

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico *Sacred Heart Church – Here's A Little History About This Cherished 125-Year-Old Melrose Park Institution*

Dear Neighbors,

During the recent snowstorm I drove around town witnessing some residents blowing snow from their property onto recently plowed streets. In the future, please direct blowers to send snow onto your front lawn area. When people send snow into the street it forces our street cleaning crew to make another pass with the plows and adds to our overtime costs. Worse yet, it can cause a vehicle to slide as it hits this icy patch.



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

In 2018, Our Lady of Mount Carmel will celebrate the 125th year of hosting the longest running religious festival in the Chicago area – The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Simultaneously, they will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of their present church. I will write about their anniversaries in my next *Rose* letter.

However, I want to devote the rest of this letter to the 125th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church, which holds a special place in my heart since this is where my wife Donna and I took our wedding vows on July 11, 1975. Using Sacred Heart's website as a source, I want to present a little history about this cherished 125-year-old Melrose Park institution.

Sacred Heart traces its roots back to 1891 when Mary Dunnebecke and Emanuella De Stefano traveled the newly completed trolley and railway system to Chicago to find a priest. The dynamic pair convinced a Jesuit priest, Father Paul Panziglioni, to hold religious services in the village on a monthly basis, which only lasted a year.

The women persevered and they achieved a more lasting success with the generous help of a foundation set up by the Countess Maria Stadison Van Thannhausen when property for a church was purchased and a Resurrectionist priest, Father Theophile, agreed to visit Melrose Park on a regular basis.

Sacred Heart Parish's charter was granted on July 7, 1893. Services were held in a small chapel and private home. In 1894, parishioners erected a white frame building of their own on a lot at 21st Avenue and Iowa Street that seated 125 people. Within a year, the resident priest resigned and the parish remained without a priest until Father Joseph Stumpe, the first resident pastor arrived in 1895. His stay lasted two years, after which Sacred Heart became a mission church of St. Luke's in River Forest.

Mission status lasted until 1900 when the parishioners appealed for "a resident pastor of their own." In anticipation of the new pastor, a rectory was rented at what is now 16th and Augusta. Within a month of his arrival in late June, the new pastor, Father Burelbach, announced plans for a new school and the purchase of the block of property (the present site) to serve the 151 Catholic families residing in the area. (New church and school in early 1900s in picture at right.)



That September, a school was established, staffed by the Poor Handmaids of the Lord. There were 10 students and classes were held in a rented two-story store building at 14th and Superior Street. The following month, approval was obtained for construction of a large two-story brick combination building on the new property. The first Mass was said there on Sept. 22, 1901. The church seated 325 worshipers and occupied the first floor of the building. The second floor had schoolrooms in the front and a small convent for the nuns at the back.

Over the next few years, many improvements were made to the property. There were gardens, one for the rectory, the other for the convent, and a soft-ball lot. There was even an outdoor bowling alley.

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Then tragedy struck, on Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920, a tornado hit with devastating force. The parish buildings were left in near ruins (see picture at right). Fortunately there were no fatalities. Of the 86 families in the parish, 18 were left homeless. The parish had a debt of \$21,000 and there was no insurance.



Plans for rebuilding started immediately. To pay for the rebuilding, the parish made various appeals and held an annual carnival. The pastor at that time, Father Knur, personally raised more than \$25,000 in donations through appeals at different parishes in the city. In 1927, Father Lieblang replaced Father Knur.

In 1934, Father Lieblang invited the Sisters of Saint Francis at Dubuque to take charge of the school. They have been a primary influence on thousands of our kids since the first six Franciscan nuns arrived.

Father Lieblang died in 1949, after 22 years as pastor. His legacy was a parish not only free of debt but one with a sizeable building fund. That fund would soon provide critical help in the explosive growth that was just around the corner.

Father Augustine Freeman became the sixth resident pastor of Sacred Heart Church and three months after his arrival, architectural plans for a new church, school and convent buildings were a reality. The Primary Grade Building was built and it was ready to receive its first pupils in September 1951.

Over the next six years, a year rarely passed without another major construction project at the parish. Since building plans for the new church were indefinite, the old church was completely refurbished – new pews, terrazzo flooring, stain glass windows, a new organ to replace the foot-pumped original and “real confessionals.” In short, the old building was almost completely rebuilt.

In the spring of 1954, amid a major pledge drive to reduce parish debt, the new church took shape. It was built over the baseball diamond used by generations of school children. When completed in October, it was furnished with many of the things bought for the recent remodeling of the old church. The old church was renovated that very year to provide needed rooms for the school.

In the years that followed, school growth continued on an upward spiral. In 1957, the student body consisted of 759 students. By 1959, there were over 1,000 and in the peak year of 1965, the school exceeded 1,200 students.

The costs of building and subsequently maintaining such a large parish plant were enormous. Nevertheless, by the time Father Freeman was granted retirement in 1966, parish debt had been reduced from a high of \$1,350,000 to \$525,000.

Father Kniewel arrived in 1967, the year before the parish celebrated its 75th jubilee year and two years after Pope John XXIII presided over the closing of Vatican II. Parish life was facing major changes.

Sacred Heart School became one of the best in the area – it was the pride of the parish – and Father Kniewel worked tirelessly in its support. When Bingo was legalized, the Monday night games became a major source of school funding. In 1972, *Cabaret*, a showcase for parishioner talent, took over the school and Marian Hall under the direction of a young assistant named Father Militello, who would also establish the Fall Drive, an annual appeal that, to this day, remains a major source of parish funding.

When Father Kniewel retired Father Cosmo Militello came back to Sacred Heart as pastor on Jan. 1, 1981. Under his guidance the church debt was paid off, an event in 1984 that the parish celebrated with its biggest dinner dance.



As pastor, Father Cos revitalized the Women's Club and Holy Name Society, and actively involved the parishioners in the school board, and parents in the P.T.O. New activities included the occasional St. Joseph's Table, annual fashion show lunch, a corned beef and cabbage dinner, and the many other functions that encourage an active participation in parish life.

Today, Sacred Heart under Pastor Farther Francisco Ortega's inspired leadership, remains true to its mission of 125 years ago of nourishing the parish family through the ministries of Evangelization, Education, Sacramental Worship and Christian Service.

On behalf of all the residents of Melrose Park, thank you Sacred Heart for being a beacon of light, hope and stability in our community.

Save the Date – Saturday, June 30, 2018
Sacred Heart
125 Years of Catholic Faith and
118 Years of Catholic Education Celebration
For ticket information and additional details, please see ad on Page 3.

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico

Sacred Heart Celebrates 125 Years of Catholic Faith and 118 Years of Catholic Education

SAVE THE DATE

June 30th, 2018

celebrating 125 years of Catholic faith and 118 years of Catholic education

4:00pm Mass at
Sacred Heart Church
celebrated by
Cardinal Blase Cupich

Following Mass will
be a Reception
at the Drake Hotel in
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125th
Anniversary

Reception tickets will be available at the rectory

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Village of Melrose Park

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To Know

Village Hall.....(708) 343-4000

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Birth Certificates • First Copy – \$12, additional copies \$2 each

Death Certificates • First Copy – \$14, additional copies \$4 each

Water, Tickets, Etc.

Office of the Mayor(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4410

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

Animal Control.....(708) 344-8409

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

Public Works.....(708) 343-5128

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

Community Service(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448

Senior Services(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

Proviso Township Assessor.....(708) 449-4304

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsMarch 12 and 26, April 9 and 23

Village Hall Holiday ClosingMarch 30

Senior Social Club Meetings.....March 8 and April 12

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico...

We would like to express our appreciation and thankfulness for Mike Carpanzano and Mike LaGioia in the Water Department.

They were very alert to a problem we were having and they went out of their way to help us in a very difficult situation.

Because of the professional, caring and thoughtful way they handled this matter, everything worked out well for us. We are most grateful for all their help and are glad that Melrose Park has such fine men working for us and our best interest.

• Sincerely,
Max and Pat Brigade

Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame and Assistant Fire Chief James Wrosch...

Please accept this message as Honorable Mention.

Although the outcome of an incident on the morning of Friday, Dec, 15, 2017 (Union Pacific Rail Accident) was not favorable, from my office and on behalf of the Maywood Fire Department, I want to acknowledge the efforts (under chilly conditions) of Melrose Park Fire Department paramedics Clayton Schmidt (#194) and Erik Giovenko (#611).

Please pass on to your members my sincerest appreciation.

• Respectfully submitted,
Craig A. Bronaugh Jr., Fire Chief
Maywood Fire Department

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

On behalf of the River Forest Police Department, I would like to thank your department for assisting us with a shooting/homicide investigation that occurred in our town.

On Dec. 2, 2017, our department responded to a call of shots fired at the intersection of North Avenue and Harlem Avenue in River Forest.

Officers responding received additional information that two people were shot. As officers arrived, the victim's vehicle had rolled into the middle of the very busy intersection, two victims were confirmed to have been shot and two young children were in the back seat of the victim's vehicle unharmed.

Because of the location, a busy intersection, a crime scene and the numerous witnesses, our agency activated an ILEAS and WESTAF callout.

On behalf of the River Forest Police Department, I would like to thank you for sending assistance. Without intergovernmental cooperation we would have had a difficult time properly securing the scene and investigating the crime. I am grateful for the officers who responded.

• Respectfully,
Gregory A. Weiss, Chief of Police
Village of River Forest

Dear Melrose Park Resident Michael Kessling...

On behalf of the residents of Melrose Park, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation and support of the Mayor Serpico/Melrose Park Youth Commission Avenue of Flags initiative.

We're hoping our efforts continue throughout every street in Melrose Park in support of our veterans and the beautification efforts of Mayor Serpico.

• With grateful appreciation,
The Board and Staff of the Melrose Park Youth Commission

Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...

We wanted to thank your department for assisting with mutual aid at the Broadview structure fire on Jan. 13, 2018.

I am very pleased at how MABAS Division 20 and mutual departments work so well together.

On behalf of my department. please pass on my appreciation to your personnel.

- Respectfully,
Chief Tracy Kenny, Broadview Fire Department

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

On Jan. 8, 2018, I had to call 911. My wife had had a heart attack and I found her lifeless. The paramedics responded immediately and among the first responders was Officer DeCarlo.

Lt. Reiger came and sat with me through the entire time as other officers and detectives came to investigate.

What was a difficult personal situation was made bearable by the professionalism exhibited by your men and that they were sympathetic and empathetic as they did the work they had to do.

Whoever put together the protocols and training programs is to be commended as are the members of your department that I came into contact with. Their training and more importantly how they put that training into practice was a comfort to me on that evening.

Detective Gvist has been a great help to me as I work through all the details that I have had to deal with.

Officer DeCarlo, Lt. Reiger, Detective Gvist, Lt. Scudiero and the ambulance crew all have my thanks and respect for how they handled the situation and you should be proud of them.

- Thank you,
Jeff Berg

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Sgt. John Schillinger and Detective Alphonse Rodriguez for their extreme compassion and highly professional assistance to me and my family when my brother, John Duff, died suddenly and unexpectedly at his apartment in Melrose Park.

The loss of a close family member is always traumatic and is even more so when unexpected. The shock of my brother dying at home was like nothing I had ever experienced before. When we arrived, we were understandably quite upset. Sgt. John Schillinger and Detective Rodriguez were already there and they were immediately very calming and reassuring to us. They showed a genuine interest in comforting us in our time of grief.

They took their time to patiently explain the process that would be followed (medical examiner involvement, etc.) which was incredibly helpful as it was all otherwise unknown to us.

Each of these gentlemen went far “above and beyond” in their efforts to assist us in this most distressing time.

I want to commend them for the professionalism and dignity they displayed. Their dedication, competence and compassion reflect most admirably upon your department.

- Sincerely,
Patrick G. Duff Sr., President, LWU Local 3

Dear Mayor Serpico...

Many thanks to you for supporting our ninth annual Blast from the Past fundraiser for Misericordia. Together with your help and generosity we raised \$10,875 for Misericordia. Each year you have graciously donated to us the use of the Senior Center for our event in addition to a generous monetary donation.

Once again we want to thank the staff that helps us each year to set up and organize the Senior Center. They cannot do enough for us to make us feel comfortable and at home. We appreciate their time and effort.

We want to thank all the local businesses who donated food and/or gift certificates for our event. Our heartfelt thanks to Abruzzo’s, Chickie’s, Jewel Melrose Park, Liborio’s, Papaspiro’s, Ozzies, Anthony B’s, Gottlieb Health

& Fitness Center, Il Poveretto Cafe, Family Palace, Blossom Café, Bertolli’s Pizzeria, Notolli, Porretta, DaLuciano’s, The Great Escape, Taverna, Roberto’s, Sawa’s, Jewel River Forest, Scudiero’s, Paula’s Cafe, Yumi Thai, Amarind’s, Jim and Pete’s, Eliz Hair Care, Old School Tavern and Grill, Debbie’s Material Possessions, Piccolo Salon, Bartucci Restaurant, Shanahan’s, The Duck Inn, Kay’s Candy and Pan American Bank and Trust.

