

The Broadview Bulletin

A Village Newsletter

www.broadview-il.gov

Winter 2020



Season's greetings

Challenging times often make people reflect on the importance of the people in their lives and the gratitude for those who helped them get through this year.

I want to begin by wishing every resident of Broadview a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season. In the season's spirit of peace and cooperation, I'm proud to say that the Village of Broadview is working together like never before to deliver effective services and build a vibrant community. I hope to convey this year...is that connections to hold in your hand, to keep, to frame, to remind us that we are able to give and received in the toughest of times, and that we should keep doing so.

Our focus for the new year, is to continue economic development and public works capital improvements (as funding becomes available). I'm proud to say that in my first term as mayor we've already welcomed several new businesses to Broadview, including several grand openings, ground breaking ceremonies this quarter as well as **managed a balance budget for the third year in row**. In the year to come, I hope to continue cutting ribbons on diverse new businesses that will enrich our community. If you're interested in opening a small business here in Broadview, feel free to reach out to Village government – we're here to help in any way we can.

While I'm looking forward to the day when this whole social distancing thing is over, I have to admit I'm impressed by the creativity so many people have shown to make the pandemic as fun as possible. The holidays are not the exception: We have put together COVID-19 drive through Halloween activities, weekly food drives serving over 1,500 families as well as a Thanksgiving food drive serving a 1,000 families, this was in partnership with Black Men United, PLCCA and World Vision. For those kids who will miss getting to see Santa, we are preparing to host our first Broadview Christmas Parade on the Streets of Broadview on December 13, 2020 at 5 p.m., as well as bless 11 families through our Operation Santa program.

I would like to ask everyone to please check out our local stores for gifts and other purchases first. It is critical to support our local merchants all year long, but especially at this time of the year. Many of us will be buried in advertisements trying to sell us stuff with a click of the computer mouse, a phone call or a trip to the mall. They make it sound so easy, but dollars spent out of town never return where the dollars spent locally are spent over and over. There are many choices when it comes to shopping, but no one will appreciate your business more than our local merchants. I am very sure that you will be impressed with the merchandise selection and the friendly smiles. I suspect that they contribute far more to our local economy, churches or school's fundraisers than an online retailer or mall or store. I am not suggesting that you should exclusively purchase locally, just that you start your search here for the "perfect" gift. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all the happiness and success in the coming year. While 2020 gave us some great challenges, we have a lot to celebrate, and be thankful for.

President Elect Joe Biden stated "I know the country's grown weary of the fight. But we need to steal our spines, redouble our efforts and recommit ourselves to the fight," Biden said, speaking from Wilmington, Delaware. "Let's remember: We're all in this together."

Continue to wear your face covering, practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently.

In this Season, may you be blessed with Laughter, Peace and Love.

Mayor Katrina Thompson



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Public Works

Updates from the Director, Matthew Ames

Capital Improvement

Photos of the ongoing work that will be paused during the winter months. Work will resume in the spring.

Repainting the Water Tower



Parks Drive / 19th Street Project



Winter Preparedness

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes. Here are a few tips to help be prepared:

Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:

- Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways
- Sand to improve traction
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment
- Sufficient heating fuel, like dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm

Friendly Reminder:

- Please look out for neighbors who may need help with snow removal and help if possible.
- Please DO NOT PASS SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT as they can't always see you.

Sidewalks

During winter, the Public Works Department is often able to clear the sidewalks of snow using our trackless vehicle. Please do not block or obstruct the sidewalk in any manner. It is prohibited by Village ordinance 8-2-9: PROHIBITED ACTS AND CONDITIONS: B. Obstructions:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct in any manner any street, alley or sidewalk. The Chief of Police is authorized to remove or cause the removal of any obstruction in any such place."



