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Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek (right) and Village Clerk John Altar check on the progress of a sidewalk construction project.

Grant money paves way for new sidewalks

Mayor Steven Landek is proud to report that the Village of Bridgeview has been awarded another grant that will help improve the safety of children in the village.

The Safe Routes to School Grant is a federally funded grant designed to enable and encourage children to walk and bike to school safely.

The \$200,000 grant will pay for nearly eight blocks of new sidewalks in areas of Bridgeview that currently have no sidewalks.

Longtime residents are welcoming the sidewalks, saying the walkways will ensure that children and residents can more safely get around Bridgeview.

With the new school year fast approaching, both children and parents will have a new opportunity to walk to school on sidewalks, instead of having to drive or walk in the streets. This will not only ensure the safety of those walking, but should make streets safer and more drivable for motorists without having pedestrians in the road.

The project will see the installation of sidewalks on 76th and 77th streets, and Beloit, Thomas and Stickney avenues. These improvements should also increase home values in the area.

In addition to improving children's safety, homes with sidewalks have proved to be more attractive to younger

buyers than those without sidewalks.

The project, which started in mid-July, is expected to be complete by the end of August. Mayor Landek expressed great appreciation for the cooperation and open-mindedness of the residents directly affected by the sidewalk project.

"Some residents may have lived here all their lives without sidewalks, and change is sometimes tough, but those residents had an open mind and realized the sidewalks are a good thing for our community," Landek said. "Their assistance made the project go easier and helped make Bridgeview a better place to live."



Treasure Days

Yes! I want to cash-in on Bridgeview Treasure Days!
Please include me in the list of homes participating.



My participation days are:

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22
(north of 79th Street)

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15
(south of 79th Street)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please print clearly and bring to the Customer Service Window at the Village Hall - 7500 S. Oketo

Register now for Treasure Days

Trustee Norma Pinion wants to remind everyone that the annual Bridgeview Treasure Days are coming up, and residents are encouraged to register at Village Hall this month.

As with every year, the village waives all fees and permits for Treasure Days and assists

with the advertising, as the pink mailboxes are ready for pickup upon registration.

Treasure Days will take place on Sept. 14th and 15th on the south side of 79th Street, and on Sept. 21st and 22nd on the north side of 79th Street.

Local AMVETS Post 192 invites new members

The local AMVETS Post 192 of Bridgeview is inviting current and veteran members of our Armed Forces to join their organization.

Post 192 of Bridgeview also has a hall available for rent and use by the general public. The spacious hall features video gaming and plenty of parking for larger events.

If you are interested in joining, or interested in helping out Bridgeview's AMVETS organization, you can reach them at (708) 233-3960 or visit them at 7731 S. Harlem Ave. in the shopping center plaza.



AMVETS (or American Veterans) has been around since World War II, and has a long history of assisting veterans and sponsoring programs that serve veterans and their local communities. You can find out more about them on their website at amvets.org.

Yard waste toters update

The village is making progress in distributing the new yard waste toters. While many of our residents have received theirs, we are waiting on parts to repair the toters for the residents who have yet to receive them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at (708) 594-2525.

In the meantime, residents can use a brown kraft paper bag, or your own containers (which cannot exceed 35 gallons in size or 40 pounds in weight).

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW

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Steven M. Landek

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Mon, Tues., Thurs., Fri.:

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wed.: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sat.: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

7500 S. Oketo Avenue

Bridgeview, IL 60455

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One convenient number for:

PUBLIC WORKS

BUILDING DEPT.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

(708) 594-2525

FIRE and POLICE

Emergencies only: 911

Fire non-emergency

(708) 924-8250

Police non-emergency

(708) 458-2131

TOYOTA PARK

Chicago Fire soccer,

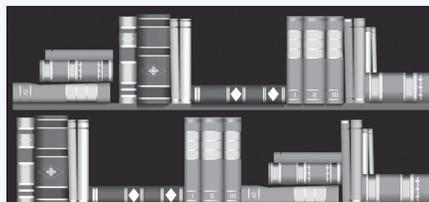
concerts, special events

(708) 594-7200

SPORTS DOME

Availability, pricing

(708) 924-8290



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.

It's Happening at Toyota Park!

