 Dates: December 1st

Pinochle Club

2nd & 3rd Mondays of each month

FREE

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
 Pinochle players both novice and regular, are invited to join us on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of the month for our Pinochle Club. If you want to learn how to play or need a refresher course, this is the club for you!

Ages: ALL
 Dates: November 10th & 17th
 December 8th & 15th



Aging Well Walking

Tuesdays & Thursdays

FREE

10:00 am - 12:00 Noon
 Ages: Bridgeview residents 55 yrs+
 A body in motion helps in keeping you healthy and feeling young. Walk at your own pace in our climate controlled environment. Walk alone or with friends, tuned into music or solitude. The important point is to keep walking. We look forward to seeing you on our walking track.

B.E.S.T. Walking Club

Bridgeview's Exceptional Senior Team
FREE to join! FUN!

FREE

Meet new friends!
 Walk at your own pace!
 Walk across America one step at a time *(figuratively)*
 Ages: Bridgeview residents 55 yrs+
 Catch us if you can! Our stars await us at the TCL Theater in Hollywood! It will be lights, camera and action strides as we walk to Hollywood, CA. We need 4,287,990 steps to earn our "stars" of fame! For details, call Pam at 708-924-8272.

A special thank you ...

Vic Portillo of State Farm Insurance took the time to walk over a donation of 20 Pedometers for our B.E.S.T. Walking Club. We would like to take this opportunity to extend to him and State Farm our deepest gratitude for his generosity and enthusiasm for our Walking Club.

B.E.S.T. Wii BOWLING • WINTER LEAGUE NOW FORMING • Adults 55 yrs & older

Keep those winter blues away by joining our Wii Bowling League! This is a fun bowling league. We meet every Friday. The regular season is 8 weeks. Each team consists of 4 players. Each team bowls 1 match per week. A match consists of 2 games. League play begins on Friday, November 21st at 10:00am. Mix, mingle and meet new friends. Spectators are welcome.

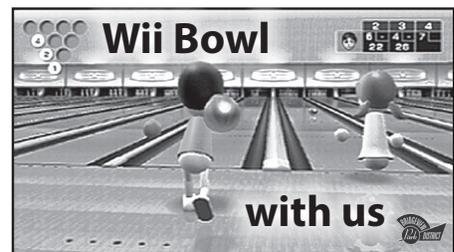
Ages: 55 yrs.+ Fee: \$12 per person/per season

Days: **Fridays**, Nov. 21, 2014 - Jan. 23, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

There will be no league play on November 28 & December 26

Bowling Award presentation, Friday, January 30, 2015





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Winter Season Reminders



Public Works employees pose for a quick picture before preparing for the oncoming winter.

- The last day for yard waste pickup is Tuesday, November 25th. It will resume again on April 1st, 2015.
- Branch chipping ends when the snow falls. That means chipping continues until the first snow when all the trucks are converted to plow duty.
- Any two-inch snowfall means NO parking on Bridgeview streets. Parked cars make snow removal on streets difficult.
- When you shovel snow, throwing the snow into the street is unsafe. Move the snow to the edges of your drive way, not the streets.
- Be mindful of your neighbors, specially the elderly. The Bridgeview Police are always happy to make "well being calls" on the elderly. When it becomes extremely cold we need to make sure everyone is safe.