

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Dear Neighbors,

I feel rejuvenated! After five months of being buried under layers of winter clothing, I was finally able to roll up my sleeves, roll down the car windows, and do my best Frank Sinatra impression as I sang along to some oldies on my amped up radio. The cause of this behavior is the result of a bad case of Spring Fever!

Spring Fever, that condition caused by long Chicago winters and heightened by the first glorious days of spring! You know what I'm talking about, that wonderful feeling that comes over you as the temperature rises, daylight extends, the final mounds of grime covered snow melt, and talk turns to baseball, barbequing, gardening, outdoor activities, and the end of school. But my favorite thing about spring is – it means summer is coming!

Summer is the very best season of all, especially if you live in our village. As always, summer means “party time” in Melrose Park, so mark the following events on your calendar and be ready for lots of food, laughs, and great times. (We will post these events on our village website as the information becomes available):



*Ronald M. Serpico*  
Mayor

**Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – July 9, 10, 11 and 12**

**Taste of Melrose Park – Sept. 4, 5 and 6 – Melrose Park Civic Center**

**Hispanofest – Sept. 11, 12 and 13 – Melrose Park Civic Center**

**St. Charles Borromeo Fest – Sept. 18, 19 and 20 – 1637 N. 37th Ave.**

Spring and summer is also the construction season, with the following village improvement projects due to start or be completed in the next few months:

- The railroad overpass construction project has already begun on 25th Avenue just south of Lake Street. This stretch of 25th Avenue will be closed to traffic until December of 2016. The completion of this project will eliminate slow moving trains that have blocked traffic in the past and more importantly, will allow police and emergency vehicles a much faster response time in crucial situations.
- Phase II of the Division Street Enhancement Project running east of 25th Avenue will continue with the addition of beautiful lighted monuments on 25th Avenue that will serve as the gateway to Division Street.
- On the west end of town, Division will be resurfaced from 31st to 37th avenues.
- More street resurfacing projects are being planned, depending on state funding, and will be announced when finalized.
- The 50/50 Sidewalk Project is accepting applications.  
If you need to replace sections of the public sidewalk in front of your home, please call (708) 343-5128.
- Get your application in for our Public Parkway Tree-planting Program that begins this fall.  
If you want a new tree planted in front of your home, call (708) 343-5128.

And don't forget that our four-legged friends enjoy spring and summer too ... our ever-popular fenced-in dog park located at 13th and Main Street will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily through the fall.

I look forward to seeing all of you at one of our family-friendly events this summer. Uh-oh, time to go and turn up the radio, I hear the Beach Boys calling ... Let's go surfin' now!

Sincerely,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico

**Check Out [www.MelrosePark.org](http://www.MelrosePark.org) to Learn More About Our Community!**



# Village of Melrose Park

**Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor**

**Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk**

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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 Emergency .....911**

**Non-Emergency .....(708) 344-8409**

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

**Fire Emergency .....911**

**Non-Emergency .....(708) 344-1210**

**Public Safety/Homeland Security .....(708) 649-8000**

**Library .....(708) 343-3391**

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

**Building and Code .....(708) 343-4000**

**Civic Center .....(708) 450-0555**

**Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.**

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

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

**Taste of Melrose Park, The Rose Newsletter**

**Dial A Ride .....(708) 343-7047**

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

**Economic Development .....(708) 865-8809**

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Village Board Meetings .....April 24, May 11 and 26, June 8**

**Village Hall Holiday Closing.....May 25**

**Senior Club Meetings .....May 14, June 11**

# Resident Response

## *Dear Mayor Ron Serpico...*

We wish to thank the village and Peggy DiFazio for the senior citizen snow removal service. There comes a time in everyone's life when they have health problems and have to accept help. When the blizzard came, we received automated phone calls telling us when the crew would be at our home to dig us out and dig us out they did as well as two more times since. The service is not only a kindness, but we truly believe life saving.

• Thank you so very much,  
The Benedettos

## *Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...*

During the recent snowstorm on 15th avenue a young man was digging out his car.

Along came a police car and I said to myself "Oh no" I bet he's getting a ticket for being parked on 15th after 3 inches of snow.

Instead, the officer got out of his car with a snow shovel and helped dig him out. I don't know his name but thought you should know of his act of kindness.

• Sincerely,  
Benita Montino Contursi

## *Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...*

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank three of your officers for some good old-fashioned police work they did on behalf of our city.

As you know our area has experienced an increase in gang-related shootings.

In January, while assisting the Franklin Park Police Department in the execution of a search warrant, Melrose Park Lt. Nowicki, Officer Nocita and Officer Bartemio alerted our department of a possible connection to a Northlake shooting.

These officers took the extra steps commonly found in good street level police work that are so often overlooked.

As an old-time cop, I cannot tell you how appreciative I am to see your guys looking out for Northlake. You and I are from a time where this was common. I sure feel good knowing guys like these are still working our area streets.

Please let your officers know that our department surely appreciates the level of professionalism they have shown.

Job well-done!

• Sincerely,  
Norman Nissen, Jr.  
Chief of Police, City of Northlake

## *Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...*

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the following officers for the assistance they rendered during a recent search warrant: Lt. J. Nowicki #9, Sgt. R. Rodriguez #15 and Inv. L. Bartemio #67.

I was present during the beginning stage of the warrant execution and assure you these officers conducted themselves as true professionals. With the assistance of your personnel, guns, ammunition, drugs and suspected illegally obtained cash were recovered.

Please thank them on our behalf.

• Yours Truly,  
Norman Nissen, Jr.  
Chief of Police, City of Northlake



# Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride for Residents



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

This service is available to residents

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

## Policies and Procedures

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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

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

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

**Call (708) 343-7047 for service.**



## Village of Melrose Park Senior Club News

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

## 2015 Meeting Dates

May 14 • June 11 • July 9 • Aug. 13  
Sept. Cancelled • Oct. 8 • Nov. – TBD • Dec. 10

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

## Registration for New Memberships

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

You must be 55 years or older and a Melrose Park resident. Cost is \$10 per year and includes a picture ID. Each meeting cost \$5 per person and includes lunch, informative speakers and more. Preregistration for meetings is required.

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

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

## Senior Services

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

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

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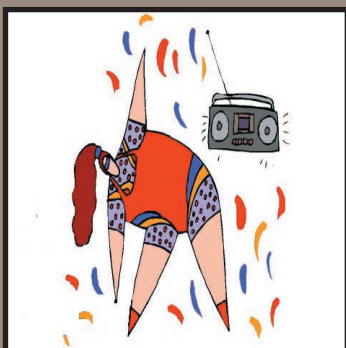
**Fax:** (708) 345-9181

**Email:** [joe@ppsvcs.com](mailto:joe@ppsvcs.com)

**Web:** [www.ppsvcs.com](http://www.ppsvcs.com)



# Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



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

**Monday-Friday • 9-10 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*

## **Garage Sale Notice**



The rules on garage sales held in the village of Melrose Park are as follows:

Garage sales will be held on the third weekend only during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Sales are to be conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the designated weekends. No sales are allowed on Sundays.

The dates for 2015 are May 14-16, June 18-20, July 16-18, Aug. 13-15 and Sept. 17-19.

Garage sales shall be conducted only during the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

No permit is needed for garage sales, however the following rules must be followed:

- No garage sales may be conducted in apartment buildings.
- No garage sales in the frontyard, i.e. on the grass.
- All garage sales to be conducted in backyard, garage or driveway.
- All sale items to be displayed on tables not on the ground.
- No sale items shall be located and no sale activity shall be conducted in the frontyard area on the premises of any public sidewalk, parkway area or other public property.
- No sale signs, handbills or other advertising material shall be located or posted upon public parkway or on public property, signs, poles or light poles within the village of Melrose Park.
- Signs advertising the sales shall not exceed 3-by-5 feet and may be located only in the frontyard (private property) of the address having the garage sale and must be removed immediately after the sale.
- The sale will be conducted without the use of outdoor loud speakers, amplification equipment or illuminated advertising devices.

Any person violating these rules shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.

A copy of the garage sale rules is available at the Village Hall.

# **A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi**



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Melrose Park Police Chief*



## **Be Aware of Gypsy Scams**

Melrose Park Residents,

**Be Aware of Gypsy Scams:**

- These are individuals who prey on unsuspecting seniors.
- They usually travel in teams of two or three men in a pick-up truck or some type of work van.
- They knock on the door and tell the homeowner that they are employees working for the village or contractors who attempt to convince you that your home needs immediate repair.
- Sometimes one man will hold the attention of the homeowner, while the other is searching your home to take cash or your valuables.

**Tips to Remember:**

- You should be aware that all village employees wear uniforms that are marked with village of Melrose Park and drive vehicles that have the village of Melrose Park logo on the sides of the vehicle.
- In addition you should never do business with an unknown contractor. Ask them nicely to please leave your property.
- Never let them in your home.
- Always remember to use common sense.

