

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Ho-Ho-Ho Neighbors,

Well, "it's that most wonderful time of the year again," and as I reviewed past yuletide *Rose* letters, I noticed that I have never written about that great post-Thanksgiving staple, the Christmas movie. These seasonal movies are so popular that the Hallmark cable TV channel runs them 24 hours a day in the hopes that everyone has a chance to catch their favorite.

And speaking of favorites, I have compiled the following list of my most cherished films and with the help of Google search I have included fun facts about each, which you may casually slip into conversations with friends and family as you view these Christmas classics together.

10) *The Polar Express* is one of my grandkids' favorites so it must be on my list. FUN FACT: *The Polar Express* is the first movie where live actors were digitally turned into the animated characters that appear on screen.

9) *Miracle on 34th Street* has to be on my list because it is one of the first films to feature the Santa Claus character. FUN FACT: Natalie Wood was only 8 years old when she made this film and wholeheartedly believed that the actor Edmund Gwenn was really Kris Kringle.

8) *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* is on the list because I love Dr. Seuss stories. FUN FACT: Dr. Seuss fought with Hollywood bigwigs to keep the Grinch a black and white character as originally drawn, but Hollywood won out and the Grinch became that dastardly green character we love to hate.

7) *Christmas Vacation* is one of those movies you have seen so often that you start laughing at the funny scenes even before they start. FUN FACT: The Griswold's house was the same one used by Samantha in the TV show *Bewitched* and by Danny Glover's family in the *Lethal Weapon* movies.

6) *Elf* is a tour de force by Will Farrell whose character's naiveté is a joy to behold. FUN FACT: Will Farrell kept touring New York streets in his ELF costume, which was cited as a cause of several car accidents.

5) *Home Alone* is the top grossing Christmas film of all time and is on everyone's list. FUN FACT: *Home Alone* is the only Christmas movie shot entirely in the Chicago area.

4) *White Christmas* is on my list because every time I hear Bing Crosby sing *White Christmas* I journey back to the Christmases of my youth. FUN FACT: Bing Crosby sang the movie's hit song, *White Christmas*, many years before in two earlier pictures, *Holiday Inn* and *Blue Skies*.

3) *A Christmas Carol* (1951 film) is my favorite of all the *Christmas Carol* movies because Alastair Sim's performance is considered to be the finest portrayal of Scrooge ever; plus the ghosts scared the heck out of me as a kid. FUN FACT: There have been 135 different versions of the *Christmas Carol* story produced for the big and small screens.

2) *A Christmas Story* is on my list because like most boys in the 1950s and 60s, I wanted a BB gun. FUN FACTS: Flick's tongue was really stuck to the frozen pole through the use of a secretly placed suction cup.

1) *It's A Wonderful Life* is #1 on my list because I still get teary eyed at the end when the neighbors sing around Jimmy Stewart as he opens the book sent by Clarence, his guardian angel, and reads the inscription, "Remember no man is a failure who has friends." FUN FACTS: The movie bombed at the box office and lost money; the reason for Jimmy Stewart's profuse sweating in the snowy bridge scenes was no feat of great acting, but rather, due to the fact that on the day of filming temperatures soared into the 90s.

On behalf of the village clerk, the village trustees, and my wife Donna, I wish you a Merry Christmas, a prosperous 2018, and of course, happy holiday viewing ... and don't forget to make some great holiday memories with your children and grandchildren!



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

Check Out www.MelrosePark.org to Learn More About Our Community!

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico

Happy Holidays!

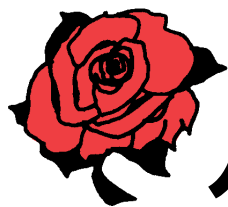
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**And the
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of the
Village of
Melrose Park**





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To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsJan. 8, Jan. 22 and Feb. 12

Village Hall Holiday ClosingDec. 22 (1/2 Day), Dec. 25,

Dec. 29 (1/2 Day), Jan. 1 and Jan. 15

Senior Club MeetingsFeb. 8

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Ronald Serpico...

We would like to thank you for your support of the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission and the Proviso Public Partnership's 5th annual golf outing supporting Operation Care Package.

Without your personal support, events like this would not be possible. So again, thank you so much for supporting the township and the Proviso Public Partnership, as well as the service people around the world that sacrifice so much for us and our freedoms.

• Sincerely,
Michael A. Corrigan
Proviso Public Partnership Board President

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

On behalf of the Rosemont Public Safety Department, I want to extend my gratitude to the Melrose Park Police Department and Officer Joe Scarpelli for his response to our NIPAS callouts during the continued protests in Rosemont. In total, we called upon NIPAS Mobile Field Force four times. We deployed the full team on Sept. 22, utilized the Bike Response Team on Sept. 16 and had teams in staging both Sept. 13 and Sept. 23. We greatly appreciate Officer Scarpelli who was able to assist us on Sept. 13, 16, 22 and 23.

Protestors had gathered at the Crown Plaza Hotel (5440 N. River Road) surrounding the death investigation of Kenneka Jenkins. Protests had been going on for 18 straight days, with intel leading us to believe certain nights may be worse than others. We used this intel to best deploy our NIPAS resources. When we did deploy NIPAS MFF, the team responded swiftly and professionally. When called upon, NIPAS MFF was instrumental in gaining control of the protestors and forcing them back to the sidewalk. No civilians or officers were injured during the protests and no property damage was reported during this time. Working together and in large part due to the NIPAS MFF response, only three arrests were made during all four of the NIPAS callouts.

I appreciate your department's assistance and flexibility in allowing your personnel to assist our agency with this extended period of protests. I hope we do not need to deploy NIPAS MFF for these ongoing protests, but I'm confident in your personnel should the need arise. If the Rosemont Public Safety Department can be of any assistance to you in the future, please don't hesitate to ask.

• Sincerely,
Donald E. Stephens III
Superintendent of Public Safety

Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...

I would like to recognize Robert Debosko and Neal Haemker for their great service.

I am very thankful to these two paramedics for taking care of me when I fainted at home and broke my shoulder on Nov. 22, 2017.

They were very kind and considerate toward my injuries at my home and on the way to the hospital.

I appreciate all of their compassion towards me during that difficult time.

• Sincerely,
Frances Capra

Dear Mr. Don Nielsen...

Around Thursday afternoon on May 18, 2017, while I was driving east on North Avenue near the Thatcher Woods complex, I noticed an elderly man walking awkwardly so I dialed 911 and told the female dispatcher Jamie McClellan to send the police and instead she dispatched the paramedics which was a great idea.

I turned around and sure enough the man was on the ground.

So with her fast thinking, Jamie helped to save this man's life. She did a great job and should be recognized.

- Sincerely,
Dwight David Massey

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

Our family appreciated your office sending a squad car to the funeral service of our father, Mike Bruno.

It was the ultimate sign of respect and class by your department.

Not only did Officer Robert Anzaldi, Jr., assist in parking and traffic flow, but also his professionalism was a wonderful model for everyone to see and a positive reflection of your Police Department and its administration.

We cannot thank you enough.

- Sincerely,
The Bruno Family

Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank three of your firemen, namely Peter Marella, Frank Urso and Nick Klugger for helping me to install a child safety seat in my car.

They were so friendly and courteous.

They are a great asset to our fine group of firemen!

- Thank you,
Mrs. Barbara Principe

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I am writing an anonymous letter to thank members of the Melrose Park Police Department for an incident that could have been worse but was diffused with the prompt and reassuring help by officers Treffens, Shankle Amabile and another but I didn't have the opportunity to catch his name.

Living in this town most of my life, moving back and purchasing property in a tight-knit community gives me peace of mind knowing that if needed, our brave police officers are willing to stand in harm's way to provide protection, safety and comfort to our citizenry.

I salute all of you, and these officers specifically, as well as the dispatch officer for assisting me personally through an extremely tense situation.

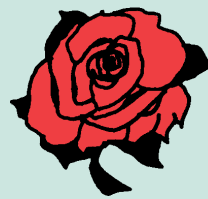
Again, my prayers for continued safety.

- A Proud Melrose Park Resident

15th Avenue Bridge is Now Open for Business



Construction on the 15th Avenue bridge was recently completed and northbound and southbound traffic is back to its normal state allowing residents easy access on and off of North Avenue and the opportunity to avoid any traffic delays.



Village of Melrose Park

Notice Regarding Melrose Park Vehicle Stickers



Village Vehicle Stickers will Expire Dec. 31, 2017.

New Stickers Can be Purchased at the Village Hall.

**Sticker Fee for Passenger Vehicles is
\$30 for Two Years (2018-2019).**

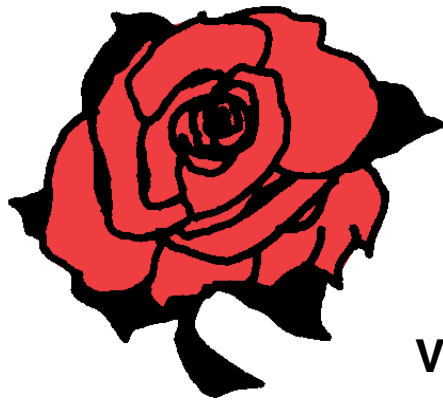
**Truck Fees Vary Based on the Type of Class/Plate
and Are Good for One Year Only (2018).**

Seniors Over 65 Years of Age are Free.

One free two-year sticker for a passenger vehicle or
one free one-year sticker for a B-Truck vehicle
registered to a person over 65 years in age.

Limit one free sticker per household. If there is a
second passenger or B-Truck vehicle registered to a
senior in the household, a second senior sticker
will be sold for half price. In order to issue a senior sticker,
the vehicle owner must be 65 years old on or before
Feb. 14, 2018. Acceptable proof for a senior sticker is
a valid driver's license or state ID card,

**For more information, see Page 4, call
(708) 343-4000 or visit www.melrosepark.org.**



Melrose Park Village Hall News

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

Birth Certificates

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

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

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

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

Death Certificates

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

Vehicle Sticker Information

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

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

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

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

| | JANUARY 1 \$30 Every Two Years | MARCH 1 AND LATER \$40 Every Two Years | JULY 1 AND LATER \$55 Every Two Years |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Passenger Vehicles | | | |
| B Class Trucks | \$50 | \$65 | \$95 |
| D Class Trucks | \$75 | \$90 | \$145 |
| F Class Trucks | \$75 | \$90 | \$145 |
| H Class Trucks | \$75 | \$90 | \$145 |
| J Class Trucks | \$80 | \$95 | \$155 |
| K Plate | \$80 | \$95 | \$155 |
| L Plate | \$90 | \$105 | \$175 |
| M Plate | \$95 | \$110 | \$185 |
| N Plate | \$100 | \$115 | \$195 |
| P Plate | \$105 | \$120 | \$205 |
| Q Plate | \$105 | \$120 | \$205 |
| R Plate | \$110 | \$125 | \$215 |
| S Plate | \$115 | \$130 | \$225 |
| T Plate | \$125 | \$140 | \$245 |
| V Plate | \$135 | \$150 | \$265 |
| X Plate | \$145 | \$160 | \$285 |
| Z Plate | \$155 | \$170 | \$305 |

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

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

Melrose Park Opens Its Heart This Holiday Season

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”

Anthony D’Angelo, American Author

As always and without hesitation, the residents of Melrose Park opened up their hearts and wallets to help those in need celebrate Thanksgiving. Both young and old came together to volunteer at the Mt. Carmel CASA Food Bank where they distributed 250 turkeys to the less fortunate.

