

# The Broadview Bulletin

*A Village Newsletter*

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Winter 2018-2019



## Happy Holidays

It is amazing to me how fast the year has gone by. It seems like it was such a short time ago that it was Tulip Time. By the time this letter is delivered to your mailboxes, we may well have had our first snow (perish the thought). As we are quickly approaching the Christmas season, 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 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



Mayor Katrina Thompson

am very sure that you will be impressed with the merchandise selection, the friendly smiles, and maybe even free gift wrap. The more purchases that are done in town, the more our businesses will be able to support the community. I suspect they contribute far more to our local economy, churches, or school fundraisers than an online retailer or a mall 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 happiness and success in the coming year. While 2018 gave us a great deal to celebrate and be thankful for, 2019 can

be even better!

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

Be Blessed!

*Mayor Katrina Thompson*

### Village of Broadview Financial Report

S&P assigned a Bond Rating of AA- to the 2018 GO Alternate Revenue Bonds and S&P upgraded the Village's Bond Rating on the General Obligation Bonds from A+ to AA-. S&P cited improvement in the Village's Operating Reserves, very strong budget flexibility and very strong liquidity as factors considered in determining the Bond Ratings. Under the continue great leadership of Mayor Thompson, the Finance Department will continue to make stride to protect and enhance the Village's Bond Rating. Over the next few months the Finance will introduce to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees new financial policies aimed at increasing transparency, improving financial controls and mitigating risks.

The Village is six months into the Fiscal Year and Revenues and Expenses have been coming in line with expectations. The Finance Department anticipates beginning the Budget Process in the next month or so in an effort to prepare a balanced budget for FY20 weighing the needs and expectations of the residents with needs and expectations of the various departments.

*Director Timothy Hicks, CPA*



# Around Town...

# Village Clerk | Kevin McGrier

The Village Clerk's office is temporarily located at the Fire Department during construction of our Municipal Building. Village Board Meetings are being held at Schroeder Park Fieldhouse 2600 S. 13th Ave.

The Clerk's office offers NOTARY Service! The Clerk's office will see residents or businesses as walk-ins according to availability during the Village Clerk's office hours. To have your documents notarized with no waiting, it is best to call ahead for an appointment.

Having recently attended the annual Illinois Municipal Conference (IML), as well as the annual Municipal Clerk's Institute and Academy, I have learned a lot. Representing Broadview while networking with peer municipal officials at these events is such a rewarding honor.

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

**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

## Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency

The Broadview Westchester Joint Water Agency is responsible for providing potable water to the Villages of Broadview and Westchester as well as to Loyola University Medical Center, Hines VA Hospital and John J Madden Mental Health Center. Our main facilities are located on 10th Avenue just south of Roosevelt Road in Broadview. We also have a booster station located on Garfield Avenue in the Village of Oak Park. The Agency receives water from the City of Chicago at Austin Avenue and Garfield Avenue. The water is transmitted through a 24" water main for a length of approximately 4.2 miles from this connection point to the Agency's facility on 10th Avenue. The average total daily usage by all of the Agency's customers is 3.5 Million Gallons.

Recent major activities undertaken by the Agency are:

- A new pump station building on 10th Avenue was recently completed at a cost of \$4.1 million dollars and was funded through a low interest loan through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
- Hines VA is nearing the completion of the construction of a new pumps station and underground reservoir to serve the hospital campus. Agency personnel have been working closely with Hines VA Hospital to coordinate the new connection to the Agency main to serve the new station.
- The Agency has also been working closely with the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission on pursuing a joint venture to provide a secondary water transmission line from the City of Chicago to serve both entities. This type of intergovernmental collaboration will result in significant cost savings.

***Paul Dowd, Superintendent***

# 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

The biggest concern for Public Works will be snow and ice control during and after snow events all winter. In order to keep the street safe, the Village Ordinance prohibits street parking during the snow season, or after a two-inch snowfall, until after the streets have been cleared by Village plows.

The Village of Broadview has a fleet that includes 7 plow trucks, 1 trackless, and 1 loader.

In addition, parking in municipal lots after a two-inch snowfall is prohibited until after the lot has been cleared by Village plows.

**The Police Department is authorized to have vehicles in violation of snow parking ordinances towed. The vehicle owner will be responsible for all towing and storage costs associated with these illegally parked vehicles.**

## Refuse Pickup

When preparing your waste this winter please remember each week you can place one 65 gallon can of household waste out. Plus, one 65 gallon of recycling material. Remember to place your cans on the parkway not in the street.