If you have any questions, call the Police Department immediately, dial 911 or (708) 344-8409 for non-emergencies.

## **Police Department Notice**

**EFFECTIVE NOW THROUGH NOV. 1:**

**Parking is permitted on both sides of the street (weekends only)**

**Fridays 6 p.m. through Mondays 9 a.m.**

**Violators will be ticketed.**

**Be aware that if anyone comes to your door stating they are from the village of Melrose Park Street or Water Department, they should be wearing either jackets or shirts marked with the village of Melrose Park on them, as well as driving vehicles marked with village of Melrose Park. If they are not, do not let them in and call 911 to report this to the police.**

**Report any suspicious person(s) to the Police Department.**

**You do not have to give your name to the dispatcher.**





# Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



*Rick Beltrame  
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

## A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame



## **Melrose Park** **Firemen's Association**

**Annual Golf Outing**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2015**  
**at White Pines Golf Club & Banquets**  
**9:00a.m. "Shotgun Start"**

**Proceeds will be used to make charitable contributions to various organizations. Tickets for this event can be purchased for \$125.00 per golfer.**

**The ticket price includes green fees, cart rental, t-shirt, halfway house snack and lunch.**

**Donors who make donations of \$125 or greater will receive a sponsorship sign with their names posted on tee areas on the course.**

**Please feel free to call us and we will be happy to pick up your donation.**

**Mailed donations can be sent to:  
The Melrose Park Firefighters' Association  
3601 West Lake Street - Melrose Park, Illinois 60160**

**Attn: GOLF OUTING CHAIRMAN  
Please make checks payable to  
the Melrose Park Firefighters Association.**

**Please contact Richie Dalitto at  
708-790-0953 (cell) or at 708-344-1210 (shift 3),  
if you require further assistance  
or to schedule a golf time.**

### **Raffle tickets also available**

**TV's, iPods, Sports Tickets, Much, Much More \$5.00 Per Ticket  
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Drawing: Thursday, June 25, 2015 Winner need not be present**

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Sr. Exercise (Low Impact) by Barb Rubright  
Monday-Friday  
9-10 a.m. • Senior Center

### **MARTIAL ARTS**

Monday-Friday • Residents – \$50, Nonresidents – \$60  
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call (708) 450-0555.

### **ROOM RENTALS**

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Sundays • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

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Security • Use of Kitchen and Ice Machine

**HALL RENTALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE  
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Call (708) 450-0555 for info.

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you may have about your next party or event.

We can accommodate most party requests.

**For more information, call (708) 450-0555.**

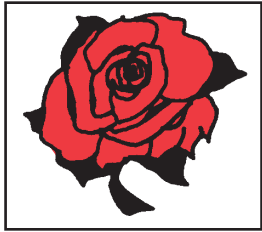
**Summer Hours (Memorial Day-Sept. 30)**

Weekdays – 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Winter Hours (Oct. 1-Memorial Day)**

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





# Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

This winter, the village of Melrose Park employees endurance has been tested again and they have answered the call in the 2014-2015 winter season. Employees faced winter's fury along with daily tasks to keep Melrose Park well maintained, no matter the temperatures or precipitation.

## Division Street Enhancement Project

The Second Phase of the Division Street Enhancement Project will begin late spring, early summer. Lighted monuments will be placed on 25th and Division as the gateway to Division Street Corridor.

## Street Resurfacing

This spring/summer the village of Melrose Park will be resurfacing the following streets:

- Division from 31st to 37th avenues.
- Finalizing plans for additional streets to be resurfaced this spring/summer.

Carson Drive from 25th Avenue to Lake Street was recently resurfaced.

## 25th Avenue Overpass

Relocating utilities are being finalized. Com Ed and Nicor have been relocating all utilities between Lake and St. Charles Road. As of March 2, 2015, 25th Avenue is closed from Lake Street to St. Charles Road and will reopen December 2016.

## Spring Silver Creek Clean Up

The Annual Spring Silver Creek Clean Up will be held on May 2, 2015. All debris, landscape material and garbage will be cleaned up from the creek and around the creek. This yearly cleanup revitalizes the creek and the surrounding area. We are asking volunteers to arrive at 8:30 a.m., to select a location to begin cleanup and pickup instructions. You will be given gloves. We will also have refreshments to begin your morning. All cleanup activities will end at noon when we will celebrate with a luncheon under the concession stand shelter at Bulger Park, 17th Avenue and Hirsch Street, Melrose Park. Rain date: May 9, 2015.

## Fall Tree Planting

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway, we are now compiling a list for fall tree planting. To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

## 50/50 Sidewalk Project

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

## TV Pickup

Please call and make arrangements for pickup before putting your TV out.

## Dog Park

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

**The Public Works employees are always in full force, working to keep the village of Melrose Park clean and well-maintained.**

**If you have a request, please feel free to call**

**Gary M. Marine, director of Public Works at (708) 343-5128.**

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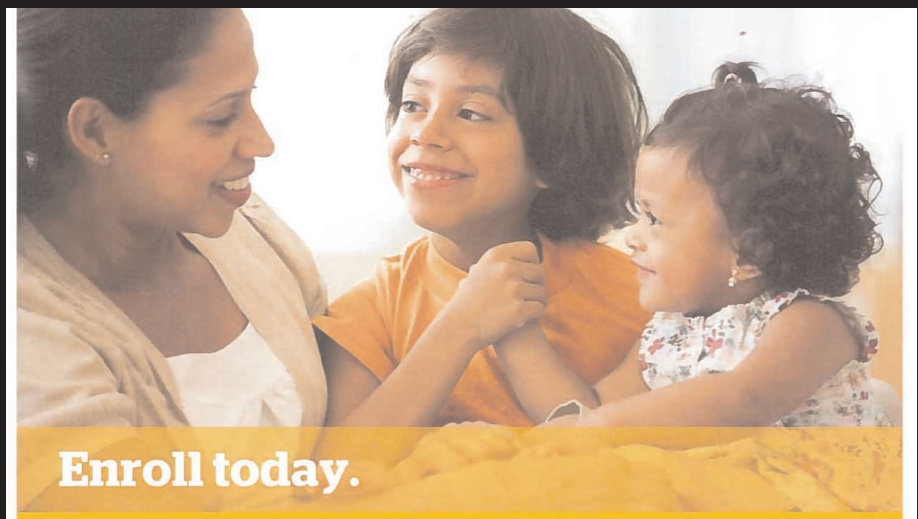
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We welcome pregnant mothers, parents with children age 0-5 years old, and children with disabilities.



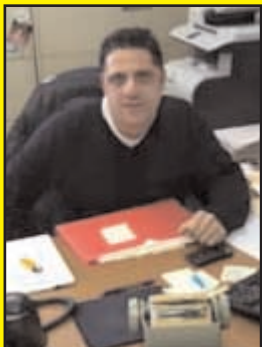
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#### Get in touch.

Presence Behavioral Health  
Call 708-681-2325 x5301  
9855 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154

# From The Office of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner

The warm weather is here and many residents and business owners will be performing construction projects to their homes and businesses.



**Ralph Sorce**  
Building Commissioner

The Building Department of the village of Melrose Park is pleased to see the improvements within our neighborhood. Remember, before starting any construction project; obtain a building permit from the Building Department. All contractors performing work are required to obtain a contractor's license with the village. Rough and final inspections are to be performed to make sure work is being performed to code.

If you are planning to update your home or business, or if you have any questions, please come into the Building Department at 1000 N. 25th Ave., call us at (708) 343-4000 or send an email to [rsorce@melrosepark.org](mailto:rsorce@melrosepark.org).

For your convenience go to [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) to access Building Department forms.

- Debris Hauling Contractor's License Application
- Vacant Property Registration
- Permit Application Page 1
- Permit Application Page 2
- Building Codes
- Certificate of Compliance Application
- Contractors Registration Application
- Electrical Permit Application
- FORM 3500
- Form 4000
- Items Covered in Cert of Compliance Inspection (Sale)
- Sign Application
- Process of Selling a Property
- Vending and Amusement License Application

The village zoning map is available on the home page of the village of Melrose Park website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).

## Help Keep Our Village Clean!

It has been a cold and snowy winter, now that the snow has melted and spring is here, a lot of debris has been uncovered by the long winter. Help keep our village clean by making sure you keep all garbage in your 90 gallon blue garbage container to keep garbage from blowing throughout the neighborhood. The village is proud of the garbage and debris services it provides our residents. Help keep the parkways clean and in the front and rear of your house or building. The village is dedicated to working with and for our citizens – together we can make Melrose Park look even better!

## Flood Map Information Service for Village of Melrose Park

As a public service, the Building Department will provide you with the following information upon request:

- 1 – Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Village of Melrose Park.
- 2 – Additional flood insurance date for a site, such as the FIRM zone, the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or depth, if shown on the FIRM.
- 3 – We have a handout on the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement that applies to people who are getting a federally backed mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA.
- 4 – Access to Elevation Certificates that have been processed in Melrose Park if they exist for a certain property.
- 5 – We have copies of Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs) or Letter of Map Revision (LOMRs) on file in our office.

