

The Villager

The Village Of Hazel Crest Community Newsletter

APRIL & MAY 2017

Burger King Opens!



After much anticipation, the new Burger King restaurant is now open for business and residents may now enjoy a Whopper hot off the grill. Mayor Alsberry and village officials joined owner Barrington Rutherford, a Hazel Crest native, for the Grand opening on January 25, 2017. Located at 183rd and Kedzie Avenue is now open for business. Mr. Rutherford spoke about his history as a Burger King franchise owner for many years and when the opportunity arose to locate a new Burger King restaurant in his hometown, he jumped at the chance. Rutherford went through an extensive process of leveling and cleaning the former Shell Gas Station from the site to construct his business with state of the art equipment, fixtures and software. From start to finish, this new business was created in 90 days due to the motivation of both the owner and the Village of Hazel Crest, which wants all business owners seeking a new home that Hazel Crest will work with them to accomplish their goals in an expedited manner.

If you haven't yet had a chance, make sure to stop by soon!

Teddy's Meat Market Opens



We're pleased to announce Teddy's Market at 17531 S. Kedzie. Teddy's offers fresh meat, fruit and produce along with other food favorites and necessities. Owner John Mihalos is no stranger to building strong ties in the community having succeeded with Just Shrimp restaurants in Alsip and Tinley Park. We are glad to have Teddy's here in Hazel Crest and look forward to it becoming a staple in the community. Teddy's is accepting applications for job positions. To apply, log on to teddysmarkets.com and look for the EMPLOYMENT tab on the upper right side.

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President's Letter

Dear Residents,

As Spring approaches, I hope you have noticed that not only is the weather improving, but so is Hazel Crest. The dedication, planning and hard work of the Village of Hazel Crest staff, Village Trustees, Commission members and volunteers are making a difference. Economic development is on the rise with the recent and future openings of more than a dozen new businesses, including a new Burger King at 183rd & Kedzie, Teddy's Meat Market at 175th & Kedzie, Prosperity Tax Consulting at 17505 Kedzie (just in time for tax season, and Bionic Prosthetics. In the next few weeks and months we will see grand openings for Anytime Fitness (a 24-hour fitness center) in the Commons Plaza at 183rd & Kedzie next to Dollar Tree, Pricilla's Ultimate Soul Food Café at 3840 W. 183rd Street, Wired Designer Boutique at 17509 S. Kedzie and Hollywood Beauty Supply at 17500 S. Kedzie, to name a few. Please continue to shop Hazel Crest to support our economic growth because the more sales tax we generate, the less property taxes we pay.

Despite having repaved, repaired or replaced over 25% of the Village streets in the recent years, the construction season will begin again this Spring so we can maintain all roads impacted by the continuous truck and car traffic. Residents in the Highland subdivision should be on alert for the signs of construction on Birchwood, Central and Maple and in the Pacesetter subdivision, residents should be aware that the paving of Grandview will start soon. While temporarily inconvenient, it is a long-term improvement in safety and aesthetics, in addition to eliminating annoying potholes and dips. Travelers down 183rd Street may have noticed the brighter LED lights that were installed from Pulaski to Kedzie, which are part of a program to install village wide as part of an energy and cost saving grant program through the State of Illinois.

Hazel Crest is developing a job training program for young people entering the workforce in partnership with neighboring communities, local businesses, colleges, elected officials and religious leaders. This work is being done through an initiative called Peace With A Purpose, as developed by the South Suburban Regional Mayoral Black Caucus (SSRMBC). As Vice

President of SSRMBC, I will chair the next forum which will be held at Governor's State University. This will be the third forum and the parties will continue developing strategies to move the Southland Region forward by providing good paying jobs, quality education, and safe, stable communities. There is much work to be done, but we are up to the challenge and are optimistic about the economic future of Hazel Crest and the south Cook County.



**President
Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr.**

The Vietnam War Commemorative Commission is planning its third major commemorative event to thank and honor veterans, including MIA's and POW's of the Vietnam War. Seniors continue to have vibrant weekly activities and special programs at the Senior Center. Plans are already underway for the annual Hazel Nut parade and festival and once again we will host the highly successful President's Summer Bridge Program for youth. Our Community Policing Program is up and running and we have plans to enhance our police and fire departments. Through all of these efforts, the Hazel Crest village government will continue to be active in protecting the health, safety and economic well-being of our families.