The children and adults of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center thank you for your love and compassion in supporting our fundraising efforts.

Misericordia exists because of the good people who share our ministry and support our efforts. Please know you are helping children and adults who are not able to create a good world for themselves. Your kindness does not go unnoticed.

May God bless you and yours for being there for us!

- Sincerely,
Jo, Tom and Matthew Halleran

**Early Voting for the
March 20, 2018
Gubernatorial
Primary Election
Runs Monday, March 5,
thru
Monday, March 19,
at the
Village of Melrose Park
(First Floor Multi-Purpose Room)
1000 N. 25th Ave.,
Melrose Park.**

Early voting hours are:

**Monday-Saturday, March 5-March 10
9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Sunday, March 11 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Monday-Friday, March 12-March 16
9 a.m.-7 p.m.**

Saturday, March 17 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, March 19 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Melrose Park Village Hall News

Village Hall Hours – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Birth Certificates

Birth Certificates – \$12 for first copy, \$2 each additional copy.

We only provide birth certificates if the individual was born at Westlake Hospital or Gottlieb Hospital in Melrose Park.

Birth certificates can be only be obtained by the individual themselves, a parent, or legal guardian.

A valid ID is required or in a legal guardian case, the proper documentation is required along with the valid ID.

Death Certificates

Death Certificates – \$17 for the first copy, \$5 each additional copy.

Vehicle Sticker Information

2016-2017 village vehicle stickers expired as of Dec. 31, 2017. New stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall.

Sticker fees are as follows: Passenger Plates – \$30 for two years (2018-2019);

Senior Citizen – One free per household for two years (2018-2019); Trucks – Good for one year (2018 only).

The fees for vehicle licenses for each vehicle are as follows if paid on the dates set forth as listed here:

Passenger Vehicles	MARCH 1 AND LATER \$40 Every Two Years	JULY 1 AND LATER \$55 Every Two Years
B Class Trucks	\$65	\$95
D Class Trucks	\$90	\$145
F Class Trucks	\$90	\$145
H Class Trucks	\$90	\$145
J Class Trucks	\$95	\$155
K Plate	\$95	\$155
L Plate	\$105	\$175
M Plate	\$110	\$185
N Plate	\$115	\$195
P Plate	\$120	\$205
Q Plate	\$120	\$205
R Plate	\$125	\$215
S Plate	\$130	\$225
T Plate	\$140	\$245
V Plate	\$150	\$265
X Plate	\$160	\$285
Z Plate	\$170	\$305

All vehicle sticker sales are final. No refunds will be issued.

For additional information, please call the Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.

Vote Democratic!

**Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico
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EQUIPMENT MANAGERS

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Democracy doesn't just happen. Every voter who casts a ballot on Election Day depends on the poll workers who are there serving voters and facilitating democracy.

The Cook County Clerk's Office is hiring community members to serve in suburban polling places and make it possible for their neighbors to cast their ballots and be heard on March 20.

There are two positions available – election judge or equipment manager. Both election judges and equipment managers assist voters and ensure the polling place is running smoothly. Equipment managers are also responsible for setting up and maintaining the voting equipment. Due to the additional responsibility, equipment managers receive more training and get higher pay. Election judges earn \$190, equipment managers earn \$340.

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Melrose Park Police Department

A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief



Visit the
Melrose Park
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Website at
www.melroseparkpd.com

- For Melrose Park Police Department General Information
- To Pay Tickets
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The website can be
translated to
Spanish and Polish.

Congratulations Lt. Rodriguez, Melrose Park is Proud of You! Lt. Raul Rodriguez Graduates from the FBI National Academy



Lt. Raul Rodriguez

The Melrose Park Police Department is proud to announce the graduation of Lt. Raul Rodriguez from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Va., on Dec. 15, 2017. Lt. Rodriguez successfully completed the 11-week advanced training program as a member of the 270th session of the Academy.

Lt. Rodriguez was one of 222 law enforcement officers, from 49 U.S. states, 20 countries, four federal agencies and three branches of the U.S. military that graduated.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 11 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for select officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered.

Less than one percent of law enforcement officers in the nation are selected to attend the program. Lt. Rodriguez is the first Melrose Park Police Department member who has attended and graduated from the National Academy Program.

Upon his return from the academy, Lt. Rodriguez will resume command of the Department's Tactical Unit which is responsible for gang and narcotics investigations. In addition Lt. Rodriguez will utilize what he learned at the academy to strengthen the community policing mission of the Melrose Park Police Department.

Police Department Notice Regarding Weekend Parking and Suspicious Persons

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1.

**Parking is permitted on both sides of the street (weekends only)
Fridays 6 p.m. through Mondays 9 a.m.
Violators will be ticketed.**

**Be aware that if anyone comes to your door stating they are
from the village of Melrose Park Street or Water Department,
they should be wearing either jackets or shirts marked with the
village of Melrose Park on them, as well as driving vehicles
marked with village of Melrose Park.**

**If they are not, do not let them in and call 911 to report this to the police.
Report any suspicious person(s) to the Police Department.
You do not have to give your name to the dispatcher.**

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Winter Hours (Oct. 1-Memorial Day)
Weekdays – 7 a.m.-10 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico Endorses Kathleen Willis

Democrat for State Representative



Kathleen Willis is a full-time State Representative (Democrat) for the 77th District and has been in office since January 2013.

Committee Assignments:

Appropriations-Human Services; Cities & Villages (Vice-Chairperson); Local Government Subcommittee; Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies; Fire & Emergency Services Committee (Chairperson); Fire Service Subcommittee (Sub-Chairperson); Government Consolidation & Modern; Higher Education; State Government Administration.

Represents and has the Support of All Mayors in the 77 District:

Addison, Bellwood, Bensenville, Franklin Park, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, Stone Park and Wood Dale.

**Vote for
Kathleen
Willis**

**Punch
#51**

Kathleen's top priorities as a prior educator is to improve access to outstanding education, provide greater property tax relief to local homeowners, make our neighborhoods safer by updating our smoke alarm laws.

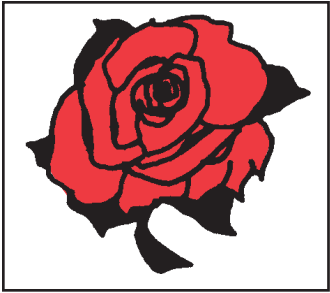
Kathleen continues to work to help those affected by the opioid/heroin crisis. She is working to increase availability of treatment services and to educate everyone on the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Federation of Labor Organizations AFL/CIO, Chicago Federation of Labor, Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois AFFI, Personal PAC, Gun Violence Prevention G-PAC, National Association of Social Workers IL, NASW Illinois Chapter, Sierra Club and Excellent Ratings from Disability Advocates.

For more information, to volunteer, or to request a yard sign, please call (708) 681-1997 or email kathy4rep@gmail.com.

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Village of Melrose Park Building Dept. Report

*From the Desk of
Ralph Sorce,
Building Commissioner*

Village of Melrose Park Flood Protection Information

The village of Melrose presents this information as part of an ongoing federal program to reduce flood insurance premiums. The National Flood Insurance Program offers the opportunity for policy holders to receive coverage at a reduced premium if the community complies with Federal criteria to lessen the impact of a flood event and educate the public on flooding dangers.

You can help to reduce flooding, here's how:

- **Stream Maintenance** – Do not dump or throw anything into ditches or creeks. Dumping in our ditches and creeks is a violation of the village of Melrose Park's ordinance. Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or creek, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The village has a creek maintenance program. Contact the Building Department at (708) 343-4000 to report downed trees and other major blockages.

- **Construction Requirements** – Always check with the Building Department before you alter, re-grade, or fill your property. A permit is needed to ensure that projects do not cause drainage problems on other properties.

- **Flood-Proofing** – There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage – retrofitting (altering a building to eliminate or reduce flood damage) measures include:

- Elevation – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
- Floodwalls – They work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry Flood-Proofing – Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- Wet Flood-Proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

Important notice: Any alteration to a building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

Flood Protection Assistance

If you have concerns or issues with flooding or drainage concerns call the Village of Melrose Park Sewer Department (708) 531-5347 or the plumbing inspector (708) 343-4000. We will provide you with information, make inspections, give professional opinions, and guide you through the proper steps to help resolve your issue, without negatively affecting your neighbors.

You can also call the Building Department (708) 343-4000. We may be able to provide information to help people find and deal with flood-proofing contractors.

Sand Bags

During a rain/flood event, sandbags are available for pickup at the Melrose Public Works Department located at 1002 N. 27th Ave.

The Public Works Department also drops off sandbags throughout the hardest hit flood areas.

Flood Event Suggestions

Please keep in mind, during a flood the less water pumped into the village's storm sewer system the better. Please avoid excessive water use such as washing clothes, showering, washing dishes and toilet flushing. This provides time for the sewer system to stabilize and catch up to the large influx of water, thus, lowering the probability of a sewer backup in a building.

Be Prepared!

Have your plumber inspect your sump pumps regularly!

If you experience flooding or drainage issues on your property, village staff may be able to assist you.

Televiser and clean sewer laterals (the part of the sewer going from your house to the street) to prevent sewer backups.

Leaf Removal, Street Sweeping, Storm Sewers and Swales

Leaves should be placed in approved containers and placed at the curb on the day of each residents scheduled garbage pickup for removal.

Mulching leaves by way of mowing them into small pieces is an excellent alternative to manual raking. Mulching of leaves during the fall also provides needed nutrients back into the turf grass plant for the next season's growing needs.

The Public Works Department needs your help in collecting leaves.

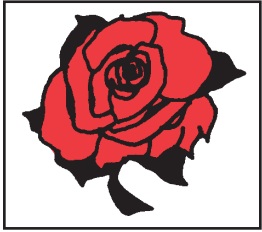
The village has many streets with curb storm sewer catch basins, culverts and storm sewer pipes that are prone to trouble in rains when they are blocked by leaves and grass clippings. The street sweeper that the village owns is not effective in removing large quantities of leaves from the village's streets and curbed areas. When the streets are wet or wet leaves have been allowed to collect in great quantities during the fall, the street sweeper is ineffective in their removal as well. The street sweeper the village operates is intended to remove road debris such as gravel, dirt and trash from the road surface by way of water and scrubbing brushes.

Public Works asks that each resident do their part in keeping the storm sewer grate, culvert pipe or swale in front of their residence free of leaves during the fall. This will greatly decrease the need for storm sewer cleaning as well as eliminating street and inlet flooding due to leaves clogging the designed drainage path.

For more information regarding important Melrose Park flood information, please visit our village website at www.melrosepark.org.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding flooding in Melrose Park, please feel free to contact the Building Department at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4419.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

*From the Desk of
Gary Marine,
Director of Public Works*

TV Pickup

Please call and make arrangements with the Public Works Street Department for pickup before putting out your TV.

Village of Melrose Park Snow Routes

Please follow all snow route signs throughout the village streets.

Please remove your vehicle from the snow route when 2 inches or more of snow falls. This will help expedite snow removal quickly.

Feeding Wildlife

Attention Winston Park Area Residents – Please refrain from feeding wildlife, especially deer, around the Winston Park area. The food is attracting skunks and raccoons, and they are becoming a nuisance throughout this area.

Attention Residents Along Silver Creek Embankment

Please refrain from throwing grass clippings and any other yard waste into the creek.

50/50 Sidewalk Program 2018

The 50/50 Sidewalk Project is now closed for 2017. If you would like to participate in the 2018 program and request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

Tree Planting for Parkways

New Tree for the Parkway List for 2017 is now closed. To request a tree for 2018, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

Street Repaving

The village is now compiling a list of streets that will be paved in the near future.

MP Dog Park

The village of Melrose Park Dog Park hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall months. The fenced-in Dog Park is located at 13th & Main Street. Dog Park licenses are available at the Village Hall. Please follow rules posted at the park.



Future Projects

17th Avenue Bridge Replacement
Construction starting spring 2019.

Replacing the 19th Avenue Bridge
Construction starting August 2020.

North Avenue Commuter Bicycle Path


First Phase Completed:
Constructed a bike path along North Avenue
from Riverwoods Drive to Mannheim Road.

Second Phase:
To be completed spring and summer of 2018.

Mayor Serpico's Residential Painting Program for Individuals 65 Years of Age and Older

Mayor Serpico announced the village of Melrose Park will once again offer the free Residential Painting Program in 2018 for individuals 65 years of age and older who reside and own a single family home in Melrose Park. Those who qualify and need light paint work around their homes – fences, garage doors, railings, etc., (no interior painting or no interior or exterior carpentry) – are encouraged to complete the MP Painting Program Request Form (below) and mail it to:

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works
Attn.: Gary M. Marine, Director of Public Works
1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160



Mayor Serpico's MP Painting Program Request Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

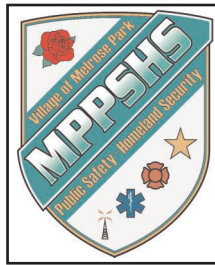
Age _____ Birthdate _____

Item(s) to be painted (please circle): Fence Garage Door Railings

Other: _____

The Public Works employees are always in full force, working to keep the village of Melrose Park clean and well-maintained. If you have a request, please feel free to call Gary M. Marine, director of Public Works at (708) 343-5128.