If you would like to make an inquiry, please have the address and property's legal description available. We are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. You may reach us by telephone at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4470, or send us an email at [rsorce@melrosepark.org](mailto:rsorce@melrosepark.org). You may also inquire in person at the Building Department. Our staff will be willing to assist you any way we can. There is no charge for this service.



## Walk Your Dog at the Village of Melrose Park Dog Park

As a convenience to our residents, the village of Melrose Park and Westlake Hospital have partnered for the dog park at 13th Avenue and Main Street.

All residents are invited to use the facility during hours of operation – 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall months.

Rules and regulations have been posted at the site and individuals must obtain a permit from the village of Melrose Park to utilize the park.

For additional information, please call the village of Melrose Park at (708) 343-4000.





# Important Melrose Park Flood Relief Information



It is that time of year when spring weather can cause havoc with your most prized possession – your home. Arm yourself ahead of time by visiting the following links.

To determine if your house is in a floodplain and eligible for flood insurance:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
Determine\\_if\\_your\\_house\\_is\\_in\\_a\\_floodplain\\_  
and\\_eligible\\_for\\_flood\\_insurance.PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/Determine_if_your_house_is_in_a_floodplain_and_eligible_for_flood_insurance.PDF)

To find out what to do in case your home is flooded:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
What\\_to\\_do\\_in\\_case\\_your\\_home\\_is\\_flooded.PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/What_to_do_in_case_your_home_is_flooded.PDF)

To help prevent flooding in Melrose Park:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
Help\\_prevent\\_flooding\\_in\\_Melrose\\_Park\\_.PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/Help_prevent_flooding_in_Melrose_Park_.PDF)

For a FEMA Registration Flyer on how to apply for disaster relief:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
FEMA\\_REGISTRATION\\_FLYER\(1\)\\_1\).PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/FEMA_REGISTRATION_FLYER(1)_1).PDF)

The following two links give you important information regarding flood insurance regulations, qualifications, floodplain maps, and how to apply.

FEMA Flood Insurance Program:  
<http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/index.shtm>

FEMA Map Service Center:  
[www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/map-service-center](http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/map-service-center)

The following link provides very important information on where to go for disaster assistance when a flood hits and answers many of a homeowner's questions regarding disaster assistance.

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>



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For More Information**

# **(708) 498-4410**

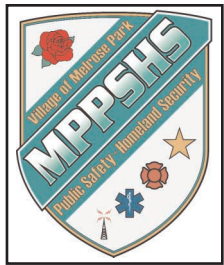
[www.allkidsdentalcenter.com](http://www.allkidsdentalcenter.com)

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# Melrose Park Public Safety News

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



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

## Lightning: What You Need to Know

- No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

### Indoor Lightning Safety

- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

### Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby the following actions may reduce your risk:

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks.
- Never lie flat on the ground.
- Never shelter under an isolated tree.
- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.).

## Lightning Safety Myths and Facts

**Myth:** Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

**Fact:** Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit nearly 100 times a year.

**Myth:** If it's not raining or there aren't clouds overhead, you're safe from lightning.

**Fact:** Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. "Bolts from the blue" can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm.

**Myth:** Rubber tires on a car protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground.

**Fact:** Most cars are safe from lightning, but it is the metal roof and metal sides that protect you, not the rubber tires. Remember, convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning. When lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Don't lean on doors during a thunderstorm.

**Myth:** A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch them, you'll be electrocuted.

**Fact:** The human body does not store electricity. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give them first aid. This is the most chilling of lightning Myths. Imagine if someone died because people were afraid to give CPR!

**Myth:** If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

**Fact:** Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties. Better to get wet than fried!

**Myth:** If you are in a house, you are 100 percent safe from lightning.

**Fact:** A house is a safe place to be during a thunderstorm as long as you avoid anything that conducts electricity. This means staying off corded phones, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, computers, plumbing, metal doors and windows. Windows are hazardous for two reasons: wind generated during a thunderstorm can blow objects into the window, breaking it and causing glass to shatter and second, in older homes, in rare instances, lightning can come in cracks in the sides of windows.

**Myth:** If thunderstorms threaten while you are outside playing a game, it is okay to finish it before seeking shelter.

**Fact:** Many lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough. No game is worth death or lifelong injuries. Seek proper shelter immediately if you hear thunder. Adults are responsible for the safety of children.



**Myth:** Structures with metal, or metal on the body (jewelry, cell phones, Mp3 players, watches, etc.), attract lightning.

**Fact:** Height, pointy shape and isolation are the dominant factors controlling where a lightning bolt will strike. The presence of metal makes absolutely no difference on where lightning strikes. Mountains are made of stone but get struck by lightning many times a year. When lightning threatens, take proper protective action immediately by seeking a safe shelter – don't waste time removing metal. While metal does not attract lightning, it does conduct it so stay away from metal fences, railings, bleachers, etc.

**Myth:** If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, I should lie flat on the ground.

**Fact:** Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

# Tornados

## Before a Tornado

Know the terms used to describe tornado threats.

**Tornado Watch – Tornados are possible.** Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter. If you see any rotating funnel-shaped clouds, report them immediately by telephone to your local law enforcement agency. If you live in a mobile home, this is the time to move to a more substantial structure.

**Tornado Warning – A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.** Take shelter. Turn on a battery-operated radio or television and wait for the "all clear" announcement by authorities. Determine the best location in your home and office to seek shelter when threatened by a tornado. A basement or cellar will usually afford the best protection. If an underground shelter is not available, identify an interior room or hallway on the lowest level. Conduct periodic tornado safety drills with your family.

**During a Tornado – Take the following actions when a Tornado Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, when sirens have been activated or when a tornado has been sighted near your area.**

**At Home –** Go at once to your predetermined shelter (storm cellar, basement or the lowest level of the building). In a basement, go under the stairs, under a heavy piece of furniture or a workbench. Stay there until the danger has passed. If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a small inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.

Go to the center of the room. Outside windows and walls may be penetrated by high speed, wind-borne missiles.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, such as a workbench or heavy table, and hold onto it.

Use pillows, mattresses or cushions to protect your head and neck.

If in a mobile home, get out and seek shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie down the unit. If there isn't a substantial shelter nearby, seek shelter in a low-lying area. Shield your head with your hands.

**In a School, Nursing Home, Hospital, Shopping Center or at Work –** Go to the designated storm shelter, basement or to an inside hallway on the lowest level.

Avoid places with wide-span roofs, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums and large hallways. Stay away from windows and open spaces.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold onto it. If sturdy furniture is not available, make yourself the smallest target possible. Squat low to the ground. Put your head down and cover your head and neck with your hands.

If in a high-rise building, go to small, interior rooms or hallways on the lowest level possible and seek protection as detailed above. Stay away from windows and outside walls.

Learn how to shut off the utilities to your home. Decide how and where your family will reunite.

If you live in a mobile home, identify a safe shelter outside of your mobile home such as a community park shelter, a neighbor or friend's house, or a nearby public building.

In a mobile home, consider installation of an underground shelter that is large enough to accommodate you, your family or several other nearby mobile home residents.

Consider retrofitting your house with special fasteners, connectors and reinforcing bands to strengthen the structural integrity. Also, consider installing a reinforced concrete and steel "safe room" as a small room within your house, or excavated and installed beneath your garage floor.

**In a Vehicle –** Never try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. Heavy rain, hail and traffic may impede your movement. Tornados can change directions quickly and can easily lift up a vehicle and toss it through the air.

Get out of the vehicle immediately and try to take shelter in a nearby building. Do not park under a bridge or underpass.

If there isn't time to get indoors, get out of the vehicle and lie in a ditch, culvert or low-lying area away from the vehicle.





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**Don't have a device?** That's ok, come watch the demo and we'll show you how you too can take advantage of all the library's resources. Each month we'll give a demonstration on a featured topic and then feel free to ask questions about using your device and the library's resources.

## Third Thursday of Every Month

	Featured Demo
April	Learn about the New SWAN Catalog
May	Download Music and Stream Movies using Freegal
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2015  
Adult Summer  
Reading Program  
Sign up in June!

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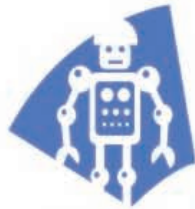
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## Youth Services

### Arts & Crafts

The library is hosting a monthly craft event for kids in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> to make a special treasure to take home. Crafts are limited to 15 kids; be sure to register early to reserve your spot! *Thursdays, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 p.m.*



### Ready! Set! TECH!

Join our new monthly club and have fun experimenting with our amazing new tech toys and gadgets! Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

*Tuesdays, Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

### Excellent Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day 2015! We'll learn all about our extraordinary planet, dig in and plant some seeds, and make an earth-tastic craft. Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>. *Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m.*



### Pajama Storytime

Bring your family to the library for a quiet storytime just before bed! Families with children ages 7 and under can come to the library in their pajamas.

