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Inclusive Playground Opens at Ehlert Park

On Nov. 14, 2024, the Village of Brookfield opened its first inclusive playground at Ehlert Park, a project funded in part by a \$600,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant.

The playground is part of a roughly \$1.26 million initiative to improve the southwest corner of Ehlert Park. Redevelopment items included:

- New, all-inclusive playground to accommodate children with special needs
- New pavilion
- Poured-in-place surfacing
- Renovated memorial garden
- New pathways for accessibility into the playground area
- Updated soccer, football and baseball fields (Field #3)
- Rain Garden
- Permanent leisure-play elements: ping pong and game tables

The last time the playground space saw any significant improvement was nearly 24 years ago. Redevelopment of this space allows for not only updated play opportunities for our community but creates an inclusive space, allowing children of all abilities to benefit from this project.

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning an official ribbon-cutting for the park at a Grand Opening event in the spring of 2025.





Blast from the Past

February 8, 1956



Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1956 was a big day for Brookfield and big enough news that the Chicago Tribune published on Sunday, Feb. 12 included a short story with a photo of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley (seated) signing over the deed to Kiwanis Park to Village Manager Dan Kulie (standing left) and Brookfield President C. Harold Eash.

The story noted that Brookfield acquired the property after seven years of negotiation with the City of Chicago. What the article didn't detail was how the property happened to be owned by the city in the first place – long story short, it was connected to litigation surrounding the failure of the Riverside Improvement Company nearly a century earlier.

Also not mentioned: It took the Village suing – and winning in court -- to acquire the property via eminent domain after

Chicago dragged its feet on agreeing to a price for so long. In the end, Brookfield paid Chicago \$175,000 for the 32 acres comprising both Kiwanis Park and South Kiwanis Park.

Brookfield raised the funds to acquire the property through a successful voter referendum in April 1955.

For more about the history of Kiwanis Park, scan the QR code or visit brookfieldil.gov and click the "History" link from the "Community" drop-down menu on the home page.



Report issues through SeeClickFix

See a pothole in the street? Need your alley graded or know of a parkway tree in need of trimming? You can directly communicate issues and concerns to our Public Works staff through SeeClickFix, a work order request app.

If you see anything that needs fixing, addressing, removal, etc., please put in a request through SeeClickFix and you'll receive confirmation of the request and updates on its resolution. Scan the QR code or visit brookfieldil.gov.





Cantata/The British Home Celebrates its 100th Anniversary!

Next year, 2025, marks the 100th year of Cantata Adult Life Services (formerly The British Home) providing campus living and at-home services for local seniors and their families in Brookfield and the surrounding area.

Cantata's founders were the Daughters of the British Empire (DBE), a group of women dedicated to honoring their British heritage and traditions in the United States. In the early 1920s, DBE members established a not-for-profit nursing home on Cantata's current campus in Brookfield, after receiving a donation of land from Samuel Insull, the CEO of Commonwealth Edison.

They welcomed their first residents in 1925 and named their endeavor The British Old People's Home. This name was subsequently changed to The British Home for Retired Men and Women in the 1950s, and then to the more contemporary Cantata Adult Life Services in 2012. In the early 1970s, The British Home broadened its mission to serve people of all nationalities and ethnicities.

Since its establishment 100 years ago, Cantata/The British Home has served tens of thousands of seniors and their families in the Chicago area, largely in the western suburbs of Chicago.

In 2025, Cantata/The British Home will host and sponsor many activities and events throughout the year to commemorate and celebrate its century of exceptional service to seniors, their families, and our local community.

