

# The Broadview Bulletin

*A Village Newsletter*

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Summer 2018



## Dear Friends and Neighbors

Summer has finally arrived, and it will be an exciting time in Broadview! Now that summer is here, the Village has a few summer events planned. The first Annual Community Health Initiative **"It's an Experience"** on Saturday, July 14, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Broadview Park District Beverly Center. The Loyola mobile unit will provide health screenings for children, while Dr. Lena Hatchett of Loyola University will be the keynote speaker to kick-off the activities for all ages. Come join us for some food, fun and a healthy lifestyle.

The Village Board approved the 2019 Annual Budget on April 18, 2018. The 2019 budget continues to be a fiscally responsible financial plan that will enable the Village to continue to provide the community with high quality municipal services and events. This will enhance the quality of life of all residents and meets the needs of our business stakeholders. There are a number of

factors that are taken into account when compiling the budget. Some of the issues the Village faces include long term stability of the sales tax base, increasing pension obligations, rising health care costs, and the funding for vehicle, equipment, and building capital improvements. The Village Board and I remain committed to conservative spending while continuing to invest in our community and providing superior services to our residents. We will continue to evaluate our operations to make certain we are providing services to residents and our business stakeholders as efficiently and economically as possible.



Mayor Katrina Thompson

### New Trustee Appointment



**John Tierney** was recently appointed to the position of Trustee for the Village of Broadview. Trustee Tierney was named Chief of the Fire Department in 1995 and held that position for 17 years until his retirement. Throughout his career he used his leadership and management skills to become a leader among his peers. While Chief, he served as President of the Mutual Aid Box Alerting System (MABAS) Division 20, serving two terms. Trustee Tierney is currently the Co-Chair for the Illinois Fire Chief's Association Conference Committee.

Along with his leadership and management skills, Trustee Tierney developed an understanding for a need of organizational skills in emergency situations. He became a member of the Illinois Incident Management Team (IL-IMT). As

a member of the team Trustee Tierney became the Operations Section Chief-Lead. He has been deployed to several local and major disasters, including Hurricane Katrina, tornados and flooding throughout the Midwest. Trustee Tierney attended Proviso East High School and Triton College. He has two grown sons, Phillip the oldest is a Maywood Firefighter and Matthew is a manager in an international technology company. Trustee Tierney enjoys boating and being outdoors during the summer.

Thanks gain for giving me the opportunity to serve our beautiful community. I am still eager to work hard on your behalf, and I look forward to working closely with you in the years to come.

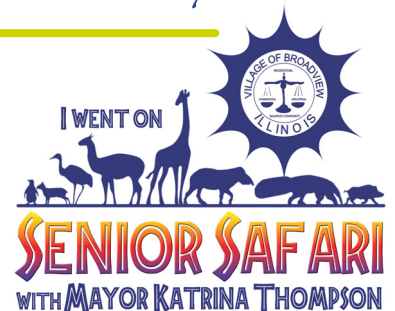
Be Blessed!

*Mayor Katrina Thompson*

### A Day at the Zoo with the Mayor for Broadview Seniors

To participate, you must RSVP with the Mayor's Office at 708-681-3600. Space is limited and seats will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

**Bus will leave from Schroeder Park located at 2600 South 13th Avenue at 9:15 a.m. PROMPTLY. Lunch will be provided.**



# Village Clerk | Kevin McGrier

I am proud and honored to serve the Village of Broadview as your Clerk. After serving two terms as your Village Trustee, I must say that the challenges are different, yet equally rewarding as we accomplish our goals as a team. Under the leadership of Mayor Thompson, we have made great strides toward providing the taxpayers of Broadview even more services. We have also increased transparency in how we are able to accomplish our goals. Here is what has been accomplished in my first 365 days as Clerk:

- Codification of all Ordinances approved for the period of November 2013 to Current.
- Completion of all minutes of the Regular, Special Board meetings and Exec. Sessions.
- Organization of Village Clerk's Office.
- Completion of all F.O.I.A. requests received.
- Codification of all ordinances dating back to 2013.
- Streamlined process of interaction and duties within Administrative Office.
- Completed Deputy Registrar training.
- Completed F.O.I.A. and OMA training with Office of Attorney General.
- Started audit of all records, contracts, resolutions and ordinances.
- Appointment of Deputy Clerk Destiny Livsey.