Among the younger volunteers was the Melrose Park youth baseball team known as the “Devils.” This provided for comical irony as the Devils hustled around the church grounds looking more like angels as they prepared turkey dinner packages to be handed out.

And of course, the giving did not stop there. A second Melrose Park Thanksgiving food drive also took place. Village employees, fire department personnel, police officers and community volunteers delivered 150 Thanksgiving dinners prepared by Boston Market to seniors, the disabled and shut-ins.

Thanks to the efforts of the Mt. Carmel CASA Food Bank, Boston Market, community volunteers and village employees, a tasty turkey dinner was provided for 400 homes that would have otherwise gone without a traditional Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Mayor Serpico stated, “I have lived here my entire life and I am always grateful for the compassion and generosity that Melrose Parkers bestow on their neighbors in times of need. As the famous American orator, Robert G. Ingersoll, once said, ‘we rise by lifting others.’”

This holiday season continue to lift others and celebrate the gift of giving by ensuring that no one goes to bed hungry. Please donate to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Due to their volume buying power and extensive food industry contacts this organization turns every \$1 donated into \$8 of purchased food. Visit www.solvehungertoday.org to make a donation or to learn how you can help.

If you want to donate to a local food pantry, please see the list below:

Mt. Carmel Parish (CASA) – 1119 N. 23rd Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

(708) 344-4140/Contact: John Battisto/Hours: Wednesday, 4-6 p.m.

Service Area: Zip Code 60160, Melrose Park and Stone Park communities

Lighthouse of Hope – 1705 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

(708) 831-5370/Contact: Donna Gaizutis/Hours: First and Third Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Service Area: Proviso Township (excluding Maywood and Broadview),
Leyden Township and zip code: 60656

Proviso Pantry – 1112 N. Ninth Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

(708) 356-6743/Contact: Jerry Hills/Hours: Saturday, 8-10 a.m.

Service Area: Residents of Proviso Township

First Baptist Church of Melrose Park – 2114 Main Street, Melrose Park, IL 60160

(708) 344-7411/Contact: Cynthia Mobley/Hours: Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Service Area: Melrose Park, Maywood, Bellwood, Northlake, Westchester,
Stone Park, Broadview, and Hillside



Mt. Carmel CASA Food Bank



**Mayor Serpico's
Thanksgiving Day
Meal Delivery**



Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame



*Season's
Greetings*

*From the
Melrose Park
Fire Department*

Buried Fire Hydrants Can Pose Danger

Living in the Chicago Metropolitan area, we always expect a snowy winter. However, residents never know for certain how much snow will blanket the area. Hopefully, this winter will not result in the massive snowfall we experienced last year.

Melrose Park residents know only too well the obvious difficulties and hazards that accompany a hard winter. However, many do not realize the dangers and difficulties that can result when fire hydrants are buried in snow. Such conditions make it difficult, if not impossible, for firefighters to locate and uncover hydrants in their efforts to extinguish fires. Fire Chief Rick Beltrame hopes that residents will help firefighters by clearing nearby fire hydrants when they shovel or plow their sidewalks and driveways. The cooperation of all neighbors will go a long way toward keeping Melrose Park's residents safe this winter.

Winter Safety Tips

Please follow these guidelines for a safe winter season:

1. Have your heating system checked by authorized service personnel annually.
2. Change your furnace filter regularly.
3. Keep areas around the furnace and hot water heater clear at all times.
4. Do not use space heaters with frayed or damaged cords or plugs. Keep space heaters at least 12 inches away from walls, furniture, clothing or flammable items.
5. Do not leave the clothes dryer on when going to bed or when leaving the house.
6. Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Change the batteries when you change your clocks during spring and autumn.
7. When going outside, wear layered clothing and keep skin covered to avoid frostbite and hypothermia.
8. Keep walkways and steps clear of ice and snow.
9. Keep cell phones charged so they will be functioning in case of emergencies.
10. Keep your car's gas tank full, make certain tires are in good condition and perform other automobile maintenance to avoid being involved in an accident or becoming stranded.
11. Stock your vehicle(s) with these items in case you do become stranded:
 - a. Non-perishable snacks.
 - b. Water.
 - c. A flashlight and extra batteries.
 - d. A shovel.
 - e. Blankets or extra winter clothing.
12. Stock up on non-perishable groceries and other staples in order to avoid frequent shopping trips across snow-covered or icy roads.
13. Check on neighbors – especially the elderly or infirmed.

A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief



Visit the
Melrose Park
Police Department
Website at
www.melroseparkpd.com

- For Melrose Park Police Department General Information
- To Pay Tickets
- To Obtain Police Reports

The website can be
translated to
Spanish and Polish.



Happy Holidays

From the
Melrose Park Police Department

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a special 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:

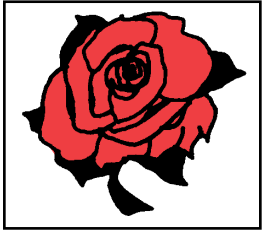
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; instead pay with credit cards or a check.
- Watch your credit card during transaction to make sure it is used to print only one transaction. Make sure the cashier returns it to you.
- Keep your wallet in your front pants pocket or coat breast pocket.
- Keep purses 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 telemarketing 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.



Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

From the Desk of
Gary Marine,
Director of Public Works

The Public Works employees are prepared for the winter season and have prepared all plows and equipment for the snowfall and the winter months ahead.

2041 N. 18th Ave. Parking Lot

Under Mayor Serpico's direction, the village of Melrose Park Public Work's employees demolished the blighted building at 2041 N. 18th Ave.

This property has been developed into a much needed parking lot for area residents. A parking permit is required and applications are available at the village of Melrose Park Village Hall. Parking permits are issued quarterly and the fee is \$100 a quarter.

TV Pickup

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

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

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

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



**Mayor Serpico's
MP Painting Program Request Form**

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____

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

Other: _____

Village of Melrose Park Snow Routes

Please follow all snow route signs throughout the village streets.

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

Feeding Wildlife

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

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 a container with a 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.

Attention Residents Along Silver Creek Embankment

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

50/50 Sidewalk Program 2018

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

Street/Alley Projects

Streets and alleys that have been repaved and completed for 2017 include: Haddon – 22nd Avenue to 25th Avenue; Iowa – 24th Avenue to 23rd Avenue; Cortez – 15th Avenue to 14th Avenue; Cortez – 23rd Avenue to 24th Avenue; Armitage – 15th Avenue to George Street; Hirsch – 19th Avenue to 16th Avenue; Norwood – 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue; LeMoyne – 19th to 25th Avenue; Division – Fifth Avenue to First Avenue; 16th Avenue – Main Street to Lake Street; 17th Avenue – Main Street to Lake Street; 18th Avenue – Main Street to Lake Street; Rice Street – 15th Avenue to 11th Avenue; alley between 24th and 23rd avenues, from Walton St. to Augusta St.; and alley between 18th and 17th avenues, from Thomas St. to Haddon St.

15th Avenue Bridge is Open

Removal and replacement of the 15th Avenue Bridge Project has been completed.

The 15th Avenue Bridge Project has been completed and the bridge is now open as of Dec. 1, 2017. 17th Avenue has been changed back to a one-way street northbound from LeMoyne. Residents of the 1800 block of 17th Avenue are once again allowed to park on both sides of the street.

Tree Planting for Parkways

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



***The Department of Public Work Employees Wish All Residents a
Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!***

Melrose Park Veteran's Housing Awarded Top Design Award



The Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture awarded the "Distinguished Building Award, Citation of Merit" to Urban Works, LTD, Architect, Skender Construction, General Contractor, A Safe Haven and West Suburban Housing Development Corporation. The award was presented to Mayor Ron Serpico at the Village board meeting on Nov. 13, 2017. The project was designed to build 35 new housing rental units on scattered lots located between Lake and Main Street, and 13th to 15th avenues. Priority was given to veterans. The housing units are currently fully occupied. This was a prestigious award because the project competed with housing projects from all over the United States.



Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

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, please call
Melrose Park Public Safety ~ Homeland Security at (708) 649-8000.**

Melrose Park Public Library

IN PERSON. ONLINE. WE BRING YOU THE WORLD.

Adult Services

2018

New Year, New Hours!

Monday: 8 am - 5 pm

Tuesday: 11 am - 7 pm

Wednesday: 8 am - 5 pm

Thursday: 11 am - 7 pm

Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm

Closed last Saturday of the month.
Memorial Day-Labor Day closed every Saturday.

Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program

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

Monday Mornings: February 5th - April 9th (excluding February 19, President's Day)

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



www.MPPLibrary.org

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

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Sunday, Closed

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Youth Services

ABC Adventures

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

Wednesdays

February 7, 14, 21, 28

10:00am - 11:00am



LEGO Club

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

Tuesday, February 13

4:00pm - 5:00pm



Get Gaming

Let's get together to play video games! Exercise your body as well as your mind while you have plenty of gaming fun. We will also

have board games out while you wait your turn.

Ages 7-12.

Saturday, February 10

11:00am - 1:00pm



Master Makers

Join us and build some amazing structures! Ages 8-12.

Tuesday, February 20

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Wacky Adventures

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

Thursday, February 22

4:00pm - 5:00pm

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MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Early-Bird
Registration
is now in
Progress!

New Year Night time Camp Fun

REGISTER NOW! CAMP BEGINS JAN. 16!

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. 16-Feb. 14.

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.

VPD and MP Youth Commission Fright Night 2017

Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission hosted their annual Fright Night on Friday, Oct. 27 at Bulger Park.

Hundreds of children and their parents were in attendance dressed for this year's Halloween celebration.

Refreshments, games and trips through the scary and frightening haunted house were offered to the large crowd.





MP Youth Commission Joins in the Fun at Triton's Festival of Trees

Staff and board members from the Melrose Park Youth Commission joined in the seasonal fun at the second annual Triton College #DecktheMounds Festival of Trees.

The village of Melrose Park and the Youth Commission reserved and decorated a holiday tree located on the Triton campus and gathered for a tree lighting ceremony photo on Thursday, Nov. 30.

The theme of spreading holiday cheer was experienced by all as the crowd enjoyed complimentary hot chocolate, cookies and carollers as well as individual and group photo opportunities.