Melrose Park Public Safety News



From the Desk of Philip C. Schwartz, Chief of Public Safety – Homeland Security

NOAA Weather (Radio All Hazards)

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Working with the Federal Communication Commission's Emergency Alert System, NWR is an all hazards radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information.

In conjunction with emergency managers and other public officials, NWR broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards including natural events such as earthquakes and avalanches, environmental accidents such as chemical releases or oil spills, and public safety issues such as a child abduction or 911 telephone outage. Research NWR Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) for Event Codes Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service." NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, part of the Department of Commerce. NWR numbers 1000 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz) listed below.

162.400 162.425 162.450 162.475 162.500 162.525 162.550

NWS suggests listeners change the batteries in their receivers in the spring and fall when Daylight Savings Time begins and ends.

Public Alert™ Devices and NWR All Hazards Logo

We cannot recommend one brand of receiver over another, but we do recommend users look for receivers with the Public Alert and/or the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards logo. The Public Alert Standard (CEA-2009-A) was developed by the Consumer Electronics Association in conjunction with NWS. Devices carrying the Public Alert logo meet certain technical standards and come with many, if not all, of the features mentioned in this article. NWS has evaluated devices carrying the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards logo for user friendliness and performance capabilities.



Residential Grade Radios and Features

Prices vary from \$20 and up, depending on the model. Many receivers have an alarm feature, but some may not. Among the more useful features in a receiver are:

- **Tone alarm:** NWS will send a 1050 Hz tone alarm before broadcasting most warnings and many watch messages. The alarm will activate all the receivers equipped to receive it, even if the audio is turned off. This is especially useful for warnings during the night. (Public Alert™ – required)
- **SAME technology:** SAME, or Specific Alert Message Encoding allows you to specify the particular area for which you wish to receive alerts. Most warnings and watches broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio are county-based or independent city-based (parish-based in Louisiana), although in a few areas of the country the alerts are issued for portions of counties. Since most NWR transmitters are broadcasting for a number of counties, SAME receivers will respond only to alerts issued for the area (or areas) you have selected. This minimizes the number of "false alarms" for events which might be a few counties away from where you live. (Public Alert™ – required)
- **Selectable alerting of events:** While SAME allows you to specify a particular area of interest, some receivers allow you to turn off alarms for certain events which might not be important to you. For example, if you live in a coastal county, but not right at the beach, you might not care about Coastal Flood Warnings. This feature may also be called "Event Blocking" or "Defeat Siren." (Public Alert™ – optional)
- **Battery backup:** Since power outages often occur during storms, having a receiver with battery backup can be crucial. However, unless you have a portable unit which you will use away from other power sources, an AC power connection is recommended to preserve battery life. (Public Alert™ – required for radios, optional for other devices.)
- **External antenna jack:** While most receivers come with a whip antenna you usually can extend to improve reception, depending on your location you also may need an external antenna. Some receivers come with an external antenna jack so you can connect to a larger antenna indoors or outdoors. You can often buy these antennas where you bought your receiver or from most stores with an electronics department. NWR broadcasts are in the Public Service VHF frequencies, just above FM radio and between the current TV channels 6 and 7. An antenna designed for analog VHF televisions or FM radios should work.

Melrose Park Keeps Citizens Safe with Updated Everbridge Citizen Alerts System

Citizens and Businesses Can Sign Up to Receive Critical Alerts During Emergencies

The village of Melrose Park is using our newly Updated Citizen Alerts System from Everbridge the leading emergency notification system provider, to communicate with thousands of businesses and residents in minutes in an emergency.

The village is able to alert residents about severe weather, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues and other emergencies using Everbridge. Messages can be sent to residents on any communication path desired – cell phone, home phone, email, text messaging, fax, pager, PDA and more – ensuring that residents and village staff receive life-saving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes. Citizens listed in the village’s 9-1-1 database have been automatically subscribed to alerts by phone, though all citizens should self-register, to provide additional contact information and chose the alerts they would like to receive. In addition, the village plans to use the Everbridge system to notify residents about other important activities, such as weather emergencies, road closures and water utility maintenance.

Fires. Road closures. Gas leaks. How will you find out about citywide emergencies and disasters? Your safety is our top concern. Early warning helps save lives and property. That’s why Melrose Park wants to make sure you know about emergencies, severe weather and disasters as they happen.

The village of Melrose Park will use the New Everbridge SmartGIS System With Severe Weather Alerts to let you know about issues that may affect your safety. The Everbridge system will allow the village of Melrose Park to contact thousands of residents in seconds so you find out about an emergency right away.

Receive important messages from the village on your phone, email and more. Everbridge SmartGIS System can deliver messages to you any way you want – on your home phone, cell phone, email and more. This way, we can reach you in any emergency. We may also use the system in non-emergency situations to let you know about weather alerts, important village-related events, such as meetings, parade closures or street cleaning changes.

How does it work? The process begins when the village or National Weather Service issues an alert or message about a potential safety hazard or concern. Messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices, including listed land line phones, cell phones, email, and more. If you don't confirm receipt of the message, the system will try to reach your second contact number or email. The system will continue trying to contact you until it receives a confirmation from you.

What is Everbridge? Everbridge is a mass notification system which will notify you of severe weather or other emergency situations in your area.

What areas are covered? Everbridge allows you to choose multiple locations such as your home, work or child's school.

How will I be notified? You can choose to be notified by text, email phone call or all of them.



Your help by is critical. The success of this service relies on YOU.

Having your latest contact information is the only way to ensure that we can contact you in an emergency. Please update your contact information as soon as possible. Updating is easy and only takes a few minutes, just go to our village website at www.melrosepark.org and click on the link.

Thank you in advance for you cooperation and participation in this important program.
For more information or help in enrolling or updating your information, please call (708) 649-8000.

Melrose Park Public Library

IN PERSON. ONLINE. WE BRING YOU THE WORLD.

Adult Services

Embracing Retirement Workshop

Presented by Bruce Bohrer & Russ Fahrner

Saturday April 14: 11am, Registration required (708-649-7485)

Retirement is about changing your relationship with your work life and building new life chapters. Seven personal components of retirement will be examined:

*Work

*Finances

*Health & Fitness

*Events & Social Networks

*Relationships

*Hobbies & Activities

*Living Arrangements

Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, sponsored by Triton College, will provide Tax Preparation Assistance for Seniors (60+) from low- to moderate- income households at the Melrose Park Public Library on Monday mornings. **Appointments are necessary.** Please call Triton College (708-456-0300 ext. 3895) for information and appointments.

Monday Mornings – Now through April 9

All dates and times are subject to change without prior notice. Please see the website, or call us for updated programming information. All programs at the library are free but registration is required unless otherwise noted. MPPL card holders have first priority. To register, or with any further questions, please call 708.649.7400



www.MPPLibrary.org

801 N Broadway, Melrose Park, IL 60160
mps@mpplibrary.org
(708)649-7400

2018 New Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00am-7:00pm
Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed last Saturday of the month
Memorial Day-Labor Day closed every Saturday
Sunday, Closed

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Youth Services

ABC Adventures

Join our interactive playtime for fun with stories, music, puzzles and toys. Ages 1-5.

Wednesdays

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25



Master Makers

Join us and build some amazing structures!

Ages 8-12.

Tuesday, March 20

Tuesday, April 17

4:00pm -

5:00pm



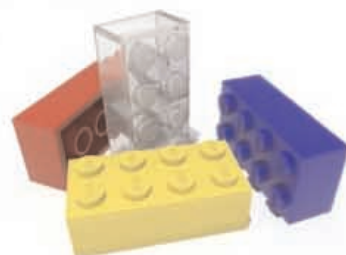
LEGO Club

Calling all Builders! The library will supply the Legos, you bring your imagination. Ages 5 - 12.

Tuesday, March 13

Tuesday, April 10

4:00pm - 5:00pm



Wacky Adventures

Read, learn & play in crazy and unpredictable ways. We will have different activities each month. Ages 7-12.

Thursday, March 22

Thursday, April 26

4:00pm - 5:00pm

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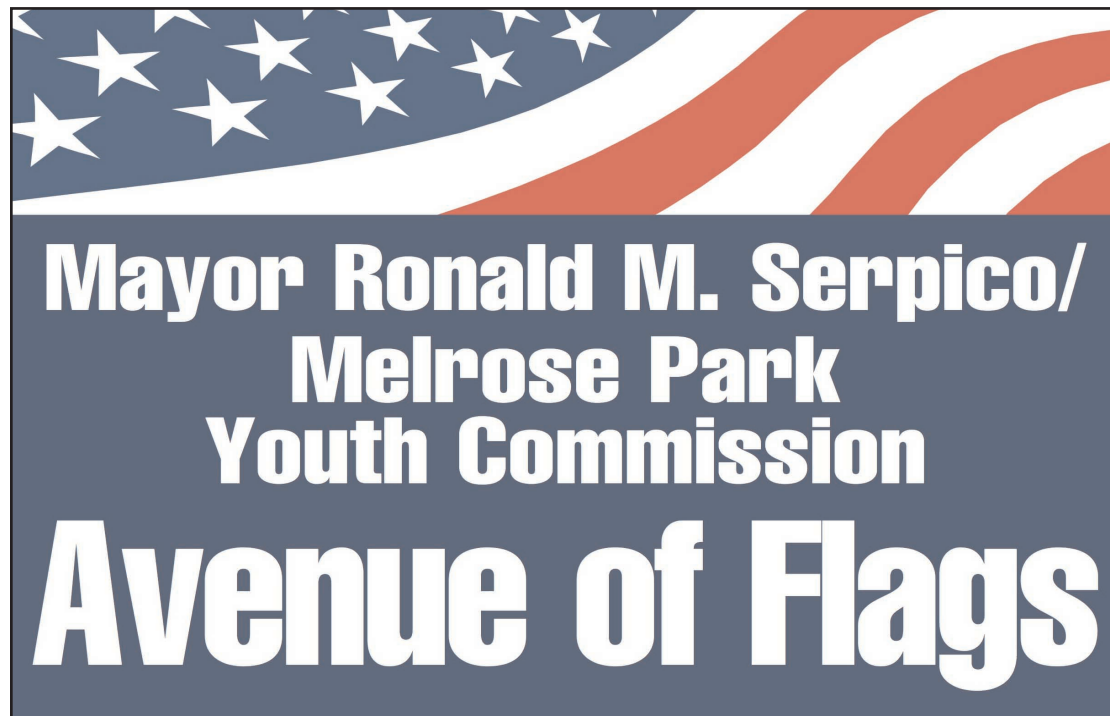
Closed last Saturday of the month

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Show Your Support for Our Veterans and Those Currently Serving Our Country!

Call the Village Hall Today to Reserve a Flag in Their Honor



In 2014, Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission launched Melrose Park's Avenue of Flags campaign and we're continuing our efforts.

Flags representing the United States of America, the state of Illinois, the village of Melrose Park, the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marines, United States Coast Guard and POW/MIA have been displayed on lightpoles within the village.

If you know of a veteran or someone currently serving from the community and would like to have a flag displayed on a lightpole near to their home, please call the Melrose Park Village Hall at (708) 343-4000 with details on their U.S. military branch.

Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

The village of Melrose Park would like to know of any residents who are currently serving in the military. If you have a family member or know of a resident who is, please contact Peggy DiFazio via email – peg@melrosepark.org or phone – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.



It's Time to Early-Bird Register!

MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160 • (708) 343-2015

Summer

**Register
Now!
Space is
Limited!**

Camp Fun

For children 4-7 years of age!

Camp runs Mon., Wed. & Fri., Mid June-Mid August • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration can be made at the Youth Commission – Evenings From 6-8 p.m.

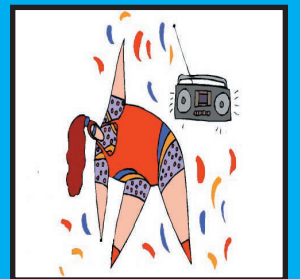
(The Youth Commission is located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club.)

\$125 per child (Melrose Park residents).

Nonresidents Fee – \$450 Per Child

For more information, call the Youth Commission at (708) 343-2015.

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

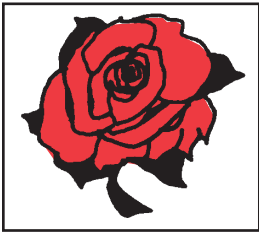


***Come Join in the Fun with
Instructor Barb Rubright
of Rube's Garage!***

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

**Melrose Park Senior Center
900 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park**

For more information, please call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.



Village of Melrose Park Senior Social Club News

*From the Desk of Peggy DiFazio,
Director of Senior Services,
Special Events and
Taste of Melrose Park*

NEW!

Registration for New and Renewal 2018 Senior Social Club Memberships

We're looking for new members to join our club and we're inviting current members to renew their memberships.