*Tuesdays, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:30 p.m.*



### Teen Book Club

Read, talk about books, and socialize and make cool stuff! Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. *Tuesdays, Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 p.m.*



### Tween Book Club

Come and join the new tween club! We'll choose some amazing books to read, rate our favorites, and have great fun talking all about them. Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

*Wednesdays, Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

### Ninjas and Princesses

Unleash your inner ninja or princess! Come in for some action-packed and royal adventure stories, exciting activities, and awesome craft. Ages 3-7. *Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 p.m.*



### Act it Out!

Do you like to perform? Join us for an afternoon of fun and engaging theater games! We'll also do a theater-focused craft! Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. *Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m.*



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



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## Lego Club

Calling all builders! Come into the library and let your imagination go wild. We'll make some incredible Lego creations. Kids in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend; kids ages 3-5 must attend with a parent.

*Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

## Family Movie Night

Spend an exciting evening at the library with your family and friends, watching a special movie and enjoying some snacks! For all ages.

*Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m.*



## Stay and Play

Join our lively and interactive playtime for great fun with books, music, puzzles and toys. For families with children 5 years old or younger.

*Thursdays — from 10:00-11:00 a.m.*



**COMING IN JUNE!**

## The Melrose Park Public Library's 2015 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our theme this year for children is "Every Hero has a Story." The teen theme is "Unmask!"

How the Program works:

1. The reading program runs for six weeks, from June 15th through July 27th, for children and teens ages 3 to 18.
2. Registration begins on June 8th.
3. You'll receive a reading log to record what you read this summer. After you complete your weekly reading, bring your log back into the library and receive some super special prizes and raffle tickets.
4. We'll be offering a variety of programs for all ages, give-aways, and contests all summer, so pick up a monthly brochure of events and drop in often!
5. Everyone who participates will be invited to our amazing "End of Summer Reading Celebration".

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**It's Time to Register!**

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# **Summer**



# **Camp Fun**

**For children 4-7 years of age!**

**Camp runs Mon., Wed. & Fri., June 15-Mid August • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

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

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

**\$125 per child (Melrose Park residents).**

**Nonresidents Fee – \$450 Per Child**

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





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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

# Melrose Park Residents Living in a Designated Flood Plain Will Soon Be Eligible for a 10 Percent Discount on Their Flood Insurance Premium Payments

After two years of continuous hard work by Building Department Commissioner Ralph Sorce and his staff, Melrose Park achieved a class 8 rating through the National Flood Insurance Program resulting in a 10 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for residents starting Oct. 1, 2015.

The National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System is a voluntary incentive program that encourages community flood plain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Going above and beyond the minimum requirements result in discounted flood insurance premium rates based on reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood damage to insurable property.
2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP.
3. Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

A community accrues points to improve its CRS Class rating and receive increasingly higher discounts. Points are awarded for engaging in any of 19 creditable activities, organized under four categories:

- Public information.
- Mapping and regulations.
- Flood damage reduction.
- Warning and response.

In 2012, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources conducted a community assistance visit with the village of Melrose Park. It was found that the village was in full compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and Office of Water Resources floodplain management requirements, and became eligible to apply for the CRS program that resulted in future discounts on flood insurance for Melrose Park residents.

Mayor Serpico stated, "The commitment of Commissioner Sorce and his staff to this project is exactly what government should be doing, which is advocating for programs that improve the quality of life for its residents. Thank you Commissioner Sorce and staff for a job well done."

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# El día del niño

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Sábado 25 de abril  
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**Comuníquese**  
Para obtener más información, llame a Patricia Camarena al **708.786.8540**.  
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# The day of the child

A healthy family is a happy family. Come celebrate.

Saturday, April 25  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Village of Melrose Park  
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**Fun for all** including raffle, piñatas, and prizes.

**Health screenings** to measure glucose, cholesterol, vision, blood pressure, prostate cancer, bone density, and hearing.

**Free services** including dental cleanings for children under 18 years old, haircuts, developmental evaluations, 15-minute fitness session, and depression screenings.

**Refreshments** that are healthy and delicious.

**Special thanks** to Westlake Hospital, Family Focus Nuestra Familia, Ballet Folklorico Sones Mexicanos, All Kids Dental and Orthodontics, School District 89, PAEC and Veterans Park District.

## Get in touch.

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**Friday, Saturday,  
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## **Crafters Wanted!**

*The Taste of Melrose Park is  
looking for homemade crafters  
to participate in this year's  
big event! Space is limited.*

*Interested parties, please send an email to  
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# **The 34th Annual Taste of Melrose Park Wants You!**

## **We're Looking for VOLUNTEERS to Be a Part of a Great Weekend.**

Mayor Serpico and the Taste of Melrose Park are seeking volunteers to help support this year's big event and we appreciate any assistance you can provide over the three-day festival.

All volunteers receive a 2015 Taste of Melrose Park T-shirt and we're sure you'll have plenty of fun!

To volunteer, please complete the  
Taste of Melrose Park Volunteer Form and mail it to:

Taste of Melrose Park, Attn: Jennifer McMillan,  
1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

Interested parties, please respond before Aug. 1, 2015.

### **Mayor Serpico and the Taste of Melrose Park Volunteer Form**

Please print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply.

I am available to work: ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

I would like to volunteer for:

☐ Ticket Booth ☐ Bingo ☐ Beverage Stand



**For more information, call Jennifer at  
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# 34th Annual Taste of Melrose Park

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 4**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 5**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 6**



6:30-7:30 p.m. • Johnny Maggio  
8:30-10:30 p.m. • Hot Rocks  
Rolling Stones Tribute

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Tony Caponi  
8-10:30 p.m. • Bill Croft & 5 Alarm

6:30 p.m. -? • Karaoke-Greg Rini  
8-10:30 p.m. • The Nostalgics

### WINSTON PLAZA MAIN STAGE

6-7:45 p.m. • The Vinyl Highway Band  
8:30-10:30 p.m. • CHICAGO 6 ('85 Bears)  
Dan Hampton, Otis Wilson, Steve McMichael

### MEIJER STAGE

6-7:30 p.m. • Jimmy Night Club  
8:30-10:30 p.m. • Dueling Pianos

### PERONI GARDEN

5:30 p.m.-? • Karaoke-Greg Rini  
6-7:15 p.m. • Romeo Bros.  
8:15-10:45 p.m. • R-Gang

### MAIN DRIVE

4-5 p.m. • Jesse White Tumblers

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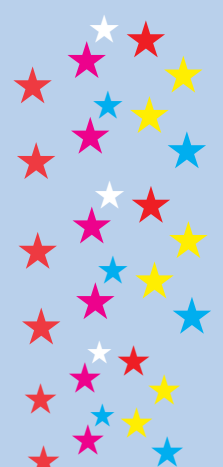
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6-6:45 p.m. • Danny Fox  
7:15-9:45 p.m. • American English

5:30-7 p.m. • The Other 3 Tenors  
7:30-9:30 p.m. • DeJaVu

4:30-6 p.m. • Jimmy Nite Club  
6 p.m.-? • Karaoke-Greg Rini  
6:30-9:30 • R-Gang

2:30-3:30 p.m. • Jesse White Tumblers  
4-5 p.m. • Pipes & Drums of Emerald Society



**SUNDAY, SEPT. 6 – FIREWORKS DISPLAY • 10:15 P.M.**



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# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### Senior Happenings

#### Saugatuck, Michigan

Welcome aboard an authentic sternwheeler (paddle boat) The Star of Saugatuck. The one-hour cruise is on the scenic Kalamazoo River and enters majestic Lake Michigan. A live narration tells about the local lore and the rich maritime history of the area. You'll pass by historic Singapore – a lumbering town buried under Lake Michigan's living dunes. The cruise offers many photographic opportunities as river life is abundant. The fun won't stop there – lunch is at The Mermaid Bar & Grill where you will enjoy a meal at the scenic dockside. There will be a choice of three favorite entrées and a cold drink. Entrée choices are Philly Cheese Steak sandwich, smothered in sweet bell peppers, onions and a chipotle Ranch sauce, served on a freshly baked Ciabatta roll and fries, crunchy chicken salad, organic baby greens tossed with a honey-blue dressing topped with southern style chicken breast, smoky bacon, Roma tomatoes, scalions, blue cheese crumbles and crispy rice noodles, traditional fish & chips, beer-battered, tavern-style mild fish fillets served with crispy fries, coleslaw and malt vinegar. After lunch and cruise, there will be time to browse at a few of the unique shops and enjoy an ice cream for dessert.

- Tuesday, June 9/Departs at 7 a.m./Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park – Departs at 7:15 a.m./Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake – Fee: \$70 per person.