The Village of Melrose Park/Youth Commission tree is located adjacent to the Triton College Mounds on the west side of campus.

The ROSE AD RESERVATION FORM

Save the Dates!

Next Issue – February 2018
(Deadline for material Jan. 25, 2018.)

Schedule for 2018
February, April, June, August, October and December

Dear Community Member,
The Village of Melrose Park publishes *The Rose* (the official newsletter of the Village of Melrose Park) and mails the publication to all Melrose Park residents and businesses. We are offering advertising space and would greatly appreciate your participation.

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

If you are interested in advertising in one or more issues that will be delivered every other month, please complete this form and mail with completed ad to:

The Rose c/o Village of Melrose Park • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, Ill. 60160
or Email to: therose@melrosepark.org w/pdf or jpeg file.

(Checks need to be made to the order of Village of Melrose Park.)



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E-mail _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

The  ROSE

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Village of Melrose Park

Mayor Serpico's Snow Removal Program for Senior and Special Needs Residents



Save time and worries when the snow begins!

This service is offered to seniors (65 and older), disabled with special needs and those WHO HAVE NO FAMILY OR NEIGHBORS TO HELP.

**AT 6 INCHES OR MORE OF PREDICTED FALLING SNOW,
YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE SNOW REMOVAL LIST.
WE WILL DO A PATH FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR TO THE STREET
AND A SWIPE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY.**

**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ONLY – NO ALLEYS
– NO ALLEY SKIRTS TO GARAGE – NO BACKYARDS.**

For more
information,
please call
(708) 649-4450.

TO RESERVE SERVICES FROM THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
FOR THE FULL WINTER SEASON, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND MAIL THE
MAYOR SERPICO AND THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK SNOW REMOVAL RESERVATION FORM TO:

Village of Melrose Park, Snow Removal • 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160



Mayor Serpico and the Village of Melrose Park Snow Removal Reservation Form

TO RESERVE SERVICES, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

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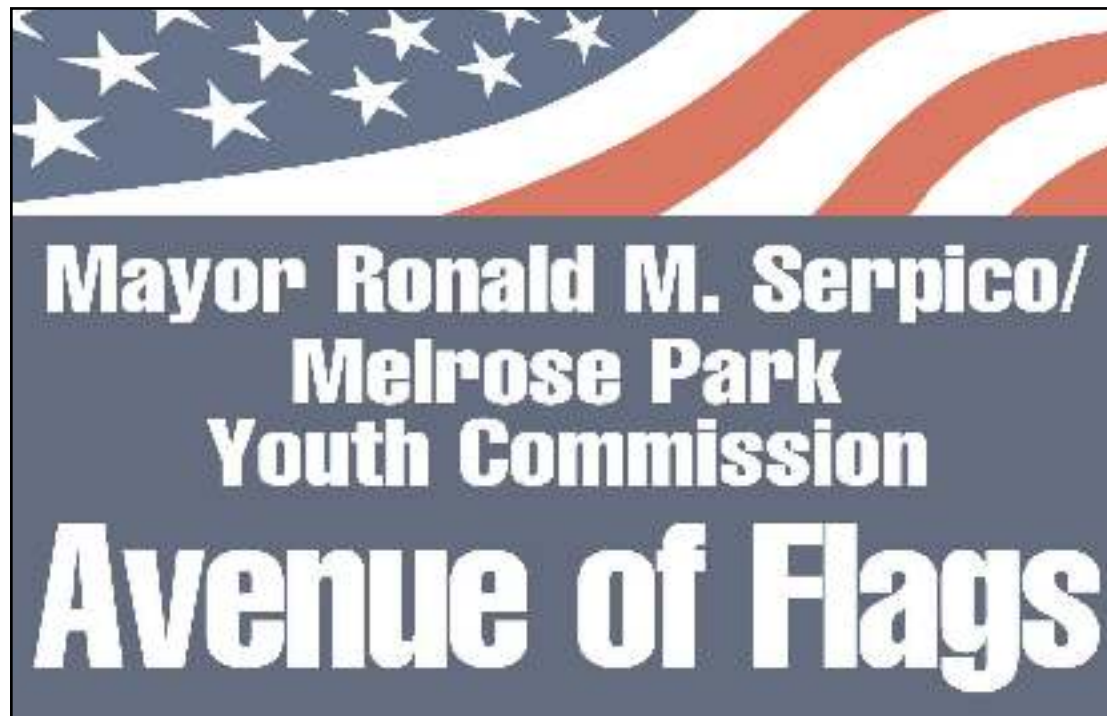
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**MELROSE PARK RESIDENTS – PLEASE TRY TO HELP SENIOR AND
DISABLED NEIGHBORS IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER – THANK YOU.**

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

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



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

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

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

Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

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



Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

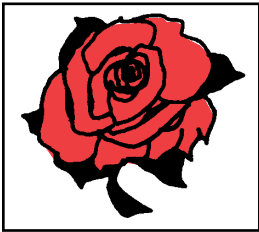


*Come Join in the Fun with
Instructor Barb Rubright
of Rube's Garage!*

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Senior Social Club News

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

NEW!

Registration for New and Renewal 2018 Senior Social Club Memberships

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Melrose Park Senior Social Club 2018 Membership Registration Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

Birthdate _____

2018 Senior Social Club Meeting Schedule

January – Cancelled

Feb. 8 – Valentine's Luncheon (Wear Red)

March 8 – Exercise & Social Gathering

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

April 12 – Exercise & Social Gathering

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

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

June 14 – Summer Luncheon

July – Cancelled

Aug. 9 – Exercise & Social Gathering

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

September – Cancelled

Oct. 11 – Halloween Luncheon

Nov. 8 – Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 13 – Christmas Luncheon

Bingo Will Be Played at Most Meetings!

Must be Pre-registered!

Senior Social Club Services

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

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

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

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

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



FRAUD ALERTS • FRAUD ALERTS • FRAUD ALERTS

Protect Yourself From Scams

The following are some of the most common scams perpetrated against seniors. Read on to familiarize yourself with these schemes and protect your finances.

IRS Scam Calls

A scam artist claims to be from the IRS and tells the caller they owe back taxes. Money must be paid immediately through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer to avoid arrest or legal consequences. The scammers spoof numbers to appear to be calling from the Washington, DC, area code 202.

Grandparents Scam

Scam artists claiming to be attorneys, paralegals and law enforcement officers frantically call saying that a grandchild is in trouble and requesting the grandparent immediately wire money or send a prepaid debit card.

Prizes/Sweepstakes/Free Gifts Scam

A scam artist mails a letter or calls you and pretends to be with Reader's Digest, Publisher's Clearing House, a government agency or a phony foreign lottery. The scam artist claims that you have "won" money and tells you that you must wire hundreds or even thousands of dollars to the scam artist to cover taxes or some other bogus fees. You wire money or send a prepaid debit card, but the prize never arrives.

Home Improvement/Doorstep Scam

A scam artist knocks on your door offering to repair something in or around your home. They ask you to pay upfront and you never see the alleged repairman again.

Charity Scam

A caller claims to collect money for needy children, veterans, or victims of a recent disaster. Always research charities before making a donation to ensure that the charity is registered with the Attorney General's office as required by law.

Mortgage/Reverse Mortgage Scam

A con artist offers you a free home, investment opportunities, or mortgage foreclosure or refinancing assistance. You may hear about such schemes through investment seminars as well as via television, radio, billboard, and mailer advertisements, and even from people you know.

Phishing/Spoofing Scam

Scam artists claiming to represent government agencies, local utilities, charities, banks or law enforcement call, mail, email or make door-to-door solicitations requesting your personal information.

Computer Tech Support Scam

The scammers may call or send an email offering to help solve your computer problems or sell you a software license. Once they are given access to your computer, they can install malicious software that can capture sensitive data, such as online banking user names and passwords; try to control your computer remotely and adjust settings to leave your computer vulnerable; request credit card information so they can bill you for phony services; or direct you to fraudulent websites and ask you to enter credit card or other personal or financial information there.

Wandering Contractors Scam

A scam artist comes to your door and pretends that you have a tree that needs trimming or a roof in need of repair to distract you while another person sneaks into your home to steal cash and valuables.

Investment/Ponzi Scheme

A scam artist encourages you to make investments and promises unrealistically high returns.

Sweetheart/Romance Scam

A scam artist nurtures an online relationship, building trust and confidence, then convinces you to send money. While you may feel that you are in a committed relationship and want to believe the scammer, once you send money, more excuses and requests for money will inevitably follow.

Work-At-Home Scam

A scam artist promises you big money to work from home assembling products, establishing an online business, or mystery shopping. You may invest hundreds of dollars for start-up with little, if any, return in payment.

Free Trial Offer Scam

A scam artist uses television advertisements and unwanted telephone calls offering free goods and services and then asks for your credit card information. Time passes and you don't realize that you are being billed every month for that free trial offer.

Bereavement Scam

Scammers often try to take advantage of senior citizens who have recently lost a loved one, such as a spouse. Scammers call, claim that the deceased spouse has outstanding debts that must be paid immediately, and ask for a blank check or credit card information for payment.

Illinois Attorney General Consumer Fraud Hotlines

Chicago
800-386-5438
800-964-3013 (TTY)

Springfield
800-243-0618
877-844-5461 (TTY)

Carbondale
800-243-0607
877-675-9339 (TTY)





Office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan **MILITARY AND VETERANS RIGHTS BUREAU**

The Attorney General's Military and Veterans Rights Bureau works to ensure that service members and veterans receive the benefits they have earned by serving our nation in the military. The bureau contends with a wide variety of financial and legal concerns affecting the military community, such as consumer fraud, scams connected with Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit assistance, military employment rights issues and housing issues. The bureau also provides general support to help service members and veterans exercise their due process rights in filing claims for compensation or pension benefits through the VA. The work of the bureau can be grouped into four basic categories: Outreach, Advocacy/Mediation, Specialized Policy Support and Enforcement.

Outreach

The Military and Veterans Rights Bureau provides assistance through programs and educational materials designed to help veterans and service members understand their rights and obtain services.

As part of these efforts, the bureau publishes two detailed guidebooks for Illinois veterans and service members: *Benefits for Illinois Veterans* and *Legal Rights of Illinois Service Members*.

Advocacy/Mediation

The bureau operates the Military and Veterans Rights Hotline, **1-800-382-3000**, which averages 500 calls annually and provides assistance in matters such as:

- Mediating landlord-tenant disputes for service members facing Permanent Change of Station orders that conflict with lease agreements;
- Mediating financial transaction disputes, such as fraudulent credit report entries or erroneous debts;
- Obtaining compensation owed to veterans or to service members on military leave from their primary employer for annual guard training; and
- Securing refunds of disputed charges and fees.