So, while there is much work to be done, there is also good reason to be Hazel Crest Proud!

Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr.
Mayor, Village of Hazel Crest



Local News & Events

Priscilla's Soul Food Cafe Is Now Open!



(Photo compliments of Priscilla's)

Hazel Crest welcomes the same delicious soul food enjoyed for years at Priscilla's in Hillside and Hanover Park. The newest eatery in the village is now open at 3840 W. 183rd Street at the site of the former Continental Restaurant. Priscilla's is a family owned and operated business run by Priscilla and Mansfield Redmond. We welcome them to Hazel Crest! Priscilla's is accepting applications for job positions. To apply, log on to <http://priscillasultimatesoulfood.com> and click on the JOIN OUR TEAM tab to fill out an application.

N.O.B.L.E. - The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) serves more than 60,000 youth through its major program components which include: mentoring, education, leadership development, and safety. NOBLE offers an interactive training program designed to improve communication between civilians and law enforcement officers. Hazel Crest Police Chief Mitchell R. Davis, a member of NOBLE for 15 years, has announced officers will present "The Law and Your Community" on Thursday, April 13th at Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

"I am proud to be a part of a law enforcement team that is committed to working with teens. This program will teach and improve their understanding of federal, state and local laws and civil rights when interacting with law enforcement," said Chief Davis. Although the program is nationally recognized for any age group, it is best for ages no younger than 13 years of age. Chief Davis says NOBLE will schedule "The Law and Your Community" presentations at Hillcrest High School and area junior high schools in the near future. For more information or to schedule a "Law & Your Community" program event, contact NOBLE's Community Relations at communityrelations@noblechicago.org.



Bubble Buddy Laundromat

17302 S. Kedzie Avenue
Hazel Crest, Illinois



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Local News & Events

We Welcome New Businesses To The Village Of Hazel Crest

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| Bionic Prosthetics & Ortho | 17530 S. Kedzie |
| Burger King | 3200 W. 183rd |
| Citadel Estates | 3701 W. 183rd |
| LD Swag Inc. | 3164 W. 175th |
| Leo Food Market | 2014 W. 170th |
| Liz's Café Convenience Shop | 17306 S. Kedzie (B) |
| Lori's Gifts | 17800 S. Kedzie |
| Metrolink IL LLC. | 18325 S. Pulaski (A) |
| Priscilla's Ultimate Soul Food Café | 3840 W. 183rd |
| Prosperity Partners | 17505 S. Kedzie |
| Recovery Concept (Location Change) | 17100 Dixie (D&E) |
| Serious Cuts with Passion | 17046 Dixie HW |
| Studio 306 | 17577 S. Kedzie (306) |
| Teddy's Fruit & Meat Market | 17531 S. Kedzie |
| Wing Wah Chop Suey (New Owner) | 3168 W. 175th |
| Wendy's (New Franchise Owner) | 3951 W. 183rd |

New Home-Based Businesses:

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| All About That Dust Office Cleaning | (708) 593-4213 |
| At Your Service Virtual Assistant & Event Planning | (708) 940-5324 |
| B & E Protection LLC | (708) 932-5192 |
| Focal Service (Computer Services) | (312) 473-6225 |
| Young Solutions | (708) 378-8286 |

Coming Soon: Approved Businesses Currently in the Building Permit Process

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Hollywood Beauty Supply & More | 17465 S. Kedzie |
| Wired: The Design Boutique | 17509 S. Kedzie |

HCTV Is On The Air!

Hazel Crest Community Television (HCTV) receives outstanding marks from village residents on its redesign and the quality of information viewed on the HCTV. On Comcast Cable Channel 4 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, residents may watch coverage of the village board meetings, interviews and public service announcements, and get information pertinent to the Village.

Long Term Strategic Planning Meeting

Every successful organization examines itself to establish where they are and where they want to be in five years (or longer) to make sure they are on the right track. Whether a formal or informal process by governments, businesses or individuals, long term strategic planning is important to fulfilling a core mission.