#### Lake Geneva Lunch Cruise

Lake Geneva is one of the premiere attractions of the summer. We will board the Grand Belle for a unique dining experience. You will be served a lovely lunch including grilled boneless chicken breast served with a fresh cranberry and raspberry puree, fresh fruit platter, chef vegetables fresh rolls and dessert, coffee or tea. After lunch the captain will narrate the historic tour. After the lunch/cruise you will have time to browse around the town of Lake Geneva. Before heading home we like to stop at the Lake Geneva Pie Co.

- Friday, July 10/Departs at 9 a.m./Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park – Departs at 9:15 a.m./Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake – Fee: \$ 60 per person.

#### Bunko & Pizza

We are gathering together with friends to play games of Bunko for prizes and lots of fun. Award-winning pizza, donuts, coffee and pop will be served. Sign up and join the fun. Prizes awarded for the highest points. Located at George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park. \$8 per person per visit.

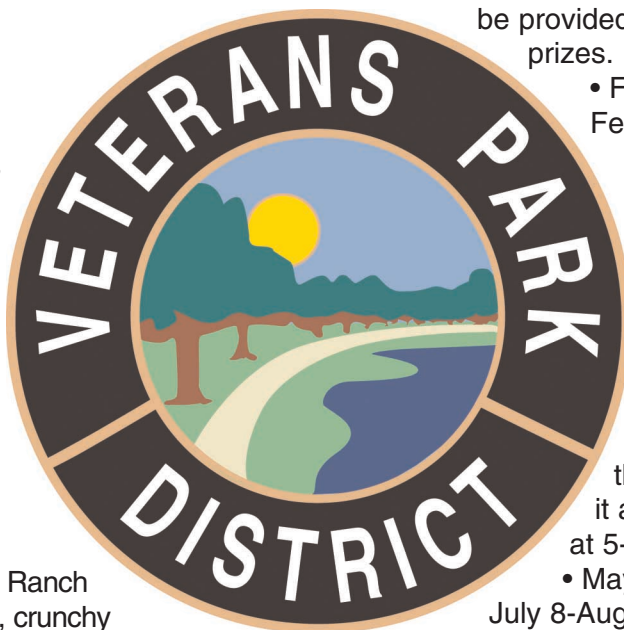
- Mondays/11-1 p.m. – June 15/July 27/August 17.

#### OUI' OUI' (we we) French Bingo

Oui Oui, Paris in the springtime will be a good theme for this French Bingo. Your choice of French croissant sandwich, stuffed with your choice of chicken salad, ham and Swiss or turkey and cheese. Included with the French sandwiches will be pasta salad, fresh fruit and a gooey French dessert. Cold beverages including a Frenchy drink, hot coffee and tea will

be provided for you. Following the lunch we will play Bingo for prizes.

- Friday, June 5/Noon-2 p.m./Grant Park/ Fee: \$10 per person.



### Youth Sports

#### VPD Hitting Class/Ages 6-12

Calling all baseball and softball players! Individual players can sign up for this program and show us their stuff in this instructor led, batting instruction based class. We will have our batting cages set up and tees lined up for you. All we ask is you come with your bat and a lot of energy. We will run you through rapid rotations in the cage and drills outside of it all with the aim of improving your skills. Wednesdays at 5-6 p.m. at Leoni Complex.

- May 20-June 24/\$30 In District/\$35 Out of District – July 8-Aug. 12/\$30 In District/\$35 Out of District.

#### VPD Fielding Class NEW!/Ages 6-12

Veterans Park District is excited to offer a new class for anyone interested in improving their fielding skills. All baseball and softball players are invited to join our instructors in a drill-based and skill-focused class which will improve your overall performance while having a ton of fun! All we ask is you come with your glove and a lot of energy. Come out and join us and see if you can be the next Gold Glove winner! Wednesdays at 6-7 p.m. at Leoni Complex.

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### Softball & Bocce Ball Tournament

#### VPD Summer Tournament Men's 16" and Co-ed 14"

#### Annual Softball Tournaments

#### Thursday, July 30-Sunday, Aug. 2

Veterans Park District will host its Annual Softball Tournament at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park. We are looking for Men's 16" and Co-ed 14" softball teams to participate in each tournament. Team spots fill up fast for this yearly event so register your team now and don't miss this action-packed weekend of softball, food and drinks (Alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

- A deposit is required to hold your spot or you can pay the fee in full.
- Registration will be taken throughout the spring and early summer.
- Monetary prizes and trophies will be awarded to all winning teams of each tournament. Game times to be announced.
- Captains meeting: Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St, Melrose Park – Men's: 7 p.m., Thursday, July 16 – Co-ed: 8 p.m., Thursday, July 16.
- Nonrefundable deposit: \$100 (applied towards balance).
- First-come, first-served. • Fee: \$200 (must be in by date of captain's meeting). Late Fee: \$50 will be assessed to any team that has not paid the full tournament fee by the captain's meeting on Thursday, July 16. Any team incurring a late fee must pay the entire tournament fee (including the late fee) by 10 p.m., Friday, July 24.

For more information or to register, contact Roy Rodriguez at (708) 343-5270.



## Bocce Ball Tournament

Saturday, Aug. 1-Sunday, Aug. 2

11 a.m. at Bocce Courts off Lemoyne Street

Join Veterans Park District as we celebrate the tradition of bocce ball, a game that can be enjoyed by all ages. Sign up your team for the 2015 tournament now! There must be two players on a team. Court times will be assigned the day of the tournament. Start time is at noon. Match times to be announced. Pre-registration required. We average over 12 teams each year!

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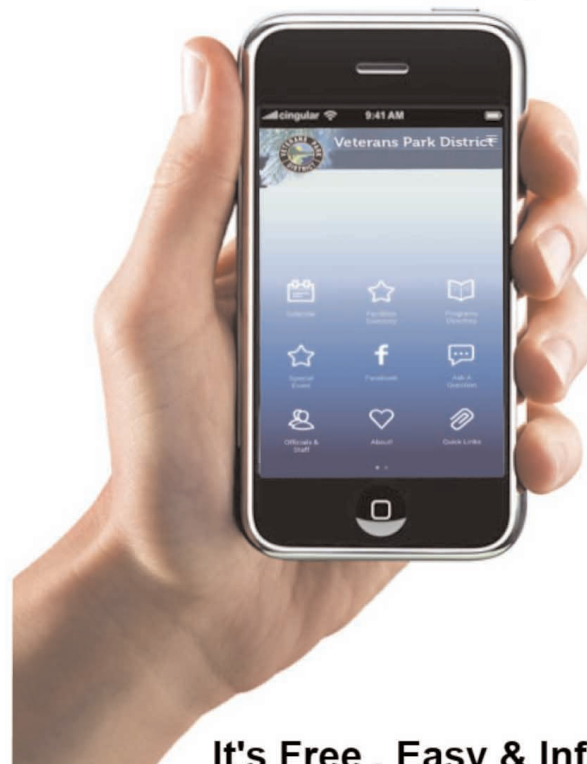
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## Job Posting

**Job Title:** Cleaning Specialist  
**Department:** N/A  
**Reports To:** General Manager  
**Last Modified:** 2015-01-19

### Job Summary

- Performs routine manual tasks in maintaining the cleanliness, sanitary conditions and appearance of company buildings and institutions.

### General Accountabilities

- Cleans bathrooms, offices, hallways and any other assigned areas by sweeping, mopping, scrubbing and polishing.
- Disposes of infectious waste when assigned.
- Empties and decontaminates trash containers.
- Moves, rearranges and dusts furniture and fixtures.
- Mixes or blends routine cleaning solutions to proper concentrations as necessary for various tasks.
- Cleans and waxes floors using industrial-size mops and/or machines.
- Strips and polishes floors using buffing machines.
- Washes blinds, windows, and walls with prescribed solutions.
- Operates wet/dry vacuum for cleaning and shampooing carpeted areas.
- Maintains equipment; reports needs for vacuuming, mopping, and cleaning appliances and fixtures.

- Replaces light bulbs and/or reports safety hazards to supervisor.
- Performs custodial related duties necessary to maintain cleanliness and sanitary conditions.
- Performs many varied custodial tasks necessary for the upkeep of buildings and grounds.
- Performs other related duties as assigned or requested.

### Skills

- Detail Oriented
- Preferred Education: High School
- Preferred Experience: 1 Year
- General clerical experience

**Minimum Experience:** 0-6 months **Minimum Field of Expertise:**

### Physical Demands

- Occasionally required to walk.
- Occasionally required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel.
- Occasionally required to reach with hands and arms.
- Occasionally required to talk or hear.
- Occasionally required to bend, lift or climb
- Occasionally required to lift light weights (less than 25 pounds)
- Occasionally required to lift moderate weights (25-50 pounds)
- Occasionally required to lift heavy weights (50 pounds or greater)
- Finger dexterity required.
- Hand coordination required.
- Specific vision abilities required for this job include: close vision, distance vision, ability to adjust or focus.