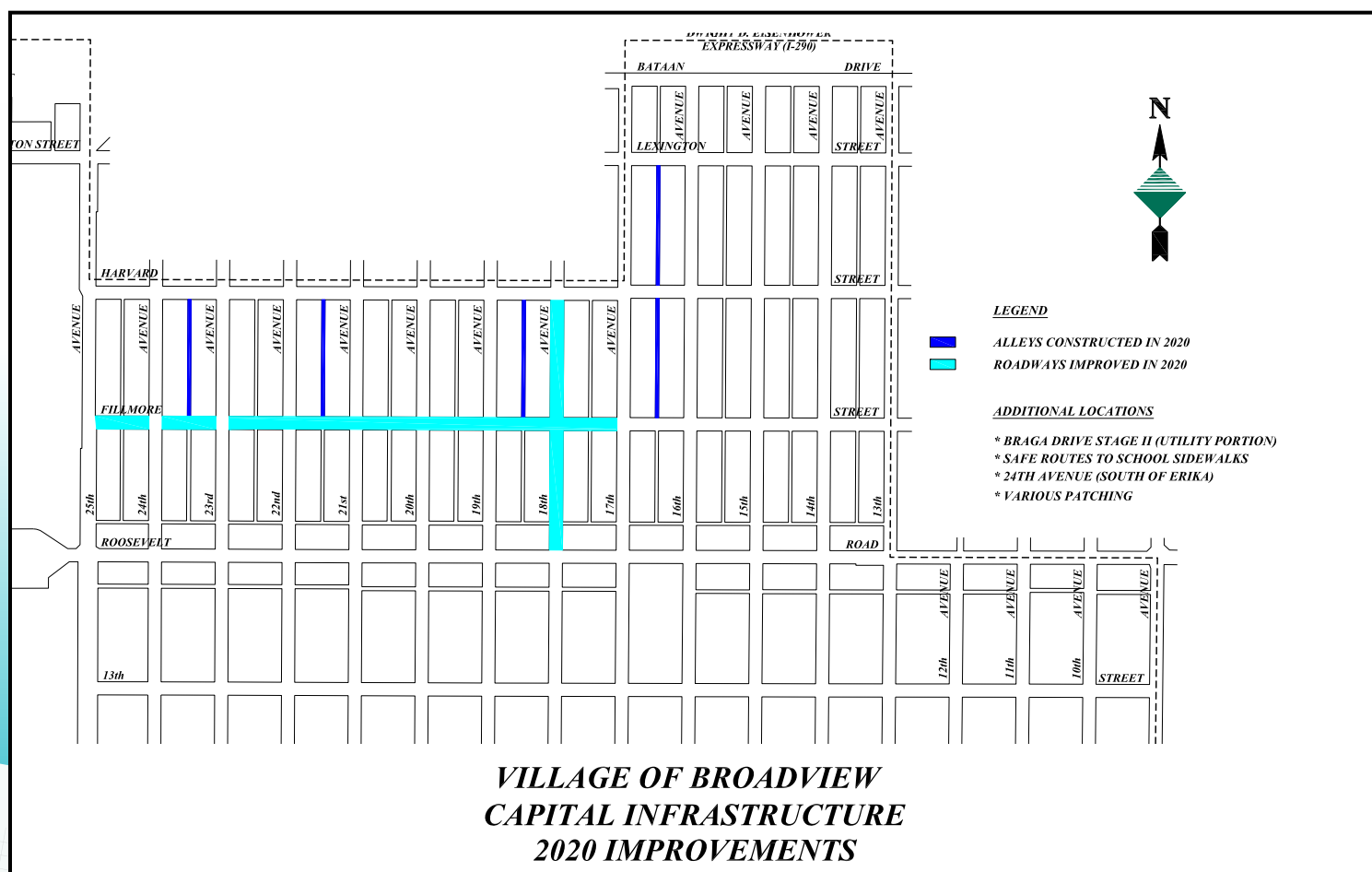
From the Desk of Finance Director Timothy Hicks, CPA