Specialized Policy Support

The Military and Veterans Rights Bureau supports the Attorney General's nationwide efforts to improve state awareness and enforcement of military rights. As a member of the U.S. Department of Justice's Financial Fraud Task Force, Attorney General Madigan's office led the development of a toolkit to assist state attorneys general and federal law enforcement partners in identifying common financial and legal protection issues facing the military community. This toolkit helped advance the collaboration of state and federal efforts to enforce veterans' and service members' rights.

Enforcement

The Military and Veterans Rights Bureau investigates allegations of pattern and practice violations of certain state-based military rights, which are also violations under the Illinois Human Rights Act. Additionally, as part of the Consumer Protection Division, the Military and Veterans Rights Bureau works to pursue or support enforcement actions involving cases of fraud targeting members of the armed forces. For example, Attorney General Madigan announced a joint settlement in 2012 with a California-based company to shut down its website, www.GIBill.com, for deceptively steering service members and veterans to use their federal education benefits with the company's preferred clients in the for-profit schools industry.

Filing a complaint: You may file a complaint by calling the Military and Veterans Rights Hotline at 1-800-382-3000 or by filling out a complaint form on the Illinois Attorney General's website at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/veterans.html and submitting it to the Military and Veterans Rights Bureau by mail at the address listed on the form or by fax to (312) 814-2593.



BEWARE OF **IRS IMPOSTORS** It's Probably a **SCAM!**



Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan warns consumers about scammers who pretend they are with the government to scare you into sending money.

DON'T BE A VICTIM

- Phony IRS scammers are targeting taxpayers around the country.
- Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and must pay **immediately** through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.
- Victims are threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of driver's or business licenses.
- If victims say no or question the scammers, the scammers may become hostile and insulting.

If you get a call like this, JUST HANG UP!

TRICKS GOVERNMENT IMPOSTORS USE

IRS scammers may...

- Use a fake name and IRS badge number.
- Know the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Spoof a fake IRS toll-free number on caller ID.
- Send phony IRS letters by mail or email in an attempt to make you believe the fake call.
- Call back and pretend to be from the local police, FBI or Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to convince you that the call is legitimate.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET A SUSPICIOUS CALL

If you get a call...

- And you know you don't owe taxes, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484 to report the scam.
- And you may owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for help.
- Report the call to the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Helpline at 1-877-382-4357 or visit www.ftc.gov/complaint to report the scam. Include the phrase "IRS Telephone Scam" in your comments.

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Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan Consumer Resource Directory

This resource directory contains contact information for state and federal agencies and other organizations to help you handle a wide range of issues.

Illinois Attorney General Senior Consumer Fraud Hotline
Call 1-800-243-5377.

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• Springfield: 1-800-243-0618 TTY: 1-877-844-5461
• Carbondale: 1-800-243-0607 TTY: 1-877-675-9339

Illinois Attorney General Military and Veterans Rights Hotline
Call 1-800-382-3000 (TTY 1-800-964-3013).

Illinois Attorney General Charitable Trust Bureau
Before you give to a charity, call 312- 814-2595.

Illinois Attorney General Disability Rights Bureau
Call 312-814-5684.

Illinois Attorney General Health Care Hotline
Call 1-877-305-5145.

Illinois Attorney General Homeowner Helpline
Call 1-866-544-7151.

Illinois Attorney General Identity Theft Hotline
If you have been the victim of identity theft or believe your personal or financial information may have been compromised, call 1-866-999-5630 (TTY: 1-877-844-5461).

Illinois Department on Aging Senior Helpline
To obtain a Benefit Access Application for the Seniors Free Transit Ride Program, Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride Program and Secretary of State License Plate Discount, call 1-800-252-8966 (TTY: 1-888-206-1327) or visit www.state.il.us/aging.

Illinois Department on Aging Protective Services Hotline (Formerly the Elder Abuse Hotline)
Call the 24-hour hotline at 1-866-800-1409 (TTY: 1-888-206-1327) or visit www.state.il.us/aging.

Illinois Department on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program
For free statewide health insurance counseling for Medicare, contact 1-800-548-9043 or visit www.state.il.us/aging/SHIP/default.htm.

Illinois Commerce Commission
Report towing companies and household goods movers at 217-782-4654 (press 1) or visit www.icc.illinois.gov.

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Check regulation, licensure and discipline of Illinois professionals at 1-888-473-4858 or visit www.idfpr.com.

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation: Cemetery/Funeral Oversight
To request information or make a complaint about a cemetery, call the Cemetery Consumer Helpline at 1-888-756-8331 or visit www.idfpr.com.

Illinois Department of Insurance
For information on the regulation of health, homeowner, auto and life insurance, or to file a complaint, call 1-866-445-5364 (TTY: 1-866-323-5321) or visit www.insurance.illinois.gov.

State of Illinois Comptroller
For information on pre-need licensing and certification, call the Cemetery Care and Burial Trust Hotline at 1-877-203-3401 or visit www.ioc.state.il.us.

State of Illinois Domestic Violence Helpline
Call 1-877-863-6338 (TTY: 1-877-863-6339).

Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission
To request an investigation of an Illinois licensed attorney, contact: Springfield – 1-800-252-8048; Chicago – 1-800-826-8625; or visit www.iardc.org.

Illinois State Treasurer
Call the Unclaimed Property Division at 217-785-6998 or visit www.treasurer.il.gov.

Illinois Secretary of State
Call the Public Service Line at 1-800-252-8980 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Illinois Secretary of State Police
For information about the regulation of new and used auto dealers, auto parts, auto repairers and auto builders, call 217-782-7126 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/police/home.html.

Illinois Secretary of State Securities
For information about the regulation of the securities industry in Illinois and protection of investors, contact: Chicago: 312-793-3384; Springfield: 217-782-2256; or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/securities/home.html.

Illinois Department of Human Rights
For assistance under the Illinois Human Rights Act, contact: Chicago: 312-814-6200; Springfield: 217-785-5100; Marion: 618-993-7463; TTY: 1-866-740-3953; or visit www.illinois.gov/dhr.

Illinois Department of Human Services
Call the Customer Helpline at 1-800-843-6154 (TTY: 1-800-447-6404) or visit www.dhs.state.il.us.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
For information regarding health care coverage for adults and children who qualify for Medicaid visit www2.illinois.gov/hfs/Pages/default.aspx. For child support assistance, call the Child Support Services Call Center at 1-800-447-4278 (TTY: 1-800-526-5812) or visit www.childsupportillinois.com.

Illinois Department of Public Health
To file a complaint against a nursing home, call the Nursing Home Hotline at 1-800-252-4343 or visit www.idph.state.il.us.

Illinois Department of Labor

To file a complaint regarding unpaid wages, call 312-793-2800 or visit www.illinois.gov/idol.

State of Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board

To file a complaint regarding judicial misconduct or the failure/inability of a judge to perform judicial duties, call 1-800-227-9429 (TTY: 312-814-1881) or visit www2.illinois.gov/jib/Pages/default.aspx.

Social Security Administration

Call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778) or visit www.ssa.gov.

Medicare

For specific questions about your claims, medical records or expenses, call 1-800-633-4227 or visit www.mymedicare.gov.

Report Medicare Fraud

Report fraud to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Inspector General at HHSTips@oig.hhs.gov or call 1-800-447-8477 (TTY: 1-800-377-4950).

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Customer Service

Call 1-800-829-0582 (ext. 462) or visit www.irs.gov.

Federal Trade Commission

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

Policies and Procedures

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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.

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Village of Melrose Park Taekwondo Program Registration Form

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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

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

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

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

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Residents: \$50 per month.

Nonresidents: \$60 per month.

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

(One class a day for each level.)

Please check in with instructors for exact times per level.

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

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

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Weekdays – 7 a.m.-10 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Veterans Park District Hosts Annual Veterans Day Observance Recognizing the Selfless and Brave Efforts of the Proud Men and Women Who Have Served Our Nation's Military



On Friday, Nov. 3, Veterans Park District held its annual Veterans Day Observance in honor of the brave men and women who have served our country.

A large crowd gathered to salute veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

Observance ceremony speakers and participants included American Legion Franklin Park Post #974, Mayor Serpico, VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso, Deacon Ray Behrendt, WWII Army Veteran Angelo Provenzano, Korean War Veteran Eugene Piltaver, Vietnam War Veteran Angelo Egizio, Gianna Capra Uroni, the VPD Bulger Park Preschool Class and VPD Board President Tom Olson.

It's an honor and a privilege to salute our veterans for their character and leadership and we thank them for their courage and service to our country.

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

After School Programs at George A. Leoni Complex – 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park

Sports & Fitness – Grades K-8

After the school bell rings children can participate in a variety of structured and unstructured activities featuring fun recreational activities, such as group exercise, group games and sporting activities. Children can burn off their classroom energy on our soccer turf or walking track. We offer a place where children can have fun and feel safe after school. – Monday-Friday, 3-4:30 p.m./90 minutes (2:30 p.m. on early dismissal days); \$ 3 per day.

Time to Chill/Homework Hangout – Grades K-8

Our VPD staff will help students with their homework assignments. After homework is completed VPD chill time will provide students with fun activities, such as cooking, Lego building and holiday specific crafts. We have created a place where children can have fun and feel safe after school. A snack will be provided each day. – Monday-Friday, 4:30-6 p.m./90 minutes; \$3 per day.

Youth Sports

Tot Swim – Ages 3-5

Have fun while learning to kick, float, bob and glide in the water. This is a great way for your child to learn to be safe and comfortable in the water. – Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:10 p.m.; Dates: Session 5 – Jan. 9-Feb. 1/Session 6 – Feb. 6-March 1/Session 7 – March 6-March 22/Session 8 – April 3-April 26.

Tumbling @ Cimbalò Fitness Center

Beginner Tumbling – Ages 18 months-35 months

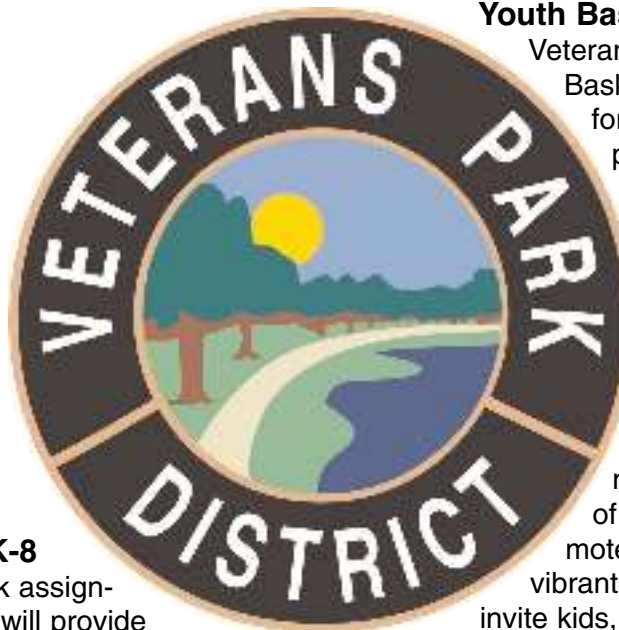
Beginner tumblers will learn forward rolls, cartwheels, bridges and jumps. Strength and flexibility are also needed to progress into the higher level classes. Children will be evaluated at the end of each session and advised when to move to the next level. – Saturdays; Fee: \$45 Residents/\$60 Non-Residents.