## Long Term Goals

- Establishing a relationship with the Municipal Clerk's Association for Cook County.
- Establish a paperless system for Board meetings and document archiving.
- Semi-Annual Voter Registration drive (Dates to be announced).
- Archiving of prior ordinances, resolutions and contracts.
- Registering 100 NEW Voters.
- Operating under budget.

**The Village Clerk's hours are Mon-Fri 10am – 2pm.**

You can register to vote at the Clerk's office on the spot with proper identification.

Please contact the Clerk at (708) 681-3600 X 271

*We look forward to seeing you at the next Village event!*



# Around Town...



# Dial A Ride

**Village of Broadview offers  
FREE rides to senior citizens.**



The Village of Broadview offers Senior Dial A Ride Program for residents at least 60 years of age and over and or with a disability, that may need transportation to and from medical facilities and other qualifying non-medical locations within the Proviso Township. All participants must reside in the Village of Broadview. The Senior Dial the Ride Program is a curb to curb service. Interested individuals should call Village of Broadview at 708-731-5502.

# Remember...

**Remove Your Garbage Cans  
on the Day of Collection**

Ordinance # 4-5-3 Section C requires that all garbage and recycling cans are placed at the edge of the alley or in the parkway no earlier than 6:00 P.M. the night before collection and removed no later than 7:00 P.M. the day that garbage and recycling collections have been made.



As of, April 2, 2018, yard waste collection will occur on your regular garbage collection day. Yard waste bags will still require a yard waste sticker which can be purchased at Village Hall. This sticker is not required in fall during leaf collection. Please visit the Village website or contact Public Works at 708.681.3602 for more details.

# Capital Improvement Map

This years' worst streets chosen for resurfacing are indicted in red on the map below. However, this map is subject to change.



**VILLAGE OF BROADVIEW  
2018 ROADWAY CONDITION MAP**

# Home Improvements

Black dirt and mulch is now available for pick up on a first come first served basis between the hours of 8am and 3pm. It is located at the Public Works Department. Please bring your own storage container. Proof of residence is required.



PUBLIC WORKS

## Citizen Police Academy is Underway

Citizen Police Academy 2018 has begun. During this ten week course, Broadview residents will learn what it means to be a Broadview Police Officer. Classes include: Organizational Structure, The History of Modern Policing, Response to Resistance, Crime Scenes Investigation, Traffic Enforcement and more. CPA is a great way for residents young and young at heart to get to know how and why we as police officers do what we do. It's also a great way for us to get to know you and hear your specific concerns. This year, we are thrilled to have Mayor Katrina Thompson and Trustee Judy Abraham participating! For more information about next year's class, contact Commander Tom Kostka at [tkostka@broadview-il.gov](mailto:tkostka@broadview-il.gov).

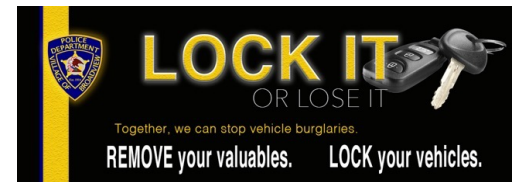


## Law Enforcement Torch Run

On June 9th, the Broadview Police Department will be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

Police Agencies throughout the country use the Torch Run to support Special Olympics and the brave athletes who compete.

This year, we will be partnering with our neighbor police agencies for the run and we will also be attending the opening ceremony in Bloomington, Illinois.



## Lock It or Lose It

We all live busy lives, so it's easy to forget to lock your car doors or to assume that because the neighborhood is safe, our cars are safe. But every neighborhood has crime, and the vast majority of the reports we take for burglaries to vehicle involve unlocked car doors. The people who commit these burglaries often check several door handles in the middle of the night until they come upon one that is unlocked. Sometimes they come away with only some loose change, but other times it's something more valuable or even the car itself.

Lock those car doors every night and remember to report suspicious activity when you see it.

Thanks for your help!



## National Night Out

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, August 7th**. National Night Out promises to be our best yet. The goal of National Night Out is to bring the community together with their public servants to enjoy an evening of fun and share information about how to stay safe. The evening is all about building relationships. Broadview residents can mingle with, dance, eat and swim with Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Village Officials. This type of casual and friendly interaction is vital to a community like Broadview, which values these relationships.

