



# BRIDGE VIEWS

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Highlighting Community News and Events

July 2014

## Street and sewer improvements this fall

Infrastructure projects totaling more than \$2 million are approved

**M**ayor Steve Landek and the Bridgerview Village Board recently approved infrastructure projects totaling more than \$2 million.

Resurfacing of nearly two miles of streets will begin in August. The focus of the work will be Oketo Avenue from 71st to 87th streets, and 78th Avenue from 79th to 87th streets. In addition to street repaving, the work will involve curb repair, curb gutters and sewers.

Oketo Avenue, which is a heavily used street, has been repaved and patched for many years. According to Mayor Landek, this will be the first time in nearly 40 years that the street will undergo complete restoration.

Also approved for work is the refurbishing of a large portion of village sanitary sewers. The sewers, which were first installed in 1965, have received maintenance several times. However, this time more thorough repairs will be made to ensure our sanitary system meets the newest and strictest standard.

The rebuilding of sewers and catch basins will be the largest part of the work, all of which is designed to stop



Trustee Patt Higginson (left), Village Clerk John Altar and Trustee Norma Pinion inspect Oketo Avenue.



Mayor Landek (left) studies some of the plans for the sanitary sewer work with Water Plant Operator Nick Caprio.

the inflow of storm water into our sanitary sewers.

According to Mayor

Landek, reducing the inflow of storm water into our sanitary sewers assures that

during those big downpours, raw sewage doesn't end up in your basement or crawl space.

The sewer project is one more commitment of tax dollars to making sure our village infrastructure is upgraded and maintained.

"Our community continues to be attractive to business and new residents because the basic structure, streets, sewers, and services are rock solid and dependable," the mayor said.

Work will begin in August and is scheduled to conclude later this year.

# 63 tons of trash collected!

## Village pitches in for a thorough spring cleaning

Trustee Jim Cecott reports that the 2014 Spring Village-wide Cleanup was a huge success. 63 tons of trash was collected over the period of three weekends.

Crews were out early each Saturday morning in June, picking up debris left out by homeowners. Along with Allied Waste, the village deployed its own tree chipper and street sweeper to help finish the cleanup. Public works crews reported a lot of tree chipping and street cleaning.

Over the three collection dates, 63 tons of trash, debris, furniture — everything including the kitchen sink — have been picked up. What



Mayor Landek and the Kunis family watch Public Works employees in action during the village-wide cleanup days.

does this all mean to Bridgeview? It means a cleaner community, free of debris and rodents. It means higher property values and a great

place to raise a family.

The next cleanup dates are scheduled for late September. Watch for flyers and notices throughout your area.



Bridgeview Police officers registered residents' bikes as an anti-theft measure.

## Police do their part for bike safety

Trustee Norma Pinion reports that Bridgeview police offered safety checks in three different locations in June, which is designated as "Bike Month."

During the yearly safety check, police registered residents' bikes to prove ownership if the bikes are ever stolen.

Officers also made sure the bikes were working properly, that tires had enough air, pedals were safe, and brakes worked cor-



Bridgeview Police officers made on-the-spot safety repairs on a resident's bike.

rectly. Police also gave the bikes free tune-ups and advised children how to maintain a safe bike and ride safely on streets.

Free popcorn and water bottles were available to children and parents while they waited to get their bikes checked.

### 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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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Chicago Fire soccer, concerts, special events

(708) 594-7200

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## BRIDGEVIEW NATIVE SERVING HER COUNTRY

# Village salutes Lt. Col. Julie Spears



Lt. Colonel Julie Spears, a Bridgeview native, assumes command of the 50th Intelligence Squadron during a ceremony earlier this year.

Bridgeview proudly applauds the achievements of Lieutenant Colonel Julie A. Spears, a Bridgeview native. Earlier this year Spears took command of the 50th Intelligence Squadron on Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

Julie, whose maiden name is Moletz, spent her formative years in Bridgeview. What she learned from her fine family, her community and her education she has put into action during her stellar professional career.

