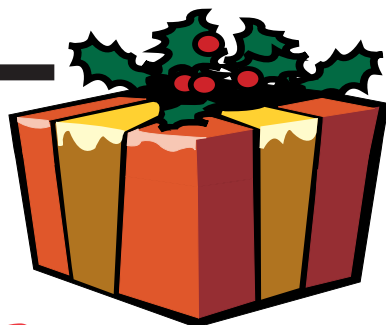


**Happy
Holidays**



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A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Melrose Park, Unlike other holidays, one's perception of Christmas is constantly evolving. As a small child, I remember Christmas as a time filled with unbearable anticipation as I waited and wondered if Santa would bring me all the wonderful toys I had asked for. Christmas was a magical time back then – a time filled with the mystery of Santa Claus, flying reindeer, a fresh tree that touched the ceiling, and of course, presents, presents, presents!

My Santa indulgence lasted to about the age of 10, then rational thinking took over and disbelief found its way into my heart. Suddenly I knew it was impossible for a fat man to fly in a sleigh and fit down millions of chimneys. I kept my suspicions to myself, just on the chance I was wrong, but then an older big-mouthed kid on the playground put to rest any doubts I had. From then on, I humored my parents and went along with their Santa sham. Even though I was no longer a true card-carrying Santa fan club member, I still loved Christmas ... school vacation, comparing loot with friends, trying out a new bike and playing outside for hours ... Christmas, even without Santa, was still pretty good.

For the next few years I enjoyed Christmas like all non-Santa believers, which meant I was more excited about sleeping in on Christmas than participating in old traditions. This was my view of Christmas until the arrival of my children.

Once again, my perception of Christmas changed. All at once, I was consumed with the need to pass along all the cherished traditions that I had discarded, especially Santa Claus. There is no greater happiness than seeing the look of awe on your children's faces as when they look upon that jolly old guy in the red suit. Seeing their joy reminded me what Christmas is really all about, which is that giving is more gratifying than receiving, spending time with loved ones matters most and taking the time to relish every Christmas moment.

Of course time marches on and I am now a grandparent, which has brought me a new perspective on Christmas. I now see the holiday as a melding of the past with the present. I feel it is my duty to share stories of the past with my grandchildren. In return, I get to experience, once more, all the glory of those long ago Christmases through the eyes of my grandchildren. My only hope is, that the delight and magic of Santa, fills their lives for many years to come and they never run into some big-mouthed kid on the playground.

Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson of the Center for Vision and Values best sums up my feelings: "The gentle spirit of Christmas brings a sense of fresh promise and renewal every year. Indeed, this annual event reminds us that children are the hope of the world. They represent pure goodness – a clean slate, free of the learned baggage of mistrust and unkindness. They give us a glimpse of what life can be like without strife or animosity. They testify to the ideal of peace on earth."

On behalf of the village clerk, village trustees, my wife Donna, and myself, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year! And as I say every Christmas ... "Please make some great holiday memories for your children and grandchildren."

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor



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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, The Rose Newsletter

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsDec. 23, Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10

Village Hall Holiday ClosingDec. 24 (1/2 Day), Dec. 25,
Dec. 31 (1/2 Day), Jan. 1, Jan. 20

Senior Club Meetings Jan. 9, Feb. 13

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico...

On behalf of all of us at St. Pius V, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for you.

Your generosity at the time of our Celebrating the Harvest Awards Banquet is remembered with much appreciation.

We are happy to report that we topped all records for funds raised at this event. Your auction item contributed to our best auction ever.

Our best wishes and a promise of prayer for you and your loved ones.

During these special days when we try to keep ourselves centered in joys of family and faith, know that you, your coworkers and your loved ones are held in our prayer. We are blessed with your friendship, encouragement and support. It means the world to us. Thank you.

- Blessings to You and Yours,
Father Brendan Curran, OP, St. Pius V Parish

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I am writing this to commend the excellent work displayed by your officers.

The officers Scarpelli (#38) and Korsch (#53) helped me when two individuals attacked me and stole my purse. The prompt response to my call and professionalism and sensitivity was outstanding – also by others.

Not only did they answer immediately, but they recovered my purse and most of my belongings in less than an hour.

I can tell you this – to me it's incredible and for that I will be grateful forever.

Chief Pitassi, rest assured that our community can feel safer with officers like these. You should be very proud of them.

- Sincerely,
Carmen leolon-Santiago, Hillside

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

Our sincerest thanks to you for the wonderful police escort you provided for Bernard Tassi – Michael Mucerino's uncle – we are so very appreciative!

Bernie was so proud to live in Melrose Park his entire life of 85 years!

- Sincerely,
The Family of Bernard Tassi

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi and All Melrose Park Police Officers...

One of the nicest parts of Thanksgiving is remembering people special like you.

Thank you for your continued support at Sacred Heart School.

- Sincerely,
The Sacred Heart School Family

Dear Mayor Ron Serpico...

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is happy to inform you that the village of Melrose Park was recently awarded grants through the Community Planning program.

The program provides funding and planning assistance to projects that benefit the community and the regional transit system.

The project will conduct a corridor study along Broadway Avenue with the goal of creating a transit friendly environment that includes improved transit infrastructure, safety and beautification elements. The project was awarded \$100,000.

- Sincerely,
Claire J. Serdiuk-Anderson, Manager of External Affairs
Regional Transportation Authority

Dear Melrose Park Police Department...

Thank you so much for providing us your services to keep the students at Sacred Heart School safe during our annual Walk-a-Thon!

We greatly appreciate it.

- Thank you,
Susan Golding, Teresa Colella, Sacred Heart PTO Presidents

Dear Fire Chief Beltrame...

Thank you for your presence in the Guatemalan Independence Day Parade. Also, thank you for your support in helping the Guatemalan community in Illinois.

It was an honor to have the Melrose Park Fire Department with us this year. Your willingness to be of service and openness to other ethnicities, speak very highly of the love and dedication to the people of Melrose Park.

You may not know that the Guatemalan Civic Society of Illinois holds these types of events to keep our community united and also to help the less fortunate.

For the past few years, our efforts have benefitted the Centro Nutricional Hoger de Ninos in Patzun, Chimaltenango, Guatemala. The home provides a range of services that touch the lives of abandoned children.

Thank you again for supporting our efforts and we hope to count on your participation next year.

- Sincerely,
Rommy Cisneros-Alfaro, Board Member
Sociedad Civico Cultural Guatemala

Dear Mayor Serpico...

I just want to thank you again for coming to speak at our First Annual 9/11 Commemorative Community Event. Your presentation was moving as well as interesting and informative, and it was a real honor to have you attend. In summary it was an integral part of the event's success and on behalf of all Lincoln's staff, faculty and students, we offer our sincere thanks.

We hope the services offered to the veterans in our community will in some small way make a difference to some of the men and women who have served so bravely for our country.

Your support adds the validation that gives them even more confidence as they adjust into the community once again.

Thanks again for sharing your talents and knowledge with us.

- Sincerely,
Jody Wasmer, Campus President
Lincoln College of Technology

Dear Gary Marine, Director of Public Works...

On Oct. 1, we wrote you a letter requesting attention on our water-logged apron which adjoined the street.

You contacted the engineer in charge of street reconstruction, came to the house to assure us that the problem was being addressed and did these things immediately and in a kind way.

We want to express our deep appreciation to your attention to the problem and want to thank you for seeing to it that the situation was solved.

We were every impressed with the expediency and professional manner in which the construction company accomplished the whole street project. I knew you had chosen a good company when I saw the engineer with a simple level in the gutter, assessing which way the water was going to run. And he was right! We have now had a good rain and it is remarkable how well the water flows to the drain.

Thank you for this upgrade in our area and particularly for the improvement in front of our house.

The neighbors and we have again agreed that Melrose Park is a great village in which to live.

We have services and attention to problems that is rarely seen in a community.

Thank you and thanks to Mayor Serpico for keeping the village such a fine place to live.

- Your appreciative residents of Melrose Park,
Al and Carol Zimmer

Dear Police Chief Pitassi...

I am writing you to personally extend my thanks and appreciation for the thorough assistance Officer David Gucciardo provided to Special Agent Michael Ariola on Nov. 11.

Special Agent Ariola was in need of assistance to locate and interview a suspect in an ongoing criminal investigation concerning the tampering of a consumer product that resulted in a company loss of over \$700,000. Officer Gucciardo spent the better part of the day helping Special Agent Ariola navigate the streets of Melrose Park and other communities, checking various addresses, as well as police and village computer databases for local information.

It is not often we receive the level of assistance from our local municipalities that Officer Gucciardo provided. The commitment and cooperation provided by your department proved to be invaluable.

Officer Gucciardo's professionalism is a credit to your department, and the FDA, Office of Criminal Investigations, truly appreciates his efforts.

- Sincerely,
John J. Redmond, Special Agent in Charge
Food and Drug Administration

Governor Quinn Honors Melrose Park with Hometown Award



Governor Pat Quinn proudly announced Melrose Park was one of the winners of the 31st Annual Governor's Hometown Awards, which are presented to recognize volunteers for their work in improving their communities.

Melrose Park was awarded the prize for the Silver Creek Beautification Project. The village and Concordia University are continuing efforts to preserve the creek as a natural and community

resource. The Silver Creek Annual Cleanup began in 2007 and has significantly accomplished its goal by maintaining the creek's beautification.

The awards ceremony in the Illinois Executive Mansion is part of Governor Quinn's commitment to encouraging and honoring the spirit of volunteerism in Illinois.

"The Governor's Hometown Awards honor the efforts of remarkable groups who have selflessly dedicated their time and efforts to making their communities a better place to live," Governor Quinn said. "We applaud these groups of volunteers for improving the lives of others and truly making a difference in our state."