*See you on August 7th.*

## Community Engagement

The Broadview Fire Department is excited about our new Smoke Detector Program. Thanks to Inspector Anthony Monks whom has reached out to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. Together that have created a grant that allows us to install smoke detectors in your home, free of charge, if you have an outdated or no detectors at all. Inspector Monks will come to your home and do a non punitive safety inspection. He will install the detectors if your home is in need of them. He will also help you and your family create an escape plan in the event of a fire. This is an excellent program that helps US keep YOU safe. Remember "smoke detectors save lives".

On June 29th, The Village will be hosting a women's leadership camp. This camp, #WECANTOO, will give young ladies in the community, ages 11-15, an insight to what it's like to be a leader in the community and engage in a workforce that used to be male dominated. The camp will be held at the Broadview Fire Department from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for this camp. Please contact Fire Administrative Assistant Kris Murphy at 708-343-6124, dial 0, and save your spot!

Having a baby? Providing daycare? Or are you a grandparent doing driving duties. We now have state certified carseat installers. Firefighter Scafidi and Firefighter Nolan will install your infant or toddler car seat and explain all the safety features at no cost. Please call Kris Murphy to to make an Appointment.

Please join us on June 21st from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for a "Meet Your Firefighters BBQ". Our Firefighter/Paramedics would like to show you what it takes to provide excellent service to the community. They will explain the roles they provide and give safety tips as well. More information to come.

Please remember if our doors are open, we are home. Take a field trip to the firehouse and let us teach your kids about Fire Safety.

## Department News

We would like to congratulate Lieutenant John Delong for his 33 years of service. John is retiring June 1st. John was our computer specialist, fire investigator, and full of history about our fire department.

We would also like to congratulate Firefighter/Paramedic Kelly Johnson. Kelly will be leaving July 21st after 20 years of Service. Kelly was our Public Education Representative and spent many hours within the community teaching Fire Safety. She was also a well respected member of the Division XX Honor Guard. We wish them the best in their new endeavors.



Paramedic Kelly Johnson



Lieutenant John Delong

# Garage Sale

The Village of Broadview will hold an outdoor garage sale on:

**Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm  
at the Village Hall located at 2350 S. 25th Avenue**

Tables and chairs provided for an additional fee of \$25.00.  
Please RSVP with Lily at 708-681-3600 by June 22, 2018.

FIRE



# Home Repair & Construction Advice

## Common Home Repair Scams

The complaints that have been received by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General demonstrate that unscrupulous home repair contractors use some common techniques to gain the confidence of home owners. Unscrupulous contractors might tell you they have “leftovers” from a larger job and can do the repair work for you at a discount. They might attempt to frighten you by claiming that your house contains health hazards or code violations that must be fixed right away. They might claim to be a representative of your insurance company in an attempt to get you to agree to work. They might even say that your insurance policy will pay for the repairs. You might be offered a “free furnace cleaning” by a heating and cooling company as an excuse to sell you a new furnace you do not need.

### HOMEOWNERS

#### Be aware when a home repair contractor:

1. Pressures you to sign papers today
2. Quotes a price and suggests that you don't need any other estimates
3. Tells you that full payment is required before starting the project
4. Comes to your home uninvited
5. Difficult to contact or can't be reached

## Before You Start Your Project

Before you start your project, make sure to define the scope of the work that you are going to undertake. To define the scope of work, write down exactly what you want done in your home, so that when you talk to a contractor, you will be able to focus on what you actually need—and not be sold additional or unnecessary work. You should also write down the

specifications for the job. The specifications should include such factors as the time frame in which you want the work done, the type of materials you want the contractor to use, how you intend to pay for the job, and the payment schedule for the contractor, subcontractors, and suppliers. Your list of specifications can include anything about the project that is important to you and can serve as a reference for you when you interview contractors. If you think through the scope and specifications of the project ahead of time and put your expectations in writing, you can show a contractor what you need clearly and quickly.