This pandemic has required everyone to adapt from what was a normal way of life. COVID-19 is not only a global health crisis, but it also an economic crisis. Every country, industry, and individual has been and continues to be dramatically impacted, and our Village is certainly no exception. A result of this pandemic is the ambiguity of many things, but most notably the uncertainty of what the Village's financial state will be throughout FY21. The one thing that is clear is that the Mayor recognizes that fiscal responsibility, will always be a top priority and is even more important during this uncertain time that we find ourselves in. So the Mayor required the Finance team to review the Village's revenues and expenses every 90 days to ensure that the Village will be able to make the necessary adjustments to continue to be fiscal responsible. As result of the departments being prudent, the Village leveraging opportunities to receive State and Federal funds related to the pandemic, and the receipt of various building departments fees related to the Senior Housing Development Project. The Village is in a position to amend the FY21 Budget to increase at \$1 Million in additional revenues that was not a part of the FY21 budget passed by the Trustees in May 2020.



Timothy Hicks

The Village's strong financial condition is a result of many things, including, but not limited to conservative revenue forecasts, long-term planning, a balance approached to expenditure budgets, and our ability to adapt to challenges. So the finance team with the direction from the Mayor will continue to monitor the Village's finances throughout the pandemic to ensure the Village can continue with its normal operations.



Welcome New Homeowners...



Broadview Senior Apartments 70 Affordable Units (Income and Age Restrictions Apply) 1 And 2 Bedroom Units



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Coming Fall 2021



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Village of Broadview
Katrina Thompson, Mayor

Housing Authority of Cook County



Cook County
Department of Planning & Development



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Energy Efficiency Program



Happy Holidays

from the Broadview Fire Department!

Beware of Space Heater and Chimney Fires

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heaters, including paper, trash, clothing, and bedding.
- Have your fireplace inspected and cleaned before its first use. Use a sturdy screen to keep sparks from flying into the room.
- Have a three feet kid safe zone around space heaters and fireplaces.
- Always use approved outlets for space heaters.
- Before leaving your home make sure space heaters are unplugged and fire in the fireplace are extinguished.

Congratulations

This past November Inspector/Captain **Mike Nykaza** retired after 25 years. Captain Nykaza will be spending more time with his family and his new granddaughter Olive.



Please welcome new Firefighter/Paramedics **Cole Bokus** and **Dan Smith**.



Ongoing Safety Programs

MyID a Public Safety Program



The medical ID that provides an easy way to access, store, and manage your health information. Your medical profile can be accessed anytime, anywhere via MyID Sticker. The Village of Broadview will provide Broadview residents one sticker packet free of charge. This helps Police and Fire access your medical information and emergency contacts in the event you are physically or mentally unable

to provide us the information. Call the Fire department to receive your sticker. If you, or a family member are homebound, we will bring the sticker to you. Please call (708)343-6124 ext 9, for more information.

Smoke Detectors

Our Smoke detector program is still grant funded by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and the Office of the State Fire Marshall. What does this mean to our residents? If your smoke detectors are outdated, the fire department will come to your home and do a non-punitive assessment to help you keep you and your family safe. We will install new detectors in your home. This is a no cost program for our residents. Please call Inspector Martin Scafidi at (708)343-6124 Ext 4.



Explorer Program

Our Explorer program is always open for enrollment. Do you know a Broadview resident between the ages of 14 and 21 that is interested in the Fire Service? Our explorer program helps ignite more interest and help them obtain their career goals in the Fire Service. For more information about the program contact Explorer Coordinator Dave Cohen at (708) 343-6124 ext 0.

Warming Shelter

If you know of anyone in need of a warming shelter, please go to keepwarm.illinois.gov for the closest locations in our area.

Community...