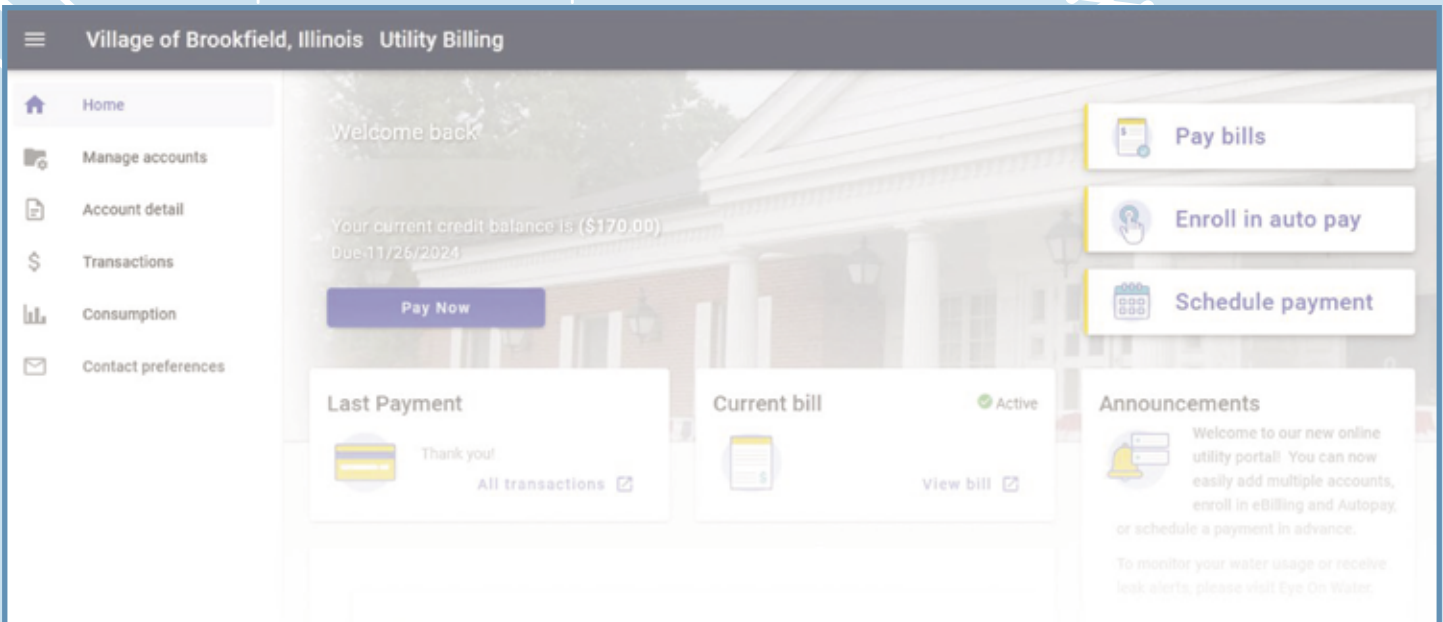
If you would like to be notified in advance of these various activities and events, you can visit Cantata's website, cantata.org, where you can learn more and sign up for advance notice.

Otherwise, stay tuned, and Congratulations to Cantata/The British Home on achieving this fantastic milestone!



Cantata Adult Life Services was founded in 1920 as the British Old People's Home (above). The charity welcomed its first residents in 1925. After rebranding in 2012, Cantata (below) has continued to grow its campus and the services it offers to older adults in the western suburbs.





The Village of Brookfield has launched a new Online Utility Payment system!

Sign up for Utility Access and discover all new features to make it easier to manage your water bill payments:

Manage Payments

- Set up autopay using a credit card or bank account
- Schedule payments in advance
- Change your automatic payment method

Manage Communication

- Choose eBills, paper bills or both
- Receive reminders about automatic payments
- Notification if your autopay credit card is expiring

Manage Multiple Accounts

- View all properties you own
- Option to pay a single account or multiple accounts at once

Scan the QR code to get started!



Prefer to pay by phone? Try our new automated phone payment system! Phone payments are now available 24/7 using a credit card or eCheck. Call 708-485-7344 and press 1.



Stay in the Know!



It's been an extraordinarily busy year for the Village of Brookfield. Of course, there have been a host fun events, major construction projects and Village initiatives, some of which will continue in the coming year and some of which will be new in 2025.

So how can you make sure you're kept up to date with everything that's going on? Let us count the ways:



Brookfield Website



The Village's website can be found at brookfieldil.gov, where you'll find the latest news, a calendar of Village events and vital information from every department of Village government. At the bottom of the homepage, you can enter your email address to receive notifications anytime information on our website is updated. You can even pick the pages (News, Recreation, Finance, Capital Improvements) you want to keep an eye on most.



Everbridge Alert System

If you are interested in receiving emergency alerts, such as severe storm warnings and other important messages that must be delivered in a timely manner, you can sign up to receive those alerts by phone, text, email or any combination of the three. You can sign up for those alerts by visiting the Village website and clicking the "Emergency Alert Platform" button.



Social Media

We post information about events and important news regularly on social media. You can find us on **Facebook** (@brookfieldvillagel), on **Instagram** (@village_of_brookfield) and **X/Twitter** (@BrookfieldILPS).