AUGUST

Sat., Aug. 3	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sun., Aug. 4	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sun., Aug. 4	2 p.m.	Mexican Rodeo
Wed., Aug. 7	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. D.C. United (U.S. Open Cup)
Aug. 3-7	3 p.m.	Real Time Student Driving
Thu., Aug. 8	7 a.m.	Ride Chicago Testing
Sat., Aug. 10	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sat., Aug. 10	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Montreal Impact
Sun., Aug. 11	6 a.m.	NASA Midwest / Autocross
Tues., Aug. 13	6 p.m.	No Name Just Friends Car Show
Fri., Aug. 16	4 p.m.	SouthSide Polish Fest
Sat., Aug. 17	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sat., Aug. 17	Noon	SouthSide Polish Fest
Sun., Aug. 18	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sun., Aug. 18	Noon	SouthSide Polish Fest
Sun., Aug. 18	2 p.m.	Mexican Rodeo
Tues., Aug. 20	6 p.m.	No Name Just Friends Car Show
Thu., Aug. 22	7 a.m.	Ride Chicago Testing
Fri., Aug. 23	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Sporting Kansas City
Sun., Aug. 25	6 a.m.	Tri State Car Council

SEPTEMBER

Sun., Sept. 1	4 p.m.	Fire vs. Houston Dynamo
Mon., Sept. 2	9 a.m.	RAM Soccer Classic
Mon., Sept. 2	2 p.m.	Mexican Rodeo
Tues., Sept. 3	6 p.m.	No Name Just Friends Car Show
Sat., Sept. 7	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sat., Sept. 7	4 p.m.	John Carroll vs St. Norberts College FB
Sun., Sept. 8	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Tues., Sept. 10	6 p.m.	No Name Just Friends Car Show
Sat., Sept. 14	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sat., Sept. 14	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. New England
Sun., Sept. 15	6 a.m.	Ride Chicago
Sun., Sept. 15	8 a.m.	Bridgeview Lions Club Car Show
Sun., Sept. 15	2 p.m.	Mexican Rodeo (North Lot)
Tues., Sept. 17	6 p.m.	No Name Just Friends Car Show
Sat., Sept. 21	Noon	Tomato Assault
Sun., Sept. 22	8 a.m.	Bridgeview Lions Club Car Show
Tues., Sept. 24	6 p.m.	No Name Just Friends Car Show
Sat., Sept. 28	7:30 p.m.	Fire vs. Montreal Impact
Sun., Sept. 29	7:30 a.m.	Porsche Club of Chicago
Sun., Sept. 29	2 p.m.	Mexican Rodeo (North Lot)



SouthSide Polish Fest returning to Toyota Park

Residents will have an opportunity to celebrate Polish heritage here in Bridgeview this month, when the SouthSide Polish Fest spends the weekend of August 16th, 17th and 18th at Toyota Park.

The festival, which has quickly established itself as one of the largest Polish festivals in the United States, will feature live music, including polka, Polish dance music, and local cover bands. There also will be traditional Polish dancers, Polish food and beer, and carnival rides for the kids.

Festivities begin on Friday at

4 p.m., with the gates opening on Saturday and Sunday at noon. The festival wraps up by 11 pm each night.

General admission is \$10, while kids 5 and under get in free. Military personnel in uniform and with active military ID also receive free admission. If you purchase your ticket online, you can receive free parking as well.

For ticket information, you can visit southsidepolishfest.com.

For upcoming events, residents are encouraged to visit toyotapark.com.

YEEHAW!

Y'all invited to "Enjoy the Good Life in Bridgeview" at our

Country Bar-B-Q

Wednesday, AUGUST 14th
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

STADIUM CLUB • TOYOTA PARK
For Bridgeview Residents 55 yrs. & older

MUSIC BY
Eddie K and the
"Cowboyz
from Illinois"

RSVP Before August 7th
Call Pam at 594-1818
Let us know if you need a ride.

Park District hosts Art in the Park Expo

The Bridgeview Park District hosted its first Art in the Park Expo, for aspiring young artists, on July 4. Pictured are three of this year's submissions (from left): "Love," by Olivia St. Germain; "Midnight," by Elizabeth Starzyk; and "Champs," by Madelyn St. Germain. All three are students at Bridgeview School.



Bridgeview Park District

Coming to a Park Near YOU!

FREE!



FREE!

Rain Date
for any movie
is Oct. 4

Bridgeview Park District is providing you with FREE family entertainment in a park near you.

We will show 4 more outdoor movies at dusk in the 4 Bridgeview parks (dates listed below).

Bring your friends, chairs, blankets and snacks for an evening of FREE FUN!