## Shoveling and Salting

Residents and businesses are urged to help improve walking conditions and public safety by removing snow and ice from sidewalks after a storm. Village ordinance requires snow and ice to be removed from the public sidewalk within 24 hours following any snow, sleet or freezing rain. If the snow or ice has become so hard that it cannot be removed without damaging the sidewalk, then sand, salt or other abrasive material may be used to make pedestrian travel reasonably safe. Being a good neighbor is important, too, so property owners are urged to help those who may need help clearing a sidewalk.



During winter the Public Works Department is often able to clear the sidewalks of snow using our trackless vehicle. If your sidewalk is cleared by the trackless residents can help by salting the sidewalks.



## Leaf Pickup

The leaf program will continue until the first major snow fall. Bags are to be put on the parkway on garbage day for pickup by Groot. Ranking leaves, grass clipping, and other debris into the street is prohibited by the city ordinances. Doing such may clog inlets and prevent the flow of storm water into the sewer system.



Please remember not to put any foreign objects into your drainage system at home, e.g., paper towels, diapers, sanitary products and rags. In addition, do not introduce paint, motor oil, antifreeze or other hazardous chemicals or products into your drainage. These materials can be dangerous and cause backups in the sanitary sewer system.

Residents are responsible for the service lines. The village is responsible for the main line.

## 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)

## Preparing Your House for the Fall/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 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's 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.

## Featured Businesses

**Lou Malnati's** is a family-owned pizzeria, famous for serving Chicago's best deep dish pizza since 1971. Lou Malnati's success comes from their commitment to quality. Every Lou Malnati's pizza is handmade from scratch using the finest and freshest ingredients, like California vine-ripened tomatoes picked at the peak of ripeness, fresh mozzarella cheese that has been sourced from the same small Wisconsin dairy for more than 40 years, and their signature flaky, buttery crust, made from a secret family recipe passed down from generation to generation.

**Lou Malnati's**  
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Lou Malnati's success also comes from their hospitable staff, their loyal customers, and their commitment to giving back to the communities they serve through fundraising programs and charitable donations. Lou Malnati's is proud to join the Broadview community with their new location at 7550 Broadview Village Square, offering carryout, delivery, and catering services.

**Free Bruschetta with purchase of \$15+.** Expires January 15, 2019. Not valid for online orders. CASHIER: Use BVNEWS.

**Mad Style** was created by Marta and Doug (MAD) in 2004. 14 years later, we are still thriving! Tucked away on 2600 S. 25th Ave. in Broadview, IL you will find our Warehouse Store. We've grown our lifestyle company to include three major brands:

**M|S**

**MAD Style** - women's fashion, handbags, & jewelry @madstyle04

**MAD Man** - men's fashion, watches, multi-tools, jewelry, & gifts @madstyle04

**MADe 2 Order** - a Design Lab for customizing t-shirts, totes, & drinkware @shopmade2order

You can shop till you drop online 24/7/365. Our Design Lab allows you to create custom swag for family gatherings, sports teams, bachelorette parties, & beyond. We try hard to bring you premium product, & we sincerely value customer care. Mad Style is your one-stop-shop for premium gifts the entire family will love. Support local business & shop Mad Style!

**MADly committed to the evolution of style.**

**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.

### TEAM:

Building Commissioner - David Upshaw  
Administrative Clerk – Linda Merrill  
Building Inspector – Greg Buchanan

Phone: 708-345-8174  
Email: building@broadview-il.gov

## 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 2018



Planning for Operation Santa began in October, and we are looking forward to a spectacular event again this year.

Operation Santa is an event that honors Broadview families and seeks to ensure that they have a wonderful holiday season.

This event is made possible through a strong partnership between the Village of Broadview, Broadview Police Department, Broadview Fire Department, Broadview Park District, and Target Stores, but also relies on generous donations from Broadview residents and businesses.

## Warming Up Your Car 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!

## Overnight Parking Permit



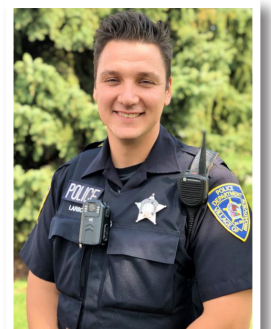
Recently, the Village of Broadview enacted a new ordinance which affects residents who wish to park on the street overnight more than four times a month. Six specific zones were identified throughout the village for longer term overnight parking. Monthly permits are available at the Village Hall (temporarily located at the Fire Department) for purchase (\$30.00).