The Governor's Hometown Award recipients are selected by volunteer judges who review and rank applications based on a variety of factors, including local need, volunteer participation, use of resources and the results achieved. The project categories include services and mentorship, beautification and sustainability, parks and recreation, memorials and monuments, and history and historic preservation.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) administers the Governor's Hometown Awards Program. Each winning group receives a road sign for its community and plaque recognizing its efforts.

"These awards celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in Illinois," DCEO Director Adam Pollet said. "They show the connection between grass-roots activism and community improvement. When people unite behind a cause, they make a huge difference in the lives of their neighbors."

A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief*



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a special and bust time of the year. Unfortunately, many people forget to be careful about their property and personal safety, leaving them especially vulnerable to theft and other crime. The Melrose Park Police Department provides tips to help keep your holiday safe:

SHOP SAFELY:

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; instead pay with credit cards or a check.
- Watch your credit card during transaction to make sure it is used to print only one transaction. Make sure the cashier returns it to you.
- Keep your wallet in your front pants pocket or coat breast pocket.
- Keep purses close to your body, in front of you where it can be seen, and cover the clasp or flap with your hand. Keep the purse closed, snapped or zippered until you need to enter it.
- Never flaunt your money, expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Walk confidently and be alert. Be especially mindful of pickpockets in crowded areas such as stores, bus stops or trains.
- Never overload yourself with packages; being overburdened may make it difficult for you to keep track of your purse or wallet or to respond to a personal threat.
- Park in a well-lit space and always lock your doors and windows.
- Hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in your vehicle for any length of time while shopping.
- Teach children that if they get separated from you, they should go to a security officer or store clerk and say they are lost.
- Tell them NEVER to leave the store or go to the parking lot to look for you

WATCH OUT FOR CON GAMES AND FRAUDS:

- Give only to charities that are familiar to you.
- Ask to see official identification when someone asks for a donation on the street or at your home.
- Ask for written documentation on how your donation is going to be used and if it is tax deductible.
- Be suspicious of charities that only accept cash.
- Only make checks out to the organizations, not the individuals.
- Never give your credit card information over the telephone. For tele-marketing solicitations, offer to mail your donation.

PROTECT YOUR HOME:

- Never display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Always lock doors, windows and garage doors when you leave the house, even if you will only be away a short time.
- Always ask for official identification when someone comes to your home asking for donations or claiming to be delivering a package. Never let anyone into the house who cannot provide this information.
- Call the Melrose Park Police at (708) 344-8409 and place your house on the Vacation Watch if you will be away for the holiday.



Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame

*Chief Beltrame and members of the Melrose Park Fire Department wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.
Here are a few safety tips, which will help assure a safe season for everyone.*

Holiday Decorating and Lighting

- Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible materials, and do not use candles to decorate Christmas trees.
- Purchase only lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance.
- Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords.
- Check your strands of lights to determine the number of strands that may be connected. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw in bulbs.
- Always unplug lights before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- Don't mount lights in any way that can damage the cord's wire insulation (i.e., using clips, not nails).
- Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.

Seasonal Safety Tips

Holiday Entertaining

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the range.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Wherever you smoke, provide plenty of large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. Cigarette butts can smolder in the trash and cause a fire, so completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding.
- After a party, always check on, between and under upholstery and cushions and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet). When smokers visit your home, ask them to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Test your smoke alarms, and let guests know what your fire escape plan is.

Christmas Trees

- When decorating Christmas trees, always use safe tree lights. (Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.) Larger tree lights should also have some type of reflector rather than a bare bulb and all lights should be listed by a testing laboratory.
- Never use electric lights on a metal tree.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Check your strands of lights to determine the number of strands that may be connected. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and extend their life.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.
- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
- When purchasing a live or cut tree, check for fresh, green needles.
- Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant.
- Children are fascinated with Christmas trees. Keep a watchful eye on them when around the tree and do not let them play with the wiring or lights.
- Store matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from any heat source, such as fireplaces and radiators. Try to position the tree near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

Choose Your Ride. DRINK. DRIVE. GO TO JAIL!



Melrose Park Police Department

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 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.



Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works began the Beautification Program on 19th Avenue between Lake and Main by replacing all new Street Lighting. This project is ongoing and hopefully will be finished in the spring 2014. Also, new traffic signals will be installed on Lake Street and 19th Avenue.

The Village of Melrose Park received the 2013 Project Winner Governors Hometown Award from the state of Illinois for Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Silver Creek Restoration Project. This award gives formal recognition to communities, organizations, agencies, etc., that have answered the Constitution's call and contributed to their community's quality of life. The recipient is recognized for making Illinois a better place for all of us.

The annual Silver Creek cleanup which was held on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013, was a very successful fall cleanup. Many volunteers and residents came out to help with the cleanup as well as dedicated village employees that volunteered their time to help with the cleanup. The next Spring Silver Creek Clean Up is scheduled for May 3, 2014. Rain date is May 10, 2014.

The new Computer Center at the Melrose Park Library will be open to the public around the first of the year. A new handicap ramp is being constructed at the Computer Center entrance on the east side of the building. The Computer Center is handicap accessible.

Fall Leaves Pickup: Leaves must be raked and placed in a 30-gallon container with a landscape sticker. Other landscaping, garden waste or additional leaves are to be placed in container with sticker or biodegradable bags. Leaves are NOT to be dumped or raked on the street or alley. Pickup for landscaping waste will be picked up on the second pickup of the week.

Nicor Gas is still upgrading gas supply services in all homes in the village. restoration of parkways and streets should be completed or near completion.

The 2013 Sidewalk Program has been completed. If you would like to participate in the 2014 Sidewalk Program and request sidewalk square replacement, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

For TV pickup, please call and make arrangements for pickup before putting your TV out.

It was a productive summer for the Public Works Department and with Mayor Serpico's guidance, all summer projects have been successfully completed. The Public Works Employees are busy preparing all plows for the first snowfall and the winter months ahead.

Snow Removal Program for Disabled with special needs and seniors 65 and older. If 6 inches of falling snow is predicted, please call (708) 649-4450. Leave name, address, phone number and age. Please call for every snowfall.

Snow Routes: Please follow all Snow Route signs throughout the village.

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

All Snow Routes in village limits are as follows: Armitage Avenue, George Street, Division/Carson, Main Street, Riverwoods Drive, Ninth Avenue, 15th Avenue, 19th Avenue and the Industrial Area.

SNOW ROUTE

NO PARKING

AFTER 2 INCH SNOWFALL
OR MORE UNTIL REMOVAL
IS COMPLETE
**VEHICLES WILL
BE TOWED**

Public Works Department Adds New Vehicles

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department recently made some new additions to its fleet of service vehicles for the Sewer and Water Department.

The new vehicles will enhance the support village employees provide to members of the Melrose Park community.



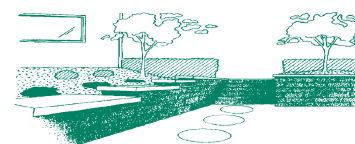
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New Year Night time Camp Fun

REGISTER NOW! CAMP BEGINS JAN. 7!

The Melrose Park Youth Commission is holding a Night-time Camp Fun for children 4-7 years of age. Children who register will participate in a number of fun activities geared towards learning, athletics and having fun with others. The program includes a number of arts and crafts activities, kids sports – basketball, soccer, etc., make and bake nights, movie nights, tutoring, holiday parties, video game nights, field trips and more.

Our Night-time Camp Fun runs three nights a week (Mondays-Wednesdays, 6:15-8:30 p.m.) Jan. 7-Feb. 12. Cost is \$25 per child for Melrose Park residents and \$100 per child for nonresidents

Why not join us? Come on and have some fun.
Registration can be made at the Youth Commission located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Civic Center, Mondays-Fridays.
For more information, call (708) 450-0555.

A Special Message to the Parents of Melrose Park Children from the MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

Dear Parent,
The Melrose Park Youth Commission is compiling a mailing list of children who attend an elementary school that is not located in Melrose Park. We are trying to reach all children from our community and let them know of the great events and programming options the Youth Commission offers throughout the year.
If you have a son or daughter attending an out-of-town school or children who are being home schooled, please take some time to complete this form and mail it to:

Melrose Park Youth Commission
1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

Once we receive this form, we will add your name to our database and follow up with a courtesy phone call to introduce ourselves and provide information about our organization.

Parent's Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Age of Child #1 _____
School Attending _____
Age of Child #2 _____
School Attending _____

For more information, please call us at (708) 450-0555.





Exercising for Seniors

Join us at the
Guy Guerine Senior Center
for exercising.

Monday-Friday, 9-10 a.m.

Wondering what the benefits are of exercising. It lowers the risk of serious heart condition, such as Alzheimer's Disease, heart disease, diabetes, colon cancer, high blood pressure, osteoporosis and poor digestion. Just to name a few.

Exercising adds independence and confidence in your life.

It also adds flexibility, posture, balance and increases strength.

We target coordination and this helps reduce your risk of falls.

Instructor Barb Rubright, is a certified personal trainer and will help you get back into feeling healthy and more energized every day.

Join the program.
You will be happy you came out.
Exercising for Seniors is free
to all Melrose Park residents.

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

**The Melrose Park Senior Exercise Program
has added ZUMBA GOLD!
FREE to all Melrose Park senior residents!**

Call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448, for info!

Melrose Park Senior Club NEWS

2014 Meeting Dates

Jan. 9 • Feb. 13 • March 13 • April 10 • May 8 • June 12
July 10 • Aug. 14 • Sept. Cancelled • Oct. 9 • Nov. 13 • Dec. 11

Meeting dates are scheduled that include lunch meetings and coffee and ... meetings. Bingo will be played at all meetings. Registration must be made two weeks prior to meeting date.