The Village hosted a Long Term Strategic Planning meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 PM at the village hall. Lester McCarroll, Jr. served as facilitator of the meeting, which was designed as an open forum for the public to participate. Mr. McCarroll explained the ongoing process to compile and analyze data and community input to draft operational initiatives and examine priorities of the village. The first part of the process is data collection. In addition to the initial forum held January 17th, one-on-one interviews have been conducted with residents, business owners and village officials. Scheduling for the next round of interviews is underway and will include residents, village staff and other key persons in the community.

Mr. McCarroll urged residents to give their input because it is important for the direction of the village. By participating in this process and by attending the village board meetings, residents remain engaged in the happenings and have their voices heard. Some of the areas of thought are:

1. Consider a successful 5 year run by the village. What do things look like for the Village of Hazel Crest from your point of view? (Use the following categories to evaluate your thoughts):

Infrastructure: Roads, water, gas, lighting and electricity, utilities housing, food, health, internet connectivity, communications.

Safety and Security: Protection from the elements, disaster recovery, security, order, law, stability, freedom from fear.

Collaboration, Belonging, and Community: Ways to build relationships and bonds between people, families, singles, neighbors, community members, businesses, surrounding villages, etc. Creating a feeling of belonging and support among residents and people who do business or work in the village.

Achievement: Environment for Education, Careers, Job Opportunities, Entrepreneurship, Entertainment, Recreation, Recognition, Economic Development

Self-Actualization and Improvement: Efforts and opportunities for improvement of the village, things in place for residents and businesses to improve and reach their full potential. Data, planning, analysis, etc.

2. What are the Village of Hazel Crest's key internal strengths and challenges, and most important opportunities and threats from outside the village?

3. Name one short term and one long term priority for the Village of Hazel Crest.

For more information or to offer input in areas, contact Kimberly Parker at 708-335-9600, extension 201.

DID YOU KNOW?

To see coverage of the Strategic Planning Forum held January 17th, log on to our YouTube Channel. Stay tuned for more information about the Strategic Plan.

ComEd Offers FREE Energy Assessments Of Your Home

ComEd customers have opportunities to reduce energy usage with a FREE energy assessment that includes free and discounted products for your home. ComEd has partnered with your natural gas utility to bring electric and natural gas savings to you. Homeowners can reduce energy use with FREE installation of the following FREE products:

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Holiday Lighting Recognition Awards

Congratulations to the Gold Level Residents recognized for the time and effort they put into beautifying their homes and our village in celebration of the Holiday Season:

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| Ruby J. Dedeaux | 3535 Marseille |
| Luezell Brown | 18301 Barrington Ct |
| Dwayne Jackson | 10 Carrington Ct |
| Laron Braxton, Sr. | 12 Carrington Ct. |
| Pinky & Robert L. Johnson | 16 Carrington Ct. |
| Seante & Charles Tyner | 3600 Roberts Ct. |
| Yvonne Gillie-Wallace | 3612 Roberts Ct. |
| Lareva & Albert Johnson | 3611 River Road |
| Shelly & Lacel Winder | 3603 River Road |
| Michael Wicks | 3805 River Road |
| Shar & Gerald Brown | 18505 River Road |
| Patricia A. Batchman | 18503 River Road |
| Joyce & Winston Johnson | 18412 River Road |
| Wendy Bumphis | 3610 Edgewater |
| Casandra Harbin | 3707 Edgewater |
| Bonnie & Dennis Kurowski | 3710 Briar |
| Algine B. Jefferson | 3714 Briar |
| Deborah J. Eggleston-Myers | 3406 Cannes |
| D. Player | 3105 Smoketree |
| L. Thompson | 17811 Oakwood |
| Fontela Turner | 17815 Oakwood |
| Catherine Wright | 17808 Pebblewood |
| Alice & Virdell Hackett | 17502 Oakwood |
| Carolyn & Curtis Merrill | 17501 Oakwood |
| Kerwin Holman | 17604 Arlington |
| Antonio Jones Young | 17607 Arlington |
| Fred D. Kyles | 17609 Arlington |
| Daisy & Harmon Langston | 17603 Balmoral |
| Leola & Nathaniel Douglas | 3007 Surrey Ln. |
| Marva & John Smith | 3416 Birchwood |
| The McKinney Family | 17111 Magnolia |
| The Wren Family | 17002 Magnolia |
| The Carderas Family | 17003 Magnolia |
| The Nixon Family | 17013 Central Park |
| The Reese Family | 3412 Hazel Lane |
| The Booker Family | 3414 Hazel Lane |
| The Jackson-Telley Family | 3416 Hazel Lane |
| Peter Ford | 17008 Elm |
| The Pecaup Family | 17204 Elm |
| The Hopkins Family | 17308 Burr Oak |
| The Mayberry-Moore Family | 17314 Burr Oak |
| The Brady Family | 3809 Laurel |
| The Hamilton Family | 3502 Chestnut |
| The Beruben Family | 17010 Pine Ct. |
| The Malone Family | 3319 Woodworth |
| The Webster Family | 3424 Hickory |