Trained as a registered nurse, she earned her Nursing Degree at Elmhurst College and Evangeline School of Nursing. She joined the Air National Guard and received her direct commission as a U.S. Air Force officer. She became an Intelligence Line officer for the 153rd Operational Support Squadron in 2000. Two years later, she went to work as a geopolitical analyst in Pakistan and India, deployed to

the CENTOCOM Joint Intelligence Center.

She later transferred to Air Force Space Command as Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA). By 2007 she had gained her Master of Science degree, Space Operations Management and Acquisitions, from Webster University Colorado Springs, but she did not stop there. She attended the prestigious Air War College in 2008.

In 2010 she was selected to serve as the senior IMA to the Director ISR Capabilities (AF/A2C) at the Pentagon. She currently has a pending thesis acceptance on her Master of Science Degree Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington D.C.

Congratulations, Lt. Colonel Spears, on making everyone in Bridgeview — and your country — proud.

## Bridgeview Fire Department honored by American Heart Association

Trustee Patt Higginson and the Bridgeview Fire Department have proudly accepted an award from the American Heart Association.

The Bridgeview Fire Department was one of three local emergency agencies honored for its dedication to caring for heart attack patients.

“We received their Silver Award, which is the highest they have, for helping diagnose heart attack patients,” Trustee Higginson said.

The award was for using 12-lead heart monitors, which can tell exactly where in the heart a patient is having a blockage. That helps doctors use balloon treatments within the first 60 minutes, which is critical.

“We have used the technology successfully on a consistent basis,” Fire Chief Anthony Butkus said. “Saving



Trustee Patt Higginson is joined by members of the Bridgeview Fire Department in displaying the Silver Award from the American Heart Association.

lives starts with us on the scene with the 12-lead technology.”

The Oak Lawn and Burbank fire departments also use 12-lead monitors and were similarly honored by the

American Heart Association. Many departments still use 3-lead technology, which does not provide as detailed an image of the heart for paramedics or doctors in the field.

# 60,000 people attended Toyota Park for events in June, making it one of the busiest months ever!

## B96 PEPSI SUMMER BASH



The headline event for June was B96 Pepsi Summer Bash, which highlighted international superstars Jennifer Lopez (above) and Pitbull (right). They headlined a star-packed lineup that entertained the thousands who attended. It was so successful, CBS radio has reserved a concert date for next year!



## PORKY'S RIB FEST

Barbecue lovers attended the four-day family fest in droves, sampling top-rated and award-winning BBQ from restaurants from all over the country. Restaurants in the fest included Howling Coyote BBQ Company, Robinson's No. 1 Ribs, Chicago BBQ, Texas Thunder BBQ, Uncle Bub's, Porky Chicks BBQ, Famous Dave's and more. The fest also included music performances, pony rides, carnival rides and games, and much more.



## THROTTLE FEST

Throttle Fest, the Midwest's largest three-day bike rally, had another great year at Toyota Park. Bands such as Halestorm, Jackyl and Las Vegas, along with the stars of Tru TV "Full Throttle Saloon," brought thousands of revved-up fans to Toyota Park.



## COOK COUNTY 4-H FAIR

There was something for everyone at the fair, including goats, rabbits, chickens, games, arts and crafts, a watermelon-eating contest, face painting, and mobile library. 4-H Club members shared with Mayor Landek (below) some of the knowledge they've acquired through their club activities.



## MEXICAN RODEO

Two Mexican Rodeo events brought thousands of attendees to Toyota Park. Promoters were very pleased with the turnout and already have scheduled more rodeos for this year.

# BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ADULT PROGRAMS



### FRIDAY FILMS, 1 p.m.

- July 18: Ride Along (PG-13),
- July 25: Birder's Guide to Everything (PG-13)
- Aug. : Gambit (PG-13)
- Aug. : Art of the Steal (R)
- Aug 1: Grand Budapest Hotel (R)
- Aug 22: Her (R)
- Aug 29: Labor Day (PG-13)
- September 1: CLOSED

Popcorn is available. You may bring your own beverage or purchase one from our vending machine. Please be advised that this schedule may be subject to change or substitution.