Registration for 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 \$10 per year and includes a picture ID. Each meeting cost \$5 per person and includes lunch, informative speakers and more. Preregistration for meetings is required.

It's a good place to make new friends and renew old ones.

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

Senior Services

Need help with Medicare, 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.

Area Towing Offers Complimentary Auto Services

Area Towing Inc. now offers complimentary services to senior citizens of Melrose Park.

The services include tire changing, jump-starts and lock-outs. There will also be discounted towing for senior residents.

For service or
more information,
call (708) 345-4665.





Village of Melrose Park

TRIVIA Teasers

Answers appear on Page 32.

1. Melrose Park is:
 - 115 Years Old
 - 93 Years Old
 - 147 Years Old
 - 78 Years Old
 - 131 Years Old
2. When Melrose Park first became an incorporated village it went under a different name for almost a decade; what was it called?
 - West Maywood
 - Gherke Station
 - Union Square
 - Melrose
 - Silver Creek
3. Melrose Park's nickname is:
 - The Village With a Heart
 - The Corporate King
 - The Pride of the West Suburbs
 - A Village Like No Other
 - Opportunity Around Every Corner
4. Melrose Park's longest-serving mayor is:
 - Charles Wolf
 - Andy Frenzel
 - C. August Taddeo
 - Ron Serpico
 - Jake La Spisa
5. Melrose Park is fortunate to have two hospitals within its borders. How many of the more than 200 towns and villages in the five suburban collar counties and suburban Cook County have two hospitals?
 - One to Five Towns
 - Six to 10 Towns
 - 11 to 15 Towns
 - More Than 15
6. The longest continuous restaurant still operating in Melrose Park is:
 - Tom's Steakhouse
 - Har Lo's Grill
 - Sorrento's Pizza
 - Abruzzo's
7. What long gone Melrose Park restaurant prominently displayed a check by the front register that motorcycle daredevil Evel Knivel bounced on the restaurant's owner and it was also one of Frank Sinatra's favorite stops when he was in Chicago:
 - Leoni's
 - Slicker Sam's
 - Butch's Beef Stand
 - Palmere's
 - The Homestead
8. What demolished Melrose Park restaurant was famous for its Kodiak Bear over the entry way?
9. Melrose Park loves Costco; here are two questions about this retail giant. Costco is the world's largest retailer of:
 - TV Sets
 - Wine
 - Candy
 - Batteries
 - Watches
10. Costco's number one selling item is:
 - Hot Dogs
 - Bottled Water
 - Toilet Paper
 - Soft Drinks
 - Coffee
11. Melrose Park resident Carol Laraia went to Hollywood and became a star and also changed her name to Carol Lawrence. Who was the star she was once married to?
 - Gene Hackman
 - Lloyd Bridges
 - Fess Parker
 - Robert Goulet
 - Richard Harris
12. While we are on the subject of Melrose Park's Carol Lawrence; what was her first starring role?
 - Maria in the original Broadway production of *The Sound of Music*
 - Lola in the original Broadway production of *Damn Yankees*
 - Maria in the original Broadway production of *West Side Story*
 - Charity in the original Broadway production of *Sweet Charity*
 - Golde in the original Broadway production of *Fiddler on the Roof*
13. The Riverwoods complex and Victory Centre stands on land that was:
 - Golf Course
 - Motel
 - Auto Racecourse
 - Gas Station
 - Kids Playground
14. The McDonald's down the street on North Avenue stands on property that from the 1940s through the 1970s housed a teen hangout known throughout the west suburbs, what was the restaurant's name?
15. Melrose Park's Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has the distinction of being the Chicago area's longest running event. How many years has the Feast been celebrated?
 - 73 Years
 - 92 Years
 - 103 Years
 - 119 Years

TRIVIA Teasers

(Continued.)

16. Melrose Park once had an outdoor movie theater.
T F
17. Maywood Park Racetrack is actually located in Melrose Park.
T F
18. Melrose Park once had an 18-hole golf course.
T F
19. Melrose Park once had the suburb's largest indoor roller rink.
T F
20. Melrose Park had the suburb's most visited haunted Halloween house.
T F
21. Winston Plaza, when it opened in 1960, was the largest shopping center in the west suburbs including DuPage County.
T F
22. Melrose Park's most famous athlete was former Green Bay Packer linebacker Ray Nitschke.
T F
23. The first Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was celebrated not at Mt. Carmel but at Sacred Heart Church.
T F
24. When Melrose Park was first incorporated, its boundaries were from Ninth Avenue to 25th Avenue and from Lake Street to North Avenue.
T F
25. The oldest Catholic church in Melrose Park is Mt. Carmel.
T F
26. Costco stands on the land that once housed Melrose Park's most famous attraction Kiddieland. In 1929 Kiddieland started out as a:
Pony Ride Attraction
Miniature Golf Course
Outdoor Playground
Bumper Car Attraction
27. About one mile from here is Triton Community College. How many students are enrolled in full and part time classes at Triton?
Approximately 8,000
Approximately 10,000
Approximately 12,000
Approximately 16,000
Approximately 20,000
28. In 1920 what disaster killed 10 people in Melrose Park on Palm Sunday?
Tornado
Railroad Crash
Fire in a House
Explosion in a Church
Bus Coach Accident
29. Prior to Maywood Park Racetrack, what existed at that location?
A Farm
Cook County Fairground
Picnic Grove and Bandstand
Boarding School
Seminary
30. Who has more food vendors, the Taste of Chicago or the Taste of Melrose Park?
31. One last question for us old timers. Stern Pinball in Melrose Park is now famous for what?



Village of Melrose Park

Notice Regarding Vehicle Stickers and Dog Tags

**Village vehicle stickers will expire
Dec. 31, 2013.**

**New stickers can be purchased
at the Village Hall.**

Sticker Fees are as Follows:

Passenger Plates – \$30 for Two Years

Trucks with B Plates – \$50 for One Year

C Plates and Over – \$75 (Expires Dec. 31, 2013)

Motorcycles – \$30 (Two Years)

**Seniors over 65 Years of Age are Free
(One per Household)**

Dog Tags – \$10 for Two Years

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

MP Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

The village of Melrose Park would like to know if any of our residents are serving in the military.

If so, please contact Peggy DiFazio via e-mail – peg@melrosepark.org or phone – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

Melrose Park Public Safety News

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



For more information,
please call
Melrose Park
Public Safety ~
Homeland Security
at (708) 649-8000,
or visit us on the
World Wide Web at
www.mpdhs.us.

Winter Storms... The Deceptive Killers

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states, while others affect only a single community. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

Regardless of the severity of a winter storm, you should be prepared in order to remain safe during these events.

Know the Difference

Winter Storm Outlook – Winter storm conditions are possible in the next two to five days.

Winter Weather Advisory – Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

Winter Storm Watch – Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

Winter Storm Warning – Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

- Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

Put Together a Supply Kit

- Water – at least a three-day supply; one gallon per person per day.
- Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food.
- Flashlight.
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible).
- Extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.).
- Multipurpose tool.
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items.
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies).
- Cell phone with chargers.
- Family and emergency contact information.
- Extra cash.
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers).
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl).
- Tools/supplies for securing your home.
- Sand, rock salt or non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery.
- Warm coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots, and extra blankets and warm clothing for all household members.
- Ample alternate heating methods such as fireplaces or wood- or coal-burning stoves.

Winter's Impact

Storms with Strong Winds

Sometimes winter storms are accompanied by strong winds creating blizzard conditions with blinding wind-driven snow, severe drifting and dangerous wind chill. Strong winds with these intense storms and cold fronts can knock down trees, utility poles and power lines. Storms near the coast can cause coastal flooding and beach erosion as well as sink ships at sea. In the west and Alaska, winds descending off the mountains can gust to 100 mph or more damaging roofs and other structures.

Extreme Cold

Extreme cold often accompanies a winter storm or is left in its wake. Prolonged exposure to the cold can cause frostbite or hypothermia and become life-threatening. Infants and elderly people are most susceptible. What constitutes extreme cold and its effect varies across different areas of the United States. In areas unaccustomed to winter weather, near freezing temperatures are considered "extreme cold." Freezing temperatures can cause severe damage to citrus fruit crops and other vegetation. Pipes may freeze and burst in homes that are poorly insulated or without heat. In the north, below zero temperatures may be considered as "extreme cold." Long cold spells can cause rivers to freeze, disrupting shipping. Ice jams may form and lead to flooding.

Ice Storms

Heavy accumulations of ice can bring down trees, electrical wires, telephone poles and lines, and communication towers. Communications and power can be disrupted for days while utility companies work to repair the extensive damage. Even small accumulations of ice may cause extreme hazards to motorists and pedestrians.

Heavy Snow Storms

Heavy snow can immobilize a region and paralyze a city, stranding commuters, stopping the flow of supplies and disrupting emergency and medical services. Accumulations of snow can collapse buildings and knock down trees and power lines. In rural areas, homes and farms may be isolated for days, and unprotected livestock may be lost. In the mountains, heavy snow can lead to avalanches. The cost of snow removal, repairing damages and loss of business can have large economic impacts on cities and towns.



Winter Precipitation

Snow

- FLURRIES – Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation or light dusting is all that is expected.
- SHOWERS – Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.
- SQUALLS – Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant. Snow squalls are best known in the Great Lakes region.
- BLOWING SNOW – Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow may be snow that is falling and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.
- BLIZZARD – Winds over 35 mph with snow and blowing snow reducing visibility to near zero.