Gold Level Community Service Organization:
Hazel Crest Firehouse 2903 W. 175th Street
Gold Level Community Business: Mi-Jack 3111 W. 167th Street

Congratulations to the Silver Level Residents recognized for the time and effort they put into beautifying their homes and our village in celebration of the Holiday Season:

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| Wendy & Mukaila Adebessin | 17120 California |
| Anita Hemp | 17127 California |
| Brandy Burton | 17201 Highland |
| Sarah L. Helm | 2818 173rd Street |
| Rafael Fonesca | 2600 Woodworth |
| Jeanne & Kermit Coy | 2829 173rd Street |
| Deborah Ware 3013 | 173rd Street |
| Denise & Spencer Dawson | 17311 Bryant Lane |
| Michael D. Newell | 17306 Bryant Lane |
| Patricia L. & Marvin Ray | 17301 Bryant |
| Trina Young | 2820 Tennyson |
| June M. Rogers | 2817 W. 174th |
| Cheryl L. Anderson | 3533 Marseille |
| Ralph Bledsoe | 3520 Marseille |
| Paula M. Ross | 18607 Augusta |
| Gwendolyn Ivey | 3605 Roberts Ct. |
| Rita & James H. Dawkins | 18600 Emily Ct. |
| Angela Bridges | 18506 Indie Ct. |
| Chrystal D. Kyles | 3605 River Road |
| T. Snodgrass | 18106 Charmagne |
| G. Woods | 18102 Charmagne |
| Eloise Lott | 18100 Charmagne |
| Terry Roberts | 3117 Shagbark |
| The Crite Family | 17901 Old Trail |
| Asia Overstreet | 17818 Ridgewood |
| Aaron Goines | 17815 Ridgeway |
| Rochelle & Wayne Johnson | 17813 Oakwood |
| Margie & Ronald Evans | 3104 Hawthorne |
| Alberta & Anthony Roberts | 17616 Balmoral |
| Reginald Wiggins | 17615 Balmoral |
| Camilla Davis | 17612 Balmoral |
| Andrea McCullough | 17600 Balmoral |
| Sherrie Wilks | 18454 Carrington Ct. |

Silver Level Community Service Organization:
Hazel Crest Park District 2600 W. 171st Street

VILLAGE WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

The Village-Wide Clean-Up Day is May 13, 2017. Residents interested in helping for a few hours of general hands-on trash pick-up in the area are asked to come to the Senior Room at Village Hall at 9:00 AM. Refreshments will be Served before and after clean-up.

Public Works Department

2017 BRUSH COLLECTION & STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

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| ZONE 1 Highlands Apple Tree Homewood Gardens Chateaux Village West Stone Creek Dynasty Lakes | BRUSH COLLECTION April 3rd - 7th June 5th - 9th August 7th - 11th October 2nd - 6th | STREET SWEEPING April 10th - 14th June 12th - 16th August 14th - 18th October 9th - 13th |
| ZONE 2 Pottawatomie Hills Twin Creeks Pacesetter Stonebridge Carriage Hills | BRUSH COLLECTION April 10th - 14th June 12th - 16th August 14th - 18th October 9th - 13th | STREET SWEEPING April 17th - 21st June 19th - 23rd August 21st - 25th October 16th - 20th |
| ZONE 3 Hazel Crest Proper East of Tollway | BRUSH COLLECTION April 17th - 21st June 19th - 23rd August 21st - 25th October 16th - 20th | STREET SWEEPING April 24th - 28th June 26th - 30th August 28th - September 1st October 23rd - 27th |

* Brush must be placed neatly and accessible along the curb BEFORE 8:00 AM on each scheduled Monday.