### SAVE THESE DATES!

- **Book Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The book for July is *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman. The August selection is *Lost Lake* by Sarah Addison Allen.
- **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet** meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. until July 29.
- **Barbara Weyrick**, Lyons Township Assessor, will be at the library Thursday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss property tax issues. Please register for this event.
- Celebrate Labor Day with master musician, storyteller, and songwriter **Mark Dvorak** on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. WFMT Radio has named Dvorak "Chicago's very own troubadour." Please register for this event by calling 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 and Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday; closed Sunday



### RON & SANDIE RETURN

*G'day, Mate!*  
 If you're looking for fun this summer, you must see the GIRL of WONDER and her friend from DOWN UNDER!  
 Ron & Sandie return with a wonderful show highlighting Australia. They sing, they dance, and they tell fun facts about the Land Down Under. Join us at Bridgeview Library on July 19 at 2 p.m.  
 This promises to be the best show you'll see all season. *Fair Dinkum!*  
 There's no charge for this program but we ask you to please register by calling 708-458-2880, ext. 105.



### GENTLE FLOW YOGA

Don't just do something ... sit there!  
 Instructor Debbie Sernus shows us how to relax and de-stress without leaving our seats. Gentle Flow Yoga meets on July 15, July 29, and Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please register for this event by calling 708-458-2880, ext. 105, or stop by the Reference Desk to register.

# BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT

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## WINDY TALL SHIPS - Chicago

**Saturday, July 26th**  
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$38 per person for sailing fee and transportation.

## WHERE SEEDS ARE BORN

- West Chicago  
**Monday, Aug. 11th**  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$10 per person

## HOLLYWOOD OR BUST - Joliet

**Monday, Aug. 25th**  
 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$8 per person transportation

## FALL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

- Oakbrook Mall in Oak Brook  
**Sunday, Sept. 7th**  
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Ages: All - under 16 yrs. must be accompanied by a paid adult.  
 Fee: \$8 per person

## FOUR WINDS CASINO TRIP

- New Buffalo, MI  
**Monday, Sept. 15th**  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 Ages: 21 +  
 Fee: \$32 Min/Max: 30/54

## EXCURSIONS INTO THE UNKNOWN

- Chicago Suburbs  
**Friday, Sept. 19th**  
 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
 Ages: 13 yrs and older  
 Fee: \$35 per person

## DAY AT THE RACES - Cicero, IL

**Wednesday, Oct. 8th**  
 Noon - 6:30 p.m. approximate  
 Stop by the Park Office for your menu selection.  
 Ages: 21 yrs and older  
 Fee: \$21 per person Min/Max: 15/20

## BLUE CHIP CASINO TRIP

- Michigan City, MI  
**Monday, Oct. 20th**  
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Ages: 21 +  
 Fee: \$15

## A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

- Theater at the Center, Munster, IN  
**Thursday, Nov. 20th**  
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Ages: All - under 18 years must be accompanied by a paid adult.  
 Fee: \$60 per person

## ONE OF A KIND SHOW

- Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL  
**Thursday, Dec. 4th**  
 10:00 am - 3:00 p.m.  
 Ages: All - under 18 years must be accompanied by a paid adult.  
 Fee: \$20 per person

### Special Event

## COLOR DASH 5K

- Bridgeview Park District  
**Saturday, Oct. 4th**  
 The COLOR DASH is coming to Bridgeview with a hurricane of color that will even turn your tears of joy into a tie-dyed movement of bliss. We know that running isn't everyone's cup of tea. Rather than running away from something, try dashing towards something this year. Try Color Dashing just for FUN with your family and friends! After 5K of color whirlwinds, there will be too many laughs to count and so many memories. So let's party and turn your life colorful in The COLOR DASH! This is one fun event you don't want to miss.

Sign up here:  
<http://www.thecolordash5k.com/>

Join as an individual or a family.  
 Sales end October 4th.