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## Finding a Contractor



Remember, you have three business days to cancel any contract, if the sale is made and signed at your home. The contractor CANNOT take this right away from you by initiating work, selling your contract to a lender, or any other tactic. (See the Illinois Attorney General – Three Day Right To Cancel /Home Repair Contracts)

1. Get at least 3 written estimates from contractors who has come to your home to evaluate what needs to be done. Be sure the estimates are based on the same scope and specifications.
2. Verify that the written contract is complete. It should consist of the work that will be done, the quality of the materials that will be used, warranties, timetables, the total price of the job, and the schedule of payments.
3. Get recommendations and check references.
4. Make sure that all contractors are licensed, insured, bonded, and registered with the Village of Broadview.
5. Contact the Village of Broadview Building Department to check for codes, permits and inspection requirements.
6. Check the contractor's complaint records at the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau.
7. If the salesperson pressures you to sign before you've had a chance to read and understand all of the contract, **DO NOT SIGN IT**. Never rely on the salesperson to read or explain the contract to you. If you do not understand the contract, ask a trusted friend or lawyer to help you. Never sign a contract that has blank spaces. Finally, be sure to get a copy of everything you sign when you sign it.
8. Before you sign a contract, make sure it contains:
  - The contractor's full name, address, and telephone number;
  - A description of the work to be performed;
  - A detailed list of all materials, including product, color, model, size, and brand name;
  - The total cost for work performed, including charges for estimates and additional labor;
  - All oral promises made by the contractor in writing;
  - A description of how change orders will be handled;
  - Starting and estimated completion dates;
  - A schedule and method of payment, including down payment, subsequent payments, and final payment;
  - Written guarantees if the contractor warrants his or her work and product.

## Finance Department

With great pride and joy the Finance presented a balanced budget for the Fiscal Year 2019 that the Board of Trustees passed at the April 18th Special Board Meeting. The Finance Team worked long and hard with the Mayor and the Department Heads to create a Budget that was fair, equitable to all departments and did not include any cuts to services to the services.

The 2019 Fiscal Year Budget was a collective effort from all the departments starting with a bottom-ups approach in which the Departments presented their wish lists for the Fiscal Year. The Finance Team compiled those budgets and presented them to Mayor, Trustees and the Public as the

Draft Budget. From the Draft Budget a Village-wide perspective was used to close the Budget Gap to get the Balanced Budget that was ultimately passed by the Board of Trustees.

With one major hurdle cleared (2019 Budget Passed), the Finance Team moves on to its next two hurdles which is closing out Fiscal Year 2018 and getting the Audit completed. As we close out the year and start the new Fiscal Year the Finance looks forward to implementing new policies and procedures to continue to enhance the transparency to the Residents.

*Finance Director Timothy Hicks, CPA*



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## Calendar of Events

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| <b>June 9, 2018:</b>  | <b>Law Enforcement Torch Run</b>   | <b>July 20, 2018:</b>   | <b>Mayor Thompson's Senior Safari</b><br>Location: Brookfield Zoo<br><i>Must register with Lily at 708-681-3600.</i> |
| <b>June 21, 2018:</b> | <b>Meet Your Firefighter/Paramedics</b><br>Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br>Location: Broadview Fire Department                                   | <b>July 21, 2018:</b>   | <b>Music-N-Park</b><br><i>(Hosted by Broadview Park District)</i><br>Location: Schroeder Park                        |
| <b>June 29, 2018:</b> | <b>#WECANTOO (One Day Camp)</b><br>Leadership Camp for Girls (ages 11-15)<br>Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.<br>Location: Broadview Fire Department | <b>August 7, 2018:</b>  | <b>National Night Out</b>  |
| <b>June 30, 2018:</b> | <b>Village-wide Garage Sale</b><br>Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.<br>Location: Village Hall Parking Lot<br><i>(Weather Permitting)</i>       | <b>August 21, 2018:</b> | <b>National Senior Citizen Day</b><br>Time: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.  |
| <b>July 4, 2018:</b>  | <b>Independence Day</b><br>Village Hall Closed in Observance   |                         |  |
| <b>July 14, 2018:</b> | <b>It's An Experience</b><br><b>Health Awareness &amp; Wellness Fair</b><br>Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.<br>Location: Beverly Center             |                         |  |

### Important Phone Numbers

The Village of Broadview	708-681-3600
Public Works Department	708-681-3602
Building Department	708-345-8174
Fire Department ( <i>non-emergency</i> )	708-343-6124
Police Department ( <i>non-emergency</i> )	708-345-6550



#### Village President

Katrina R. Thompson

#### Village Clerk

Kevin McGrier

#### Village Administrator

LeTisa Jones

#### Finance Director

Timothy Hicks, CPA

#### Treasurer

Thomas Hood

#### Village Hall

2350 South 25th Avenue  
 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
- Judy Brown-Marino
- John Ealey
- Verina Horne
- Sherman C. Jones
- 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](http://www.broadview-il.gov) under the government 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.