Sleet

Raindrops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. However, it can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorists.

Freezing Rain

Rain that falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, cars, and roads, forming a coating or glaze of ice. Even small accumulations of ice can cause a significant hazard.

Winter Storm Facts: What Makes a Winter Storm?

Cold Air

Below freezing temperatures in the clouds and near the ground are necessary to make snow and/or ice.

Moisture

To form clouds and precipitation. Air blowing across a body of water, such as a large lake or the ocean, is an excellent source of moisture.

Lift

something to raise the moist air to form the clouds and cause precipitation. An example of lift is warm air colliding with cold air and being forced to rise over the cold dome. The boundary between the warm and cold air masses is called a front. Another example of lift is air flowing up a mountain side.

**For more information, contact the
Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety
at (708) 649-8000 or visit our Web site at www.mpdhs.org.**



Citizen Alert Sign-up Instructions – Opt-in

Citizens and businesses are encouraged to sign up to receive emergency and non-emergency alerts from everbridge – Melrose Park’s new alert system.

Go to www.melrosepark.org

Click on the Citizen Alert button.


Click on “Sign Up” button to add your information to this notification system.

The screenshot shows the 'Emergency Alert Program' page on the everbridge website. The header includes the everbridge logo and 'technology + expertise'. A sidebar on the left contains links: Home, Overview, FAQs, Sign Up For Alerts, and Manage Profile. The main content area explains the program and provides two buttons: 'Sign Up' and 'Log In'. The footer contains contact information and a link to the Terms of Use.

You will be asked to create an account.

- **Create your username and password (Password must be 8-64 characters and must contain letters (a-z or A-Z) and numbers (0-9), password must not contain spaces or username).**
- **Select a security question and enter its answer.**
- **Accept the Terms of Use by checking the box.**
- **Complete the visual or audio CAPTCHA and click “Submit”.**

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New User Sign-Up

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Fields marked with * are mandatory.

Alerts You Want to Receive

☒ Emergency Alerts

Important Community Alerts

☒ Crime Alerts
 ☐ Road Closures
 ☐ Power Outage
 ☐ Air Quality Alerts
 ☐ Water Outage
 ☐ Missing Persons

About You

☒ I am a resident
 ☐ I am registering a business

First Name*

Middle

Last Name*

Suffix

Language preference:

English (US)

Special Needs:

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

Volunteer?:

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

SmartGIS and Aware Training Org Locations You Care About

Location Name:

(e.g., Home, Work, School)

Street Address*

(e.g., 123 Main Street)

Apt/Suite/Unit:

(e.g., 2)

City*

State/Province*

Postal Code*

View on Map

(you must have Microsoft Silverlight plug-in installed)

Save Location

Clear Location Fields

Next

Questions? Contact SmartGIS and Aware Training Org at 888-438-4911 or support@everbridge.com

Terms of Use

By default you will be signed up for emergency alerts. Emergency alerts are imminent or potential threats to life and/or property.

Emergencies may include but are not limited to severe weather, floods, wildfires, natural gas leaks, missing person alerts, and police activity that requires you to evacuate or to take shelter.

Select the Community Alerts you will like to receive. Community Alerts are non-emergency alerts or information bulletins.

You can subscribe to an alert by clicking in the box next to the alert name.

You can unsubscribe at any time.

You can register as a resident or business.

Enter your name and last name, and company name if registering a business.

Select your Language preference

This is the primary language spoken at home. However, notifications may not be sent in this language.

Select your Special Needs if applicable.

Special needs are concerns for yourself or other members of your household that you want to share with us.

Select your Volunteer Options.

Volunteer options are special skills you or others in your household may possess that may be of interest to us in the event of an alert.

Enter any locations you care about.

We send alerts based on a geographical location on a map. Insert up to five addresses for which you want to receive an alert if the location is affected by an incident or upcoming event.

IMPORTANT – If the address you provided is not in our database of known addresses for our jurisdiction, you will be presented with other options to add your address into this system, including: selection from a list of suggested addresses, enter your latitude-longitude, or dropping a pin to select your location on the map (Microsoft Silverlight plug-in is required). If you do not use one of these options, you will not be contacted until your address added has been verified.

Click on the “Next” button in the lower right corner to add your contact information.



Enter the contact information and set the order of priority in which you want to be contacted in the event of an alert.

IMPORTANT – Once you provide your phone numbers and e-mail in Step #3, you must enter contact preferences in order to receive emergency and/or community alerts.

Verify you entered your contact information and set the priorities correctly and click “Save”.

Congratulations!
You have successfully signed up.

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Home Overview FAQs Log Out > Manage Profile

Manage Profile

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How to Contact You

Home Phone 1:	818-555-1212	4	4
Home Phone 2:		N/A	N/A
Mobile Phone 1:	818-888-1313	2	2
Mobile Phone 2:		N/A	N/A
Business Phone 1:		N/A	N/A
Business Phone 2:		N/A	N/A
Business Email:	john.doe@everbridge.com	1	1
Personal Email:		N/A	N/A
SMS TXT #:	818-888-1313	3	3
TTY/TDD:		N/A	N/A

Emergency: 4 Community alerts: 4

Cancel Save

Questions? Contact City of Chicopee at 413-885-9988 or kitchott@chicopeema.gov
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If you no longer wish to receive alerts from the city, go to: www.melrosepark.org.

Login using your account information and select “Delete my Profile” from the My Shortcuts menu.

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New User Sign-Up

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Congratulations!
You have successfully signed up to receive alerts.

Welcome, John (Log out)
Please take a moment to confirm you entered your information correctly.

My Subscriptions

Emergency Alerts	Community alerts
Crime Alerts	Power Outage
Missing Persons	

About Me

Resident

First Name: John
Last Name: Doe
Language preference: English (US)
Special Needs: Oxygen Tank, Power Dependent
Volunteer: Proficient in Another Language

Locations I Care About

Work: 505 North Brand Blvd, Glendale, CA 91203

How to Contact Me

Emergency:
1 - Business E-mail: john.doe@everbridge.com
2 - Personal Mobile Ph: 818-888-1313
3 - SMS Text (Phone #): 818-888-1313
4 - Home Phone: 818-555-1212

Community Alerts:
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- Change my subscriptions
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www.mpps.us.**

**Thank you in advance for you cooperation
and participation in this important program.**

Melrose Park Assists Those Affected by Recent Weather Disasters



The Melrose Park community recently came together to provide much needed supplies to the families affected by the severe weather in Washington, Ill., and the Philippines.

Mayor Serpico and Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio (MAP of HOPE Foundation) worked together on donating several cases of bottled water and paper goods to those affected by the tornado in Washington and central Illinois. The MAP of HOPE Foundation also donated \$1,000 and coats collected through its 20/20 Thanksgiving Program for families that are in need of help as they recover from the tragedy.

The mayor and a team of village employees also delivered approximately 60 cases of water to the Philippine Typhoon Relief Center that was sent to help the families affected by the devastating typhoon that hit the Philippines in November.

Schwartz Represents Melrose Park at Cook County Board Meeting Honoring Participants in Officer Program

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle sponsored a resolution honoring fire, police, emergency management and public officials as participants in the Cook County Suburban Duty Officer Program.

Chief of Public Safety – Homeland Security Phil Schwartz attended the meeting representing the village of Melrose Park.

The resolution recognizes those individuals whose cooperation in preparedness, emergency management and response operations, and honors the jurisdictions and local stakeholders who have participated in the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Suburban Duty Officer Program,

President Preckwinkle and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the local jurisdictions and first responders for their dedication of time, intellect and energy to Cook County's preparedness and response efforts which has contributed to enhancing the safety and security of our local jurisdictions, Cook County and our region.

Delia Currently Serving in United States Air Force

USAF 1st Lt. Alicia T. Delia, 25, is stationed at OFFUTT Air Force base near Omaha, Neb.

Delia is an intelligence officer awaiting her captain bars in 2014.

Alicia is a native of Melrose Park and was educated at Sacred Heart School, St. Giles, Trinity High School (IB Program) and Lewis University in Romeoville. Her undergraduate degree was a major in aviation security and a minor in history. While at Lewis, Alicia joined the Air Force ROTC.

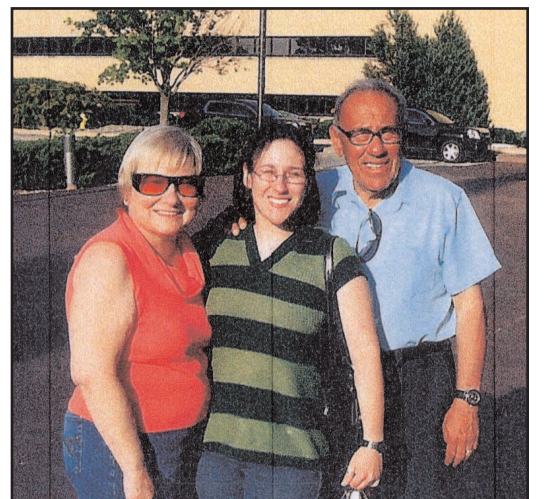
As a senior, she was student wing commander at ITT and the first commencement speaker at the new Air Force Academy High School in Chicago.

Alicia was commissioned in May 2010, attended Intelligence School and has earned her master's degree in intelligence in 2013.

Alicia plans a career in the Air Force.

We wish her much success and joy.

Pictured with Alicia are her parents, Angelo and Alexandra.





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Holiday BINGO

Come to the library for a holiday-themed BINGO game. We'll play several rounds to give everyone a chance to win some small prizes! For kids in grades K-6th.