### Work Environment

- Exposure to adverse conditions.
- Exposure to extreme heat.
- Exposure to extreme cold.
- Exposure to wet and/or humid conditions
- Exposure to moving mechanical parts
- Exposure to outside weather conditions
- Protective clothing or equipment is required including: gloves, protective eyewear.

**For additional details, please call (630) 267-0015.**



# Registration for Summer 2015 Classes is Now Open at Triton College

Students can make the most of their summer by taking advantage of Triton College's reasonable tuition rates while moving ahead toward their degree.

Summer 2015 registration is currently open at Triton College, which offers a large selection of summer classes, including accounting, biology, calculus and analytical geometry, chemistry, economics, English, history, psychology, rhetoric, sociology and more.

Placement tests and new student orientation requirements will be waived for qualifying guest students. Students can earn college credits in an intimate learning environment that will easily transfer to their home institution.

Online courses are also available at in-district tuition rates.

Class start dates are as follows:

- First five-week session: May 26-June 26
- Eight-week session: June 8-July 31
- Second five-week session: June 29-July 31

For more information, visit [www.triton.edu/smartsummer](http://www.triton.edu/smartsummer), or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

## Triton College Achieves Highest Statewide Level for Sustainability

Triton College is proud to announce that it was awarded the highest level of achievement by the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact. The college received a GOLD-level status for its increased actions in practicing and encouraging sustainability on its River Grove campus.

In 2013, Triton College received the Bronze-level of achievement from the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact (ICSC), and after recent green changes around campus, including the installation of solar panels and the

adoption of a Sustainability Planning Guide, the college submitted an application to be recognized as Gold status, which was granted earlier this year.

A representative from the Illinois Sustainability Technology Institute will present the Gold-level award at the Triton College Board of Trustees meeting on April 21.

"We are extremely honored to be the recipient of this prestigious award for what we consider to be a campus priority," said Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore. "Sustainability has and will continue to play an important role in our work toward student success and empowering our community."

A multitude of departments and individuals have contributed to Triton's Gold-level award, which was led by Triton's Sustainability Center. Specific sustainability initiatives the campus has accomplished include:

- Adopting an institutional Sustainability Planning Guide.
- Setting up an accessible webpage through the Triton College website.
- Developing actionable goals to increase sustainability practices across departments.
- Implementing sustainability education requirements for Triton's students.
- Providing opportunities for students to get involved with campus sustainability initiatives.
- Forming sustainability partnerships with other schools and organizations.
- Installing solar panels that in turn will serve as an educational tool for students.

For more information, visit [www.triton.edu/sustainability](http://www.triton.edu/sustainability) or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3578.

## Former Chicago Bulls Player Bob Love to Talk About Business and Basketball

Retired Chicago Bulls star player Bob Love will be on the Triton College campus on Wednesday, April 22, to speak at the college's School of



Bob Love

Business Executive Series, where he'll discuss his educational and career path to the Director of Community Affairs for the Chicago Bulls, while also offering advice to give individuals an "alley-oop" on their future plans.

The Executive Series is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, in Room B-130 of the Student Center (B Building). The ongoing series is intended to inspire and encourage individuals to think about academic and career paths that can

help prepare them to compete in today's job market.



Love's NBA career spanned 11 years, with eight of those seasons with the Chicago Bulls. He had a monumental and memorable career with the Bulls team. He is a three-time NBA All-Star and is ranked third on the Bulls' all-time scoring list with 12,623 points. On Jan. 14, 1994, Love became the second Chicago Bull to have his jersey (No. 10) retired.

Today, he serves the Chicago Bulls franchise in a different capacity as director of Community Affairs/Goodwill Ambassador, representing the organization at various functions throughout Chicagoland. Additionally, he serves on the board of the National Brain Injury Association of Illinois and is the honorary spokesperson for the National Stuttering Federation of America. He also released a documentary about his life titled, *Find Yourself a Dream: The Bob Love Story*, spurring him to travel across the country to speak to audiences about the film that documents his struggles to overcome adversity and his stuttering disability to make his dreams come true.

Love, a native of Bastrop, La., attended Southern University in the same state and has been awarded honorary doctoral degrees from Carthage College (Humanities) and the University of Rhode Island (Law).

Seating is limited for this free event

For more information about the Executive Series or to reserve a seat, contact Iris Pulido at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3219, or visit [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu).

## About Triton College

Triton College is one of the nation's premier two-year institutions of higher educa-

tion dedicated to student success. Located 14 miles from downtown Chicago, in River Grove, the school offers close to 100 degree and certificate programs at its 100-acre campus that features state-of-the-art facilities, a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. More than 12,000 students enroll at Triton each year to take advantage of Triton's small, accessible classes, qualified faculty, affordability and financial assistance. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; member, North Central Association.

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# Register Now! Triton College Foundation 18th Annual Golf Outing

**Wednesday, June 17**

**White Pines Golf Club • Bensenville**

**Individual Golfers – \$135  
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and name/logo on promotional material for event.

It's that time again! The Triton College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization will host its 18th annual golf outing



on Wednesday, June 17, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. The event, open to novice and skilled golfers alike, will kick off at 10 a.m., with an 18-hole round of golf, golf carts, goodie bags, lunch, dinner and prizes.

Golfers may register as individuals for \$135 per person or as a foursome for \$540. Exclusive

Friend of the Foundation, corporate, par and hole sponsorships are also available. Sponsorships begin at \$200.

The Foundation also is accepting raffle prizes.

Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

All proceeds from the annual golf outing will benefit the Triton Foundation Scholarship Fund.

**To register for the event or to become a sponsor, contact the Triton College Foundation for details!**

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# Donations are Currently Being Accepted for the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Archives

In January 2012 the Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel announced a historical event: the formation of a long overdue parish archive. The mission in creating a parish archive was fourfold:

- 1) To locate whatever available documents and memorabilia was left by previous generations, with the hope of uncovering outright treasures from the past, or usable data to build upon.
- 2) To evaluate, catalogue, and preserve all that is donated by individual parishioners, by the various parish societies and organizations, by the public, and by former parishioners that have moved out of town.
- 3) To facilitate and encourage the documentation of significant parish events of the present, for many of the records created and maintained today will become our historical collective memory of tomorrow.
- 4) To eventually create a permanent historical exhibit for all to enjoy.



Due to the fact that there existed no assigned and secure space to serve as a depository to encourage the preservation of material documenting the development of our parish, very little remains for us of its early years. Most likely, after the owners of the treasured documents departed, the bulk of their material was discarded by those that survived them. Let us act today, and keep this unfortunate scenario from taking place tomorrow.

The success of our archive depends on how much interest, assistance, suggestions and material our parishioners are able to provide. And while your participation is critical to the new archive by donating material that you own, and in seeking material from people that you know, it does not require a lot of your time, nor does it require long-term involvement. Convince others that now, for the first time, we can assure everyone that what they donate to the parish archive will be as safe as it has been in their own home, and will remain so for generations to come. This is a time of commitment for all of us to record the history of our parish going back to the arrival of the revered Our Lady of Mount Carmel statue in 1894, the erection of a wooden chapel at 908-910 N. 24th Avenue in 1895, followed by its designation as the official parish church of Melrose Park in May 1903.

Postponing doing something usually results in its demise; therefore you need to react promptly. You need to consider the historical value of this initiative and participate with dedication and determination.

How can you help? Examine those forgotten cardboard boxes residing in closets, basements and attics for any type of memorabilia, correspondence, printed material, newspaper articles, old church bulletins, photos, slides, film, videos, old certificates, flyers of past events, etc. Also, seek relevant information such as the names and dates of members of the various parish societies and organizations, the names of our pastors and clergy, and the names of the nuns and priests who actually were born in Melrose Park and graduated from our grammar school. And most importantly, information relating to the genealogy of our predecessors who played a pivotal historical and religious role in the history of our parish, such as relatives and families of the foundress of our church, Emanuela De Stefano; this would be invaluable.

To help, you need to put down on paper what you yourself remember and what you have heard from your parents and older relatives, for in doing so you will honor their memory. Another way of seriously committing to help would be to contact your friends and relatives, including those that have moved out of town, and who might still be coming back to participate in our yearly Feast. Tell them about our new archive, give them this article and ask them if they have anything to donate, such as pictures that captured events in our 1908 church, such as feasts and weddings or items salvaged when the church itself was demolished in 1966. Perhaps you can convince them to put in writing details or simple personal stories, recalling what they remember or heard of the early Feasts, our nuns, priests and pastors, our churches, rural Melrose Park or what they recall hearing from their parents and older relatives. Recording verbal information from those older than you might open new windows into forgotten areas. If so requested, the archive can make copies of material that people entrust to us and we can then return the originals to the owner; please do not write on the originals, rather make all notations on a separate piece of paper.