Intermediate Tumbling – Ages 4-8

This class is designed to perfect your child's beginner skills and add new skills. Skills to be taught are: backbends, handstands, forward rolls and round-offs. Children will be evaluated at the end of each session and advised when to move to the next level. – Saturdays; Fee: \$45 Residents/\$60 Non-Residents.

Advanced Tumbling – Ages 8-12

This class is designed to take your child's skills to the next level and learn new skills. Children must be able to safely execute the following skills before attending this class: backbends, handstand forward rolls and round-offs. Children will be evaluated at the end of each session. – Sundays; Fee: \$45 Residents/\$60 Non-Residents.



Youth Basketball League

Veterans Park District is proud to present its annual Youth Basketball League. The basketball league will be available for grades first through eighth. All children will receive participation trophies along with team shirts. Season starts Jan. 20 and goes to March 17.

Early Childhood

Family Story Time Yoga @ Leoni Complex

Let's go on an adventure! This class embraces the physical movement, exercises, songs and yoga poses based on stories that make up Storytime Yoga. Storytime Yoga encourages engaging young minds with the magic of yoga through recounting some of the world's most fascinating stories in a way that promotes the foundation of yoga philosophy, literacy and vibrant physical health. Through this interactive class we invite kids, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to share in the joy of yoga. Each class will teach the family playful poses that can be done together or alone, along with gentle breathing exercises and relaxation techniques. When you register, please let us know the ages and names of your children. – 2+ (one adult included per each child) \$34 Resident/\$42 Non-Resident; Session 1: Mondays, Jan. 8-March 12, 11 a.m.-noon/Wednesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 11 a.m.-noon; Session 2: Mondays, March 19-May 7, 11 a.m.-noon/Wednesdays, March 7-April 25, 11 a.m.-noon.

Creative Arts

Tap Dance – Ages 6-9

This class is designed to help students develop rhythm and sound. Tap dancing exercises will help to build flexibility in the knees and ankles, improve coordination and self-confidence. As students progress through class levels, the curriculum becomes more complex. – Mondays, Jan. 22-May 7 (no class Feb. 19), 6:15-7 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex; \$120 In District/\$125 Out of District

Teen Ink – Ages 13-19

Explore traditional and innovative approaches to drawing with ink. Students will experiment with a variety of mark-making and shading techniques, focusing on the art subject of their choice. The course will also offer a variety of approaches and techniques to creating an ink drawing. – Thursdays, Jan. 18-March 8, 4:30-5:25 p.m.; Grant Park; \$60 Residents/\$75 Non-Residents.

Active Adults

New York City & The Statue of Liberty, Thursday-Tuesday (June 14-19)

Fee: \$654 – Double Occupancy (\$75 deposit will hold your spot. Balance due by April 2, 2018); \$874 – Single Occupancy. This trip includes: Transportation on a top-quality motor coach with at least 54 seats that has a restroom and video equipped; five nights lodging including three consecutive nights in the New York City area; eight meals including five breakfasts and three dinners; great experiences and beautiful sights!; two guided tours of New York City; see Central Park, Rockefeller

Center, Times Square, Wall Street, The 911 Memorial and much more!; visit Ellis Island and Liberty Island – home of the Statue of Liberty! Travel protection insurance is available. If you would like more information please call (708) 343-5270. We can send you a color flyer and itinerary.

Happy Hearts Valentine’s Day Party

Celebrate the spirit of Valentine’s Day with a fabulous Honey Baked Ham lunch. A special Valentine’s dessert to follow lunch! The Chicago Retro Quartet is a premiere cappella quartet that will perform songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s in the Doo Wop Style, as the audience you will be clapping and singing along. Their performances are a cappella in four-part harmony! After their performance there will be centerpiece giveaways and raffle prizes themed for this holiday! – Friday, Feb. 9, noon-2 p.m.; Bulger Park; Fee: \$17.

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Come enjoy our temperature controlled indoor exercise track. Get your recommended daily exercise completed rain or shine, freezing weather or scorching heat. Nine laps around the track equals one mile. – Rates: Residents \$5 per year/R, 55+ \$1 per year/Non-Residents \$50 per year,



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- Surprise challenges throughout the session where prizes will be awarded.
- Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 participants who lose the most amount of weight. Final weight losses will be calculated by percentages.

Date: January 9–April 12

Day: Tuesday 7-8PM

7-7:30PM workout

7:30-8PM group meeting

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center

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GARAGE SALE

Family Indoor Garage Sale & Flea Market

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

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

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

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

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center Gymnasium

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

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Stevenson Middle School Seventh Grader Serves as Triton's President for a Day

Qualities of inspiring role models and leaders was the theme for Triton College's President for a Day challenge, which brought seventh grade students from District 89 schools to campus for a day of activities on Monday, Nov. 13.

Prior to their visit, students participated in an essay contest in which they wrote about leaders whom they admired. Stevenson Middle School (Melrose Park) student Shantiah Watt was selected as the winner, earning her the honor of President for a Day. She chose NASA mathematician and physicist Katherine Johnson as the subject for her essay.

"I wrote about Katherine Johnson because she is very similar to me," Shantiah said. "She is an African-American woman good with science and math, and she is a great role model."

The students visited several areas of campus during their visit, including the newly renovated East Campus Greenhouse and the Engineering Technology Lab. Triton faculty and staff engaged the group in discussions on sustainable gardening and sustainable building practices, highlighting how these concepts are present in their everyday lives.

The group also enjoyed lunch with Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore, during which they discussed qualities that make good leaders and role models, highlighting the subjects of their essays.

"The students of District 89 schools were thoughtful and engaging, and I truly enjoyed spending time with them," President Moore said. "I am confident that they will succeed in any path they choose and I hope to see them back on campus as visitors and students in the near future."

For Shantiah however, the day didn't end there. As part of her presidential duties, she reviewed college materials and offered positive input. She also provided feedback about programs currently under development at Triton that will provide additional support to students.

"It was a lot of responsibility and I was into that," Shantiah said of her experience. "There were also fun parts."

The President for a Day challenge is part of the Office of the President Initiatives aimed to strengthen relationships with students and community members from within the Triton College district. We look forward to expanding the initiative to include other schools and organizations within Triton's district.



*Stevenson Middle School seventh grader
Shantiah Watt (seated) with
Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore.*

Triton's Super Saturday Makes Enrollment Fast and Easy

Registering for college classes has never been easier, thanks to Triton College's Super Saturday enrollment event.

From counselors on hand to ensure students enroll in the classes that best fit their goals and schedule, to financial aid specialists who will help craft a plan to pay

for school, Super Saturday will provide current and prospective Triton students everything they need to get ready for the spring semester.

The one-stop registration event is Saturday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Learning Resource Center (A Building) located on the west side of the Triton College campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove.

During the event, you can complete your application, register for classes, take placement tests, participate in the new student orientation, meet with financial aid advisors and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), tour the campus, enjoy refreshments, and enter a raffle to win a free three-credit hour class.

Students attending the event should bring a photo ID, copies of their ACT results, transcripts for college level coursework completed at another college/university and copies of their (or their parents') tax returns (to complete the financial aid application).

For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.



Submit Plays for Triton College's 2nd Annual Tritonysia Short Play Festival



Triton students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to submit a play to be included in Triton College's 2nd Annual *Tritonysia* Play Festival.

The *Tritonysia* is a short play festival, inspired by the ancient Greek festival the Dionysia, which honored the god Dionysus in many ways, including with a stage play contest. The *Tritonysia* closes out the Performing Arts

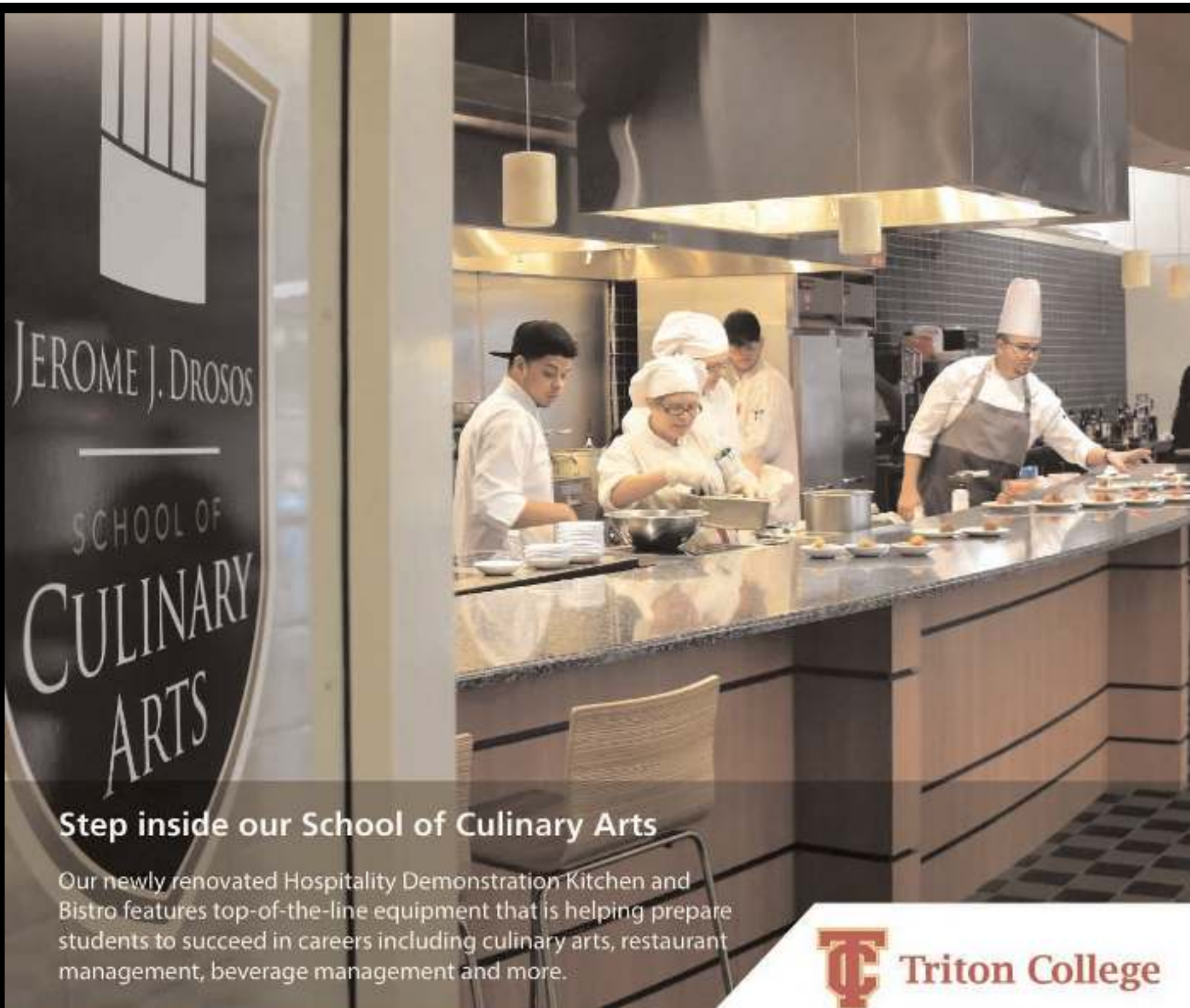
Department's season with exciting new work, during which you will enjoy world premiere 10-minute pieces written by Triton College students, faculty and artists from our surrounding communities. This will be a fun festival for fans of theatre, performance and creativity!