Monday, December 23rd from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Holiday I SPY

Join us for "I Spy" in the library! The librarians have hidden twenty objects all about the holidays around the Youth Services section. Stop in any time between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to play our game. For all ages. No registration is required.



Gameplay takes approximately a half hour; drop in when you have time!

All day on Thursday, December 26th

Craftapalooza

Come to the library for a fun afternoon filled with crafts! Using our left-over craft supplies, everyone will be able to make at least three treasures to take home! For kids in grades K-6th.

Thursday, January 2nd from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

All programs at the library are **free**, and registration is required. To register, call Youth Services at (708) 343-3391. ext. 7484.



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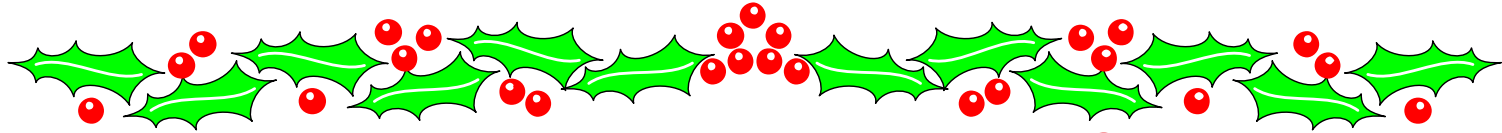
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Sun: Closed

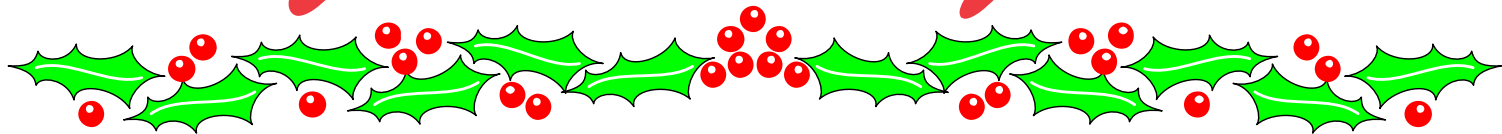


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Christmas Eve

December 24th

Christmas Day

December 25th

New Year's Eve

December 31st

New Year's Day

January 1st

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Every Thursday

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Hillside Library

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Hillside, IL

Every Monday

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Save the Dates!

Melrose Park Little League Announces 2014 Registration Dates



2014

Spring/Summer Season Registration Dates Boys Baseball/Girls Softball

Dates of Registration	
Jan. 11	Feb. 1
Jan. 18	Feb. 8
Jan. 25	Feb. 15
FINAL - Feb. 22	

Registration Fees	
3 - 6 T-Ball	\$55
7 - 8 Coach Pitching	\$70
9 -10 Minor League	\$85
11-12 Major League	\$100
13-14 Junior League	\$125
15-16 Senior League	\$150

All registrations will be on Saturdays from 10am – 2pm
Village of Melrose Park Civic Center
1000 N. 25th Ave
Melrose Park, IL 60160
melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com
Facebook: Melrose Park Little League
Twitter: MelroseParkLL



Holiday Happenings!

On Saturday, Dec. 7, Winston Plaza welcomed a crowd of excited shoppers eagerly anticipating the helicopter arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Community members enjoyed seasonal fun at the annual holiday event!



Mayor Serpico started his holiday shopping this year at Sacred Heart School's Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 7. Shopping early, the mayor picked up some one-of-a-kind gifts and passed holiday greetings on to shoppers.



Melrose Park Salutes Our Veterans at VPD Observance Ceremony

On Friday, Nov. 8, Veterans Park District held its annual Veterans Day Observance in honor of those who served our country.

Several community members attended the event to salute veterans of the U.S. armed forces – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was led by children in the Bulger Park Preschool followed by roll call of those in attendance.



Mayor Serpico's Snow Removal Program for Senior and Disabled Residents

Save time and worries when the snow begins call the Village of Melrose Park Snow Removal Program.



This service is offered to seniors (65 and older), disabled with special needs and those who have no family or neighbors to help.
(Single family homes only.)

At 6 inches or more of predicted falling snow, call (708) 649-4450, leave name, address, phone number and age.

Response time is 12-24 hours after your call is received.

You will need to call every time there is a prediction of 6 inches or more of falling snow.
A new list is generated at every snowfall.

We will do a path from your front door to the street and a swipe of your driveway.
No backyards or alleys.

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

The "Biggest Walker"

Great way to walk off those winter blues and maybe a few unwanted holiday pounds! Like the results from the hit TV show *The Biggest Loser*? Join us at our new Leoni walking track for a month-long walking contest and a healthy breakfast. Each person will receive a pedometer and a light breakfast. You will be given a pedometer to see who logs the most steps by Jan. 28. Winner will be awarded a prize. Breakfast includes yogurt parfaits, fresh fruit and oatmeal.

- Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10-11 a.m.
George A. Leoni Complex, \$6 for four sessions.

Chinese P.J. Lunch Party & Chinese Bingo

During our Chinese celebration this party will bring you a delicious Chinese menu including Mongolian beef, chicken almond ding, Bar-B-Q pork fried rice, egg roll, pot sticker, fortune and almond cookies, and ice cream. Hot coffee or tea will be served. Join in the fun with laughter and good fortune. Chinese PJ's are suggested or any other comfortable PJ's. Following lunch we will play Chinese Bingo.

- Thursday, Jan. 30, noon, Bulger Park, \$10.

Special Recreation Mommy and Me Ballet – Ages 3-5

Does your child want to be a ballerina, but is not old enough or ready to be in an independent class? Special Recreation Mommy and Me Ballet is the class for you! Veterans Park District offers a very competitive rate for two eight-week sessions. Please register your little ballerinas early so that you are guaranteed a spot in the class! One parent and their child will participate for the entire class period and learn the basics of ballet in a fun and educational way.

- Saturdays, Jan. 25-March 15 (Session 1) and March 22-May 14 (Session 2), 12:45-1:15 p.m., Kahl Park (Northlake), \$50 In District/\$55 Out of District.

Pee Wee Playtime

Ages 12 Months – 5 Years Old with an Adult

Hey kids, bring your mommy, daddy, grandma or grandpa and play for an hour on our soft play equipment. There will be balls, hoops, cones, an ABC floor puzzle and more to add to your play experience.

- Now-May 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m., Grant Park Recreation Center Gym (Northlake), 10 Play Punch Card for \$45 first child, each additional child \$30, Walk in fee \$5 first child – each additional child \$3. Punch cards must be used by the final date. There are no refunds for unused punches.

Stay and Play Sports

The turf at George A. Leoni Complex will be ready to go for the imaginative minds of young children. Plenty of balls, obstacles, toys and goals will be set up for the kids. This is not an instructor led program, but a parent supervised open gym.

- Monday afternoon and Friday morning sessions, Sept. 16-May 8, Ages 1-6 with an adult 12:30-2 p.m., Mondays, Ages 1-6 with an adult 9:30-11 a.m., Fridays, 10 Play Punch Card for \$45 first child – each additional \$30, Walk in fee \$5 first child – each additional child \$3.

VPD Hitting League

Ages 7-12 and 13-18 Years Old

Calling all baseball players! Individual players can sign up for this program to show us how many line drives they can

hit in our batting cages! The first

hour will be rapid

rotation to get each par-

ticipant as many at bats in the

cage as possible. Then, hitters will be

given more points for line drives, well

placed batted balls and more. Hitters

will be given fewer points for pop

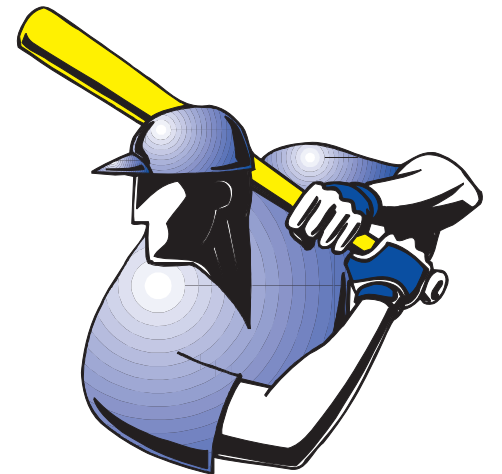
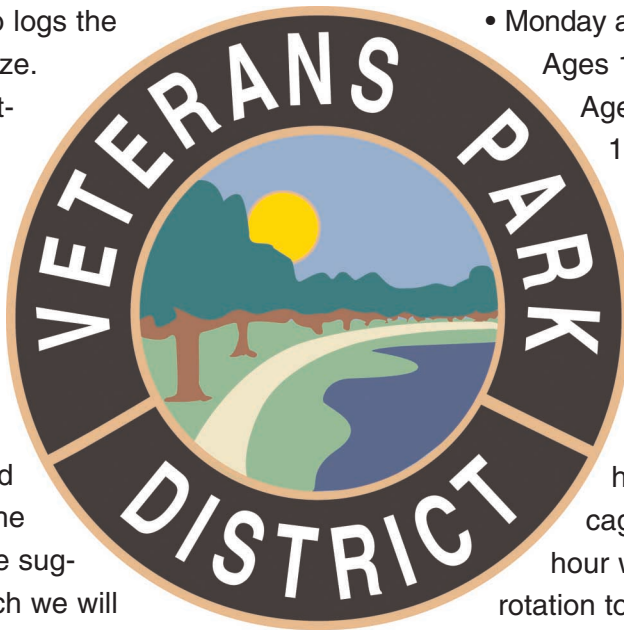
outs, and swings and misses. Prizes

will be given to the top average

scores on a monthly basis. Come

prove you are a hitting league champion!