Broadview Christmas Parade

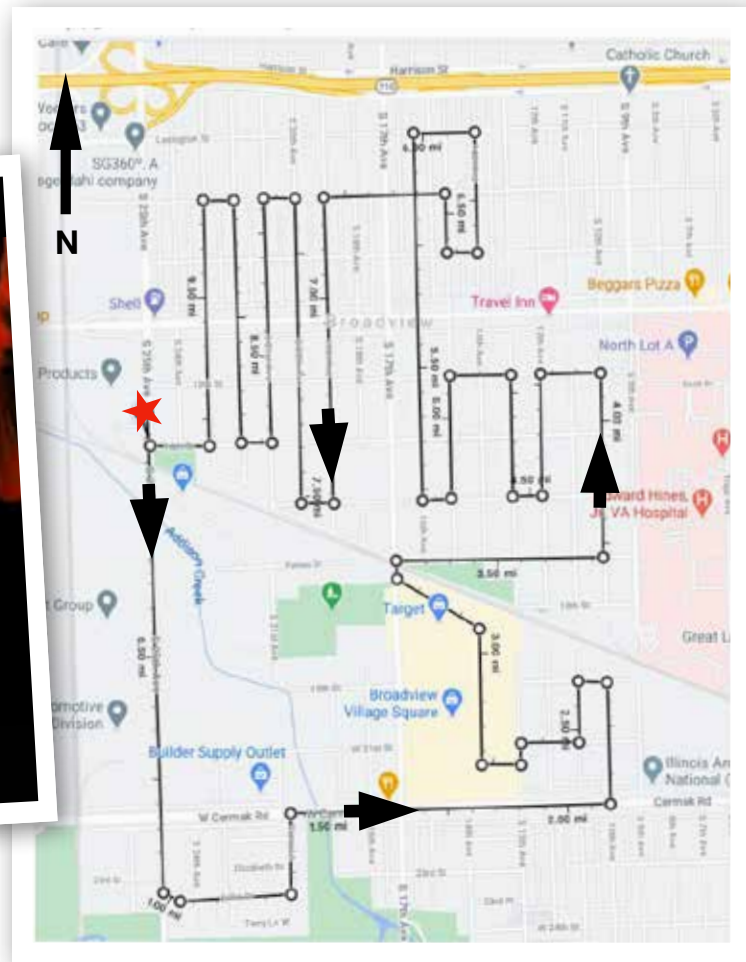
December 13th @ 5pm
On the streets of Broadview.



Specific Route available at:
www.broadview-il.gov



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MEN
UNITED**



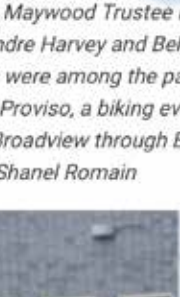
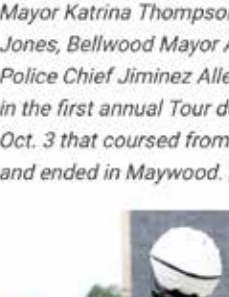
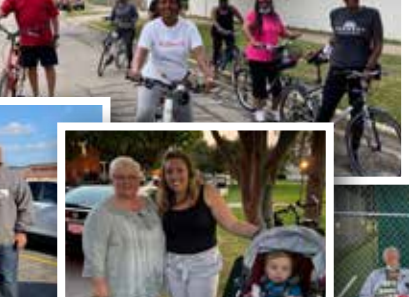


Around Town...