You must be 55 years or older and a Melrose Park resident. Cost is \$12 per year and includes a picture ID.

Preregistration for meetings is required. It's a good place to make new friends and renew old ones.

For more information, please call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

To register for, or renew memberships, please complete the Melrose Park Senior Social Club

2018 Membership Registration Form and mail it with your renewal fee of \$12 to:

Village of Melrose Park • Attn.: Peggy DiFazio • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

Please make checks payable to the Melrose Park Senior Social Club.



Melrose Park Senior Social Club 2018 Membership Registration Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

Birthdate _____

2018 Senior Social Club Meeting Schedule

March 8 – Exercise & Social Gathering

9:30-11:30 a.m. Coffee and Rolls

April 12 – Exercise & Social Gathering

9:30-11:30 a.m. Coffee and Rolls

May 10 – Mother's & Father's Day Luncheon

June 14 – Summer Luncheon

July – Cancelled

Aug. 9 – Exercise & Social Gathering

9:30-11:30 a.m. Coffee and Rolls

September – Cancelled

Oct. 11 – Halloween Luncheon

Nov. 8 – Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 13 – Christmas Luncheon

Bingo Will Be Played at Most Meetings!

Must be Pre-registered!

Senior Social Club Services

Need help with Medicare, veterans benefits, circuit breakers, etc.?

Need sources for home health care, equipment, etc.? Have questions you need resources for? We can help.

Call Peggy DiFazio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

The Melrose Park Senior Social Club is currently accepting donations of canes, wheelchairs, walkers, etc., that can be given to those in need.

**If you have something you would like to donate,
please call Peggy DiFazio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.**

Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride for Residents

The Village of Melrose Park Dial a Ride Program was initiated in 2000 to provide residents of our community with a new transportation resource to any location in the Melrose Park boundaries. Residents are encouraged to use the program to do their everyday needs such as grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. We are also handicapped accessible.

This service is available to residents Monday thru Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To make a reservation, please call (708) 343-7047. You can make appointments from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and all major holidays. To book an appointment or make a cancellation, you must call at least 24 hours in advance.

Policies and Procedures

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Only two appointments a week can be made for miscellaneous use such as grocery shopping etc. Anyone using the van for doctor appointments, etc., may use the van up to three times a week.

You must stay at your destination you are going to for a minimum of an hour. Any residents of Victory Centre MUST go with the group provided at their center for grocery shopping, etc. Any doctor appointment can be made with us.

Only three shopping bags per rider. Forgotten items in the van will be returned at the next pickup date. Please note that our service is getting more popular every day so we will try to accommodate your needs to the best of our ability.

Call (708) 343-7047 for service.



Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

Melrose Park-based Franciscan Resource Center is a nonprofit center for persons seeking help in their human needs, such as health, depression, domestic problems, hunger, medical aid, addictions, anger management, substance abuse, clothing and basic human needs.

The resource center refers persons to area agencies and follows up on each person's needs.

For an appointment or further information, please call Sr. Nila or Sr. Jan at (708) 567-5083, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., or send an e-mail to franciscanresourcecenternfp@gmail.com.

Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

El Centro de Recursos Franciscanos es un centro sin fines de lucro para personas que buscan ayuda en sus necesidades humanas, como la salud mental depresión inmigración, problemas internos, hambre, ayuda, medica, adicciones, control de la ira, abuso de sustancias, ropa y necesidades humanas basicas.

Este centro de recursos ayuda a referir a personas, a las agencias adecuadas y hacen el seguimiento para que las personas reciban la ayuda necesaria.

Por favor llame a la hermana. Nila o hermana. Jan al (708) 567-5083 para hacer una cita ... Lunes-Viernes 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ubicacion en Melrose Park.

Melrose Park Resident Fulfilling His Lifelong Dream

Marvin Gomez, a recent graduate from Lewis University and member of the National Association Hispanic Journalist Chicago chapter left Entravision WVEN-TV Univision in Orlando to join AccuWeather's Global Headquarters as a bilingual weather broadcaster this year.

Soon after graduating, Gomez joined Univision Orlando as a news reporter. Gomez was also in charge of the weather segment for 2017's hurricane season, including Hurricane Irma, Maria and the Tropical Storm Emily.

"Tornado warnings were issued as Irma's devastating eye approached Central Florida. Nothing is more gratifying and rewarding than knowing you're saving someone's life by telling them to take cover" said Gomez as he recalls over eight hours of live hurricane coverage for Orlando and Tampa, Fla.



Marvin Gomez

As a bilingual weather broadcaster for AccuWeather, Gomez will work at their Global Headquarters in State College, Pa., and he will be responsible for creating on-air weather presentations for multiple cities around the United States, Mexico, South America and the Caribbean.

"We feel it is an important company initiative to employ weather broadcasters who fluently speak the language. The business is growing and AccuWeather is expanding its staff to match the growth," said Thomas R. Loebig, the vice president of Digital Media Content and Operations for AccuWeather.

Founded in 1962, AccuWeather provides written and video content in various languages and around the world.

"It is a dream come true to work with a team of highly talented meteorologist and professionals at AccuWeather," said Gomez, a Guatemala native. "I am grateful with those who have positively made attributions to my career, especially my NAHJ family in Chicago who has supported my journey in media from the very beginning since I was a student at Lewis University."

After arriving from Guatemala at the age of 9, Gomez learned English as his second language while living in Melrose Park. He attended Stevenson Elementary School and Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy. He was a recipient of the Hispanofest Scholarship. He graduated with a BA in mass communications in 2016. As an undergrad, he worked as an intern at Univision Chicago WGBO, ABC 7 Chicago WLS-TV, MundFox WOCK and Telemundo Chicago WSNS.

"Dreams become reality, dreams need to be chased, doors need to be knocked on and more than once. Every opportunity must be fully embraced as you never know how close it will bring you to the next step up in your career," he said.

Marvin is extremely grateful for his support from HispanoFest, friends and family, and especially his mom. Congratulations Marvin and we look forward to seeing you be a positive role model to our community.

Melrose Park Welcomes By Cristina Villarreal Beauty Studio

Cristina Villarreal, owner of By Cristina Villarreal Beauty Studio, has been in the beauty industry her whole life! Literally! Her mother, Mireya, took her to work everyday at a really young age. Sitting and watching her mother create miracles day in and day out has truly made her value and see beauty in everyone. Mireya is her mentor, foundation, cheerleader and has helped sculpt Cristina to the woman she is.

As Cristina grew in life, she also grew in the beauty world as well! She's been a cosmetologist for 16 years and a dental hygienist for 13 years. When she says she knows beauty and anatomy – she really does! Plus her standard to hygiene is superb with her background in health.

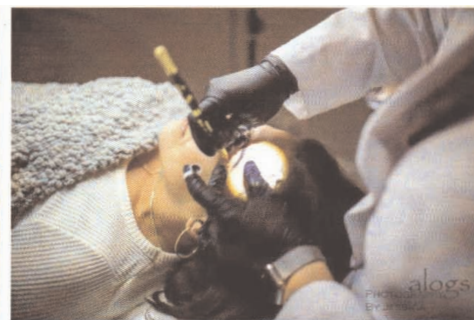
Besides recognizing her mom, Villarreal gives shoutouts to others who have also played meaningful roles in the success of her career, including: her father, Marcos Villarreal (her sidekick, mentor, conscious and someone who has supported her throughout this journey; her husband, Daniel Salinas (her best friend who encourages her and puts up with all her new ideas with a big smile on his family for over 23 years); and her sister, Mireya C. Villarreal (another mentor who pushes her to the limit – when you think it's enough, she shows Cristina it's not).

Villarreal has always been interested in every part of the beauty industry! When she found microblading, she knew it was meant for her. It's the perfect mix for her health and beauty! The minute she was aware that not only can she do hair, makeup, and now semi-permanent eyebrows and can change a person's confidence, was a game changer for her. Cristina knows many women that have lost their eyebrows from having alopecia, going through chemo, having a thyroid disorder, stress or maybe just one that wants more eyebrows, or ones that draw their eyebrows in on a daily basis and asks "Why not give them confidence and less work by doing microblading?"

Eyebrow microblading creates a realistic brow that has little maintenance per year. Villarreal operates with a 100 percent disposable facility, all sharps go to a sharp container and never resterilized.

By Cristina Villarreal also offers full body wax service (Who does not want smooth skin?) along with Lash Lift and Tint – perfect for on the go people that don't have time for curling and mascara on the lashes!

They also provide wedding upstyling and studio rental!



BY CRISTINA VILLARREAL BEAUTY STUDIO

Proudly Working Out of Two Melrose Park Locations!

2311 AND 2313 W. LAKE STREET • MELROSE PARK

Services Provided Include:

Hair Color, Hair Cut, Upstyling, Make Up, Blow Outs, Hair Treatments, Waxing, Microblading/Microshading, Lash Lift and Tint, Bridal Upstyling, Education and Studio Rental.

Phone – (630) 677-1680 • Website – bycristinav.com • Email – bycristinavillarreal@gmail.com

**Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico**

2018

Taste of Melrose Park

Celebrating Our 37th Year

**Affordable
Carnival For
Children 10
& Under**

free!

ADMISSION

PARKING

TROLLEY SERVICE

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA, 10:00 PM, SUNDAY

CRAFTS & INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS

August 31st

5 PM-11 PM

September 1st

Noon-11 PM

September 2nd

Noon-10 PM

Melrose Park

Campus

**Near the NW Corner
of 25th Ave. and Lake St.**

**All Food Items Cost
\$3 or Less!!!**

For 2018 Taste info, e-mail us at taste@melrosepark.org or visit www.melrosepark.org

WELCOME TO THE 37TH ANNUAL TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

Dear Friends,

I am sending this letter in the hope that you will once again, or for the first time, financially participate as a sponsor of the 37th Annual Taste of Melrose Park, which will take place over Labor Day weekend, August 31st through September 2nd.

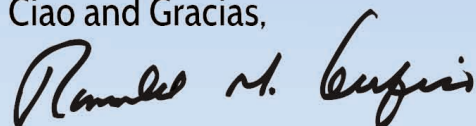
The Taste is a family-friendly food festival that hosts over 200,000 visitors every year. We are unique to the world of food festivals because the vast majority of our vendors are local residents who serve up ethnic family recipes at \$3 or less. In addition to the culinary delights, we also provide continuous free entertainment on our four stages.

If you are new to the Taste of Melrose Park and might be interested in underwriting some of the costs associated with our wonderful celebration of gastronomical delights, please read through this newsletter. It contains information about different Taste of Melrose Park sponsorship packages.

And to all of you, who so generously supported the Taste of Melrose in the past, I sincerely hope that you will kindly consider continuing your financial collaboration in 2018; without your magnanimous patronage we could never host such an ambitious undertaking.

If you need more information or have questions, please don't hesitate to email our Taste of Melrose Park Director Peggy DiFazio at: taste@melrosepark.org or call her at: 708-343-4000 ext. 4448.

Ciao and Gracias,



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor of Melrose Park



2018 **FAMILY AFFORDABLE FOOD FESTIVAL**





**ADVERTISE
YOUR
BUSINESS
HERE**

**When Your
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The Taste of
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2018
Taste of Melrose Park

Celebrating Our 37th Year

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES



*See Page 29 to
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Taste of
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\$7,500.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Full Page Color Ad
10 x 10 Hospitality Tent
Main Stage Video Wall
2-4 x 6 Banners
1-2 x 4 Billboard
Public Address System Announcements
3-VIP Parking Passes

\$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Full Page Color Ad
10 x 10 Hospitality Tent
Main Stage Video Wall
1-4 x 6 Banner
Public Address System Announcements
2-VIP Parking Passes

\$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Full Page Color Ad
Main Stage Video Wall
1-3 x 4 Banner
1-2 x 4 Billboard
Public Address System Announcements
1-VIP Parking Pass

\$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Half Page Color Ad
1-3 x 4 Banner
Public Address System Announcements

\$1,000.00 MAIN STAGE VIDEO WALL ADVERTISING PACKAGE

Your Ad Will Scroll On An 8 x 15 Screen
6:00 PM - Close Each Night

If none of these packages meet your needs or budget, we will work closely with you to design a sponsorship package that will.

For more information or to answer any questions, call Peggy DiFazio at 708-343-4000 ext. 4448 or email her at taste@melrosepark.org

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

\$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR

Your Company Logo On 1,000 Volunteer Shirts
(T-Shirt Space Will Be Limited)

\$2,500.00 FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA SPONSOR

2 Parking Passes
Large Color Billboard
3 X 4 Color Banner
PA Announcements

\$750.00 COLOR BANNER

3 X 4 Color Banner will be displayed
throughout the grounds.

\$500.00 BILLBOARD

2 x 4 Color Billboard, which can include your logo.
Displayed the month of August facing 25th Avenue.

\$395.00 HALF PAGE AD

9.25" x 5.5" Color Ad
Appears in the Rose Newspaper that is mailed
to nearly 10,000 homes and businesses.