Sign Up for Our E-Newsletter

Get the latest news, events, and updates delivered right to your inbox.

Not on social media? Well, we have you covered, too.

The Village mails out the print newsletter **The Brookfielder** (that's what you're holding right now) quarterly to every residence in Brookfield, providing information on everything from infrastructure projects to economic development initiatives, public safety, reminders about snow plowing and street sweeping as well as alerting you to upcoming events you won't want to miss.



Finally, twice a week – on Wednesday and Friday – we send out an **e-newsletter**, where you can find much of the information we post to social media and the Village website, learn about programs and events being offered by community organizations and get the most up-to-date information on local infrastructure projects.

Sign up for our e-newsletter by scanning the QR code at left or visiting the Village website and clicking the "Sign Up for E-Newsletter" button.





You now have online access to your hourly water usage information.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve services to our customers, we are now offering you direct and secure access to your water usage data. The Village of Brookfield EyeOnWater suite of available tools includes a secure online website to review and analyze your usage patterns. A consumer smartphone app will be made available after the initial online sign-up.

Powered By  **Badger Meter**



To access your personalized online portal visit:

www.EyeOnWater.com/signup

You will need the following information to register for an online account:

Zip Code
Account Number
E-mail Address

Brookfield Adopts Vacant Property Ordinance to Improve Community Safety

The Village of Brookfield has introduced a new Vacancy Registration Ordinance, effective Jan. 15, 2025, to improve property conditions, enhance neighborhood safety and contribute to the overall quality of life in the community. This ordinance establishes clear guidelines for property owners to register and maintain vacant properties, ensuring they are safe and presentable.

Definition of Vacant Property

A property is considered vacant under this ordinance if:

- It has been unoccupied for 90 consecutive days.
- All business or construction activity has ceased.
- It is largely empty of contents.
- Multifamily residential buildings are classified as vacant when 90% or more of the units are unoccupied.

Registration and Maintenance Requirements

Beginning Jan. 15, 2025, owners of vacant properties must register their property with the Village and obtain a Certificate of Registration. Property owners must also ensure their property meets the following maintenance standards within 30 days of receiving the certificate:

- Remove debris, waste, and combustible materials from inside the property.
- Clear excessive vegetation and keep grass under 10 inches in height.

Registration Validity and Renewal

- Single-family residential properties: Registration is valid for 18 months.
- Non-single-family residential properties: Registration is valid for 12 months.
- Renewal requires ongoing compliance and potentially updated maintenance plans.

Registration Fees

The ordinance establishes the following fees for vacant property registration:

Single-Family Residential Properties:

- Initial Registration: \$250
- Renewal: \$75

Non-Single-Family Residential Properties:

- Initial Registration: \$550
- Renewal: \$250

The Village of Brookfield's Community Development Department encourages property owners to register their vacant properties promptly to comply with the maintenance standards. These measures aim to prevent vacant properties from falling into disrepair and negatively impacting the community.

Contact information

For more information or to start the registration process, scan the QR code or visit brookfieldil.gov and select "Community Development" from the "Departments" drop-down menu. Then click on "Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance" from the menu in the left rail. You can also email codeenforcement@brookfieldil.gov, or call (708) 485-7344, option 3.

By working together, the Village of Brookfield and its residents can ensure the community remains safe, attractive and welcoming for all.



Brookfield Poised to Help Your Business Thrive

Brookfield is positioned as a promising location for businesses, with market trends signaling growth opportunities for commercial enterprises. The local business environment benefits from Brookfield's strategic location, accessibility via major transit routes and its proximity to Chicago, making it attractive for a diverse customer base and workforce.

The key drivers for our community include:

1. Increasing Commercial Demand:

The balanced market reflects steady interest from entrepreneurs, who are interested in the redevelopment properties in the Ogden Avenue, Downtown and Eight Corners business districts. Our efforts aim to enhance retail and office spaces, attracting more businesses to the area.

2. Support for Local Businesses:

Brookfield offers grant opportunities such as our Property Improvement Program (PIP) to strengthen the local commercial landscape.

3. Evolving Consumer Preferences:

Brookfield's business community is adapting to a demand for walkable commercial districts, with properties integrating residential and retail spaces. New developments will focus on revitalizing key streets to create vibrant hubs of activity.