Students, staff and community members can submit a play for consideration by Jan. 31, 2018.

Play submissions must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Plays must be no more than 10 pages long (double-spaced).
- Plays must have no more than four characters.
- Furniture pieces available are a table and four chairs.

Email your play to Festival Director Sommer Austin for consideration at sommeraustrin@triton.edu.



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Melrose Park Senior Social Club Gathers at Abruzzo's for Thanksgiving Feast



On Thursday, Nov. 9, the members of the Melrose Park Senior Club held their regularly scheduled November meeting at Abruzzo's. Club members celebrated with a Thanksgiving-themed luncheon as they kicked off this year's holiday festivities. A great time was had by all!

Happy 95th Birthday, Marge!



Melrose Park resident Marge Cercone recently celebrated her 95th birthday. Mayor Serpico stopped by to wish her a Happy 95th! Happy Birthday, Marge, from the village of Melrose Park.



Wounded Warrior Softball Tournament Held at Bulger Park



On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Eighth Annual Wounded Warrior Softball Tournament was held at Bulger Park. This annual fundraiser raises awareness for injured soldiers who have returned from war with proceeds from the event benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. Chris Harris, the tournament/fundraiser organizer, stated that this charity is near and dear to his heart and this year was dedicated to his godfather/uncle, a Vietnam vet who served with honor who recently passed away. Pictured (top photo) are the Proviso East High School ROTC (that presented our nation's colors) with Mayor Serpico and Veterans Park District Commissioner Tom Olson, and (bottom photo) Chief Phil Schwartz and members of Melrose Park Public Safety ~ Homeland Security.

Willis Awarded Life Safety Award from Illinois Fire Safety Alliance



Recently, state Rep. Kathleen Willis (center), D-Addison, was presented with the Life Safety Award from the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance during their annual Fire Prevention Week Luncheon. Willis was selected for the Life Safety Award due to her leadership in the passage of the Smoke Detector Act, which required that batteries in smoke detectors be capable of powering the unit for a minimum of 10 years.

"Through this legislation, we were able to better protect our family and friends" said Willis. "I am extremely honored to have received this award and I will continue to fight for the safety of our citizens."

For more information, please contact state Rep. Kathleen Willis' full-time constituent service office at (708) 562-6970 or email RepWillis77@gmail.com.

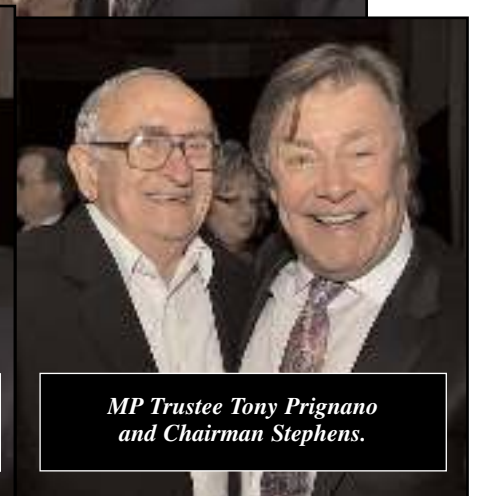
Mayor Serpico, Village Officials Celebrate Triton Board Chairman Stephens Recognition at Triton Foundation Reception



Mayor Serpico, MP Trustee Sonny Nicotera and Triton Board Chairman Mark Stephens.



MP Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio and Chairman Stephens.



MP Trustee Tony Prignano and Chairman Stephens.

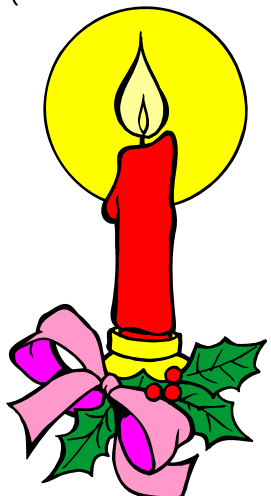
On Wednesday, Nov. 15, the Triton College Foundation celebrated their 25th Annual Foundation President's Reception honoring Chairman of the Triton College Board of Trustees Mark R. Stephens for his 25 years of leadership, vision and meritorious service to the residents of Triton's district and to the students of Triton College as well as his continued generous support of the Triton College Foundation.

Mayor Serpico, Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio, trustees Sonny Nicotera and Tony Prignano attended the event along with several village employees.

Serpico presented Stephens with a proclamation on behalf of the village of Melrose Park recognizing Stephens accomplishments and 25 years of service as chairman of the Triton Board.

Proceeds from the annual Foundation President's Reception benefit Triton Foundation scholarships.

Season's Greetings



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LITTLE LEAGUE® RESIDENCY AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Players are eligible to play with that league only if they reside, or the physical location of the school where they attend classes is, within the boundaries provided to, and approved by, Little League® International. Complete Residency and School Attendance Eligibility Requirements can be found in the current year's *Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies* rulebook.

NOTE: Players who established "residence" or "school attendance" for regular season and/or tournament prior to the 2016-2017 season using the Tournament Player Verification Form, and can produce the form with proper proofs and signatures, will be grandfathered and will NOT need to complete a new Tournament Player Verification Form.



RESIDENCY SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND SUPPORTED BY:

Documents containing the full residence which includes **parent(s) or court-appointed guardian(s) name, street address, city, state, and zip code information, dated or in force between February 1 of the previous year and February 1 of the current year, from ONE or more documents from EACH of the three groups outlined below:**

| GROUP 1 | GROUP 2 | GROUP 3 |
|--|--|--|
| <p>CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license <input type="checkbox"/> School records <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle records (e.g. registration, lease, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Employment records <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance documents | <p>CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare/child care records <input type="checkbox"/> Federal records (e.g. federal tax, social security, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> State records <input type="checkbox"/> Local (municipal) records <input type="checkbox"/> Support payment records <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner or tenant records <input type="checkbox"/> Military records | <p>CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Voter's registration <input type="checkbox"/> Utility bills (e.g. gas, electric, phone, heating, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Financial records (loan, credit, investments, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records <input type="checkbox"/> Internet, cable, or satellite records |

Note 1: Three documents from the same group constitute only ONE document.

Note 2: Certain documents may be used in different Groups, but will count for only one Group per child. Example - If a water/sewer bill is used to satisfy Group II as a municipal record, that same bill CANNOT be used as a utility bill to satisfy Group III.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND SUPPORTED BY:

A document indicating enrollment for the current academic year, dated prior to October 1 of previous year, and with the physical location of the school from **ONE of the following categories:**

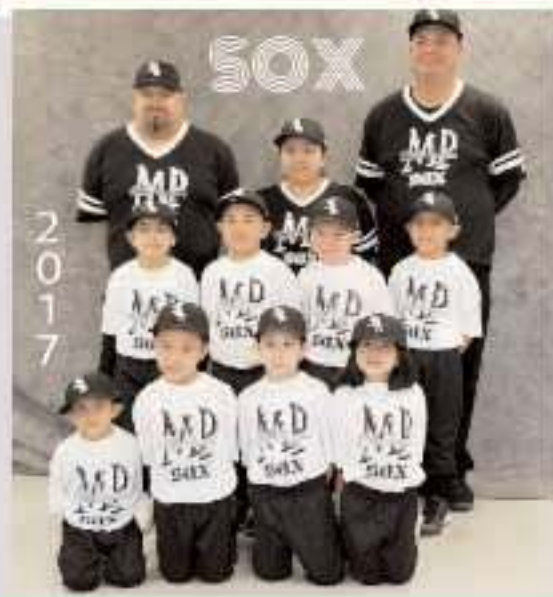
- ☐ The School Enrollment Form provided by Little League (LittleLeague.org/SchoolEnrollmentForm)
- ☐ Official/Certified enrollment record, confirming current enrollment, that includes the school's physical address and the original signature of the school's senior administrator (principal, headmaster, etc.)

NOTE: A school-issued report card/performance record will no longer be accepted to establish school attendance.

Melrose Park Little League Upcoming Practice Session Date

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017
5-7 p.m. • Ages 9-15
Coach Jesse/Raul

Watch for more practice session information and dates as details become available!



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A Message from Illinois State Rep. Kathleen Willis

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KATHLEEN WILLIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE 77TH DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

At this time of the year we tend to reflect on things that have happened in the passing year and look forward to opportunities to start new adventures in the upcoming New Year. 2017 had me starting my third term in office for the people of the 77th district. It was an exciting and challenging year in Springfield. As a third term legislator I was given the opportunity to chair a committee. I was lucky in being able to chair the committee on Fire and Emergency Medical Services, something as most of you know is near and dear to my heart. We were able to move a fair amount of legislation out of the committee and passed most of it into law. Most notably a bill that would require smoke alarms to all be made with batteries that are long term and unable to be removed. This will hopefully prevent deaths in fires because someone had disabled the alarm by removing the battery.

It was a challenging year because we still had not passed a budget after 2 years of struggles. We once again hit our deadline of May 31st without a budget. We once again remained in session over most of the summer to resolve our budget impasse. Finally by mid July we were able to pass a budget and the governor Vetoed it. We were able to work in a bipartisan manner and overrode the veto and passed our first budget in over 2 years. The state continues to struggle to try to undo damages that were felt across the state during our budget impasse, specifically to higher education, human services and transportation.

In 2018, I look forward to continuing to work on public safety issues through out the state and some new legislation regarding seniors that is still being finalized. We will continue to meet with leaders in education in our area to be sure to make sure the educational needs of our students are being met locally and statewide. We will continue to advocate for property tax relief and we will also work for access to affordable healthcare throughout the state.

I wanted to finally take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Willis".