- 3rd movie Friday, Aug. 16th Muehe Park, 89th & Harlem
- 4th movie Friday, Aug. 30th Fedor Park, 73rd and Sholer
- 5th movie Friday, Sept. 13th Ulrich Park, 73rd and Ferdinand
- 6th movie Friday, Sept. 27th.....Commissioner Park, 81st & Oketo

"Like" us on Facebook to reveal the movie titles: www.facebook.com/BVPark

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- Aug. 1..... Yoga begins
- Aug. 4..... Scuba
- Aug. 5..... Senior Game Day
- Aug. 6..... Teddy Bear Picnic
- Aug. 7..... Abe Lincoln Museum Trip
- Aug. 11..... Snorkeling
- Aug. 12..... Pinochle Club
- Aug. 13..... Tennis begins
- Aug. 19..... Pinochle Club
- Aug. 22..... Cirque Shanghai Trip
- Aug. 27..... Basketball Camp begins
- Aug. 28 Healthy Snacks - workshop
- Aug. 29 Let's Dine - North Beach

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 3.....Karates begin
- Sept. 3.....Building Blocks begins
- Sept. 4.....Stepping Stones begins
- Sept. 4.....Wed Dance Class begins
- Sept. 6.....Rules of the Road Review
- Sept. 6.....Tumble begins
- Sept. 9.....Pinochle Club
- Sept. 9.....Gymnastics begins
- Sept. 13.....Hollywood Casino-Aurora
- Sept. 16.....Pinochle Club

Enjoy Summer with Bridgeview Park District



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus

Presents "Built to Amaze!" the 143rd edition of the Greatest Show On Earth. Surprise and wonder delights audiences with over the top feats of strength, agility and courage. As the momentum builds so does the anticipation, anything can happen when the circus comes to town.

**Reserve your tickets now for the whole family
to have a morning of fun, thrills and magic!**

Day/Date: Saturday, November 2nd

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (times are approximate); show begins at 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$26 per person

Ages: Fun for All Ages!!!

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Enjoy the Ride on our bus and leave the driving to us. All trips leave from Bridgeview Park District.

A Day at the Races

—Cicero, IL

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Noon-6:30 p.m. (approximate)

Win, Place and we'll show you a great day of thoroughbred racing at world renowned Hawthorne Race Track. Fee includes mini-coach bus transportation, admission, daily racing program reserved seating and lunch in the Gold Cup Room ...

AND WE'RE OFF!

Ages: 21 and up

Fee: \$27 per person

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Tour

— Springfield, IL

Wednesday, Aug. 7

6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Our first stop is a tour of Lincoln's Tomb, then the Old State Capitol building. We'll check out the Illinois War Memorial, tour Lincoln's home, and the highlight of the trip will be a tour of the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Lunch is on your own. Ticket price includes all tours, transportation and dinner at Golden Corral. Note: the bus trip to and from Springfield is an estimated time.

Ages: ALL (under 16 yrs must have paid adult)

Fee: \$88 per person

Pre-registration is necessary.

40-passenger minimum requirement

It's Your Lucky Day Casino Trip

—Aurora, IL

Friday, Sept. 13

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lights, camera and action on the Hollywood Casino floor! You can be a part of it all, only this time in Aurora. There are a variety of table games to choose from and over 1,000 slot machines too. Lunch and gaming are on your own. Note if you have a Players card for Hollywood, Joliet it is valid in Aurora also.

Ages: 21 +

Fee: \$8 per person transportation

Shoppers Delight Gurnee Mills Outlet

—Gurnee, IL

Monday, Aug. 26

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

From back-to-school shopping to bargain hunting, the Gurnee Mills Outlet Mall should have what you are looking for! There are more than 200 stores to choose from including Aeropostale, Bath & Body Works, Forever 21, Sketchers and Yankee Candle. Gurnee Mills is the largest outlet and value shopping destination in Illinois. It is the ultimate indoor climate control shopping experience! Lunch will be on your own.

Ages: All

Fee: \$10 per person transportation"

"LET'S DINE!"

North Avenue Beach Grill

- Chicago

Thursday, Aug. 29

5 p.m.

Castaways Grill is the best location on North Avenue Beach for great food and ice cold drinks. The first level features an ice cream cafe and beachside burgers with casual walk-up stands. The rooftop features tasty appetizers, sandwiches, fresh salads and refreshing desserts. If you are feeling inspired, join one of the many volleyball games being played on the beach or just take a stroll and get your feet wet in Lake Michigan! Join us for gorgeous views & sunset!