Businesses seeking growth opportunities in Brookfield can capitalize on these trends, supported by the village's commitment to fostering a robust local economy and enhancing its commercial areas.

New Businesses Contributing to Brookfield's Growth in 2024

Beachems Blissful Events

3736 Grand Blvd.

Comptech Pro

8838 Brookfield Ave.

Healthy Empire

3743 Prairie Ave.

Heathen Ink Tattoos

9040 Ogden Ave.

The Venue Brookfield

9109 Ogden Ave.

Ink Your Wear

8838 Brookfield Ave.

Just Wallpaper

9219 Broadway Ave.

Krispies

3730 Prairie Ave.

PACC Building Group

9150 Broadway Ave.

Pioneer Motel (new owner)

8835 Ogden Ave.

Rainy Valentine Tattoo Studio

3743 Grand Blvd.

Sage and Stone Apothecary

3743 Prairie Ave.

Taquero Mucho

8420 Brookfield Ave.

The Social Play

3741 Grand Blvd.

The Style Lounge

9120 Ogden Ave.

Mama Barone's (new owner)

9209 Broadway Ave.

PIP grants for commercial façade improvements

Brookfield has a Property Improvement Program (PIP) which is a grant program to properties within the Village's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. The program is intended to assist both property owners and tenants make improvements to the exterior façades of their properties in commercial districts that wouldn't otherwise be possible without this funding.

The grant is a 50/50 reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified projects. Brookfield Bank is also supporting the program with a 0% interest loan for approved projects, allowing businesses and property owners an opportunity to maximize the improvements and support financial resources needed for projects of all sizes.

For more information about the program, visit brookfieldil.gov/business/property-improvement-program.php or scan the QR code.



Commercial and Multifamily Residential Development

Brookfield is undergoing a transformative phase, with several significant development projects poised to enhance the village's appeal for residents, businesses, and visitors. These initiatives reflect the community's commitment to balanced growth and revitalization.

These projects collectively demonstrate Brookfield's focus on thoughtful planning and economic development. They enhance the village's housing and commercial offerings, attract diverse populations, and position Brookfield as a forward-thinking, vibrant community.

8900 Windemere Ave. – Adaptive Reuse of School

Under development by the same team who completed the adaptive reuse of the former St. Barbara Convent, the former St. Barbara Parish School is being transformed into a 23-unit multifamily residential property.

8845 Burlington Avenue – New Construction

This project, which will result in the construction of a 12-unit residential building directly across the street from the downtown Brookfield Metra station, has been approved and is awaiting formal permit submittal.

Brookfield Shops at Progress Park

Progress Park, at the corner of Washington Avenue and Broadway Avenue, will feature a unique retail experience that will foster community engagement in our Eight Corners Business District.

Brookfield Shops will consist of six cottage-style retail sheds, each serving as an incubator for local artisans and small businesses, and which will rotate every year from June to December.

These charming, standalone units will offer opportunities for startups to test their business models in a vibrant, community-oriented setting. With the support and guidance of the Village, entrepreneurs gain access to workshops and teaching opportunities, fostering growth and innovation while connecting with the local community.

The design encourages foot traffic and creates a welcoming environment for shoppers, making it an ideal destination for both residents and visitors.

3717-23 Grand Blvd. – Mixed-use Redevelopment Opportunity

The Village of Brookfield purchased the former Brookfield (Strand) Theater building at 3723 Grand Blvd. in September and the Village Board of Trustees approved purchasing the property to the north, at 3717 Grand Blvd. in November.

The Village will seek redevelopment proposals focusing on revitalizing these adjacent properties, with 100 feet of frontage along Grand Boulevard, into a vibrant hub appropriate for our Downtown Business District.

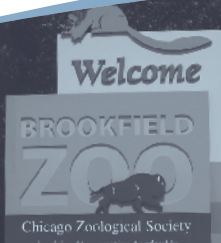
This ambitious project marks a significant step toward creating a vibrant downtown that reflects the community's vision for the future.

4000 Forest Ave. – Adaptive Reuse of Convent

A creative adaptive reuse project has transformed the former St. Barbara Parish convent into six residential units. This development balances innovation with sustainability, repurposing an existing structure to meet housing demands while maintaining the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

8911 Burlington Ave. – Multifamily New Construction

This multifamily residential development introduces contemporary housing options to Brookfield's downtown area. With its modern design and proximity to transportation and amenities, the project is designed to attract young professionals and families seeking convenient suburban living.