* Vehicles must be removed from the street between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM during the scheduled week of street sweeping.

COMPOST SCHEDULE 2017

WEDNESDAYS
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SATURDAYS
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

START DATE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017 AND
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

END DATE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017
(OR SOONER WEATHER DEPENDING)

Description of accepted materials:
GRASS, LEAVES
AND SCHRUB TRIMMING ONLY !!

Safe Medication Disposal Tips From The USDA

The Village of Hazel Crest has a
**Medication Disposal For Safer
Communities Program**

Residents can dispose their unwanted or outdated medication in a "Medication Disposal Container" located in the lobby of the Village Municipal Building located at 3000 W. 170th Place. When was the last time you cleaned out your household supply of over-the-counter (OTC) medicines? Just like the dosing instructions and additional information on the label, the expiration date on the packaging is there for reason. Once a medicine has reached its expiration date, it may not provide the treatment that

you need. To ensure the medicines you take are both safe and effective, keep an eye on the expiration dates and safely dispose of any expired or unwanted medicines. In-home disposal of all OTCs is safe and convenient—here's how to do it! Follow these simple steps from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to dispose of OTCs in your household trash: Mix medicines (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds. Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag. Throw the container in your household trash.

Hazel Crest Polling Locations For The April 4, 2017 Election

(Or Vote Early In Person Starting March 20th At The Markham Courthouse At 16500 S. Kedzie)

March 20 First Day of Early Voting
March 30 Last Day To Request MAIL IN BALLOT
April 3rd Last Day of Early Voting In Person
April 4 Last Day MAIL IN BALLOTS Can Be Postmarked

Bremen Township

Chateaux Elementary School
3600 Chambord Lane
Hazel Crest, Illinois
Precinct 63

Hazel Crest Park District
2600 W. 171st Street
Hazel Crest, Illinois
Precinct 31

Hazel Crest United Methodist Church
17050 California Avenue
Hazel Crest, Illinois
Precinct 32, 51 & 66

Hazel Crest Fire & Rescue Building
2903 W. 175th Street
Hazel Crest, Illinois
Precinct 49

Highland Elementary School
3420 Laurel Lane
Hazel Crest
Precinct 71 & 78

Rich Township

Flossmoor Hills Elementary School
3721 Beech Street
Flossmoor, Illinois
Precinct 41

Grande Prairie Library
3479 W. 183rd Street
Hazel Crest, Illinois
Precinct 15

Thornton Township

Jesse White Learning Academy
16910 Western Avenue
Hazel Crest, Illinois
Precinct 59

Warren Palm School
1910 W. 170th Street
Hazel Crest, Illinois
Precinct 28

Barack Obama Learning Academy
16448 S. Park
Markham, IL
Precinct 95



Are You A Good Neighbor?

Building strong neighborhoods is important to improving the quality of life for you and your family. Picture yourself in a good neighborhood. What does it look like? What does it feel like? Does it look like your neighborhood? It is times of crisis and at times of joy when we most value our neighbors. We should build upon that good relationship every day. Most community efforts succeed when neighbors work together for the common good. The first part to a good relationship is simply to introduce yourself and meet your neighbors before problems occur. Make sure your neighbors have your phone number so that they may contact you in case of an incident or emergency. Be a good neighbor yourself. Treat others how you want to be treated.

The following list is suggested by the Inspectional Services Department to establish and maintain good neighbor relationships:

- Obtain building permits prior to starting renovations
- Keep the exterior of your property neat and clean
- Park vehicles on the driveway and not the grass
- Make sure that vehicles can operate under its own power
- Prohibit your dog from barking at night or for excessive periods of time
- Clean up after your pets
- Store excess trash and debris in approved containers
- Keep you grass cut on a regular basis; do not let it exceed five inches
- In winter, keep sidewalks free of snow and ice build up
- Be considerate of the time, close your doors/windows, and keep music at reasonable levels

Being a good neighbor enhances communication between you and your neighbors, reduces crime, eliminates blight and maintains property values. By doing your part, we all will be Hazel Crest Proud. For more information, contact the Inspectional Services Department at 708-335-9600, ext. 700.