Registration Type	Price	Fee
Individual	\$40	\$4.69
Families of 3 - Must be in Same Household. Price Per Person	\$28.33	\$4.05
Families of 4 - Must be in Same Household. Price Per Person	\$25	\$3.87
Families of 5 - Must be in Same Household. Price Per Person	\$23	\$3.76
Families of 6 - Must be in Same Household. Price Per Person	\$21.66	\$3.68

## Seniors 55 and older

### End of Summer Sundaes Social

**Friday, Sept. 5th**  
 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Join us for an end of summer sundaes social! Our afternoon begins with a round of BUNCO. We'll take an intermission to make our very own sundaes (with all the trimmings of syrups, sprinkles, whip cream and a cherry topper)! Our day ends with games of BINGO for prizes.  
 Ages: 55 +  
 Fee: \$3 -District / \$5 -Non-District  
 Must register by September 2nd

## FREE Monthly Fun Programs

### Senior Game Day - Age 55+

1st Monday of each month  
 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Aug. 4th (No Game Day in Sept.)  
 Oct. 6th

### Pinochle Club - All Ages

2nd & 3rd Monday of each month  
 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 July 14 & 21; Aug. 11 & 18; Sept. 8 & 15

### Aging Well Walking - Age 55+

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
 10:00 a.m. - Noon

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

Back for another season of Bowling!  
 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, Sept 19th at 10 am. Spectators are welcome! Award presentation on Friday, Nov. 14th. **Team Meeting and FREE practice session on Friday, Sept. 12th at 10:00 am.**  
 Ages: 55+  
 Fee: \$12 per person/per season  
 Time: 10:00 a.m.  
 Days: **Fridays**, Sept. 19th - Nov. 7th

# BRIDGEVIEW PARK DISTRICT

## SOUTH SUBURBAN SOCCER LEAGUE

This program is a great opportunity to learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and develop athletic skills. Our travel soccer teams compete with neighboring communities both at home and away.

Practices begin August 11th and are held every Monday and Wednesday. 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.

### Co-Ed Divisions

Pee-Wee 6 - 7 years 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.  
 Midget 8 - 9 years 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.  
 Junior 10 - 11 years 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Senior 12 - 13 years 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$100  
 Fee includes uniform, instruction, two practices a week and games on Saturdays.

## CHICAGO FIRE SOCCER "YES" CAMP

Main objectives of YES Recreational Camps are to combine the overall development of the child's physical capacities and fundamental movement skills with an introduction into the key components of soccer. YES Recreational Player Camps are also designed to spark each child's soccer imagination. Campers receive a ball, dri-fit Jersey, player evaluation plus FREE companion ticket to a Chicago Fire game at Toyota Park. Shin guards and a water bottle are required for each player. You can also have an opportunity to house a coach the week of camp! Let our office staff know if you are interested!

Dates: August 12th - 16th  
 Days: Tuesday - Saturday  
 Ages/Fees:

*Recreational for 5 - 6 year olds*  
 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.....Fee: \$90  
*Recreational for 7 - 10 year olds*  
 9:00 - Noon.....Fee: \$115  
*Competitive for 11 - 14 year olds*  
 9:00 - Noon.....Fee: \$115

• Registration is taken at the Bridgeview Park District.

## 2-WEEK BASKETBALL CAMP

3rd - 8th Grade Co-Ed

Mondays • Tuesdays • Saturdays

6 classes! August 18th - August 30th

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

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS :

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

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

SATURDAYS:

3rd - 5th grade.... 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

6th - 8th grade.... 11:00 a.m. - Noon

## B.P.D. YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

4th, 5-6th, & 7-8th Grade Divisions

Join Bridgeview Park District school and park 2014 Girls Basketball League. We provide the referees, on-line schedule, 10 games and a trophy for 1st and 2nd place and medals for the team members. Games are on Saturdays from 9 am - 6 p.m. with possible Sunday morning games. Each team will have a max of 12 players per roster. Games begin late November and single elimination playoffs start in March. Season will range from 9-11 games depending on the amount of teams registered.