Snow and Ice Removal

Salting Operations

The Village's snow and de-icing crews are alert and standing by when a minor (dusting to less than 2 inches) snow or ice event is forecasted.

Once the precipitation, snow, or ice begins accumulating, trucks begin applying salt to the primary/main traffic routes for safety issues due to higher speed limits and heavier traffic volume.

We clear these routes before rush hour whenever possible. A storm's timing can cause delays for the plowing crews, residents and normal traffic flow.

Upon completion of the primary roads, salting of local streets begins. We then work on dead ends. While the streets are being treated, a crew is deployed to work in the business districts, train platforms and municipal facilities.

A simple salting operation can take four to six hours. The Village has four routes identified for a salting event.



Plowing Operations

The Village begins a plowing operation when snow reaches two or more inches. A secondary group is called out to help with the plowing in addition to the salt shift.

Staff support is brought in for the plow event as salt trucks continue plowing their primary routes. There are two vehicles assigned to each of the four routes. Alleys, cul-de-sacs, and dead ends are done towards the storm's end due to low traffic volume.

The last task is pushing back corners, cleaning up areas where cars may have been parked, and one last check through the entire route to re-salt and plow where necessary.

It is important to remember that excessive snow, extreme temperature drops, heavy wet snow, blowing and drifting snow, and equipment breakdowns will increase this time frame.

Helpful Shoveling Hints

- Shovel driveway aprons only after the roadway is completely cleared. Waiting to remove snow from your apron will eliminate the need to shovel more than once.
- Pile all the snow away from the road's edge on the left side of the driveway as you face the house. Should the snowplow pass by again after you have shoveled, this will prevent the plow from pushing the snow back into your driveway.
- Do not push snow into or across the street. Pushing snow across the street may result in that same snow being deposited in your neighbor's driveway if the snowplow should make an additional pass.
- Clear snow and ice from the sidewalk to make pedestrian travel safer and more accessible.
- Clear snow away from fire hydrants to permit easy access in an emergency.

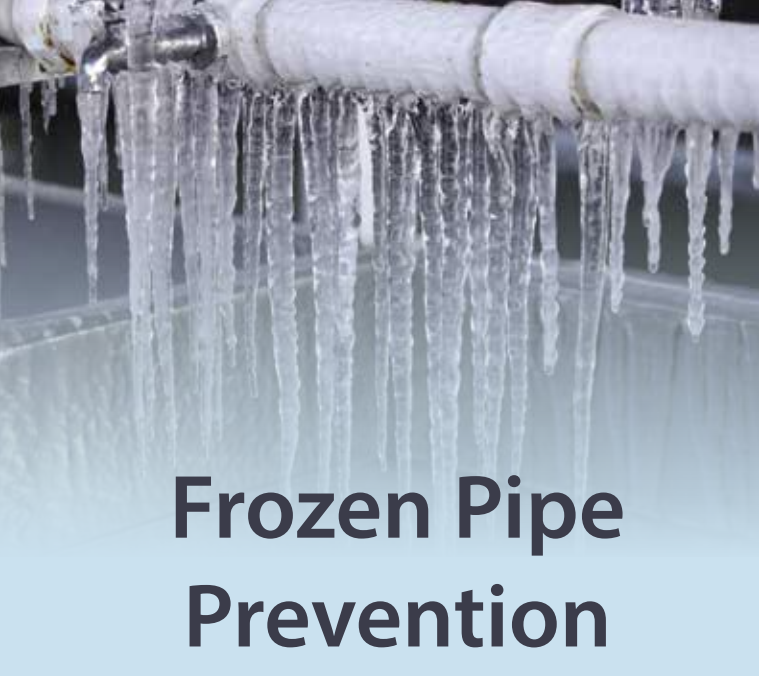
Snow Parking Restrictions are in Effect!

Brookfield snow regulations are in effect from Dec. 1 to March 31 of each winter. After a snowfall of 2 inches or more, residents can check the signs on their block to see on what day and on which side of the Street they should park.

To check if 2 inches or more of snow has fallen, dial the **Brookfield snow hotline (708) 387-SNOW**.

Parking violators are subject to a \$50 ticket for each occurrence. Please use your garage or driveway whenever possible.





Frozen Pipe Prevention

Frozen water pipes are a common problem in cold climates, affecting a quarter-million families each winter. In addition to taking the usual preventive precautions, here are a few steps to keep your pipes from turning frigid nights into inconvenient, expensive ordeals.