Ages: 21 and up

Fee: \$8 per person transportation

SENIOR GAME DAY

Monday, Aug. 5

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

All Bridgeview residents age 55+ are invited to stop in to 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 game too. Light refreshments will be available

Ages: 55+ Bridgeview residents

Fee: FREE

B.E.S.T. Wii BOWLING – FALL LEAGUES NOW FORMING

We are back for another season of Wii Bowling! Regular season is 8 weeks. Each team needs a minimum of 4 players. Bring in a team or sign up as an individual to be placed on a team. Each team will bowl 1 match per week. A match consists of 2 games. There will be a Team Meeting and practice session on Friday, Sept. 20 at 10 am. League play begins on Friday, Oct. 4. Spectators are welcome!

If you are not sure that Wii Bowling is for you, come check us out on September 20!

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

Time: 10 a.m. **Days:** Fridays, Oct. 4 - Dec. 6 - No bowling on Nov. 22 & 29.



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A DAY AT THE PARK

Yoga - 12 years and Older Begins, Thursday, Aug. 1

Yoga is great for the body and mind. We work continuously on the core, stomach, and waistline. There are many variations of each pose so this is perfect for beginners or the more advanced.

Day: Thursdays

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Fee: \$35 per person

Teddy Bear Picnic Tuesday, Aug. 6

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bring your favorite Teddy Bear to our special picnic in the park. We will play a game, sing songs and make a "beary" special craft. A lite snack will be provided.

Ages: 2-4 years old

Fee: \$5

Interior Decorarating 101

Thursday, Aug. 15

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Does your spare room need a make-over? Do you need to change that ordinary bedroom into a nursery? Join us for a hands-on class to discover tips, techniques, brush strokes and more. Find the latest color trends too. Dress for a mess as we will be taping and painting through the advice of a Design Specialist from Sherwin Williams.

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$10 per person

RULES OF THE ROAD - FREE

Friday, Sept. 6

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

The Secretary of State in cooperation with the Bridgeview Park District is offering a Rules of the Road refresher class. If you are 50 years of age and older this is the class for you! Designed to help you pass your Illinois State Driver's license exam. Updates on the current rules of the road will be highlighted along with the preparation of the general and written road sign

Ages: 50+ **Fee:** FREE

Healthy Snacking

Wednesday, Aug. 28

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Are you trying to eat healthier at work and home? Do you want to send the kids back to school with healthy snacks in their lunch box? This workshop is designed to show you how you can create these snacks right in your very own kitchen! Find out how the nutritional values of these homemade snacks can benefit your well being. Everyone will leave with tips, samples and recipes too!

Ages: 16 +

Fee: \$5 per person

Must pre-register by Aug. 23

Basketball Camp

Co-Ed 3rd - 8th Grade

Our goal is to help children develop skills including: footwork, shooting mechanics, defensive stances, ball handling, court awareness and one-on-one techniques.

Fee: \$40

Ages:

Time:

3rd - 5th Grade.....6:00 - 7 p.m.

6th - 8th Grade.....7:00 - 8 p.m.

Camp Days:

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Friday, Aug. 30

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Friday, Sept. 6

EARLY DEVELOPMENT Sept. 2013 - May 2014

Children enrolled in all of the Early Development programs must be completely toilet-trained and must be ready to stay in a classroom without becoming disruptive. Registration is taken on a first-come first-serve basis.

Child's original registered birth certificate is required in all cases

Pebbles "The Class for the 2-year-old"

The Pebbles program is designed for your child and parent, grandparent or significant other adult to spend quality time together in a group atmosphere. Through stories, songs, simple crafts and gym activities your child's motor and socialization skills will be stressed. All supplies and a light snack are included in the fee.

Day/Dates: Mondays **Time:** 11 a.m. - Noon

Ages: 18 mos. - 3 years old **Fee:** \$47 per session

Session # 1: Sept. 23 - Nov. 11

Session # 2: Nov. 18 - Jan. 13, 2014 (no class Dec. 23)

Session # 3: Jan. 20, 2014 - Mar 10, 2014

Session # 4: March 17, 2014 - May 12, 2014

Building Blocks for the 3-year-old Begins 9/3/2013

Children must be 3 years of age by Sept. 1, 2013 in order to participate in the 2013-2014 program, which runs from Sept. 2013 to May 2014.