*See Page 29 to Reserve Your
37th Anniversary Taste of Melrose Park Sponsorship!*

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK ORDER FORM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

Please Return This Form With a Check or Money Order to:

Taste of Melrose Park
c/o Peggy DiFazio
1000 N. 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

Please Select One of
the Following Packages:

____ \$7,500.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR

____ \$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR

____ \$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR

____ \$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR

____ \$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR

____ \$2,500.00 FIREWORKS SPONSOR

____ \$1,000.00 VIDEO WALL SPONSOR

____ \$750.00 3 X 4 COLOR BANNER

____ \$500.00 2 x 4 COLOR BILLBOARD

____ \$395.00 9.25" x 5.5" HALF PAGE AD

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name and Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Call Peggy DiFazio at 708-343-4000, ext. 4448
and she will work with your company to develop
a sponsorship package that will meet your budget.

Important! Please Check Appropriate Box Below:

____ Emailing Camera Ready Artwork to: taste@melrosepark.org

____ Please Develop Our Ad (if you have a logo, please include)

____ Please Use Our Previous 2017 Taste Ad Artwork

____ Please Use Our Previous 2017 Taste Billboard Artwork

For more information or if you have a question please call Peggy DiFazio
at 708-343-4000, ext. 4448 or email her at taste@melrosepark.org





*Village of
Melrose Park*

TAEKWONDO PROGRAM

Register Now!



Village of Melrose Park Taekwondo Program Registration Form

Please clip and mail with payment (check made payable to Melrose Park Taekwondo Program) to:
Melrose Park Taekwondo Program • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School is now offering martial arts classes at the Melrose Park Civic Center, located at 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park).

All classes are led by a team of instructors and assistants dedicated to teaching the best in form, sparring and discipline. Classes run five days a week with students ranging in age from 4 and up.

Interested parties are cordially invited to stop by and try one class for free!

WHAT IS TAEKWONDO?

Taekwondo is one of the most systematic and scientific Korean traditional martial arts that teaches more than physical fighting skills. It is a discipline that shows ways of enhancing our spirit and life through training our body and mind. Today it has become a global sport that has gained an international reputation and stands among the official games in the Olympics.



**GRANDMASTER
Duk Gun Kwon**

Ninth Degree Black Belt
Oversees the curriculum
for the taekwondo
program.



**CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR
Ericka Bucio**

Fourth Degree Black Belt
Day-to-day classroom
instruction.

Se Habla Español.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING

Residents: \$50 per month.

Nonresidents: \$60 per month.

Classes are held Monday-Friday, 4:50-8:05 p.m.

(One class a day for each level.)

Please check in with instructors for exact times
per level.

**For additional information or to
register, please contact the
MP Civic Center by calling
(708) 450-0555.**

**The Melrose Park Civic Center
is located at
1000 N. 25th Ave.,
Melrose Park.**

MP Taekwondo Team Performs for Korean American Day Celebration, President of South Korea



Members of Melrose Park’s Taekwondo Team recently performed at Chicago’s Korean American Day Celebration as well as for South Korean President Moon Jae-in. The event, held downtown at the Daley Center, was broadcast on Korean television and CAN TV.

Strengthening Families Program December 2017 Graduation

On Dec. 16, 2017, Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota and State Rep. Kathleen Willis accompanied Strengthening Families Program Coordinator Silvia Diaz-Ponce, in celebrating the hard work of the families that participated in the Strengthening Families Program. Centro de Salud’s manager, Patricia Camarena, and Director of Community Mental Health and Crisis Sue Warwik were also present during the celebration in representation of Presence Behavioral Health.

The Strengthening Families Program is an educational program facilitated in a group format for the entire family. It is offered to residents of Proviso Township by Presence Behavioral Health at no cost to the family. This is made possible by funding provided by the Proviso Township Menial Health Commission. Thanks to their continued support this program has continued to serve Proviso Township residents with education on effective communication and other life skills designed to increase healthy relationships between parents and their children. This model has proven to prevent risky behaviors in youth because of the strong bond that is developed between parent and child.

The graduating class consisted of 10 Proviso families, all of which deserve to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all the families! If interested in joining the program, please look for us at the Dia del Niño Health Fair or call Alejandro Solano at (708) 574-2736.



Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

General

Garden Vegetable Bed Rentals

Organic garden vegetable beds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. 4' x 8' garden beds will be rented out to residents, civic organizations and schools. There is a limited quantity. All gardeners are required to complete an application/contract. Our gardens are located at Bataan Park in Melrose Park and Gouin Park in Franklin Park

- Rental fee: \$25 per bed, Resident/\$50 per bed, Non-Resident.

Spring Break Camp – Ages 6-12

This camp will combine the best of both worlds – daily camp activities and sports camp! The day will be broken up with different options for each child. If your camper doesn't like arts and crafts, an option of sports will be available. Sports that will be offered are basketball, baseball, lacrosse, dodgeball, kickball, soccer, hockey, volleyball and much more. Other activities include arts, crafts, games of all sorts, holiday-themed special events, a field trip and much more! Contact Nico Urbinati at (708) 716-4822. Your initial registration includes all field trip fees/special events, craft materials and snacks.

- March 26-30 and April 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fee: \$140 Resident/\$160 Non-Resident; Before Care – 8-9 a.m., \$30 Resident/\$50 Non-Resident; After Care – 4-6 p.m., \$30 Resident/\$50 Non-Resident; Pre-registration is required. Fees must be paid in full one day prior to the session start date.

Youth Sports

VPD Hitting & Fielding – Ages 6-12

Calling all baseball and softball players! Individual players can sign up for this program and show us their stuff in this instructor-led baseball class. Participants will improve their fielding and batting skills while also improving their knowledge of the game. We will have our batting cages set up and tees lined up for you. Please bring your own bat and glove.

- Wednesdays, Now-March 28; Leoni Complex Turf; \$35 Resident/\$50 Non-Resident.

American Basketball Academy Clinic – Ages 7-14

This is a four-week clinic led by former USBA's Annie Roberts and other former college players. These clinics will focus on developing ball handling, offensive/defensive skills, passing, shooting and positioning. All players will improve greatly with this class, from beginner to AAU players.

- Tuesdays, April 24-May 15 and May 29-June 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Grant Park Recreation Center; \$40 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident.

Fitness

Muscle Strength

Develop muscle definition, endurance strength, and decrease body fat by building lean muscle and increase bone density. Speed up your metabolism and burn more calories during your workouts and at rest through the building of lean muscle. A diversity of equipment including body weight, optional dumbbells and mats will be utilized to sculpt your muscles, change the shape of your body and build core strength. All fit-

ness levels will be accommodated and welcome.

- Now-April 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Cimbaló Fitness Center; \$40 Resident/\$47 Non-Resident.

Cardio Sculpt

This class is designed to shock the body and promote changing body composition through targeting fat. This class will offer effective cardio routines targeting the entire body to build endurance and target fat using body weight, and at times optional dumbbells and resistance. You will experience high-energy and at times circuit, interval, and high intensity training through aerobic actions with strength and stabilization exercises. All fitness levels will be accommodated and welcome.

- Mondays, March 5-April 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Cimbaló Fitness Center; \$40 Resident/\$47 Non-Resident.

Early Childhood

Mother Gift Making Day – Ages 3-5

Come make a special gift for your mom or favorite family member to show how much you appreciate them! Kids might get messy, please bring a smock or old shirt.

- Wednesday, May 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Leoni Complex; \$10 Resident/\$15 Non-Resident.

Family Story Time Yoga – Age 2+ (One adult included per each child)

Storytime Yoga encourages engaging young minds with the magic of yoga through recounting some of the world's most fascinating stories in a way that promotes the foundation of yoga philosophy, literacy and vibrant physical health. Through this interactive class we invite kids, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to share in the joy of yoga. Playful poses that can be done together or alone along with gentle breathing exercises and relaxation techniques will be taught.

- Mondays, March 19-May 7, 11 a.m.-Noon; Leoni Complex; \$34 Resident/\$42 Non-Resident. – Wednesdays, March 7-April 25, 11 a.m.-Noon; Leoni Complex; \$34 Resident/\$42 Non-Resident.

Active Adults

Today Everyone is Irish – “Harrington's Famous Corned Beef”

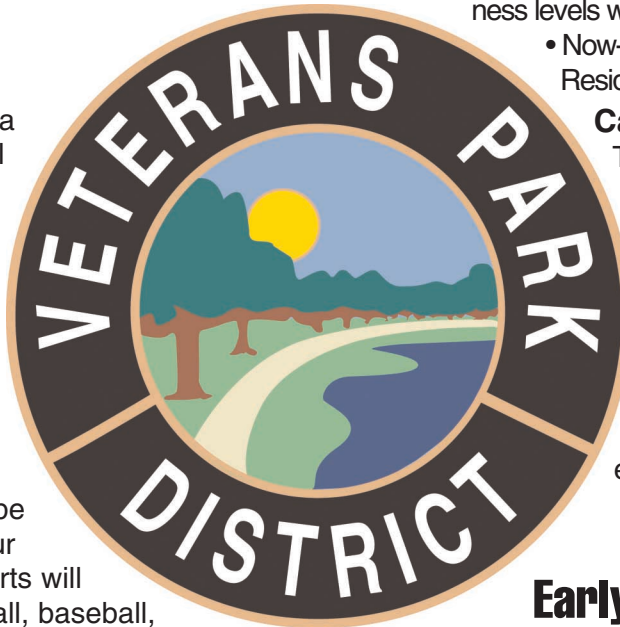
You will love this special party and that's not a bunch of blarney! There's nothing better to eat for this holiday than Harrington's corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dark rye and sourdough bread. To top it all off, apple pie will be served for dessert! There will be Irish entertainment and festive holiday decorations. Make sure to dress in green for “Best Dressed in Green Outfit” contest.

- Tuesday, March 6, Noon-2 p.m.; Grant Park; \$25.

Easter Bonnet Buffet

Hope to see you at our Easter lunch party! With such a busy month in March, this was the perfect time to gather with friends and talk about your holiday! Catering will be Villa Brunetti. Following lunch will be entertainment. Don't forget after the entertainment will be centerpiece giveaways and raffle prizes!

- Friday, April 6, Noon-2 p.m.; Bulger Park; \$17.



Dancing Horses Day Trip

You are invited to join us for another great day trip! First we will stop for lunch at Tuscan Tavern and Grill in Lake Geneva, and have a huge burger with fries and all the trimmings, and unlimited beverage. Then we will be attending the Dancing Horses Show in Lake Delavan. The show is a couple hours followed by an exotic bird show, which lasts a half hour. It's an incredible show, the horses do actually dance!

- Thursday, April 12; Departs – 9 a.m., Cimbalo Fitness Center/9:15 a.m., Grant Park; Returns – 5 p.m.; \$75.



**For more
information on
VPD programs,
call
(708) 343-5270
or visit
veteransparkdistrict.org.**

FREE EVENT

FREE GIVEAWAYS • CRAFTS

SUMMER KICK OFF PROGRAM
Registration Day
Saturday, April 28
Grant Park, Glick Hall
11AM-2PM

GAMES • FACE PAINTING

Register early for Summer Day Camp, Special Recreation Camp, Sports Camp and Gouin Pool Early Bird Passes.

GARAGE SALE

SELL AND/OR SHOP

Family Indoor Garage Sale & Flea Market

Saturday, April 28 at Grant Park Gymnasium • 9AM-2:30PM

Come out and shop at the VPD community garage sale. Time to clean out your attic, closets or garage for items to sell. Time to upsell your baby clothes, toys, games, tools, books or anything else you may have.

Tables are available on a first come, first served basis. Registration is required in order to reserve your space. Set up time is from 8-9AM. Concessions will be open for snacks.

Day	Date	Time	R/N Fee
S	Apr 28	9A-2:30P	\$20/\$35 (10'x10' space, 2 tables, 2 chairs)

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center Gymnasium

Must register for a space and fill out an application. Deadline is April 22.

VPD/Leyden Alumni Fundraiser

This past summer, a few Leyden Alumni Leydenettes (who refer to themselves as the “Pom Moms”) were discussing the idea of reuniting with other Leydenette’s and dancing together again for fun. Recognizing the importance of helping other children and supporting other women, they wanted to tie this fun dance event to a greater cause and give back to the Leyden community. Anthony Alfano, an 8-year-old Melrose Park boy, became the inspiration behind this desire. Anthony, a Veterans Park District Special Recreation participant, has cerebral palsy and is wheelchair bound, which means it is difficult for Anthony to enjoy some of the simple things most kids do at the park, like getting on a swing. The reality is there are very few places around the Chicagoland area that offer a swing for wheelchair bound special needs children. Alumni Leydenette Moms believe that Anthony and every child with special needs should have the opportunity to enjoy a swing. So, in partnership with Veterans Park District they are raising funds for a wheelchair swing located at Gouin Park in Franklin Park.