Mayor Katrina Thompson, Maywood Trustee Miguel Jones, Bellwood Mayor Andre Harvey and Bellwood Police Chief Jiminez Allen were among the participants in the first annual Tour de Proviso, a biking event held Oct. 3 that coursed from Broadview through Bellwood and ended in Maywood. | Shanel Romain



Humans weren't the only ones participating in Saturday's Tour de Proviso. Riders came in all shapes and sizes. | Shanel Romain



Holiday Safety

Just a few things to remember as we get closer to the holidays:

- Be sure to schedule package deliveries for a time when someone will be home. Thieves have been known to follow UPS or FedEx truck around, looking for opportunities to steal.
- Women - If you carry a purse, never leave it in a shopping cart while you're shopping. Thieves know your attention is on the merchandise, and they can easily walk away with your personal items.
- Note the 1-800 number on the back of your credit cards, so that if you lose one or if it is stolen, you can quickly call the bank to have the card canceled.
- Place your new purchases in the trunk of your car while you shop, so that thieves won't be tempted to break a window and make off with your gifts.
- If you have boxes from expensive electronics after Christmas, don't leave those boxes by the curb on garbage day. Doing so advertises to criminals what's inside of your home.



Operation Santa Claus 2020

The Village of Broadview, Broadview Police Department and Broadview Fire Department are once again partnering for Operation Santa Claus.

The goal of this event is to make Christmas special for Broadview families who may be currently struggling financially, with health issues, or any number of other reasons. Operation Santa is an event conceived by Mayor Katrina Thompson and Police Sergeant Dan Conforti back in 2011, and we've kept the spirit going ever since.



This event is made possible through a strong partnership between the Village of Broadview, Broadview Police Department, Broadview Fire Department and Black Men United but also relies on generous donations from Broadview residents and local businesses.

Meet Sergeant Smith

Sergeant Pierre Smith grew up in Broadview and joined our team as a Patrol Officer in 2001, after having served our country in the Marine Corps.

He was promoted to Sergeant in 2018 and now supervises a night shift. Sergeant Smith is always one of the first to volunteer for community events, including National Night Out, Citizen Police Academy and Operation Santa. His commitment to Community Policing is strong and we are proud to call him our own.



Parking During Snowfall

Village Ordinance 7-4-2-1: SNOW REMOVAL

A reminder - Village Ordinance prohibits street parking after a two-inch snowfall, until after the streets have been cleared by Village plows. The ordinance also applies to municipal lots as these areas also need to be plowed.

Warming Your Car Up for Thieves

As the weather changes, remember that thieves are always looking for unique opportunities to commit their crimes. Thieves know that people warm up their cars in the winter and go back into their homes for 5-10 minutes (usually before work in the morning). That's all the time they need to steal your car. For this reason, it's actually illegal to leave a car running and unattended.

And remember also that 95% of our vehicle burglaries occur to vehicles that were left unlocked by the owner. Don't think your car is safe just because it's in your driveway or because items of value are out of sight in your glove compartment; if your doors are unlocked, that's the first place a thief will look. This winter, let's be safe. Lock those doors!



Preparing Your House for the Winter Seasons

- 1) Get your furnace or heating system checked.
- 2) Check roof – Repair damaged, loose, missing shingles.
- 3) Caulk around all windows and doors.
- 4) Clean gutters and downspouts.
- 5) Test your sump pump.
- 6) Verify that all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly.
- 7) Make sure your snow blower is working properly. Restock on items such as sand, salt, and ice melt.
- 8) Preventing frozen water pipes inside your house
 - a. Open the cabinets under the sinks in your kitchen and bathrooms to allow heated air to circulate around the water pipes.
 - b. Let indoor faucets drip, but don't run a heavy stream of water.
 - c. Cover any vents around your homes foundation.
 - d. Make sure you know where your house shutoff valve is and how to turn it on/off.
- 9) Preventing frozen water pipes outside the house
 - a. Wrap all exterior pipes with insulation – rags, bubble wrap, foam, etc.
 - b. Drain water hoses and store them in the shed or garage.