Day/Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays **Time:** 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Fee: \$450 per year or 3 payments of \$150 every 11 weeks

Stepping Stones for the 4-year-old Begins 9/4/2013

Children must be 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2013. They must also be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2014 to participate in the May 2014 Graduation.

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

Fee: \$600 per year or 3 payments of \$200 every 11 weeks

MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS AT BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT

Bridgeview Park District

COME PLAY!

Must pre-register for all programs at Bridgeview Park District

Tennis Lessons

Tuesdays, Aug. 13 - Sept. 17

Wierzba Park - 79th & Oketo

Sessions introduce players to the fundamentals of tennis and core tennis strokes. Each week players receive help with technique, participate in drills and play games. Each player must bring their own racquet, water bottle and 2 canisters of tennis balls.

Fee: \$45

Beginners: Ages 7 - 10 years old

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

Intermediate: Ages 10 - 14 years old

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

Min/Max for both classes: 4/8

Beginner & Advanced Tumble Classes

Fridays or Saturdays

"Flip-Flop" your way to our tumble class where the primary focus in class is how to do a round-off, flip-flop, and any other advanced tumbling needs. You do not have to be a cheerleader to join this class, any boy or girl interested in working on their tumbling skills can join. You will need to get approval from the coach or have been in the class previously and have the skills to continue in it.

Ages: 6 - 18 years old

Days: Friday or Saturday

Time: Fri: 7:15- 8:45 p.m.

Sat: 9:15- 10:30 a.m.

Date: Sept. 6 - Nov. 8

(no class 10/4 or 10/25)

#2: Nov. 15 - Jan. 3

(no class 11/22)

Fee: \$90

Gymnastics

We offer Beginner/Intermediate Gymnastics and Team Gymnastics.

Ages: 6-13 years old

Fee: \$60 (8 weeks)

Days: Mondays

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. or 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Dates: Sept. 9 - Oct. 21

Oct. 28th - Dec. 23rd

(no class 11/18)

Ages: 2-5 years old

Fee: \$50

Days: Wednesdays - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Dates: Sept. 11 - Oct. 23

or

Days: Saturdays - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Dates: Sept. 14 - Dec. 28

South Suburban Soccer Association

Monday • Wednesday • Saturday

This program is a great opportunity to learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and develop athletic skills. Our travel soccer teams compete with neighboring communities at our field and their facilities.

Practice begins August 19th, and will be held every Monday and Wednesday. Games take place on our fields and close neighboring parks. Games will usually be on Saturdays.

***Shin Guards are mandatory.**

We are always looking for volunteer coaches to help our teams! In order to keep our prices low and programs running we need your help! Please see the park if interested

CO-ED DIVISIONS

Pee-Wee: 6-7 years old

Time: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Midget: 8 - 9 years old

Time: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Junior: 10 - 11 years old

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Senior: 12 - 13 years old

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

(Ages as of August 1, 2013)

Fee: \$100 includes: uniform, instruction, 2 practices a week and games on Saturdays.

Fall Dance

Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz Classes

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Ballet 4-6 yrs old... 3:45-4:15... \$25

Ballet 7-10 yrs old... 4:15-4:45...\$25

HipHop 4-7 yrs old... 4:45-5:15...\$25

HipHop 8-12yrs old... 5:15-6:00...\$45

Jazz 10-14 yrs old... 6:00-6:45...\$45

Wednesday Class

Session #1..... Sept. 4 - Oct. 23

Session #2..... Oct 30 - Jan. 8

*must bring white ballet shoes

FRIDAY CLASSES

Ballet 4-6 yrs old... 3:00-3:30... \$25.00

HipHop 4-7 yrs old... 3:30-4:00...\$25.00

Jazz 7-10 yrs old... 4:00-4:30...\$25.00

Ballet 7-10yrs old... 4:30-5:00...\$25.00

Jazz 11-14 yrs old... 5:00-5:45...\$45.00

Friday Class

Session #1..... Sept. 6th - Oct. 25th

Session #2..... Nov. 1st - Jan. 10th

*must bring white ballet shoes

Basketball League

4th - 8th Grade Divisions

Attention all School and Park teams!

Hornets basketball is a great opportunity for youngsters to learn and play the sport of basketball. The league is reserved for park and school teams.

- 9-11 games

- Single elimination playoffs

- Games on Saturdays and some Sunday mornings.