Over the course of the next few months, the Leyden Alumni and existing Leydenettes will be working with Veterans Park District, other community groups and for-profit companies to raise funds for the wheelchair swing. The cost of the project is estimated to total over \$60,000. Fundraising events will occur alongside existing programs Veterans Park District’s Special Recreation Department has planned. Collaboratively, Veterans Park District and the Leyden Alumni have created an online website, www.youcaring.com/SwingIntoKindness2018. Donations can be accepted from all over the country using this online donation site. The fundraising effort got off to a great start! A total of more than \$3,000 has been donated thus far. The park district is grateful for the generosity of all those who have contributed to this wonderful cause.

Please help make this dream a reality for Anthony and all Veterans Park District special needs children by participating in our fundraising.



Anthony Alfano



EASTER

EGG HUNTS



Flashlight Candy & Egg Hunt

AGES 6-10

Thursday, March 22 • 8PM
Gouin Park Playground, Franklin Park

We will scatter the park with eggs and candy. THIS HUNT TAKES PLACE AT NIGHT, SO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT and a basket to collect your eggs and candy. Each hunt will be divided into age groups and start EXACTLY at 8PM rain or shine.

Free family event!

Egg & Candy Hunt

AGES 2-10

Saturday, March 24 • 9:30AM
Trumbull Park Playground, River Grove

Hey, kids! The Easter Bunny will be hiding eggs at Trumbull Park. Bring your baskets to collect your eggs. Parents, bring your cameras! Each hunt will be divided into age groups and start at exactly 9:30AM rain or shine.

Free family event!

Egg Scrambler

AGES 2-10

Friday, March 23 • 6:30-7:30PM
George A. Leoni Complex Indoor Turf, Melrose Park

Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission will proudly sponsor an Egg Scrambler at the Leoni Complex in Melrose Park. We will toss out eggs and candy on the field, then the scramble begins. Remember to bring a basket to collect your goodies and a camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny.

Free family event!

Easter "EGG"stravaganza

ALL AGE FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, March 24 • 11AM-12:30PM
Grant Park Glick Hall, Northlake

The Veterans Park District is teaming up with the City of Northlake for another exciting Easter "EGG"stravaganza. There will be crafts, balloon artist and games. Parents, don't forget your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Free family event!



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GOUIN POOL & WATER SLIDES

OPENING DAY: FRIDAY, MAY 25
CLOSING DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3



GET YOUR EARLY BIRD PASS!

March 1 –April 28: \$32R
Regular Season Pass: \$39R / \$50N

If you visit the pool six times the pass has paid for itself! Above prices are for individuals 3 and up. Children 2 and under are admitted free of charge. Includes new picture ID with bar code identification. (Replacement pass \$5 fee.)

SEASON PASSES

Come and cool off all summer long with a pool pass. Pass includes unlimited access to:

- Pools
- 232 ft. twister slide and 207 ft. slide
- Kiddie area with umbrella waterfall and new kiddie slide
- Special events hosted at Gouin and much more!

NEW PASSES! YOUR CHOICE OF A KEY OR AN ID & FASTER PROCESER

* Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 4-6 PM and Wednesday 7-8 PM the back pool and slide will be **CLOSED** due to swim lessons during that time.

Children under 10 must be supervised by an adult in the water at all times!

REGISTERING FOR A POOL PASS

Stop by one of our registration offices and complete a registration form. At that time you will be asked to verify your address with a valid photo ID or 2 current utility bills showing your address and name.

Season passes are non-refundable.

Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park
(708) 716-4822

Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake
(708) 343-5270

Gouin Pool, 2400 Scott St., Franklin Park
(847) 451-9396 - during open season

Daily Admission

Ages 2 and under	Free
Ages 3-11	\$6
Ages 12 and up	\$7

Special Pricing after 4 PM

Ages 2 and under	Free
Ages 2-11	\$3
Ages 12 and up	\$4



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Triton College NEWS

Collaboration is Key in Triton's New iLaunch Math Readiness Program

An innovative new program at Triton College is addressing the issue of college readiness in the subject that incoming students struggle with more than any other – mathematics. Triton College's iLaunch Lab opened at the start of the spring 2018 semester, allowing students who place into developmental math courses to move away from the traditional lecture-based classroom and into a collaborative learning environment.



Instructors and tutors are available in the iLaunch Lab to provide one-on-one help to students, helping them to master specific topics. This program will prepare students to accelerate quickly into higher level math courses at multiple points during the semester. That means they'll be ready for credit courses sooner, saving them time and money in the process.

The lab, located in the M Building on the west side of Triton's campus, features a comfortable and attractive environment that allows students to collaborate with one another as well as instructors while they learn.

The technology utilized is central to the program, containing diagnostic features that allow for individualized teaching and learning. Instructors are able to assess the progress of each student in real time and tailor assistance based on their strengths, weaknesses, needs and goals.

In addition to helping students improve the math skills required to succeed in college-level courses, the iLaunch Lab setting also allows instructors to help prepare students for academic success in other ways, including providing a lot of non-cognitive skills training, which is the hallmark of this program, discussions regarding what a work ethic is for a college student and study habits as well as career goals.

The iLaunch Program was created thanks to institutional support and a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is designed to allow Hispanic-serving institutions to provide extensive academic support, particularly in mathematics, to Hispanic and low-income students that major in STEM fields of study.

The funds are part of a \$5.6 million multi-year grant received in partnership with Northeastern Illinois University to form the Exit on Time in STEM Project. The partnership between Triton and NEIU includes an articulation process that aligns introductory courses taught at both campuses that will be replicable across Northeastern's appropriate STEM majors. The project is expected to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income students who transfer into STEM fields of study and increase completion rates.

For more information on Triton's iLaunch Program,
contact richardzelenka@triton.edu.

Ten Selected for Induction into Triton's Alumni Wall of Fame



The Triton College Alumni Association Council has selected 10 individuals as inductees into its Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame for 2018. These inductees exemplify the success of our Triton College alumni and will be prominently added to our memorial wall on the first floor of the Triton College Student Center located in the B Building.

The honorees are: Mr. Kevin Bor, Chicago, detective, city of Chicago Police Department; Mr. John Carpino, Willow Springs, village president, village of Willow Springs; Mr. Miguel Curl, Chicago, coordinator of School Age Program, YMCA Chicago; Ms. Phyllis Duncan, Maywood, founder, Mothers of Murdered Sons and Women's Community Leadership Council of Illinois; Mr. Frank Fagiano, Elmwood Park, chief of Police, Elmwood Park Police Department; Ms. Brenda Farlow, Northlake, lieutenant, Northlake Fire Protection District; Mr. Barrett Pedersen, Franklin Park, mayor, village of Franklin Park; Mr. Donovan Pepper, Oak Park, national director of Local Government Relations, Walgreen Co.; Ms. Shavon Wesley, Forest Park, site acquisition specialist, Velocitel; and Ms. Deborah Winkleblack, Hoffman Estates, vice president, Global Supply Chain, Claire's Stores

The Alumni Wall of Fame was established to honor the notable individuals who have walked Triton's halls throughout the college's history. In recognizing the academic, personal and professional accomplishments of Triton's distinguished alumni, current students and the campus community will be inspired by their accomplishments to strive for excellence.

The Alumni Association is an organization dedicated to encourage lifelong connections between alumni and Triton College through programs and initiatives that serve alumni and foster the ongoing success of Triton College.

For more information on the Wall of Fame induction or becoming a member of the Alumni Association, visit http://www.triton.edu/Alumni_Association/ or contact Jenelle Madrigal at jenellemadrigal@triton.edu or (708) 456-0300 Ext. 3205.

Learn About Triton's Health Careers Programs at Campus Visit Day – March 7

The upcoming Campus Visit Day is a great opportunity for current and future students to learn more about the many health career programs offered at Triton College.

Join us on Wednesday, March 7, 6-7:30 p.m., to see how you can start a rewarding career in one of many health care fields.

The event begins in Room B-204/210 of the Student Center (B Building), located at 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. From there, students will transition to our Health and Sciences Building where they will hear more from our dedicated faculty and staff about Triton's health careers programs.

Allied health programs that will be discussed during Campus Visit Day include:

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Nuclear Medicine Technology
 - Nursing
- Ophthalmic Technology
- Radiologic Technology
 - Surgical Technology
- Continuing Education
- Emergency Medical Technician
 - Fire Science
- Eye Care Assistant Program
- Certified Medical Assistant
 - Nursing Assistant
- Sterile Processing Technician

During the event, attendees can:

- Tour Triton's campus and visit some of our new health career programs' facilities.
- Become informed on the selective admission process for health career programs.
- Meet with faculty and staff to discuss your educational path.
- Understand prerequisites required for the health career programs.

Light snacks and refreshments will be served at this event.

For more information or to register to attend, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

Triton's RSVP Offers Tax Counseling for Older Citizens

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, sponsored by Triton College in River Grove, once again is offering the Internal Revenue Service's Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), a free program for individuals age 60 and older from low- to moderate-income households.

RSVP has provided this program for more than 20 years in partnership with the IRS. Volunteer tax assistors are specially trained to help people complete their taxes. The volunteer tax assistors are individuals who are college-aged students as well as older adults. The assistance includes helping participants complete federal tax forms, 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040, and the state income tax forms. All tax returns are submitted electronically once completed.

Assistance will be provided at various locations throughout the community and throughout the week, including at the Melrose Park Public Library on

Mondays, the Elmwood Park Senior Center and the Eisenhower Library in Harwood Heights on Tuesdays, Proviso Township Office in Hillside on Wednesdays, the Leyden Township Carl Fiorito Center in Franklin Park on Thursdays, the Senior Assistance Center in Norridge on Fridays and in the Robert M. Collins Center on Triton College's main campus in River Grove on Saturdays.

Those seeking assistance should call the RSVP Office at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3895, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Fridays to make an appointment. The service will be offered now through April 14.

After participants make an appointment, they will be requested to bring with them W-2 forms from all employers, Form 1099s (interest statements from banks), a copy of last year's tax return and any other relevant tax information.

For more information on tax assistance and to schedule an appointment, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3895.

We Are Moving Full STEAM Ahead! STEAM Expo 2018 Set for April 21



Join us for the Triton College STEAM Expo on Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Collins Gymnasium (R Building) on the east side of campus.

Students and families are invited to attend Triton College's STEAM Expo, where they'll experience all of the opportunities available to them in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

This free interactive event is open to the community and will feature hands-on activities and demonstrations that will capture students' imagination and inspire them to pursue their goals!

For more information, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or visit triton.edu/steamexpo.



Register Now!

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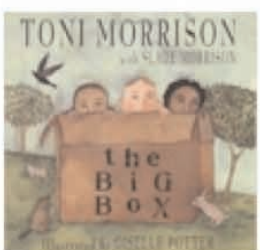
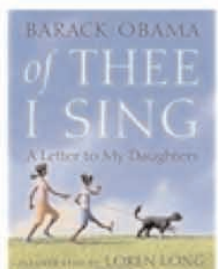
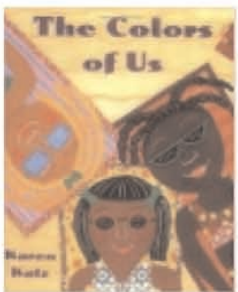
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Mission Statement

The mission of Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89 is to ensure the well-being of our students academically, emotionally, and socially. It is our responsibility to provide an environment that will prepare students to pursue college or career opportunities through meaningful learning experiences.

Vision Statement

As a result of our "Whole Child" approach to education, District 89 Schools will be the school system of choice and source of community pride.



African-American Read-In

District 89 is engaged in an African-American Read-In during the month of February. Volunteers read books to students written by African-American authors, including themes, thoughts, and ideas that will spark an interest in reading. Copies of the books are available in District 89 libraries.



Mentor Training

District 89 partnering with West 40 Regional Office of Education held mentoring trainings on Dec. 19, 2017, and Jan. 9, 2018. Professional learning was designed to promote and provide effective training for teacher mentors. Elementary and Middle School teacher mentors are highly committed to the fundamental task of helping first- and second-year teachers find success and gratification in classroom teaching.

Their dedication of time, energy and support to teachers, students and families in District 89 is greatly appreciated!



D89 Hosts Math Articulation Meeting

District 89 hosted Proviso High School District 209 and feeder districts for an articulation meeting on mathematics. Districts shared curriculum improvements being made in the field of mathematics aligned to raising student achievement.

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D89 Spelling Bee

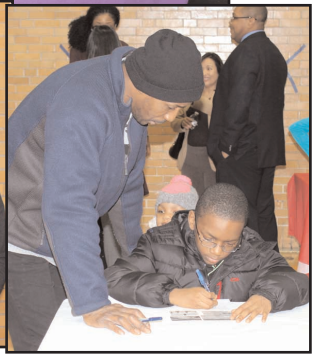
On Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, District 89 held their annual spelling bee with 24 student contestants, 12 from Stevenson Middle School and 12 from Irving Middle School. Malik Smith (eighth grade, Irving) placed third, and Trisha Truong (seventh grade, Stevenson) placed second. Champion Shantiah Watt (seventh grade, Stevenson) won the District 89 Bee with the word 'facetious'. She will represent District 89 at The 8th Annual West 40 ISC Scripps Spelling Bee held on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, at McClure Jr. HS, located at 4225 Wolf Road in Western Springs.