Kathleen Willis
State Representative • 77th District

NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

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



Stevenson Student Selected as Triton President

Each year, Triton College hosts a "President for a Day" contest open to local middle school students. This year, they selected D89 middle school students to be contestants! The contest was open to seventh-grade students at both Irving and Stevenson Middle Schools. The participating students were asked to write an essay identifying a leader whom they admire and how they felt that they exhibit the leader's qualities. Students selected leaders that included their parents, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Ruby Bridges. Fifteen of our seventh-grade students were selected to participate in a field trip to Triton College. These students participated in various activities on campus. Some activities included STEM classroom visits, an interactive tour of Triton's Greenhouse, Library and Culinary Program. Stevenson seventh grader, Shantiah Watt was selected as President for a Day. She chose to write about former NASA mathematician, Katherine Johnson. In Watt's essay, she spoke of her admiration for Katherine Johnson's perseverance and love of Math and Science. She spent an exciting day shadowing Triton's president and learning more about what it takes to be a leader.

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D89 Family Literacy Night

D89 held its second family night of the year. Family Literacy Night was an evening full of magic, book giveaways, a book character fashion show and fall treats.

Save the Date! D89 Family Nights

- Math Night**
Thursday, Jan. 25 @ Lincoln School
- Black History Night**
Wednesday, Feb. 28 @ Irving Middle School
- STEM Night**
Thursday, April 26 @ Emerson School
- Language and Culture Night**
Thursday, May 26 @ Melrose Park School



JA School Walkathon

Jane Addams School held their 6th Annual Walkathon and raised over \$3,700! All proceeds assist in funding PBIS activities, assemblies, field day and field trip bus money for all grades.

Help Us Build the Future of SD89!

In District 89 we believe in continuous improvement. We frequently review our current practices, procedures and policies to ensure that we provide the best learning outcomes for students. This academic year our district will begin the process of developing a new strategic plan for the district. The strategic plan will help us to set goals for our district that will continue to allow us to make the best decisions for our students and staff. We want to hear from you as well and in the coming months we will be sending out information regarding community forums where you can participate in the strategic planning process. We look forward to your input as we work on the development of a new strategic plan for our district.



Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in community engagement meetings, which are scheduled for the following dates:

- Feb. 13 and Feb. 21, 2018
4-6 p.m. – District 89 Teachers and Staff
7-9 p.m. – Community Members and Parents
- Feb. 13 at Jane Addams School
Feb. 21 at Garfield School

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NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



Thank You to Westlake Hospital

District 89 extends sincere thanks to Westlake Hospital for the donated coats of various sizes, styles and colors to School District 89 offices. In addition to the warm coats, Westlake also donated bags full of new mittens, scarves and hats. It has been an annual tradition for Westlake Hospital staff to organize a clothing drive, which benefits families in need in the community the hospital serves.

We greatly appreciate your generosity.



Wold Presents at NCTM

Math Coordinator Scott Wold, presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Regional Conference on Dec. 1 on Applying Formative Assessment Strategies in the Classroom. The session was at full capacity with standing room only!

Jane Addams 5th Grade Bluestem Reading Challenge



Fifth-grade students at Jane Addams are excited about reading the 2018 Bluestem Book Nominees!

Each year, in Illinois, the Bluestem selection committee generates a list of high quality children's literature for students in third, fourth and fifth grades to read. Students who read four or more titles from the list can vote for a 2018 winner.

Thus far, the fifth-grade students have read over 70 books! Readers are leaders!



D89 offers DreamBox Math Learning Resource

District 89 offers DreamBox online K-5 math learning as a supplemental resource that empowers students to master key math concepts. The program that is used in the classroom and at home is engaging for students as it effectively builds mathematical understanding. All students have LOG-IN information to access Dreambox learning at home. Parents be sure to check it out! We are college and career ready in D89!

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ParentPortal

Parents, did you know you can check grades, attendance, teacher comments and more through District 89's Parent Portal? Check your child's information anytime using the Parent Portal, which is available for both a computer or as an App for your phone. If you haven't signed up already, stop by your school office to pick up your child's login information.



NewTeacherNetwork

High quality instructional practices were the focus of professional learning at the New Teacher Network on Nov. 29.



NewPlayground Equipmentfor ActiveOrganized Play

This November 2017, Washington Dual Language Academy, Emerson and Lincoln schools received early childhood playground equipment that was funded by our Healthy Community Grant through ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education). The playgrounds ensure that our students have the equipment needed for active and organized play. Coming soon, Jane Addams!



D89PreschoolforAllFallFest

D89 held their annual PreK Fall Fest on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, at Emerson School. Our parents had the opportunity to meet all of our preschool teachers and staff, and learn about some of the learning activities our students participate in during class.

For additional information about D89 Preschool for All program, visit <https://www.maywood89.org/preschool>.

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NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



Proviso Math and Science Academy Math Competition

District 89 middle school students from both Irving Middle School and Stevenson Middle School participated in the Proviso Math and Science Academy math competition on Nov. 8, 2017. Our students won a total of 14 out of 42 certificates, so exactly one-third of the winners were from D89. Stevenson Middle School Team also placed third overall in the competition! There were seven total districts competing and a total of nine teams. The schools were from Northlake, Berkeley, Westchester, Forest Park, Bellwood, and of course Maywood, Melrose Park, and Broadview. Way to go Tigers and Pirates!



Reading Nooks

Climate & Culture Improvements continue in D89 with Mustang Reading Nooks at Melrose Park School!

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New Parent Advisory Council Sworn In

The new Parent Advisory Council was installed on Oct. 24, by Gwaine Dianne Williams, D89 School Board President. The new council is comprised of parent representatives nominated by school principals and will serve as an advisory group to the school board and be a liaison between the board and the school they represent on policy issues and other initiatives. Several leadership training sessions are planned to help support the parents as they assume their responsibilities. "Parent advocacy is a passion of the entire District 89 Board of Education and the Parent Advisory Council is an additional avenue toward better communication between parents and the board," said Williams. President Williams chairs the District 89 Parent Advisory Committee.

D89 Presents at 2017 IASB Joint Annual Conference



The 85th Annual Illinois Association of School Boards Joint Annual Conference was held in Chicago during the weekend of Nov. 17-19, 2017. This event is recognized as one of the nation's largest state education conferences, which is open to local school board members, superintendents, secretaries, school administrators, state and regional educators and officials, school attorneys, university professors, exhibitors and guests. District 89 presented two of the breakout sessions during that weekend on Parent Advisory Council: Cultivating Leaders and District Improvement: Deep Implementation with Fidelity.

Panel pictured: are Board President Gwaine Dianne Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Barbara Dahly, Principal Michelle Hassan, original PAC member Rev. Darryl Bass with Superintendent David Negron.



Happy Holidays from the Board, Employees and Students of School District 89

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Holy Fire Eighth Grade Retreat



Red Ribbon Week



Little Sisters of the Poor Event



Four Square Tournament



SHS Varsity Volleyball Second Place



Four Square Tournament Winners



SHS JV Volleyball Second Place



Christian Attitude Award

Sacred Heart School SNIPPETS



Halloween Party



Seventh Grade Thanksgiving Service



Canned Food Drive

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Grand Prize - \$2,500

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3rd Place - \$500

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St. Anthony Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine Hosts Annual Breakfast Buffet

The St. Anthony Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine hosted their annual Breakfast Buffet in the Parish Gym on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017. The event ran from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with guests being offered a delicious meal consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, bagels and cream cheese, coffee, juice, pastries and fruit.

Donations of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 were accepted with proceeds benefitting the St. Anthony Society.

For more information on the St. Anthony Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine upcoming events or to make a donation, call the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, St. Paul Lutheran Church (Melrose Park) held its 125th Anniversary Service.

The event featured a pre-service concert, a bilingual divine service, fellowship and a luncheon.

The crowd had a wonderful time with many saying the celebration, as well as meeting with old friends, was heart-warming and the experience will last for a long time.



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MAP of Hope Foundation's Third Annual Evening with Food Network's *Chopped* Star Sr. Alicia Torres – Monday, Jan. 8

On Monday, Jan. 8, members of the MAP of Hope Foundation are proudly hosting a very special occasion for a great cause – The MAP of Hope Foundation's

Epiphany Event with Sr. Alicia Torres (Food Network show *Chopped* champion).

The event will be held at il Poveretto Cafe (1807 Division St., Melrose Park) from 7-9 p.m. Tickets (\$50 donation – includes complimentary pizza, appetizers and open bar) are limited and must be purchased in advance.

For more information or to reserve tickets, please call Mary Ann at (708) 279-0519 or visit mapofhopefoundation.org.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.



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.

Nicotera Christmas Village is Quite a Spectacle



Melrose Park resident Sonny Nicotera and his family members have their annual indoor winter wonderland all set for this holiday season.

The Nicotera family has been creating their Christmas display for more than 30 years and it has become quite a spectacle for people in the neighborhood.

As you can see the layout is remarkable. The holiday lights and theme of the season, along with the hundreds of figurines featured, bring the festive experience of the holidays and the seasonal joy of family and friends to the Nicotera home as well as to the Melrose Park community!

Another Halloween Costume Masterpiece for Melrose Park Celebrity – Little Anthony Alfano

Little 8-year-old Anthony Alfano was decked in his Halloween best, as always, appearing this year as a Wheel of Fortune contestant. Alfano's big Halloween celebration came with much recognition.

Anthony and his mother and father (Deanna and Tony) again received national attention appearing on the TV show *Inside Edition*, for the second year in a row, and were featured in news clips on local stations WGN and ABC 7-Chicago. The family also appeared on ABC's *Windy City Live*, ABC News-Boston, ABC News-New York, Sirius XM's Catholic Channel and others.

The Alfanos have a strong commitment to their Halloween tradition, donating past costumes to other families in the area, and they've already started planning for little Anthony's next year's apparel.

Pictured is Anthony in past year's attire along with this year's fabulous costume – A Wheel of Fortune Contestant

Congratulations to the Alfano family!



Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Celebrates 56th Emerald Ball

The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary presented a \$100,000 check to the hospital at the 56th Emerald Ball on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The annual event, held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago hotel on Michigan Avenue, drew more than 200 people.

Along with money raised from the Emerald Ball, the gift is funded by proceeds from the hospital gift shop, the hospital parking lot and donations. The gift shop is largely staffed by Auxiliary members.

Since its founding in 1961, the Gottlieb Auxiliary has given more than \$6 million to the hospital and its programs.

"Gottlieb Memorial Hospital thanks the Auxiliary members for their continued generosity and support of the hospital," said Lori Price, FACHE, MSA, RN, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital president. "Their gift will help improve the patient experience at Gottlieb."

This year's gift will be used to update in-room entertainment, including patient education television pro-

gramming "The Gottlieb Memorial Auxiliary is honored to be a part of the hospital's rich history," said Jan Morgan, of Woodridge, president of the Gottlieb Memorial Auxiliary.