Cost per Team: \$500

Contact Bridgeview park District  
 8100 S. Beloit, Bridgeview, IL

Office: 708-594-1818

[jborrowdale@bridgeviewparkdistrict.org](mailto:jborrowdale@bridgeviewparkdistrict.org)

## MORE FUN PROGRAMS

Contact us for details on the following fun programs:

- SCUBA LESSONS
- TENNIS
- BALLET or HIP HOP
- KARATE
- MUSIC LESSONS
- GYMNASTICS
- KICKBOXING
- YOGA W/ADULT
- CHEERLEADING
- TUMBLING
- POMS

## EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Children enrolled must be completely toilet trained and must be ready to stay in a classroom without becoming disruptive. Registration is first come first serve. *Child's original registered birth certificate required in all cases.*



### BUILDING BLOCKS for the 3 yr old

Begins 9/9/2014

Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2014 in order to participate in the 2014-2015 program, which runs from Sept. 2014 to May 2015.

Day/Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$450 per year or 3 payments of \$150.00 every 11 weeks (Nov. & Feb.)

### STEPPING STONES for the 4 yr old

Begins 9/8/2014

Children must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2014. They must also be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2015 to participate in the May 2015 Graduation.

Program runs from Sept. 2014 to May 2015.

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Fee: \$600 per year or 3 payments of \$200.00 every 11 weeks (Nov. & Feb.)



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## Bridgeview renews electrical aggregation contract

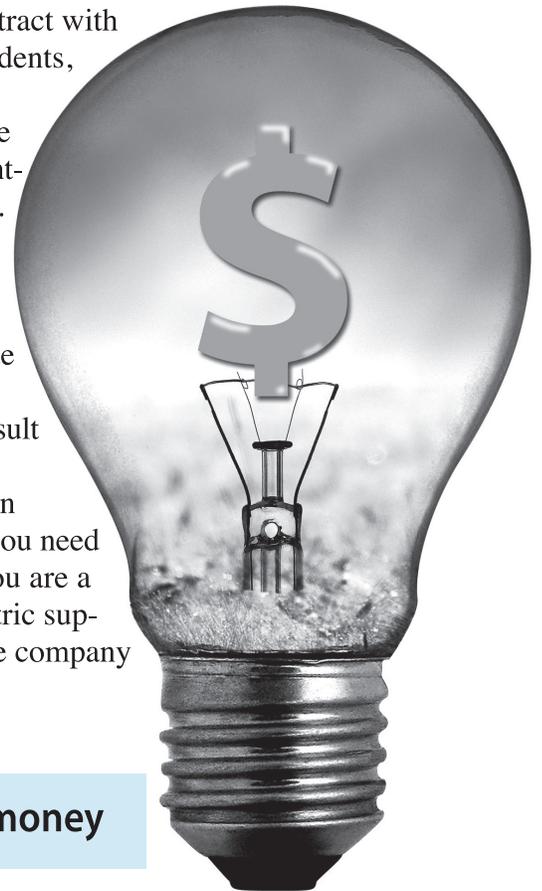
Bridgeview has renewed the electrical Municipal Aggregation Contract with Constellation Energy. By using the buying power of Bridgeview residents, we can “bulk buy” electricity, thereby saving homeowners money.

Two years ago, village residents approved this program to help save money. The results for the past two years have been very positive. Jointly, thousands of dollars have been saved by the aggregation program.

Compared to ComEd’s summer rates and the rates paid by other villages, Bridgeview has one of the lowest rates — 7.54 cents per kWh — in electricity. ComEd’s price this summer is 7.596 c/kWh, Hickory Hills’ new rate is 7.676 c/kWh, and Indian Head Park’s rate is 7.67 c/kWh.

The contract has been renewed for another 36 months, which will result in continued savings.

Remember, you must fill out the form to opt out of the Constellation Energy program. If you were with Constellation Energy previously, you need to do nothing to continue enjoying the benefits of the program. If you are a current ComEd customer, or a customer of another independent electric supplier, you must fill out the form from Constellation Energy telling the company you wish to stay with your current supplier.



**Finding new ways to save Bridgeview residents money**

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