Looking for volunteer coaches!

Hornets Cheerleading

Starts in November

\$85 Thursdays

Come cheer on our basketball teams!

Karate

Children universally enjoy learning the art of karate. Classes are taught by Illinois Shotokan Karate Club's expert instructors under the direction of John DiPasquale, four-time National Champion, U.S. Karate National Coach and President of the National Karate Federation of the U.S. Beginner students will not be permitted to register into the current session after the second class has met. Registration for continuers through advanced students will be accepted after the start date, but the full class fee is required. Young children will develop agility, strength and coordination skills through fun and creative activities. This program, specifically designed to work with growing minds and bodies, enhances memory and agility skills, too.

Pre-Karate (4 - 7 years)

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Sept. 3 - Dec. 10

Time: 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages: 4 - 8 years

Fee: \$131 (15 weeks)

Youth Karate (8 - 14 years)

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Sept. 3 - Dec. 10

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

Ages: 8 - 14 years

Fee: \$131 (15 weeks)





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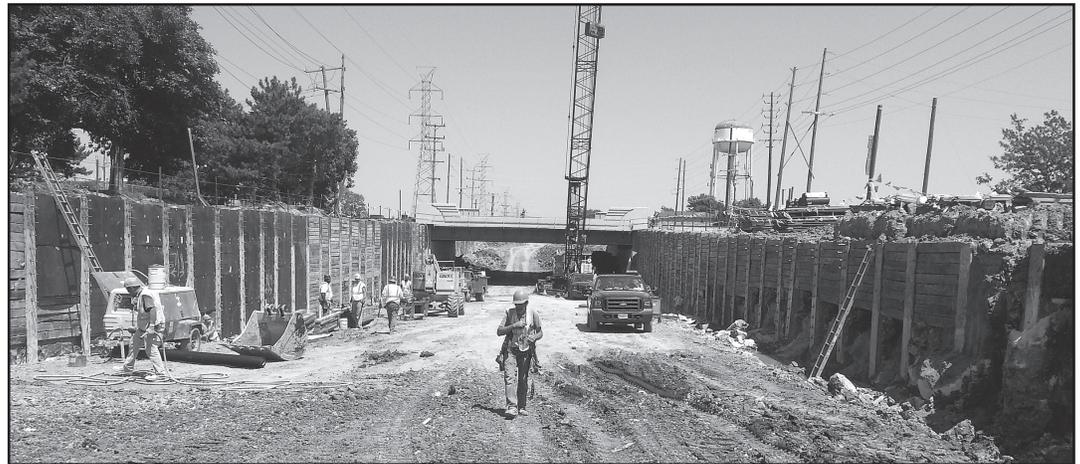
71st Street underpass nears completion

Trustee Higginson reports improved fire protection coming soon

There is light at the end of the tunnel for a project that will ease traffic congestion in the Bridgeview area, especially around Toyota Park. After overcoming a few unexpected obstacles, engineers say that completion of the project is set for mid-October.

Trustee Patricia Higginson, who is committee chairperson of the fire department, remarked on how the project will improve the time for fire response and improve safety for local residents.

“Having the 71st Street underpass open will not only help out Bridgeview, but neighboring towns, such as Bedford Park, in their ability to respond quicker to emergency calls,” Higginson said, “For decades, our fire department always ran the risk of



a train on 71st Street costing them precious minutes responding to an emergency call. That will no longer be an issue.”

Over the past month, workers have set the second stage of the bridge, prepared the retaining walls on all four corners of the bridge for completion and completed a new water main for Pepsico’s manufacturing plant in Bridgeview.

Work that is being completed this month includes pouring the retaining wall panels, continuing to excavate

for what will be 71st Street under the bridge and west, along with installing roadway drainage on the west side of the bridge once it’s excavated.

The project, which creates an underpass on 71st Street under the CSX and Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad tracks, will provide another viable route between Harlem Avenue and Roberts Road. While its biggest impact will be easing traffic delays in the area on event days at Toyota Park, it will also ease traffic on 79th Street for the normal

weekday commute.

The project also includes the addition of a sidewalk that will link up with existing sidewalks on 71st Street, improving the ability for local residents to walk or ride their bike to events at Toyota Park.

The 71st Street underpass project has been funded by CREATE, a federal stimulus program that sponsored projects to move rail lines away or around busy intersections. Total cost of the improvement will total around \$20 million.