- Wednesdays and Fridays, Jan. 8-31 or Feb. 5-28, 4-6 p.m., Leoni Complex Turf, \$16 In District/\$20 Out of District



**For more information on
Veterans Park District
events and activities,
call (708) 343-5270
or visit
www.veteransparkdistrict.org.**

VPD and MP Youth Commission Host a Scary, Scary Night

Children of all ages attended Fright Night on Friday, Oct. 25, at Bulger Park. Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission held the annual Halloween Fright Night at Bulger Park.

Children dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes ventured through the eerie haunted house, played games, made crafts, had their faces painted and enjoyed the refreshments with friends and family.





Veterans Park District

NEW UPDATED

WINTER BREAK CAMP

Ages 6-13

VPD Winter Camp is a new restructured camp for ages 6-13. This camp offers a wide variety of activities including sports, crafts, games and field trips.

VPD Winter Camp includes : Camp T-shirt, snacks, field trip fees, craft materials and special events.



Two Camp Locations offered:

George A. Leoni Complex, Melrose Park & Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake

December 23, 26-27, 30-31, January 2-3

9am- 4pm (*Dec 31 9am-12pm *)

\$120 In District / \$140 Out of District

Before Care, After Care & Extended Care offered for an additional fee

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

For more information please visit

www.veteransparkdistrict.org or Call

George A. Leoni Complex (708) 716-4822

Grant Park Recreation Center (708) 343-5270






A Veterans Park District Special Event

FAT TUESDAY Dinner Party

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch, Melrose Park

5:30pm Cocktail hour/ Cash Bar

6:00pm Buffet Dinner

7-8:30pm Live Entertainment featuring:

THE ASSOCIATES

\$30 per person for Dinner & Show

Registration Deadline: February 25

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LIVE MUSIC

To purchase tickets call 708-343-5270 www.veteransparkdistrict.org

What's Coming Up at Triton College

The following are events coming up at Triton College. All of the events listed are free and open to the public and will take place on Triton's River Grove campus, located at 2000 Fifth Ave., unless otherwise stated.

Jan. 11 Super Saturday Registration Event 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Student Center

At Super Saturday, students will have access to everything they need to register for spring 2014 classes at Triton College in one day! Current and prospective students can take placement exams, complete the orientation process, meet with academic counselors and register for classes. Students can also meet with financial aid advisors and complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the same day. To RSVP or for more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or e-mail admissions@triton.edu. The spring 2014 semester begins Jan. 21, 2014. Financial assistance is available!

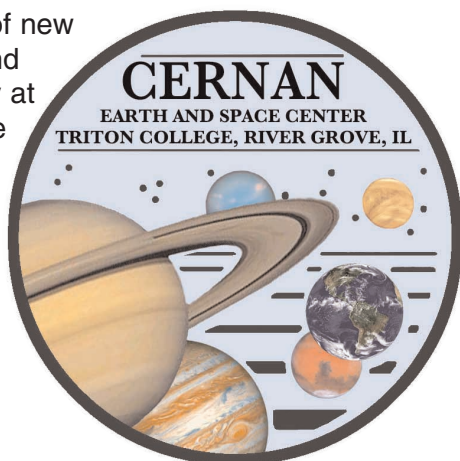
Cernan Earth and Space Center Events

Triton College, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove

Now-Dec. 29 Public Shows Cernan Earth and Space Center

From now-Dec. 29, the Cernan Earth and Space Center brings an array of new and favorite shows to inform and entertain families on astronomy at the planetarium. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., Sundays. Show admission ranges from \$8 to \$10 for adults and \$4 to \$5 for children and senior citizens. For a schedule of shows, visit www.triton.edu/cernan.

For info, call (708) 583-3100 or (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372.



Jan. 3-26 Public Shows Cernan Earth and Space Center

From Jan. 3-26, the Cernan Earth and Space Center brings an array of new and favorite shows to inform and entertain families on astronomy at the planetarium. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. (except Jan. 11 for the Monthly Skywatch) and 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., Sundays. Show admission ranges from \$8 to \$10 for adults and \$4 to \$5 for children and senior citizens. For a schedule of shows, visit www.triton.edu/cernan. For info, call (708) 583-3100 or (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372.

Jan. 11 Monthly Skywatch, 7:30 p.m. Cernan Earth and Space Center

Tour the nighttime sky during the Cernan Earth and Space Center's Monthly Skywatch program. The evening includes a presentation on the latest news from NASA in the space center's dome theater and outdoor skygazing with telescopes focused on the waxing gibbous moon and perhaps an assortment of star clusters and double stars. Admission for the indoor planetarium portion of the Monthly Skywatch is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children ages 2 to 12 and senior citizens ages 55 and older. The outdoor telescope session is free. For info, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372 or (708) 583-3100, or visit www.triton.edu/cernan.

Volunteers Needed to Offer Free Tax Help to Senior Citizens

Tax time is around the corner, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage counties is seeking volunteers to provide free tax assistance to individuals 60 years of age and older from low- to moderate-income households.

Free training will be provided to volunteers for the free Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program at sessions scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 2014, in Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Center on Triton's main campus in River Grove. Volunteers will learn how to assist adults in completing the 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 federal and state tax forms. Free materials will be provided.

Volunteers do not need previous tax experience and can serve as greeters, reviewers and/or tax preparers. Volunteers are asked to serve an average of three to four hours a week from February to April 2014. Volunteer sites will be located in public places, including libraries, schools, and neighborhood centers. RSVP's TCE sites also offer free electronic filing of federal and state tax returns.

If volunteers are unable to attend the free training sessions, they can study the training materials on their own or work with the IRS Link and Learn Web site at www.irs.gov. All volunteers must pass an IRS-approved test prior to assisting with the program.

TCE is a community-based partnership managed by the IRS that provides free tax return preparation assistance to low-to-moderate income taxpayers who are 60 and older. The program also assists senior citizens with a disability and/or non-English speakers. The tax counseling service is sponsored annually by RSVP as a service to the community.

For more information or to register for the training session, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3835 or 3603.



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Fall Silver Creek Clean Up a Huge Success

Early this fall, the village of Melrose Park hosted another Silver Creek Clean Up. Volunteers from several locations in the area came out to provide support for this wonderful initiative that keeps our environment clean and appealing.

Mayor Serpico would like to thank all those whose efforts help beautify Silver Creek and the area adjacent to it.



MP Youth Commission, School District 89 and Veterans Park District Do Tree Tagging

In November, children from the Melrose Park Youth Commission, School District 89 and the Veterans Park District Preschool tagged many of the trees at Bulger Park as part of a community project spearheaded by The Morton Arboretum.

The project promotes the vision that “every tree matters” and the tags are a reminder of the many ways trees make our communities better.

Pictured with the children are Mayor Serpico, School District 89 Director of Teaching and Learning Barb Dahly, School District 89 board members Marie Urso, Veronica Bonilla-Lopez and Loretta Gustello, and Veterans Park District Commissioner Tom Olson.



It's a Thanksgiving Tradition in Melrose Park

Senior Club Celebrates at November Luncheon

On Thursday, Nov. 14, the Melrose Park Senior Club gathered for their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Senior Center. Members enjoyed a delicious meal and a visit from Mayor Serpico and village employees. The group also hosted a very successful food drive with donations going to the Mt. Carmel Food Pantry.



Mayor Serpico's Thanksgiving Dinner Delivery Program Serves Many

More than 150 Melrose Park community members once again enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner – turkey, dressing and all the trimmings – on behalf of Mayor Serpico's Annual Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Program, held on Thanksgiving Day. A special thank you goes out to Jewel for their generous donation and all the volunteers who helped support this annual event, including: Sam Scardino, Lou Panico, Nancy Panico, John Cervone and John Paolantonio (who started at 6 a.m. to prepare the meals for noon delivery); employees from the Street Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Safety and Youth Commission; and the many Melrose Park volunteers who helped with packaging and deliveries.



White Sox Ticket Office Employees Visit Double Down Sports Bar



Members of the day-to-day team who work in the Chicago White Sox Ticket Office traveled to Melrose Park after the last game of the season to check out the recently opened Double Down Sports Bar.

Owners Rosie and Frankie Giglio welcomed the group who enjoyed the atmosphere of the bar as well as the comradery of the crowd.

Double Down is located at 18th and Division (Melrose Park) and is open seven days a week.

Stop in and enjoy a daily special while watching one of the big games this season on the big screens.

Daily specials are as follows: Mondays – Peroni \$3; Tuesdays – Corona \$3; Wednesdays – Coors Light \$2; Thursdays – Miller/Coors Buckets \$11; Fridays – Rum Chata with Fireball Shots \$5; Saturdays – Miller/Coors Buckets \$11; and Sundays – Bloody Mary Bar and Miller/Coors Buckets \$10.

Whether it’s football, basketball, hockey, baseball or soccer – Double Down shows them all!

Cheesemonger Natale Caputo Featured in *Michigan Ave. Magazine*

The Cheesemonger
Natale Caputo
Wiscon Corp/Caputo
Cheese Market

The son of an Italian food importer and cheese processor, Natale Caputo grew up in the family business. Whether visiting suppliers in Thiesi Sardinia, Teverola, or Arona in Italy, or checking on their Melrose Park and Lake Forest stores, his commitment to culture is evident. Boasting a portfolio of roughly 1,000 cheeses, he’s the go-to guy for everyone from consumers to Costco.



If you could only import three items, what would they be?
NATALE CAPUTO: Olive oil, Parmigiano-Reggiano (that should probably be number one – the king of all kings), and wine.

What are your pet peeves when it comes to Italian food?
NC: Bruschetta – maybe it had good credit when it was original and they put a roma tomato on a crostini with a drizzle of olive oil. Then Americans got a hold of it and they are scooping tomatoes out of a can and calling it bru-SHETTA. And four-pound meatballs – who makes meatballs that big? Nobody ... and for a reason!