The presentation by the Gottlieb Auxiliary comes one month after the Gottlieb Memorial Foundation announced a \$12.8 million gift, which will help fund renovations to the Emergency Department.



Jan Morgan, president, Gottlieb Auxiliary, presents a \$100,000 check to Jack Weinberg, Gottlieb Memorial Foundation chairman and grandson of Gottlieb's founder.



Jan Morgan, president, Gottlieb Auxiliary; Larry Goldberg, president & CEO, Loyola University Health System; Cynthia Gottlieb (Burr Ridge); Jack Weinberg; and Lori Price, president, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital.



Carol and Hai Solomon, MD, (River Forest).



Anita Varkey, MD, and John Fuente (Oak Park).

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Receives 'A' Grade for Patient Safety

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital has received an 'A' in The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2017 Hospital Safety Grade. Leapfrog rates how well hospitals protect patient safety, including avoiding preventable mishaps such as medical errors, hospital-related infections and falls.

"We are gratified that Leapfrog has recognized our continuing commitment to patient safety," said Lori Price, FACHE, MSA, RN, president of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. "Patient safety is the centerpiece of all we do."

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital is a 247-bed acute care hospital in Melrose Park that offers advanced specialty, emergency, inpatient and outpatient medical care in a community hospital setting. Gottlieb is a part of Loyola University Health System and a member of Trinity Health.

The Hospital Safety Grade is the gold standard rating for patient safety, complied under the guidance of the nation's leading patient safety experts. It is administered by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit hospital safety watchdog.

Using 27 evidence-based measures of patient safety for all eligible U.S. hospitals, the Hospital Safety Grade is a numerical score converted into one of five letter grades. An 'A' grade represents the best Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, followed in order by B, C, D and F.

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment."



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| Electrical Outlets & Switches - Replace | Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors – Install, Replace Batteries |
| Electrical GFCI Outlets Replace & Install | Storm Doors – Repair (No Installations) |
| Faucets – Repair or Replace (No Bathroom) | Storm Windows – Put In/Take Out Limit 10 feet |
| Furniture Assembly | Supply Vales – Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only |
| Furniture Moving – 50lb Limit | Threshold – Repairs & Replacement |
| Furniture Repair – Minor Only | Toilets – Minor Repairs – No Roding |
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| Electrical Service Panel Work or Electrical Wiring | Roof Repairs |
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| Glass – No repairs of broken glass | Snow Removal |
| Gutter Cleaning | Storm Doors – Minor Repairs Only |
| Hauling | Toilet Repairs – Removing Tank or Bowl i.e. Wax Ring or Flush Valve |

Obituaries

Boik

Lois M. Boik, nee Selk, lifelong resident of Melrose Park. Dearly beloved wife of the late Edwin K.; loving mother of Valerie (Brody) Farries, Rosanne, Edwin W. (Susan), Kevin (Teresa) and Stephen (Valerie); cherished grandmother of three; dear sister of William Selk and the late Marilyn; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Caliendo

Louis Caliendo, formerly of Melrose Park. Husband of Eve and the late Nona; loving father of Jeffrey and Lenore Caliendo; stepfather to Stephen, Vincent, and the late Phil; grandfather of Miles (Sarah), Millicent, Louie and stepgrandfather to many more; dear brother of Frank Caliendo; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Chapel Hill Gardens and Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery.

Cardaropoli

Philomena (Phil) Cardaropoli, nee Mugnolo, was born Dec. 5, 1934, in Melrose Park to father and mother, Vincenzo and Filomena (nee Montano) Mugnolo deceased. Phil was a long-time resident of Melrose Park and her father was the owner of one-time, well-known Mugnolo Bakery on Lake Street. Phil departed this life at the age of 83 on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, in Virginia Beach, Va. She is preceded in death by husband, John Cardaropoli and her siblings Andrew Mugnolo, Sr., Patsy Mugnolo and Mary Del Percio. She is survived by her two daughters, Victoria L. Smolucha (husband Walter) and Cynthia L. Cubillo (husband Francis X.); grandchildren Vincent Smolucha (wife Ann), Jennifer Loots (husband Alan), Francis J. Cubillo and Christina Cubillo (partner Samuel Salazar); great-grandson Raphael Salazar (son of Christina/Sam); many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Phil's last place of residence was at Presence Casa San Carlo Retirement Community. Her final resting place is at Queen Heaven Cemetery. May God rest her soul.

Conforti

Ines O. Conforti. Beloved wife of the late John V.; loving mother of Paul (Susan Record), Anita and Carla Conforti; beloved daughter of the late Anita (Michael) Gattone (nee Zinco) and Luciano Corona; cherished grandmother of Corrine (Joe) Arnold, Kera (Gerson) Garay Quintanilla; cherished great-grandmother of Sonny; dear sister of the late Mary Kay; dear sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven. Member of the Winston Park Women's Club and the Sacred Heart Women's Club.

Del Percio

William Del Percio. Loving father of Gina (Ron) De Angelis, William J. (Kelley), Lisa (Vince) Del Vescovo; beloved son of the late William and the late Antonia Del Percio; fond grandfather of Samantha, Cassie, Gianna, Juline, Jenna and Vinnie; fond great-grandpa of Emma; dear brother of Darlene Del Percio Bowman, Robert (Bella), Joseph, Lou (Janet), Tony (Karen), Denise (Charlie) Feeney. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Del Rio

Francisco R. "Paco" Del Rio. Dearly beloved husband of Irma (nee Cuevas); loving father of Fernando, Francisco "Fabian" and Erika; cherished grandfather of David and Delilah; dear brother, uncle and friend of many; loving master of Shadow. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Private.

Dorio

Peter Dorio. Beloved husband of Michelle (nee Palello); loving father of Stephanie (Thomas) Lowe and Samantha Duffy; cherished papa of Hannah, Kayla and Liam; dear brother of Shirley (the late Tom) Pullia and the late Phyllis (the late William "Billy" Pascente); fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Lasco

Madeline Lasco. Dearly beloved wife of the late Joseph P.; loving mother of Samuel and the late Michael; fond grandmother of Nicole Madeline, Tracy and Michael; great-grandmother of Brayden Cosme and Daniel Delisle; dear sister of the late Isabelle, the late Mary Ann, the late Michael, the late Joseph and the late Rocco; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Pesce

Francesco Pesce, passed away Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017. Beloved husband of Frances (nee Oliva); devoted father of Peter (Sheri-Ann), Michelle (Nathan) Miechle and Steve (Natalie Rose); loving son of the late Pietro and the late Assunta (nee Bronzo); fond grandfather of Halley Nicolo, Francesco, Graziella and Francesca "Frankie"; dear brother of Mario (Eliana), Elio (Lina), Flora (Luigi) Imbrogno and Santina (Giorgio) Carelli; dear uncle of Mary, Louis, Angelo, Roseann and many more. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum.

Pulikowski

Hillard B. Pulikowski, otherwise known as "Ski" age 91, passed away Oct. 18, 2017 at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital from pneumonia and other complications. Mr. Pulikowski was preceded by the death of his beloved wife and sweetheart, Colleen D. Pulikowski (Sensiba). Ski is survived by five children: Sue Ann (Joe) Vercell, Marlene Nicosia, Darlene (Ted) Batwinski, Alan (Gail) Pulikowski, and Sandy (Ron) Arneson. Also, he leaves behind 11 grandchildren, Dawn Soto, Steve Vercell, Misty Coryell, Vanessa Rogalla, Julie Okulanis, Michael Graff, Dana Sobey, Nicholas Pulikowski, Kirby Perkins, Stephanie Flores and Rebecca Arneson. Additionally, leaving behind 18 great-grandchildren with two additional ones on the way he didn't get a chance to meet. Ski will be missed by many, but will never be forgotten. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery.

Ruggiero

Angelo Ruggiero. Dearly beloved husband of Gina (nee Minervini); loving father of Nicholas, Anna Jean (Brian) Flanagan, Richard (Gina), Michael (Diana); fond grandfather of Angelo, Robert, Sarah (Mike) Sherry, Jennifer (Grant) Dawson, Allison Flanagan, Mia, Elisabeth and Anna; great-grandfather of Olivia, Madeleine, Alex and Chloe; dear brother of Lena (the late Dominic) De Benedetto, the late Michael, the late Rose and the late Josephine; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Sabatino

Claudia Sabatino, nee Impastato. Dearly beloved wife of Anthony; loving mother of Anthony (Stephanie), Dominick (Sammie) and Arianna (Nicky) Fiore; fond nonna of Giuliana, Claudia and Marco; dear sister of Patti Ann (Rocky) Simone, Nancy (Mike) Mazzone, Maria (Greg) Gusich and the late Deborah Culotta; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Santoro

Donna M. Santoro, 70, of Chicago, was born on Sept. 12, 1947, to the late Carl Chiariella and late LaVerne Blanco and passed away Oct. 13, 2017. Donna was the loving partner of Phileene "Fe" Evans; caring sister of the late Joseph "Terry" Chiariello; loving family member to the Evans family; compassionate friend to many. Donna was the CEO of Leyden Family Service in Franklin Park, Ill., and Share program. Donna dedicated over 40 years to the mental health and addiction community. Arrangements by Oehler Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Cemetery.

Valli

Livio A. "Lee" Valli, veteran of U.S. Army. Dearly beloved husband of Janet Ann (nee Pojman); loving father of Dina Valli (Angelina Mikrut), Livio A. "Tony" III (Colleen) and Andrew H. (Mercedes Cardenas); cherished papa of Jessica, Livio IV, Joseph, Francis, Valentino, Fontana and Amore; dear brother of the late William "Bill" (Dolores) and the late Rosemary (Robert) Warfield; fond brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment with military honors at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Proud former member of Riverside Country Club and Royal Palm Country Club of Naples, Fla.

Vestuto

John Vestuto. Beloved husband of Barbara (nee Nocco); loving father of Nicole (Frank) De Rosa; cherished grandfather of Capri and Frankie; dear brother of the late Linda (Joe) Genna; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

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

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

The schedule for calendar year 2018 is: Jan. 8 and 22; Feb. 12 and 26; March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23; May 14 and Tuesday, May 29; June 11; July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 10 and 24; Tuesday, Oct. 9 and Oct. 22; Nov. 12 and 26; and Dec. 10 and Wednesday, Dec. 26.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 22, 2017; Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 25, 2017; New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 29, 2017; New Year's Day – Monday, Jan. 1, 2018; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 15, 2018; Presidents Day – Monday, Feb. 19, 2018; Good Friday – Friday, March 30, 2018; Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018; Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2018; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 3, 2018; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 8, 2018; Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 12, 2018; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 23, 2018; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 24, 2018; Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 31, 2018.

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