Mary Poppins

SAVE the DATE! May 3 and 4, 2018

Middle School rehearsals for the upcoming musical Mary Poppins Jr. have begun. We guarantee an outstanding musical performance by the District 89 students!



Dr. Negrón Speaks at Community Alliance

On the morning of Dec. 21, 2017, Superintendent Dr. Negrón sat on a panel with State Rep. Kathleen Willis and Superintendent of District 209 Dr. Rodriguez.

The mission of the Community Alliance is to work together to streamline services and resources for the community in the areas of social services, education, parental participation, immigration, and youth services and safety.

Family Math Night

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, all nine schools in District 89 came together for the third Family Night of the year hosted at Lincoln School. Families, students and staff had a wonderful time at Math Night working together to solve equations, take pictures at the Emoji photo booth and enjoy some math fraction pizza! Thank you to all the families that attended, to all the staff that assisted, to our Community Partners and to Lincoln Lions for hosting this wonderful event!

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NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



New Mascot at MP

Our Mighty Mustangs were in for a special treat on Jan. 12 with the introduction of our new Mustang Mascot! During their winter assembly, Mighty Mustangs reviewed PBIS expectations and heard motivational messages from guest speakers Jessica Herrera and Sandra Rojas. Their message of encouragement inspired our young Mustangs to pursue higher-level education and to choose a career that inspires them. Thank you to these young professionals who allowed our children to relate to their experiences and journey!



Parent Advisory Council

The District 89 Parent Advisory Council led by Board of Education President Dianne Williams met for an informative session on Nutrition and Student Achievement. Presenting at the meeting were the Proviso Partners for Health and Westlake Hospital.



PLCCA at Middle Schools

PLCCA Teen Reach utilizes D89 teachers to assist in providing after-school engagement and support structures for Middle School students.

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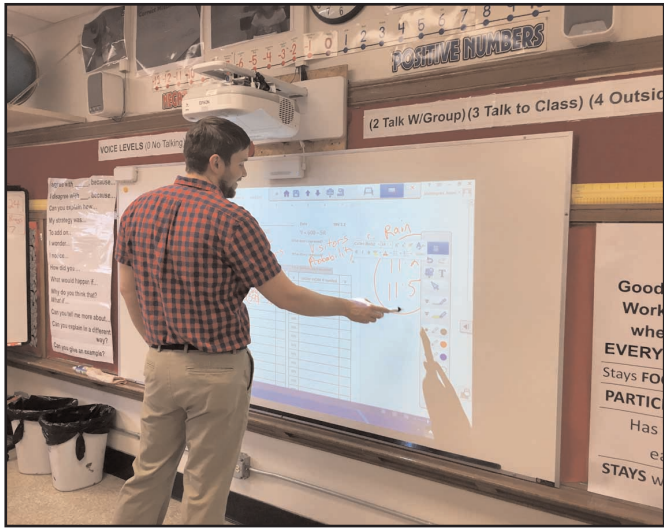
Strategic Planning Data Retreat and Community Engagement Meetings

School District 89 continues the process of Strategic Planning. Please visit our website at www.maywood89.org/strategic-planning to learn more.



Triton College Donates Chess Sets

THANK YOU TRITON COLLEGE! The Triton College Engineering/Technology Department donated chess sets to District 89 Middle School Chess Clubs. The chess sets were designed and manufactured as an extracurricular project by Triton College engineering/technology students under the guidance of Engineering/Technology Program coordinator Antigone Sharris. The pieces were cut and engraved using an Epilougue Engraving and Laser Cutting Machine (Made in the USA). District 89 and Triton College partners in STEM learning!



SMART Board Training

District 89 teachers have the opportunity to engage in a Staff Development Academies on SMART BOARD training, innovative technology in all District 89 classrooms. Teachers explore the integration of the SMART Board with the online curriculum resources and lessons that would be enhanced by using interactive websites on the SMART Board.

Save the Date!

D89 Family Nights

STEM Night
Thursday, April 26 @ Emerson School

Language and Culture Night
Thursday, May 26 @ Melrose Park School

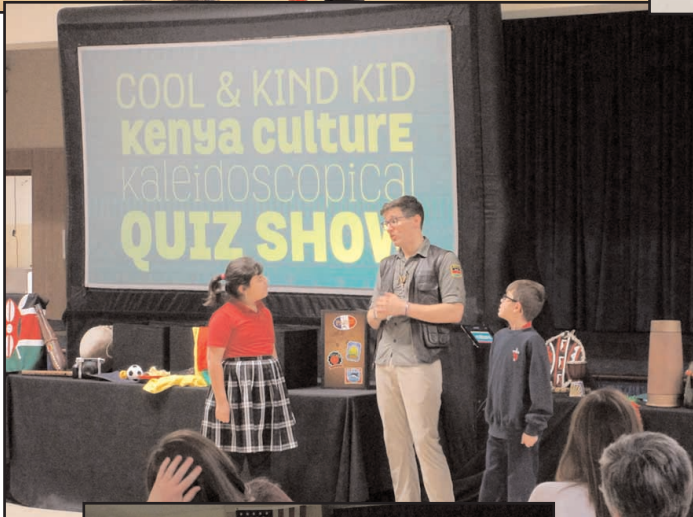
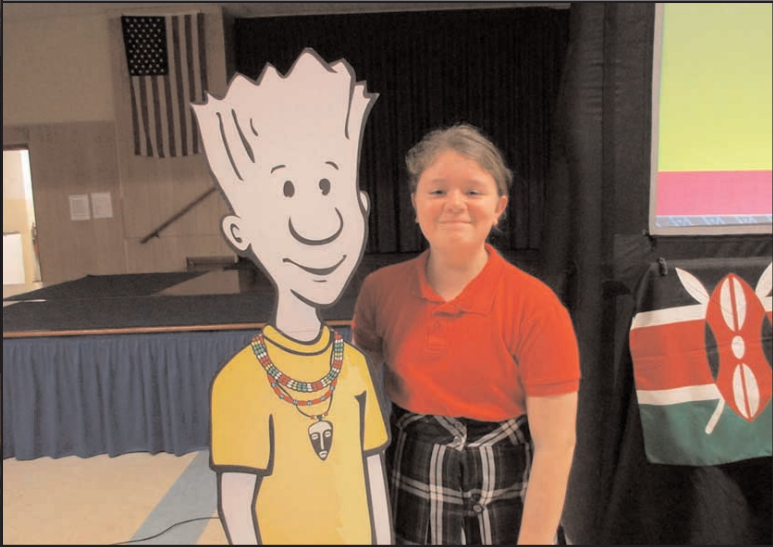
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Saturday, March 24, 2018 • 6:30 p.m.

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Tickets: \$75 Per Person

Ad Book Options:

**Emerald Framed Full Page Ad – \$500 • Gold Framed Full Page Ad – \$300 • Silver Framed Full Page Ad – \$200
Full Page B & W Ad – \$100 • Half Page B & W Ad – \$50**

**For tickets or ad book information, please call
Sandy Ciancio at (630) 688-3153, or send an email to sdciancio@gmail.com.**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Announces a Kickoff to a Year of Celebrations

This past November, as the new Liturgical year started, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel began the Golden Jubilee of their “new church.” This June will be

50 years since the original church was torn down and the current “new church” was built.

To celebrate this milestone, and that this July will be the 125th anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the parish is planning monthly events leading up to these two major events.

A fish fry and Cinco de Mayo party, are just some of the monthly events leading up the celebratory Mass on June 10, 2018, and the Feast on July 15, 2018.

For more information, please check the OLMC website at www.olmcparish.org or call the office at (708) 344-4140.



OLMC Parish & Shrine St. Anthony Society 8th Annual Lenten Fish Fry Set for Friday, March 9

On Friday, March 9, 2018, The St. Anthony Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine will hold their annual Lenten Fish Fry from 6-9 p.m. in the parish gym, on the corner of 22nd and Cortez, in Melrose Park.

Come join us for an evening of fun, entertainment and good food. Enjoy delicious fish ‘n’ chips, cole slaw, corn on the cob, coffee, soda, sweet table, fruit and more, all for a \$10 donation (\$8 for children under 12).

Bring your friends and spend the evening with us. In addition to live entertainment, there is a split the pot raffle, St. Anthony-related items for sale, and if you are over 21, wine is available for a small donation. All proceeds go toward the Feast of St. Anthony, which will be celebrated on June 17, at the 10:30 a.m. Italian Mass.

Please save the date to join us for Mass, blessing of the bread and outdoor procession followed by refreshments.

For tickets or more information, call (312) 860-2530, (708) 372-1432 or the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.



Proviso West Announces Semester 1 Honor Roll Congratulations Melrose Park Students!

Congratulations to the following Melrose Park Proviso West 2017-2018 Semester 1 Honor Roll students. Keep up the good work!

- **Grade Level 12: High Honor Roll** – Jailene Juarez and Joshua Albert Ocampo; **A Honor Roll** – Eder Romero and Kevin Solano; **B Honor Roll** – Brenda Martinez, Jacqueline Ortiz; Lucy Romero and Perla Sandoval Hernandez.
- **Grade Level 11: A Honor Roll** – Clavel E. Ortiz, Yesenia Ortiz and Rodrigo Viveros; **B Honor Roll** – Alberto Joel Bibiano and Raul Rodriguez.
- **Grade Level 10: A Honor Roll** – Hernan Contreras-Flores, Angel Miguel Garcia and Yulisa Sotelo; **B Honor Roll** – Sergio Borrego Trujillo, Anahi Carreno, Valeria A. Carrera, Angelica S. Jimenez, Krystal Lopez Ramirez, Yaridza Ochoa, Ricardo Luis Reyna, Oscar Sandoval and Michelle E. Williams.
- **Grade Level 9: B Honor Roll** – Jose Alanis, Gerardo Alonso, Paola Arteaga, Keiley Alexa Castellanos, Alfredo Duenas, Vanessa Marie Gomez, Jose D. Ojeda, Ivan Pimentel and Natalie Sanchez.

Free Egg Hunt at Melrose Park Free Methodist Church

All are welcome to join in the fun at the Melrose Park Free Methodist Church annual community Easter Egg

Hunt on Sunday,

April 1, 11 a.m., located at 841

Elsie (corner of Ninth and Elsie).

This ready-set-go hunt is free and open to children ages 2-12 (please arrive before 11 a.m.).

For additional information, please, call (708) 343-2386.

Melrose Park Free Methodist Church is a bilingual church. Happy Easter.



125th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast

Saturday, April 21st, 2018

Annual Award Dinner Dance



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Awards: 7:30 p.m.

Dinner: 8:00 p.m.

Dinner Music by:

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DONATION: \$65

For Tickets Contact:

Rectory: 708.344.4140

Feast.olmc@gmail.com



125th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Benefactor Opportunities

Entertainment Benefactor, \$500 — The Entertainment benefactor includes printed sponsorship recognition displayed in the entertainment area, digital sign announcement during the Feast, parish Facebook and website logo placement.

Keg Benefactor, \$150 — The keg benefactor includes digital sign announcement during the Feast and two benefactor cups with unlimited refills.

Awards Dinner Ad Book

Place your congratulatory messages and business ads in our dinner ad book. The Deadline is April 12, 2018.

Full page ad - \$100

Half page ad - \$50

Please email your ad information to feast.olmc@gmail.com

Annual Awards Dinner

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Elmcrest Banquets, 7370 W. Grand Ave., Elmwood Park, Ill. Donation is \$65 per ticket.

Please Reserve:

_____ Benefactor—prices above	\$ _____
_____ Page in our Ad Book—prices above	\$ _____
_____ Tickets for the Awards Dinner \$65 each	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Please make check payable to OLMC Feast Committee and mail it to the Parish. For online payment, go to <https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/9521>

Organization/Business: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

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**125th Annual Italian Feast of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sunday, July 15, 2018**



**Ave del Carmine
July 6th to 15th**

For information, contact:

**OLMC Feast Committee
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Programs & Activities March 2018

Ongoing

Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Westlake Walkers

Fitness Center

Friday, March 2nd

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

March Birthday Celebration

Each month the Westlake Senior Center will cut a cake in honor of all the Senior Center members who celebrate their birthdays in that month. If your birthday is in March, join us as we celebrate you and your life. Bring a friend.

Westlake Senior Center

Professional Office Building, First Floor

1111 W. Superior St., Melrose Park, IL 60160

Call 844.793.6534 for details and to register.

Monday, March 5th

9:00 – 11:00 am

Glucose Screenings

The glucose screening requires a finger stick that yield results of your glucose level within one minute of testing. An eight-hour fast is recommended, however, screening can be conducted without fasting.

Westlake Senior Center

1111 W. Superior St., Melrose Park, IL 60160

FREE

No appointment is necessary!

Call 844.793.6534 For details

Wednesday, March 7th &

Wednesday, March 21st

8:30 – 11:00 am

LIHEAP Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to help eligible low income households pay for winter energy service. Please bring your: ID, Social Security card, and 2016 household proof of income (i.e., 2016 income tax return), Utility Bills. Call to reserve a consultation time.