Read more at <http://michiganavemag.com/personalities/articles/the-people-behind-chicagos-italian-food-trend#w81QDiM0SIG7Q3kK.99>

TRIVIA Teasers Answers

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. 131 Years Old | 10. Toilet Paper | 19. True | 28. Tornado |
| 2. Melrose | 11. Robert Goulet | 20. True | 29. Cook County Fairground |
| 3. The Corporate King | 12. Maria, <i>West Side Story</i> | 21. True | 30. The Taste of Melrose Park |
| 4. C. August Taddeo | 13. Motel | 22. False | 31. Stern Pinball is now the |
| 5. 1 to 5 Towns | 14. Skip’s | 23. False | last company in the world |
| 6. Tom’s Steakhouse | 15. 119 Years | 24. False | making coin-operated |
| 7. Slicker Sam’s | 16. True | 25. False | pinball machines. |
| 8. The Comeback Inn | 17. False | 26. Pony Ride Attraction | |
| 9. Wine | 18. False | 27. Approximately 16,000 | |

Serpico Celebrates Ribbon-Cutting Events with Local Businesses



**Double Down Sports Bar
18th and Division**



**Pizza Hut
Winston Plaza**



**Sally's Beauty Supply
Winston Plaza**



**Carter's Babies and Kids
Winston Plaza**

Mayor Serpico was on hand to welcome several new businesses to Melrose Park as well as celebrate the grand reopenings that occurred this fall.

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 remaining schedule for calendar year 2013 is: Dec. 23.

The schedule for calendar year 2014 is: Jan. 13 and 27; Feb. 10 and 24; March 10 and 24; April 14 and 28; May 12 and Tuesday, May 27; June 9 and 23; July 14 and 28; Aug. 11 and 25; Sept. 8 and 22; Tuesday, Oct. 14 and Oct. 27; Nov. 10 and Nov. 24; and Dec. 8 and 22.

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

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.

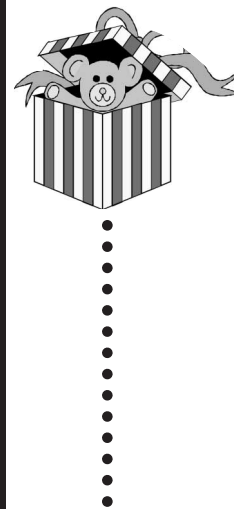
Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays:

- Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013
- New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013
- New Year's Day – Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 20, 2014
- Presidents Day– Monday, Feb. 17, 2014
- Good Friday – Friday, April 18, 2014
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2014
- Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2014
- Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 1, 2014
- Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 13, 2014
- Veterans Day – Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 28, 2014
- Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014
- Christmas Day – Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014
- New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014

Residents are asked to make note of the dates listed.

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



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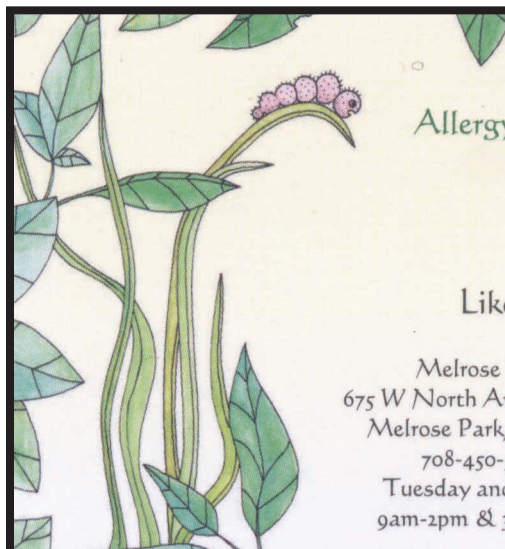
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Sacred Heart School

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St. Francis Mass



First Grade All Saints Day Mass



Red Ribbon Week Activities



Bunco Party



Father/Daughter Dance



SHS Participated in the
Guatemalan Independence Day
Parade



SHS Walk-A-Thon



Bunco Party



Father/Daughter Dance



SHS Participated in the
Guatemalan Independence Day
Parade



Chicago Bears
Tailgate Party



St. Francis Mass/Pet Blessing



SHS Girls Varsity Team 1 took 2nd Place in the SJV Volleyball League
SHS Girls Varsity Team 2 took 1st Place in the SJV Volleyball League



Walther Students Raise Record Amount to Feed the Hungry

After raising over \$4,000 in 2012, students at Walther Christian Academy took on an even more ambitious goal of \$5,000 for this year's Sept. 29 event. The motivation for the increase was the

desire to provide five fresh water wells for five villages overseas. These wells will decrease the need for mostly women and children to walk an average of four hours per day to retrieve this precious resource for their families. This extra time and energy would then be available for such poverty-fighting tasks as attending school and beginning small businesses.



The 2013 Proviso Area CROP walk started from the 1st Congregational Church of Maywood on the last Sunday in September. Students were blessed with beautiful weather and a walking route of 10 kilometers through the villages of Maywood and Melrose Park. Prior to the walk 50 students and three teachers solicited pledges totaling more than \$5,000. In the three weeks since that event, coupled with chapel offerings for August and September, the group brought in a record \$6,718.57!

Mr. Korntheuer explained to the students this week that in addition to this sum, an anonymous donor, impressed with Bronco dedication and enthusiasm to end hunger around the world, contributed an additional \$10,000.

"Thanks be to God for blessing our efforts so magnificently this year!"

Participating Melrose Park students included: Luis Anguiano, Jeremy Borges, Noah Collins, Allison Gonzalez, Manuel Landa, Gena Liu, Clarissa Munoz and Renata Serpico.

About Walther Christian Academy

Walther Christian Academy in Melrose Park is a Christian college preparatory high school offering excellent academics and a wide variety of opportunities for students to develop their God-given talents in music, athletics, drama, academic competitions and creative outlets.

Learn more at www.walther.com.

Walther Tennis Courts Named in Honor of Korntheuers



Walther Christian Academy recently held an event to name their tennis courts in honor of Mark and Barb Korntheuer for their loyal and dedicated service to the academy's tennis program.



Congrats to St. Paul Lutheran and Staff

Sunday, Sept. 22, marked the recognition and installation of the faculty at St. Paul Lutheran School in Melrose Park.

New to the staff, Principal Joy Mullaney was given special recognition and welcome.

The congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church was also presented with the Certificate of

Accreditation from the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation, a ranking that the faculty worked towards during the 2012-2013 school year.

Thanks and congratulations were given to veteran teacher and librarian Sharon Boos after her long tenure at St. Paul.

If you would like more information about St. Paul Lutheran School visit www.stpaulmp.org or call (708) 343-5000.



"Las Posadas" Hispanic Christmas Eve Celebration at St. Paul, on Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Hispanic group will celebrate Christmas Eve the way it is celebrated in some Spanish-speaking countries, with the tradition of "Las Posadas." Mary and Joseph are looking for a place to stay, going from place to place until they find a "Posada" (an inn). In those countries, it takes place for several days and in different houses, ending on Dec. 24, when they finally are allowed into an inn. At St. Paul, we will form two groups, the Pilgrims (with Mary and Joseph), and the Innkeepers. Then we will walk through different areas of our building singing the beautiful traditional songs, the Pilgrims' songs asking for a place to stay, the Innkeepers rejecting them, until both groups reach the entrance of the church, where the Innkeepers finally allow Mary and Joseph to stay, and all walk into the Sanctuary to hear the message of Jesus' birth.

Afterwards, we will go to the cafeteria for some "champurrado" (hot chocolate Mexican style), sweet bread, and also a piñata for the kids and bags with fruits and candies.

We hope many people from the community can join us. See you on the 24th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lake Street and 10th Ave., Melrose Park.



"Las Posadas" – Celebración de la Nochebuena del Grupo Hispano de la Iglesia San Pablo, Melrose Park El 24 de Diciembre de 2013, 4:30 p.m.

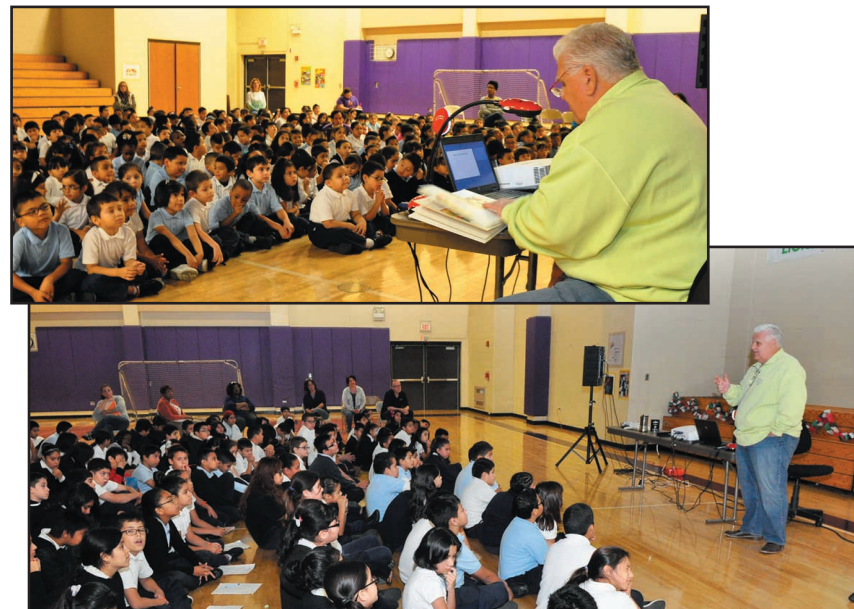
El grupo hispano de la Iglesia San Pablo va a festejar la Nochebuena como se hace en algunos países de habla hispana, con la tradición de "Las Posadas". María y José buscan donde hospedarse, yendo de lugar en lugar hasta que encuentran una Posada. En nuestros países de origen, la celebración dura varios días y se lleva a cabo en diferentes casas, finalizando el 24 de Diciembre. En nuestra celebración en San Pablo formamos dos grupos, los peregrinos (con María y José), y los posaderos. Caminamos por las distintas partes del edificio entonando las bellas canciones tradicionales, donde los peregrinos piden por una posada, y los posaderos los rechazan, hasta que ambos grupos se unen a la entrada de la iglesia, y allí los posaderos permiten que María y José se queden, y todos juntos ingresamos al santuario para oír el mensaje del nacimiento de Jesús. Posteriormente vamos a la cafetería y compartimos champurrado y pan dulce, y para los más pequeños una piñata y frutas y golosinas.