The Village's ban on parking after 2" on snowfall remains in effect and supersedes the overnight parking program.

Look for additional details at [www.broadview-il.gov](http://www.broadview-il.gov).

## Meet Patrol Officer Steve Larson

Officer Steve Larson joined the Broadview Police Department in December 2016. Before he took his oath to serve, Steve worked retail security. As a student, Steve studied Criminal Justice and Philosophy. He also played College football. Officer Larson recently received a Division award for saving the lives of two Broadview residents in one day. When asked for a comment, Officer Larson said "I love the thought of helping people and making a significant impact in people's lives".



We're proud to have Officer Larson serving the Village of Broadview and we hope you are too.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BROADVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT!



Please assist the Fire Department by shoveling walkways and salting them to keep them free of ice. This protects you from slips and falls. In the event of an emergency, Paramedics carry heavy equipment and may have to carry you to safety. In big snow storms, you will see us out shoveling hydrants. If you can clear the hydrant near your home, you will help us obtain water faster in the event of a house fire. Lets work together keeping our village safe! If you know of anyone in need of a warming shelter please go to [keepwarm.illinois.gov](http://keepwarm.illinois.gov) for the closest locations in our area.

## Public Safety Open House



We had another successful Public Safety Open House. Police and Fire came together to show off the new vehicles and equipment. Walgreens was on site to give flu shots. Jax and his handler Officer Klaimer gave a demonstration on how Jax helps him keep residents and himself safe! Our finally was a side by side trailer that showed the need for smoke detectors and the advantages of a sprinkler system. Please remember Broadview Fire Department has an excellent program that helps homeowners by installing free smoke detectors and doing home inspections. Call Inspector Monks at 708-343-6124 ext 175 and make an appointment.

## Getting to Know Our Staff

Kris Murphy is the Administrative Assistant to Fire Chief Kenny, here at Broadview Fire Department. Her responsibilities include EMS and monthly Fire Suppression billing for our contract hospitals, managing the account payable and receivables, addressing Fire statistic monthly reports, taking minutes for our monthly meetings, assisting in preparing the annual budget, and help with department events and camps.



She is entering her 4th year with the IFSAP organization (Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals) and is a 2017 graduate of their Executive Support Program. This group of women has helped her in research for Broadview as well as support in her profession.

She is a very proud mom of 4 boys, aged 20,17,12 and 10 years. She has a wonderful man in her life and combined they have three dogs they rescued together!



## Fire Department Retirees

Broadview Fire Department Retirees get together often. Thanks to retired Inspector Dick Davis for bringing everyone together!

Broadview Senior Club would like to invite you to join them every Friday, at  
**Broadview Schroeder Park**  
 2600 S. 13th. Ave  
 They meet for Bingo, Keno and fellowship, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Join them to have fun, coffee and snacks with our Seniors.

*Calling All Seniors!*



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

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**REMINDER: During construction the Village Board of Trustees Regular/Special board meeting will be held at Schroeder Park, located at 2600 S. 13th Avenue, beginning September 4, 2018 to April 18, 2019.**

*Village Hall and the Administrative Office will be closed the following days. Police and Fire Departments will remain open.*

Christmas Eve | Monday, December 24  
Christmas Day | Tuesday, December 25

New Year's Eve | Monday, December 31  
New Year's Day | Tuesday, January 1

*Independent community food pantries are self-governing and usually distribute food to their clients on a once-a-month basis. For a listing of other local food pantries, please visit [www.chicagofoodbank.org](http://www.chicagofoodbank.org).*



**Broadview Service Center  
Community Presbyterian Church**

2000 W Roosevelt Road  
Broadview, IL 60155  
Hours: Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
*Service Area: Broadview and Hines Area*

**Westchester Food Pantry**

Westchester Village Hall  
10300 Roosevelt Road  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Hours: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
*Service Area: Broadview, Westchester,  
Bellwood, Hillside, Berkeley, LaGrange Park  
and Western Springs*

**Hines VA Food Pantry**

5000 S 5th Avenue  
Hines, IL 60141  
Hours: 11 a.m.  
to 1:00 p.m.  
*Service Area: Hines*

Season's  
Greetings

**Important Phone Numbers**

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



**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

**Village President**

Katrina R. Thompson

**Village Clerk**

Kevin McGrier

**Village Administrator**

LeTisa Jones

**Finance Director**

Timothy Hicks, CPA

**Treasurer**

Thomas Hood

**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.