The three central causes of frozen pipes are quick drops in temperature, poor insulation and thermostats set too low. You can prepare your home by doing the following:

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl space and attic. Exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing.
- Seal leaks that allow cold air inside near where pipes are located. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes, and use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out. With severe cold, even a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.
- Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing — open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.



Will Groot take my Christmas tree?

It's only when the holidays are over and that Christmas tree is looking a little worse for wear, you realize: Hey, I gotta get rid of this tree! And it's January, will Groot even pick it up?

The answer is: Yes.

Groot will pick up Christmas trees free of charge the **first two weeks in January**. They ask that all ornaments, lights, tinsel and garland are removed prior to placing the tree out where you normally place your trash/yard waste for pick up.

How do I get a replacement for my damaged trash receptacle?

It doesn't happen often, but there may be a time when your Groot trash receptacle – either commercial or residential – gets damaged or even goes missing.

How can you get a replacement?

The best way is to call Groot directly at 708-485-0900, and any of the company's customer service representatives can assist you.



Brookfield 2024 Infrastructure Projects Wrap-Up

2024 Parking Lot Improvements

9100 31st Street (northwest corner of 31st Street and Park Avenue)

The scope of work included demolition of the existing building, excavation, removal and replacement of curb and gutter and sidewalk, installation of new drainage structures, storm lateral pipe, and connection to the sewer system, installation of lighting and decorative fencing, placement of hot-mix asphalt binder and surface course, thermoplastic pavement markings, restoration and landscaping of the parkway, and other related work. Work was substantially completed in November and the parking lot is available for use. Punch list work and lighting installation will be completed through the winter and the project will be closed out in early spring, 2025.

DuBois Boulevard/Burlington Avenue Improvements

- DuBois Boulevard (Ogden Avenue to Burlington Avenue)
- Burlington Avenue (DuBois Boulevard to Salt Creek)

This project included approximately **one mile of street improvements** to DuBois Boulevard and Burlington Avenue from Ogden Avenue to Grove Avenue. Key activities included point repairs to the combined sewer system; repair and replacement of deteriorated drainage structures; **a new storm sewer starting at Elm Avenue with an outfall into Salt Creek**; removal of existing pavement, earth excavation, pavement widening, removal and replacement of curb and gutter, driveway aprons and sections of sidewalk; installation of aggregate base course; hot-mix asphalt binder and surface course installation and pavement marking; **a new brick paver plaza at the Congress Park Metra Station**; restoration of disturbed areas and other related work. Construction is complete.



2024 Street Improvement Project

- Morton Avenue (Garfield Avenue to 31st Street)
- Madison Avenue (Washington Avenue to Grand Boulevard)
- Fairview Avenue (Maple Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue)
- Pavement patching at various locations

This project included approximately a **half mile of street improvements** as well as asphalt and concrete pavement patching throughout the Village of Brookfield. Key activities included widening and resurfacing streets, replacing or repairing curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveway aprons and defective drainage structures, as well as sections of combined sewers. The project also involved milling the existing pavement, installing asphalt binder and surface layers and restoring disturbed parkways. Construction is complete.

2024 Water Main Improvements

- 31st Street (Maple Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue)
- Eberly Avenue (Sahler Avenue to Gerritsen Avenue)
- Brookfield Avenue (Salt Creek to Hollywood Avenue)
- Monroe Avenue (Grand Boulevard to Maple Avenue)
- Henrietta Avenue (Kemman Avenue to Harrison Avenue)
- Morton Avenue (Southview Avenue to Fairview Avenue)
- Arthur Avenue (Gerritsen Avenue to Congress Park Avenue)

This project included the replacement of approximately **6,000 feet of water main** and all related appurtenances, installation of copper water services (67 of which replaced lead service lines), restoration of disturbed areas and other related work. Construction on the project has been substantially completed at all locations. Parkway restoration will be completed by Spring 2025.



2024 Lead Water Service Replacements

This project, taking place at various locations throughout the Village, includes the replacement of approximately **650 lead water services** from the existing water main to the meter inside of the resident’s home at various locations within the Village. The project also includes any related restoration work.

Currently, about 475 of the 650 lead service replacements have been completed. The plan is to continue with water service replacements through the winter, and it is anticipated that the remaining service replacements will be completed by the end of February.