Human Resources: Employees with First Quarter (2017) Milestones

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| Cynthia Bogan | Records Clerk for Police Department | March 19, 2007 (10 years) |
| Sheri Brand | Clerk for Inspectional Services | February 16, 2007 (10 years) |
| John Hoehn | Patrol Officer for Police Department | January 12, 2007 (10 years) |

Stay Informed By Joining Our E-Mailing List

The Village of Hazel Crest emails its residents every other week with notices about upcoming events, breaking village news, regularly scheduled meetings, special events/offers and general information helpful to the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

To get your copy of the E Newsletter, please send your email address to [ccarter@](mailto:ccarter@villageofhazelcrest.com)

villageofhazelcrest.com and join the ranks of the informed !

The Smartphone Mobile App. The Village of Hazel Crest APP is FREE and is available on both Apple and Android devices. Go to iTunes or Google Play and search for “Village of Hazel Crest” to download. Great for emergency notifications !

Security And Fire Alarm Permits



Pet Tags Due May 1st



Pet tags are due each year by May 1st. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. Tags are available at the front desk of the Village Hall. For more information, call 708-335-9600.

Public Works Saves The Day (And Our Basements)

On the evening of Tuesday, February 28th, the Village of Hazel Crest was hit by a series of severe thunderstorms that dropped several inches of rain in a short amount of time, as well as several rounds of hail that caused some low-lying areas of the village to flood. Village Manager Donna Gayden and Public Works Director Jeff Hon drove around the entire village to assist residents and the village employees

who worked all night to clear drains, rescue stranded motorists, and respond to emergency calls. The Village encourages residents to prepare an emergency plan ahead of the next bad storm. And reminds to never drive through a flooded roadway -- it only takes six inches of water to reach the bottom of a car and possibly stall an engine.

Calendar Of Events

April

Brush Collecting & Street Sweeping Begins (April-October)

- 4 Election Day
- 7 April Food Day Collection Ends
- 15 Vet Tech TV Collection at Village Municipal Center, 3000 W. 170th Place (Fee Charged)
- 29 Open Land's Arbor Day Tree Planting

May

- 13 Open Land's Inca Pachamama Celebration
- 13 Village Wide Clean Up Day

June

- 4 Hazel Crest Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
- 10 Flag Day Celebration
- 11 Spring Tour & NWRD (Free Tree Seed Giveaway 2:00 PM)
- 17 Drivin' The Dixie

July

- 15 Village-Wide Garage Sale
- 22 Summer Beautification Tour (East of Kedzie Avenue)
- 29 Summer Beautification Tour (West of Kedzie Avenue)

August

- 1 National Night Out Against Crime
- 5 HCPD 5K Wellness Run/Walk
- Hazel Nut Parade and Festival
- 11 Veterans Commemorative Black Tie Affair

SAVE THE HAZELNUT DATE

Saturday August 5, 2017

**Annual Hazelnut Parade
and Festival**

**FREE Entertainment & Fun
For All Ages**

What's A Buffalo Box?

Every building has a Buffalo Box event if you don't know what it is. Originating in Buffalo, New York (hence the name), the Buffalo Box is the shut off valve between individual homes or businesses and the main water line owned and maintained by the village. Public Works employees must frequently repair Buffalo Boxes to allow them to quickly stop the flow of water in case of an emergency, just as the NICOR or ComEd can turn off utilities from outside a building.



The Buffalo Box is almost always located in the parkway between the street and sidewalk along with other buried utilities, making access difficult and repair workspace tight. Before any construction or home repair effort begin, homeowners and contractors are always required to call J.U.L.I.E. (811) to mark the location of these utility lines to avoid damage and injury to the workers. Avoiding the water line itself, other utilities, trees, streetlights and sidewalks requires a skilled operator of a backhoe along with a "Top Man" to serve as a safety person behind the backhoe and "Bottom Man" working in the ground to make the repairs.



The Public Works crew assigned to repair this Buffalo Box include Backhoe Operator Lawrence Harris, Top Man Arthur Nelson and Bottom Man Tierre Pierce.



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Police Department Ranks Expanding Again



The Village of Hazel Crest welcomes new police officer Keith Willoughby, who transferred to us from the Calumet Park Police Department after beginning his career in Pine Bluff, Arkansas Police Department.

◀ *Village Clerk Marlon Rias administers the oath of office to Officer Keith Willoughby during the January 10th board meeting.*