Handwritten contributions need not be in some elegant format, nor do they have to read like a novel; they simply need to be informative and legible. Your story could relate to something quaint or something important. It could describe segments of your personal story growing up and maturing in Melrose Park or recall the early years of our parish that you heard from your grandparents. But this is a task that cannot be done effectively in one sitting.

For those managing and sustaining the archive, their involvement and work has no end. You can help them by looking for dormant material, but also by providing information obtained through actual personal research, by interacting with others that you know and by offering relevant suggestions and information. They are counting on you.

This archive initiative is not a one- or two-person effort. It requires the cooperation and help of others, especially older parishioners who might be able to provide material and information essential in writing our unique story – a story born out of strong ethnic traditions and profound devotion to La Madonna del Carmine, which has remained undiminished for the past 120 years. The driving force for all of us is the unwavering devotion to the Mother of God, a personal tribute to our immigrant ancestors and a desire to lay out a path for the next generation to follow.

The archive is managed by our parishioner, Victor Nicodemo. You can reach Victor at (708) 681-3818. Also, you can mail or hand-deliver documents to the parish rectory in a manila envelope identified as “OLMC Archive;” please include your name, address and phone number. We thank you for any help that you can provide.



# A Message from Kathleen Willis

**Illinois State Representative • 77th District**

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## Willis Hosts Community Meeting to Discuss Education Issues

In an effort to provide an update about legislation concerning education that has been discussed in Springfield this legislative session and to gather constituent feedback, state Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) hosted a community meeting at her district office with local education professionals from nearby school districts.

"Hosting regular community meetings concerning education is one of the best ways I can make sure I am best representing the interests of my constituents and local school districts," Willis said.

Much of the conversation at the meeting concerned the difficult financial situation of the state and how it is impacting area schools. Willis, who serves on the Elementary and Secondary Education Curriculum and Higher Education committees, also provided updates on proposed changes to school instruction policies and programs aimed at preparing young people for college.

"As a former school board member, I know the importance of collaboration amongst elected officials, educators, when tackling the difficult issues facing the state of public education in our communities, and I encourage anyone who has a particular concern about our school system to share their thoughts," Willis added.

## Willis Joins Push to Bring Overdose Medicine into Schools

In an effort to protect children from death due to an opiate overdose, state Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) has joined a bi-partisan effort in Springfield in sponsoring legislation to allow for school nurses to become trained to administer a drug known as Narcan to overdose victims.

"As the heroin epidemic in our communities continues to claim young lives, we need to make sure that we have the tools available to combat this deadly drug," said Willis. "This legislation is a common sense measure to put a tested and effective antidote into the hands of trained personnel who will be able to respond quickly when emergencies arises."

Currently, school nurses are allowed to administer epi-pens and asthma medication in the case of an emergency. Under proposed legislation, school nurses will be allowed to administer the drug Narcan when an overdose occurs and school districts will be allowed to maintain a supply to have on hand.

DuPage County and surrounding communities have seen a dramatic increase in drug use amongst adolescents in recent years. This spike in drug use has resulted in efforts on behalf of law enforcement, parents, and educators to combat the growing risks. Recently, police departments in DuPage have begun equipping patrolmen with the Narcan drug. The measure of putting the drug in the hands of police officers is credited by DuPage County with saving 40 lives since November 2013.

In addition to DuPage residents joining together to find solutions to the drug epidemic, the Illinois General Assembly recently formed the bi-partisan Committee on Substance Abuse, of which Willis is a member. The committee will be tasked with holding hearings and offering recommendations to more measures that can be taken to combat the growing threat of drugs.

"I'm eager to get to work to put a stop to the tragic deaths that have been needlessly occurring in our communities," said Willis. "This legislation is the first step in an effort to make sure we have the right resources in place to keep our children safe."

## Rep. Willis and Addison Park District to Host Free Recycling and Paper Shred Day

As part of her continuing efforts to protect the environment and increase consumer protections, state Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) will be cosponsoring a free recycling and paper shredding event with the Addison Park District on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center Parking Lot, located at 120 E. Oak St. in Addison.

"Many people have items that can be recycled but are confused or unaware of where to take them," said Willis. "I am sponsoring this event for residents to come and take advantage of this opportunity to recycle a wide variety of items including electronics, medical equipment, eye glasses, and other household items."

In addition to the recycling aspect of the event, there will also be the opportunity for residents to take advantage of a paper shredding service. Individuals can bring up to five boxes of documents and the documents will be shredded on site. The shredded paper will later be processed to create recycled paper.

"Shredding sensitive documents is one of the best ways to minimize the risk of identity theft," said Willis. "This event is aimed at providing people the peace of mind in knowing their sensitive information will not fall into the wrong hands."

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



# Willis Pushes Program to Help Veteran Entrepreneurs

In an effort to highlight a program that sets aside state funds and contract opportunities for veterans who are business owners, state Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) is reminding local veterans how they can apply.

“I want to make sure that veteran-owned businesses are taking advantage of contracting opportunities with state government,” Willis said. “Our service men and women have sacrificed so much for our country. It is only fitting that we provide them with the outreach assistance and opportunities they deserve when they return home.”

Through the Illinois Veterans Business Program, administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, state agencies and universities are encouraged to spend at least 3 percent of their procurement budgets with certified veteran-owned businesses. That equates to over \$300 million in state contracts that are specifically targeted to veteran-owned firms every year.

State contracting covers everything from construction and building repairs, to building maintenance, office supplies, upkeep for state parks, and a variety of other needed services. Eligible businesses include companies with annual gross sales under \$75 million that are 51 percent owned by one or more qualified veteran(s) or qualified service-disabled veteran(s) living in Illinois.

Those who qualify to be certified as a veteran-owned business can do so by submitting an application on the Illinois Department of Central Management Services website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/Pages/VeteranownedBusinesses.aspx>. To receive procurement notices via email and download postings from the Illinois Procurement Bulletin, business owners are urged visit [www.purchase.state.il.us](http://www.purchase.state.il.us) to sign up.

The Illinois Veterans Business Program is an important resource in our efforts to ensure veterans have the tools they need to become successful entrepreneurs after they bravely serve their country,” Willis said. “I am proud to support this program which has helped many veterans in Illinois grow their businesses and create jobs.”

## Willis E-Cigarette Ban Passes Committee

State Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) recently passed legislation in the House Consumer Protection Committee which would place greater restrictions on the use of electronic cigarettes in schools and other common areas in government buildings throughout Illinois.

“Studies have raised serious question about e-cigarettes and their impact on health,” said Willis. “E-cigarettes are similar to tobacco products and should be considered as such in Illinois.”

The bill that passed committee is the result of months of negotiations with health advocates and business owners. The measure will place greater restrictions on electronic cigarette use by banning the use of the devices on public school property or any state government-owned facility that is open to common use. Private offices located in government buildings will be exempt from the new restriction.

Restrictions on indoor e-cigarette use are already in place in Chicago, where the city council passed restrictions in January of last year. According to the American Nonsmoker’s Rights Foundation, as of Jan. 1, 2015, three states currently have laws restricting e-cigarette use in 100 percent of smoke-free venues. With the passage of Willis’ legislation, Illinois would join North Dakota, New Jersey and Utah with similar laws.

“Allowing the use of e-cigarettes at public schools sends the wrong message to children that these products safe and acceptable,” said Willis. “We want to send a message that e-cigarettes could pose serious health risks just like any other addictive drug.”

# Students, Community Asked to “Quarterback” for Troops

## Proviso Public Partnership Asks Community to Donate 25 Cents

The Proviso Public Partnership (PPP) has reached out to local schools, churches, businesses and residents to help donate care packages for our troops overseas. The PPP is asking people to donate 25 cents, to be a “quarterback” for our troops.

“The quarterback is a good analogy because we want troops to know we’re in this together, we’re teammates,” said PPP Executive Director Jesse D. Rosas. “We’re asking people, particularly students, to give just 25 cents – a quarter.”

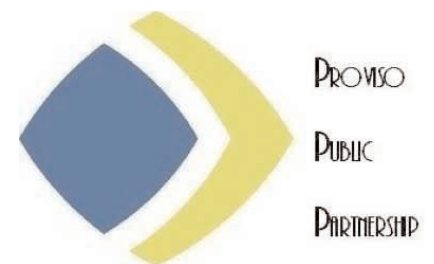
The PPP has joined Operation Care Packages to sponsor care packages for military men and women stationed overseas. Each package costs \$25. The PPP is hoping to raise \$1,000 to sponsor 40 care packages.

Operation Care Packages provides two different kinds of care packages. The Toiletry Pack contains toiletries including shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste and a deck of cards. The Food Pack contains snacks including candy, gum, granola, canned goods, nuts and a deck of cards. Each package costs \$25 including shipping costs.

“We’d like meet our goal of 40 care packages by Memorial Day,” said PPP President Michael Corrigan.