Pavement restoration has been completed at approximately 400 completed services thus far, with final landscaping restoration completed at approximately 300 completed services. While the final pavement and landscaping restoration efforts at the remaining locations will be postponed throughout much of the winter, all parkways will continue to be cleaned and leveled with dirt, while the street pavement will be temporarily protected and/or patched to ensure adequate safety for pedestrians and vehicles. Final restoration efforts will resume and be completed in Spring 2025.

Leaking Lead Water Service Replacements

This project included the replacement of approximately **50 leaking lead water services** at various locations throughout the Village. Construction was completed in May of 2024. This work was included as part of the DuBois Boulevard Water Main Improvements (see page 12), and the water main reconfiguration at the intersection of Grand Boulevard, Prairie Avenue and Brookfield Avenue, which was completed in November 2023.

DuBois Boulevard Water Main Improvements

DuBois Boulevard (Ogden Avenue to Deyo Avenue)

This project included the replacement of approximately **800 feet of water main** on DuBois Boulevard and Burlington Avenue, from Ogden Avenue to Deyo Avenue, installation of copper water services, restoration of disturbed areas and other related work. Construction was completed in May.



2024 Pavement Marking Project

Yearly striping program completed at various locations throughout the Village of Brookfield concentrated on crosswalks near schools and parking lots. Approximately **25,000 feet of striping** were included on this project and is complete.

2024 Fire Hydrant Painting Project

Yearly fire hydrant painting completed at various locations throughout the Village of Brookfield. Approximately **400 hydrants were painted**. The project will be substantially complete by the end of the year.

2024 Sidewalk improvements Project

The yearly sidewalk improvements project focuses on replacing sidewalk squares that present a trip hazard or pose other safety risks. Approximately **300 squares were replaced**. In 2024, the project, which is complete, concentrated on the north side of town.





Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

- Shop and travel in pairs
- Never leave purses, wallets and cellphones and any personal items unattended
- Avoid carrying unnecessary money and credit cards
- Store purchased items in your vehicle trunk, out of sight
- Make sure your vehicle is locked at all times
- Report any suspicious activity to store security or law enforcement

Prevent Porch Thefts

1. Schedule delivery of packages when you are home
2. Request a signature for delivery
3. Designate a delivery spot out of public site
4. Ask a neighbor to pick up your package
5. Install security cameras for notifications of deliveries
6. Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement

www.brookfield.gov/departments/police



BROOKFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

in cooperation with the
Illinois Safety Alliance & the Illinois State Fire Marshal



Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. People have a misconception that the smell of smoke will wake you up if you are sleeping. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Roughly two thirds of all home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. **DON'T FORGET.....**All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button and make sure when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings, change the batteries in your smoke detector.

Smoke Detector Installation Program (Free of Charge)

Beginning January 1st, 2025, the Brookfield Fire Department is establishing a program to provide and install smoke detectors (**free of charge**) to Brookfield residents through the **BE ALARMED!** smoke alarm installation program. The **BE ALARMED!** smoke alarm installation program is a collaborative effort between the Brookfield Fire Department, the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

Contact the Brookfield Fire Department for more information or to schedule an installation at (708) 485-0076 Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm or email shyna@brookfieldil.gov.

Already have smoke detectors? We'll install new smoke detectors that you have already bought. We'll also come out to make sure your smoke detectors operate properly and are installed in the proper locations.

Safety Tips

- ✓ **INSTALL** smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- ✓ For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ An **IONIZATION** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- ✓ Smoke alarms should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- ✓ **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW – Effective January 1, 2023

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 100-0200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in alarm technology.
- Come January 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed withing a single or multi-family home is required to be featured with a 10-year sealed battery.
- Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023, may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date, fail to respond to operability tests, or malfunctions.

Exemptions

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
- Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.



To view the Illinois law in its entirety, visit www.IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law



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POSTAL CUSTOMER
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Need financial assistance for Brookfield Parks and Recreation programs?

The Brookfield Parks & Recreation Foundation reduces fees and increases access to park programs and services. If your family needs assistance paying for park programs, apply for financial assistance today! The Brookfield Parks and Recreation Foundation can cover up to 50% of the cost for eligible families.

Apply for financial assistance today at brookfieldparksfdn.org. Share the name and dates of the program that interests you. We'll get back to you with details about possible support.



**Brookfield
Parks & Recreation
Foundation**