Esperamos que mucha gente de la comunidad se pueda unir a nosotros. Los esperamos en la Iglesia Luterana San Pablo, calle Lake y avenida 10, Melrose Park

Serpico Attends Italian Celebration at Melrose Park School

Mayor Serpico recently visited Melrose Park School to take part in their October Italian Celebration.

The mayor visited with several classes and talked about his Italian heritage and Italian cultures.



Grant School Holds Hispanic Heritage Parade



In October, Grant School children took part in the school-sponsored Hispanic Heritage Parade.

Students dressed in cultural outfits and waved flags as they celebrated with fellow students and family members.

PCC Melrose Park Family Health Center



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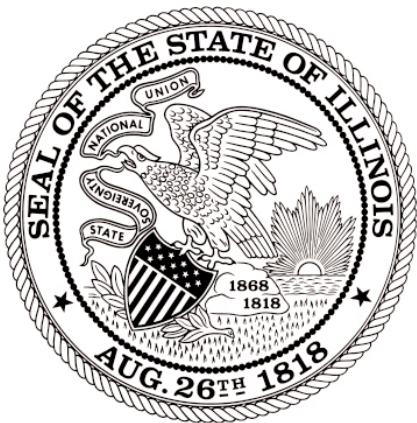
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Rep. Willis Urges Residents to Report Scams Related to Temporary Driver's Licenses



State Rep. Kathleen Willis urged residents to be on the lookout for scams related to the rollout of the Temporary Visitors Driver's License (TDVL) program. Non-U.S. citizens who are ineligible to obtain Social Security cards are now able to apply for Illinois driver's licenses and already reports of scams related to applying for the license have been reported.

"It is important that people step forward and report any suspicious activities related to those who would seek to take advantage of residents who may be interested in applying," said Rep. Willis.

Residents are urged to be on the lookout for driving schools that offer "universal licenses" certification for a fee. Reports of organizations and individuals soliciting fees to expedite the application process for the TDVL program have also been reported. Residents that suspect fraud relating to the TDVL program are urged to call the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438 (for English) or 1-800-310-8398 (en Español).

TDVL applications can only be processed at designated Secretary of State facilities after making an appointment with the Secretary of State. During the appointment, applicants will pay a \$30 processing fee, complete a Verification of Residency Form and have to pass a vision, written and road exam. The Secretary of State then will verify the information provided by the applicant and, if approved, the TDVL is mailed to the applicant's home approximately 15-20 days after the appointment. For more questions relating to the application process, residents are urged to contact the Illinois Secretary of State or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for more information.

"I hope residents remain on the lookout for their families, friends and neighbors, and report any suspicious activities," said Rep. Willis. "This is a new program and a lot of people have questions. As always, anyone with questions can reach out to my office and we'd be happy to put folks on the right path."

Rep. Willis Hosts Community Resource Fair in Melrose Park

In an effort to help residents and their families gain access to government services and valuable information, state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, brought over 30 state agencies and local organizations together for her first annual Community Resource Fair on Saturday at the gymnasium located at the Melrose Park Village Hall.

"Through events like these, we can help our community make those difficult decisions about health care and finances more confidently," Willis said. "The idea is to connect them with organizations that are equipped to provide these critical services, so they can ask questions and gain an understanding of their rights and how to protect themselves."

With over 30 vendors in attendance, residents were able to learn about many different resources that are available to them including information on preventing home foreclosures, accessing free medical screenings, information on healthcare and Medicaid, applying for state and local jobs, and even were able to get their yearly flu shot.

"This event was very informative and I am happy that Rep. Willis was able to bring all these resources together for one event," said Melrose Park resident and attendee Maria Contreras. "It's very helpful, especially during these times, that residents understand what options are available to them and thankfully Kathleen is working to do that."

Kathleen Willis is serving her first term in the Illinois General Assembly as state representative of the 77th District, which includes O'Hare Airport and portions of Addison, Bellwood, Bensenville, Franklin Park, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, Stone Park and Wood Dale.



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HPV – Lower Your Risk

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Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a sexually transmitted disease (STD). There are more than 40 types of HPV that can infect the genital areas of both males and females. These can also infect the mouth and throat. HPV is a common infection, often with no symptoms. Sometimes it can even go away by itself, without causing any health problems. A person may be unaware they have HPV and can unintentionally pass it on to a partner. HPV is not the same as herpes or HIV (the virus that causes AIDS). Both HPV and HIV can be passed on during sex but they have different symptoms and can cause different health problems.

HPV infections can cause genital warts, cervical cancer and cancer of the throat or tongue. A yearly Pap test for sexually active women will diagnose cervical abnormalities due to HPV, including cancer of the cervix. Approximately 79 million Americans are currently infected with HPV, although not everyone will be sick or have symptoms. In the United States each year, more than 360,000 people are diagnosed with genital warts and more than 10,000 women with cervical cancer. When treated in the early stages, cervical cancer can be cured and genital warts can be controlled. Currently there is no blood test to screen for the presence of HPV.

The good news is that HPV can be largely prevented. There is a safe and effective vaccine that protects against the four main types of HPV-the ones that generally cause cervical cancer and genital warts. The vaccine is given in three doses to children and adults from age 9-26.

Everyone can lower their risk of getting HPV by being fully immunized and by the consistent use of condoms during all sexual activities. Regular appointments with your healthcare provider for exams and Pap tests will find many abnormalities in the early stages, when they are more easily treated. This is especially important because besides HPV there are other types of sexually transmitted diseases like HIV, chlamydia, trichomonis, hepatitis and gonorrhea. Additionally, the HPV vaccine does not protect against all types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer. Finally, it is very important to talk honestly with your sexual partner. If you have a condition caused by HPV, it is your obligation to share that information with this person, no matter how uncomfortable it might be. You would expect no less for yourself, if it were your partner who had HPV.

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Caliendo

Antonia "Dawn" Caliendo, nee Giancarli, age 92, of Melrose Park. Beloved wife of the late Patrick; loving mother of Gabriel (Lois) and the late Frank (Cindy); devoted grandmother of Carli, Gia, Gabriel and Gianna; fond sister of Ann and the late Paula; special aunt of Stephanie; and close friend of Richard. Interment private.

Kreffft

Garry Krefft, age 58, of Melrose Park, passed away Nov. 24, 2013. Husband of Barbara Krefft; beloved father to Shanan, Teri Ann (Eric) Burnett and Joseph Krefft; grandfather to Garry Keyshawn, Leroy (Tre') Jamaal, Jahova, Alessa, Abby and Eric Jr.

Ogorzelec

Robert W. "Orgie" Ogorzelec, 61 of Salem, Wis., passed away Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013. Son of the late Robert and Mary J. (nee Modrzejewski) Ogorzelec. Bob was a retired stationary engineer for Cook County, Ill., a proud member of Local 399, retired general manager of the Ultimate Sports Bar and Ala Carte Entertainment, he was a retired barber, was a retired Illinois Development Project Manager, and last worked as an administrative assistant to the mayor of Melrose Park, Ill. Survivors include three sisters; Barbara (Garry) Krefft, Christine (Wally Davis) Ogorzelec and Mary (MSGT USAF Ret. Daniel) Juday, nieces and nephews Rheanna, Shanan, Teri Ann, and Joseph, and great nieces and nephews; Keyshawn, Miles, LeRoy, Alessa, Tre, Jamal, J.R., Abby, Connor, and Eric Jr., an Uncle Hank (Emmy Lou) Modrzejewski, also survived by other relatives and many, many friends. Arrangements by Strouf Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tassi

Bernard Tassi, 85, of Melrose Park, Korean War veteran. Beloved husband of Shirley, nee Gorr; loving father of Caron (John) Adam, Nick (Sandy) and Steve (Joy); devoted grandfather of Sarah and Luke Adam, Dominic, Danielle, Allie, Lauren, Rachel and Maria Tassi; loving brother of Viola (the late Gene) Grainer, Gee (Mitzi) and the late Vee (the late Tony) Mucerino; fond brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Member of the Italo American Club Jake LaSpisa Lodge and also the Aso Appennini Society. Arrangements by Hursen Funeral Home.



The family of Robert "Orgie" Ogorzelec would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every person that came to pay their respects, sent cards, offered Mass cards, sent floral or plant arrangements, made charitable donations in memory of Orgie to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Food Pantry, and called or visited to offer your support and friendship.

It has meant more than words can say.

To see Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church filled with family and friends filled our hearts with pride. From every part of his life you came to remember and honor him. Your support and friendship is truly a gift.

For this and so much more we are so blessed and grateful. There is and always will be a huge void in our hearts and family. Hopefully, one day at a time we will all be able to move forward. We love and miss Orgie.

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