Westlake Senior Center

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Thursday March 8

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Strength Screenings

Fitness Center

Thursday March 8

1:00 pm

Rehab Alumni Club

Rehab-2nd Floor



Friday, March 9

8:00 – 11:00 am

Blood Pressure

Fitness Center

Saturday, March 10

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

St. John Lutheran Church Health Fair

Brewster Hall

1400 W. Superior St., Melrose Park, IL 60160

Wednesday, March 14th

10:00 – 11:00 am

Casa Esperanza

1115 N. 23rd Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

Wednesday, March 28th

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Living with Diabetes

Please join Maria Olga Cardenas, M.D., MSCI, Endocrinologist, for a discussion about the various types of diabetes, risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis and management of diabetes. Free glucose screenings will also be offered. Presentation in Spanish.

Westlake Hospital - Cafeteria

1225 W. Lake St., Melrose Park, IL 60160

FREE

For information or to register, please call 844.793.6534

Friday, March 16th

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Learning Café - Medicare SMP:

Protecting your Medicare

Join Jesus Enriquez from Age Options for a discussion of the many ways you can protect your Medicare benefits. Is a nonprofit organization connecting older adults Age Options and those who care for them with resources and service options so they can live their lives to the fullest.

Westlake Hospital

Conference Rooms A-D

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FREE

Light Refreshments are provided

Reserve your spot today!

Monday, March 19th

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Classic Movie Time: "Little Women"

In this 1994 adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's classic, the March sisters confront growing pains, financial shortages, family tragedies and romantic rivalries in mid-19th-century Massachusetts.

Westlake Senior Center

1111 W. Superior St., Melrose Park, IL 60160

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Call 844.793.6534 For details and to register.

Tuesday, March 27

12:15 – 1:00 pm

Senior Water Aerobics

Fitness Center

March 30

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Body Fat Friday

Fitness Center



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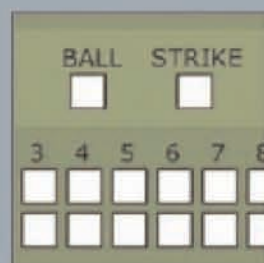
Melrose Park Little League *News*



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Friday March 9th

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PT Handyman News: Did You Know?

Do you know that ceiling fans help distribute heat evenly in your rooms. Are yours in good working order? When was the last time you changed the filters in your furnace? Have you noticed any leaks under your kitchen sink?

March is the time to check the caulk around your tub and sinks! Leaky sinks mean higher water bills! Replace your furnace filter for a better air flow.

Give the Proviso Handyman Office a call to schedule an appointment or to register for our program – (708) 547-4001.

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township.

Please call us if you have any questions and to schedule your appointment at (708) 547-4001.



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Ceiling Fans-Repair Switches Only.	Picture – Hang Only
Decks – Minor Repairs Only	Referrals for Tradesperson – Referrals Only Not Recommendations.
Door Bells – Repair/Replace Buttons	Screens – Put In/Take Out (Limit 10ft)
Door Locks – Repair/Replace	Shower Heads – Repair, Replace, Install
Door Sweeps – Repair/Replace/Install	Shower Wands – Repair, Replace, Install
Doors – Plane, Repair/Replace Hinges	Sink Drains Pipes & Stoppers Repair or Replace
Electrical Outlets & Switches - Replace	Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors – Install, Replace Batteries
Electrical GFCI Outlets Replace & Install	Storm Doors – Repair (No Installations)
Faucets – Repair or Replace (No Bathroom)	Storm Windows – Put In/Take Out Limit 10 feet
Furniture Assembly	Supply Vales – Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only
Furniture Moving – 50lb Limit	Threshold – Repairs & Replacement
Furniture Repair – Minor Only	Toilets – Minor Repairs – No Roding
Grab Bars – Install or Replace	TV/TV Converter Box – Install & Program
Hand Rails – Install or Replace	Weather Stripping – Doors & Windows
Light Bulbs - Change	Window Air Conditioner – Install & Remove
Light Fixtures Repair or Replace	Window Fan – Install & Removal
We Don't (Height not over 10 feet)	We Don't (Height not over 10 feet)
<i>Attic Work</i>	<i>HVAC Repairs</i>
<i>Appliance Repairs</i>	<i>Landscaping or Lawn Care</i>
<i>Cleaning – Housekeeping</i>	<i>New Plumbing</i>
<i>Doors - Hang or Install</i>	<i>Overhead Garage Doors</i>
<i>Drains - Roding</i>	<i>Painting or Decorating</i>
<i>Electrical Service Panel Work or Electrical Wiring</i>	<i>Roof Repairs</i>
<i>Exhaust Fans</i>	<i>Rubbish or Trash Removal</i>
<i>Gas Appliance Hook-ups</i>	<i>Security Systems</i>
<i>Glass – No repairs of broken glass</i>	<i>Snow Removal</i>
<i>Gutter Cleaning</i>	<i>Storm Doors – Minor Repairs Only</i>
<i>Hauling</i>	<i>Toilet Repairs – Removing Tank or Bowl i.e. Wax Ring or Flush Valve</i>

Obituaries

Battaglia

Stella Battaglia. Beloved wife of the late Marty; loving mother of Debbie, Denise and Marty (Dana); cherished and loving grandma of Breanna and Nicholas; foster mother of Lulu and Ronnie Gatchilian, and their family; dear sister of Wanda Marshall; preceded by four brothers and three sisters; loving aunt, sister-in-law, cousin, friend and “ma” to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

Beltrame

Angie Beltrame, nee Farinella. Dearly beloved wife of Donald Sr.; loving mother of Michael (Kim), Donald Jr. (Natalie), James (Nicole), Michelle (Larry) and Angelo; fond nana of Anthony, Alyssa, Larry Jr. and Stella; dear sister of Sam (Carmella), Joseph (Claudette), Tony (Gennie) and the late Grace (Charlie) Balachia; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum.

Berg

Susan Berg. Beloved wife of Jeff; loving mother of Ryan (Lauren) and Mitchell; beloved daughter of the late Edward and Dorothy; cherished grandmother of Piper and Cooper; dear sister of Dennis (fiancee' Marcie), David (Suzanne) and Chris (Carrie) Kelley; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Member of Grace Church Wed Cooking Ladies.

Cervone

Peter B. Cervone. Dearly beloved son of the late Mary (nee Franco) and Peter S.; loving brother of Louis P. and Sharon Hensley; dear nephew, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Crispino

Lena Crispino, nee Acierno. Dearly beloved wife of the late Charles C.; loving mother of Joseph (Kathleen) and Teri Crispino; cherished grandmother of Cristina (Carlo) Bertolli, Carly Crispino and Paul Vossel; great-grandmother of Croccifixio "Cross", Caramia and Ciamarie Bertolli; dear sister of the late Carmella and Vito Berardi, late Tom and Joanna Acierno, late Jeanette and Joseph Foltz, late Tony (Ginger) Acierno, late Al and Kaye Acierno and the late Rose and Al Haddad; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Gallichio

Lillian P. Gallichio, nee Romano. Dearly beloved wife of the late Salvatore; loving mother of Linda Cerqua and Jeffrey (Elizabeth); cherished grandmother of Erik (Heather), Elisa (James), Valerie (Quinn) Elaina, Rachel and Angela; great-grandmother of Lilliana, Cash and Casey; dear sister of the late Evelyn (the late Henry) Homa and the late Mario (the late Angeline) Romano; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum.

Kowalczyk

Stanislaw Kowalczyk. Dearly beloved husband of Mary; loving father of Dennis (Helena); cherished grandfather of Gregory and the late Sherry Marie; great-grandfather of Isabella and Kaia; loving brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Loochtan

Alexander L. Loochtan, of Schaumburg for 12 years, formerly of Melrose Park. Alex is the beloved husband of 57 years of Dorothy A. (nee Peterson); loving father of Mark and Mary Loochtan; cherished grandfather of Anthony (Crisi), Joseph and Nicole Loochtan; proud great-grandfather of Savannah; many loving cousins. He will also be missed by his faithful companion "Jorgie". Arrangements by Countryside Funeral Home. Cremation private.

Lucca

Teresa P. Lucca, nee Valvo. Dearly beloved wife of the late Vincent; loving mother of Joseph (Mary), Angela (the late Ronald) Zaprzal and Maria (the late Bill) Galvin; cherished nonna of Vincent (Kelly), Maria (Bret) Macke, Katie (fiancee Kevin), Joanna, Joe, Bob (Leeann), Vince (Sarah), Joey Zaprzal, Christina and Nicole

Galvin (fiancee Matthew); great-nonna of Jacob, Leo, Madden Zaprzal and Ella Macke; fond sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum.

O'Connor

Carol O'Connor, nee Reed. Dearly beloved wife of the late William "Bill" F. O'Connor; loving father of Lauri (Vic) Potter, Shannon O'Connor, and Patrick (Renee) O'Connor; cherished grandmother of Meghan Potter, Jordan Potter, Paige O'Connor and Erin O'Connor; dear sister of the late Andrew T. and John; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Proud member of the Seniors Club of St. Mary's in Plainfield.

Parolin

John F. Parolin. Dearly beloved husband of Nancy (nee Arancio); loving father of Joseph (Alexis), John (Lorelei), Robert (Lisa) and David (Jill); cherished grandfather of Vaughn, Dane, Valentina, Gianna, Angelina and Emilia; dear brother of Livio (Mary Ann) Parolin; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Rivera

Edward C. Rivera. Dearly beloved father of Jeanine (Benito) Domena and Rebecca (Eddie Lopez); cherished grandfather of Mason, Nathaniel and Dalilah; dear brother of Ivan, Edwin (Jeannine), Nelson (Nelly), Fabian, Milagros and the late William (Edith); fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Sorce

James J. Sorce passed away in January 2018. Loving husband of Geraldine (nee Pastore); devoted father of Edith (Sal) Auriemma, Elizabeth (Brian) Seery and Mary Ann (John) Capozzoli; wonderful papa of Johnna, A.J., Elizabeth, Gia, Rocco, Logan, Micah and Giancarlo; dear brother of Roseanne (Tim) Rutili, Andrea Franco and the late John (the late Mary Ann) Sorce. Arrangements by Salerno's Funeral Homes. Interment private.

Sorce

John Sorce. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ann (nee Pastore); devoted father of Lisa Sorce, James (Donna) Sorce and Ralph (Christine) Sorce; fond grandfather of Anna, Johnny, Sam, Jimmy, Reno and Maxx; dear brother of James (Geraldine) Sorce, Roseanne (Tim) Rutili and Andrea Frano; dearest brother-in-law of Leo and Carol Ann Di Domenico. Arrangements by Ralph Massey Funeral Director.

Urbane

Marietta Urbane, nee Caputo. Loving mother of Mark; beloved daughter of the late Peter and Anna Caputo; dear sister of Peter and the late Leonard; fond niece, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Wright

Alba Loverde Wright, nee Nesti, 91, born May 20, 1926, in Segromigno Monte (Marlia, Lucca), Italy. Dearly beloved spouse of the late Billy R. Wright and the late Honorable Charles M. Loverde; dearest mother of James M. Loverde, Carol (Dominic) Di Frisco, Joy Loverde (David V. Schultz), Peter (Orasa) Loverde and Linda (Louis) Belpedio; loving grandmother of Bonnie (Joseph) Blackburn, Angelina and Maria Loverde, Louis and Nicolas Belpedio; loving great-grandmother of Lanea, Henry, Siena and Ivy Blackburn; loving sister-in-law of Bernice (the late Frank) Nesti; loving aunt to the Nesti and Stanton families; dearest cousin to La Famiglia Pagni in Lucca. Long-time resident of Melrose Park, Ill., on Andy Drive and most recently Chicago's Old Town. She loved her family, neighbors and friends very much. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Zito

Joseph "Joe" Zito. Dearly beloved son of the late Sam and Zena Zito; dear brother of Rosanne (the late Michael) Taube and the late Fred Zito. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

In the exercise of its power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare, it is declared to be the public policy of the village to assure fair housing and freedom from discrimination throughout the community, to protect the community from the effects of residential segregation by race, color, religion, sex, physical or mental handicap, familial status or national origin, and to secure to its citizens the economic, social, and professional benefits of living in an integrated and stable society.

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Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

Take notice that the village of Melrose Park, Cook County, Ill., will conduct the regular scheduled meetings of the president and the board of trustees on the second and fourth Mondays of each calendar month, unless otherwise noted, at 6 p.m. at the Village Board Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Police Department, 1 N. Broadway Ave., Melrose Park.

The schedule for calendar year 2018 is: March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23; May 14 and Tuesday, May 29; June 11; July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 10 and 24; Tuesday, Oct. 9 and Oct. 22; Nov. 13 and 26; and Dec. 10 and Wednesday, Dec. 26.

For more information, call (708) 343-4000.

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The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Good Friday – Friday, March 30, 2018; Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018; Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2018; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 3, 2018; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 8, 2018; Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 12, 2018; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 23, 2018; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 24, 2018; Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 31, 2018.

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