Election Season

The 2020-2021 election season is here. Please refer to the Village of Broadview Building Code (www.broadview-il.gov) for information regarding:

Political Signs (9-8A-12-B7)

7. Political Signs shall be allowed without permit, provided that:
 - a. Duration: The sign(s) may be installed all year long
 - b. Location: The sign shall be placed on private property and set back from any public right of way.
 - c. Number: There shall be no limit on the number of political signs permitted; provided that the quantity of signs displayed does not create a safety hazard to traffic by distracting motorists or interfering with safe pedestrian flow, in which case the chief of police and/or the building commissioner shall be authorized to require that the number of signs be reasonably reduced.
 - d. Size And Height: In residential districts, the sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in surface area. The sign shall not exceed four feet (4') in height from grade. In nonresidential districts, the sign shall not exceed nine (9) square feet in surface area. The sign shall not exceed six feet (6') in height from grade. (Ord. 2000-03, 3-20-2000)



Building Department

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Appointments are required for all permits and property transfers.)

TEAM:

Building Commissioner - David Upshaw
Administrative Clerks – Cassandra Yarrington & Shannon Latham
Building Inspector – Greg Buchanan

Phone: 708-345-8174

Email: building@broadview-il.gov

Business Licenses

Business licenses and registrations expire on December 31 of each calendar year.

3-1-1: APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS:

All business, commercial and industrial activities in the village of whatever nature except those listed in section 3-1A-2 of this chapter are required to obtain a license to operate. No person, firm or corporation not otherwise licensed by this code except those engaged in a business listed in section 3-1A-2 of this chapter shall engage in any commercial, business or industrial activity of whatever kind in the village without first having obtained a business license as provided in this chapter. Application for a business license shall be made in conformance with the requirements of section 3-1-2 of this chapter relating to application for licenses. (Ord. 2003-02, 3-3-2003)

3-1-4: INVESTIGATION, INSPECTIONS:

A. Application and Inspection Procedures:

7. No license shall be issued to any person, business, or entity indebted to the village unless and until such indebtedness is paid to the village, or until the corporate authorities discharge such indebtedness in accordance with the terms and conditions fixed by the corporate authorities.

3-1-5: TERMINATION OF LICENSE OR REGISTRATION, PAYMENT OF FEE:

A. Annual License:

All annual licenses or registration shall terminate on December 31 of the calendar year. The village clerk shall mail all licensees a statement of the time of expiration of licenses held by the licensees three (3) weeks prior to the date of expiration. The failure to send out such notice or the failure of the licensee to receive it shall not excuse the licensee from the failure to obtain a new license or a renewal thereof, nor shall it be a defense in any action for operating without a license.

B. Payment of Fees:

The fees shall be paid at the time the license or registration is issued. When an applicant has not engaged in business until after the expiration of part of a current year, the license fee shall be prorated monthly and the fee paid for such period during which the business has been or will be conducted.

C. Advance Payment:

No such payment of any license fee in advance of the issuance of the license in due form shall entitle or authorize any person to any of the rights or privileges conferred by the issuance of any license or to the opening or maintaining of any business or establishment contrary to any of the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 2003-02, 3-3-2003)

3-1-7: LICENSE TO BE POSTED:

It shall be the duty of any person conducting a licensed business in the village to keep his license posted in plain view on the premises used for such business at all times. (Ord. 2003-02, 3-3-2003).

Please refer to:

www.Broadview-il.gov
Building Code



Administration Department

Help Design #BroadviewStrong Vehicle Sticker

Village of Broadview is looking for a new Vehicle Sticker design. **Make sure to complete your design and return it to the Village Hall by January 15, 2021.**

The Village's vehicle stickers are due for renewal on May 1, 2021. Therefore, we are looking for young Broadview residents to get involved and design a sticker that reflects what **#BroadviewStrong means to YOU.**

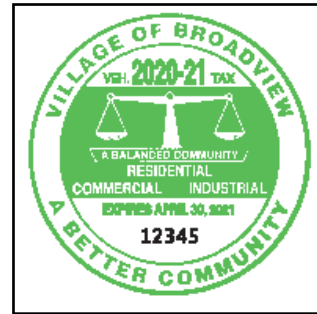
The rules are as follows:

- The design must be completed on an official entry form. Entry forms will also be available in the Winter Village newsletter and at Village Hall.
- The child must be a Broadview resident under the **age of 14, as of January 1, 2021.**
- Only one entry per child is allowed; **multiple entries will not be accepted.**
- Four (4) colors can be used including a color background. Only ink pens, crayons, or markers will be accepted.
- All entries must be received at Village Hall no later than 5 p.m. on January 15, 2021. **No exceptions!**

You can mail or drop off your design at Village Hall. Village Hall address is 2350 South 25th Avenue, Broadview, IL 60155. Make sure to put your name on the back of your entry form.

The design winner's photograph will be placed in the Spring Village Newsletter. All designs will be judged based on neatness, creativity and a positive image of #BroadviewStrong.

For further information or questions, please feel free to contact LeTisa Jones at 708-681-3600 ext. 260. **GOOD LUCK!**



VOB Vehicle Sticker
(2020-2021)

#BroadviewStrong Vehicle Sticker Contest Entry

Date: _____

Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Did You Know?

- ✓ The Water Department is open to service the Public on Monday – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:30 am – 5:00 pm & Wednesday – 8:30 am – 2:00 pm. Also last Saturday of the month from 9 am – 12 pm (except Thanksgiving or Christmas weekend).
- ✓ We are here ready to assist with water billing, vehicle stickers, overnight parking permits, garbage and/or yard stickers, and pet and/or motorcycle license.

Village of Broadview
2350 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155-3827



#BroadviewStrong

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 13:** **Operation Santa**
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Broadview Christmas Parade
5:00 pm
- Dec. 16:** **COVID-19 Free Testing**
Village Hall
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Dec. 24:** **Christmas Eve**
Village Offices Closing at 12:00 pm
- Dec. 25:** **Christmas Day**
Village Offices Closed
- Dec. 31:** **New Year's Eve**
Village Offices Closing at 12:00 pm
- Jan 1:** **New Year's Day**
Village Offices Closed

February is BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

**Face Mask REQUIRED and Social Distancing
will be practiced at ALL Events**

Get Connected...
*Join our Robo-Call
and Email listing.
Call 708-681-3600
to be added.*



Village President

Katrina R. Thompson

Village Clerk

Kevin McGrier

Village Administrator

LeTisa Jones

Finance Director

Timothy Hicks, CPA

Treasurer

Thomas Hood

Village Hall

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Broadview, Illinois 60155-3827
(708) 681-3600

Hours

Monday: 8:30am - 5:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 2:00pm

Trustees

Judy Abraham
Verina Horne
Sherman C. Jones
Judy Miller
Andrea Senior
John Tierney

Village Attorney

Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

Village Meetings

Mayor, Trustees & Committees meet on the
1st & 3rd Monday each month at 7:30pm.

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council
Chambers of the Municipal Building at
2350 South 25th Avenue
Residents are encouraged to attend.

Live streaming of Village Board meetings is now available.

The Village Board typically meets the first and third Monday of
the month at 7:30 p.m. Live streaming can be viewed via the
Village's website at www.broadview-il.gov under the govern-
ment tab, then go to Village Board, and then to Village Board
Meetings. If you have questions regarding this, please contact
Sobieda Sierra, Executive Assistance, at 708-681-3600.



COVID-19

FREE TESTING EVENT

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
10am - 12pm

Village of Broadview - Chambers
2350 S. 25th Avenue, Broadview, IL

Covid-19 Testing

- No out of pocket expenses
- Results will be emailed within **48 hrs.**
- 18 years old & over
- **Photo ID required for testing**



This Village event is in partnership with
Bishop Reginald Saffo, PTMAN

Only 6 will be allowed in at time, must wear face covering, social distancing will be monitored.

For more information, please call
708-681-3600



Mayor Katrina Thompson
Village of Broadview



Bishop Reginald Saffo
PTMAN