The PPP has asked schools to provide collection containers for students to donate their change. The PPP will be accepting donations so troops can receive their packages by Memorial Day, May 25. Operation Care Package is a Joliet-based charitable organization founded in 2003 by three women, two with brothers and one with a son stationed overseas.

For more information, go to [www.operationcarepackages.org](http://www.operationcarepackages.org), or contact Janet Arrieta at the PPP, (708) 449-5508.



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We are assisting the Epigmenio Barajas family. Last year, he was diagnosed with Leukemia. Epigmenio was a resident of Melrose Park. He was employed by a local business and that business moved West. After the move, he and many of his coworkers were let go (laid off) from his place of employment. He spent several months in the hospital. On Feb. 26, he lost his battle. As the family is coping with the loss of a loved one, we are showing support for his wife and three sons. Two of the sons are currently enrolled at Stevenson Elementary School and the other at Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy.

Hope to see you on May 9 and feel free to show support by placing information on your social networks.

Thank you and take care.

## 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.

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## Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

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

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2015 is: April 24; May 11 and Tuesday, May 26; June 8 and 22; July 13 and 27; Aug. 11 and 25; Sept. 14 and 28; Tuesday, Oct. 13 and Oct. 26; Nov. 9 and 23; and Dec. 14 and 28.

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

## Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 2015; Independence Day – Friday, July 3, 2015; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 7, 2015; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 12, 2015; Veterans Day – Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 27, 2015; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 24; Christmas Day – Friday, Dec. 25, 2015; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

Residents are asked to make note of the dates listed.

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



# Melrose Park Village Attorney Del Galdo *Super Lawyers Magazine* "Super Lawyer"

Michael Del Galdo is the founding attorney of Del Galdo Law Group, LLC, a law firm consisting of 20 attorneys, serving primarily public and private sector clients in the governmental and public sector practice area. Mr. Del Galdo is appointed as general and special counsel to some of the largest units of local government in the state of Illinois.



Michael T. Del Galdo

In 2015, Mr. Del Galdo was one of only 12 lawyers in the state of Illinois selected as a "Super Lawyer" in the practice area of state, local and municipal government. Mr. Del Galdo was also recognized by *Illinois Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The recognition as a "Super Lawyer" and "Rising Star" in the field of law is the result of a detailed and comprehensive selection process by *Super Lawyers Magazine*, which includes evaluation of 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Mr. Del Galdo's work primarily includes counseling both governmental and private companies in governmental matters, including, but not limited to, zoning, tax increment financing, economic development, land use, permitting, government relations and litigation.

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## Local Lady Competes for the Miss Teen Chicago Title



Amanda Alvarado

Amanda Alvarado of Melrose Park was recently selected to participate in the 2015 Miss Teen Chicago pageant competition that will take place on Sunday, April 19.

Alvarado learned of her acceptance into this year's competition when the pageant announced their selections following interviewing in the local Chicago area.

Amanda shipped an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by this year's Chicago Pageant coordinator.

Alvarado will be competing for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She'll be competing in the Miss Teen Division, one of four divisions that will have young ladies of 7 through 19 competing in modeling routines, which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Amanda will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Chicago judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of the competition.

If Amanda were to win the title of Miss Teen Chicago, she would represent Chicago and the surrounding communities at the national competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla.

Over \$30,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the national competition while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days.

Community businesses, organizations and private individuals will assist Amanda in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Through sponsorships, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals and financial support which will allow Alvarado to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in this year's Chicago Pageant.

Any business, organization or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Amanda may contact the Miss Teen Chicago Pageant coordinator at 1-(877)-403-6678.

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# Ovarian Cancer: Subtle and Elusive

**Hai Solomon, M.D., F.A.C.O.G./Gloria Kroc, R.N., M.L.I.S.**

A diagnosis of any cancer is the start of many changes, expectations and fears in a person's life. A diagnosis of ovarian cancer may also be more of a shock to a woman. While a woman may be vigilant about having regular mammograms, pap smears, immunizations, and although she may make healthy lifestyle choices, early ovarian cancer is difficult to detect. The two almond-sized ovaries are located deep within the pelvis and cancers that start here may grow without producing noticeable symptoms in the early stages. As the disease advances, signs and symptoms may still be vague and inconsistent. These could include weight loss, abdominal bloating or discomfort and changes in bowel or bladder habits. These complaints are easily overlooked or attributed to other more common bodily changes.

It is not clear what causes ovarian cancer. It can occur at any age but more often in women between 50 and 60. Long-term use of estrogens, having had fertility treatment, never having been pregnant, smoking or having had polycystic ovary disease are factors that are thought to increase the risk. Women who have had breast cancer or who have family members who had breast cancer have a greater risk of developing ovarian cancer. A small percentage of ovarian cancer is caused by an inherited gene mutation. These are the mutations connected with breast cancer, known as BRCA1 and BRCA2. Women diagnosed with these mutations have a greater risk of both breast and ovarian cancer.

However, it is important to realize that most of the women diagnosed with breast or ovarian cancer do not carry this gene mutation. Their disease is not due to the known genetic mutation.

As with all cancers, early detection is the key to successful treatment. It is beneficial for a woman to be in tune with the changes in her body, so she can bring them to the attention of her health care provider. A trusting relationship will make it easier to communicate concerns. The physician will want to know about family history, particularly any cancers in relatives. It is important to know when symptoms started as well as exactly what they are. Writing these things down before the office visit will insure accuracy and save time. The doctor will do a pelvic exam and press on the abdomen to feel for the uterus and ovaries.

Imaging tests, such as ultrasound or CT scans may be recommended as well as the specific blood tests, CA 125 or OVA1. A biopsy may be indicated for suspected ovarian cancer and if this is positive, the treatment is surgery to remove as much as possible, followed by chemotherapy and sometimes radiation.

Research into ways to diagnose and treat ovarian cancer is ongoing. Presently, the best advice is for a woman to be aware of changes in her body, have regular examinations and be comfortable and willing to have frequent honest dialogues with her health care provider.

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# LET'S TALK: The Stigma of Mental Illness in Our Society

One in four adults, approximately 61.5 million Americans, experiences mental illness in a given year. About 13.6 million people live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression or bipolar disorder in America, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). And still, two-thirds of individuals with mental illnesses go without treatment in Illinois, even with one in five Illinois residents experiencing a diagnosable mental disorder every year.

This is due, in large part, to a person's inability to access care and to the stigma surrounding mental illness that may keep them from seeking services, according to the Illinois Dept. of Human Services.

All this despite the fact that success rates for mental health treatment are comparable to those for physical health disorders, such as heart disease and diabetes. And from a financial standpoint, for every \$1 spent on mental health services, \$5 is saved in overall healthcare costs.

In response to this worryingly stark reality our communities are facing, representatives from the local mental health community – including Proviso Township Mental Health Commission (PTMHC), Riveredge Hospital, Oak Park Township Mental Health Board, NAMI and Pillars – can answer questions and discuss concerns anyone might have about mental health, such as: What resources are available and where to find them? How can I get help for myself or a loved one? Who can I talk to in a safe, comfortable environment?

Creating a safe and friendly environment for anyone to learn about mental health will provide our community with a special opportunity that sadly is not as common as it should be," said Senator Kimberly Lightford (D-Maywood). "Improving each citizen's understanding of mental health improves the overall well-being of our state."

Organizations previously mentioned, along with Illinois State Senate Assistant Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford and the Glen Ellyn Area Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., seek to provide communities with the resources, education and empowerment needed to combat the stigma associated with mental illness.

"Riveredge is proud to be a part of this," said Riveredge CEO Carey Carlock. "We fervently believe in treatment and recovery. Both healing and hope are possible, and occur every day. We are honored to be among such esteemed organizations, and grateful to Sen. Lightford for bringing us together to talk openly about mental health."

"I want to thank Sen. Lightford and all parties involved," said PTMHC Executive Director Jesse D. Rosas. "I think working together will let us reach more people who need help. Mental illness is treatable, people can and do recover."

"There's no health without mental health," said Lisa DeVivo, executive director of the Oak Park Township Mental Health Board. "If you aren't mentally fit, your physical health is irrelevant. You would talk to a friend or a professional about an illness in any other part of your body and your brain is no exception. Diabetes doesn't cure itself, and neither does mental illness. Find support today."

## Annual Silver Creek Clean Up Set for May 2 Volunteers Needed

Please join us at our Annual Silver Creek Clean Up on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Volunteers are asked to meet behind the Winston Park Plaza on Ninth Avenue directly north of the creek at 9 a.m. to sign in, select a location to begin cleanup and pickup instructions. Volunteers will receive gloves and bags. We will also have refreshments to begin your morning. All cleanup activities will end at 11:30 a.m. when we will celebrate with a luncheon under the concession stand shelter at Bulger Park, 17th and Hirsch Street, Melrose Park. Our rain date is on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Please call (708) 450-0555 after hours or on Saturday morning if the weather looks questionable.



**We look forward to seeing you.  
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## Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military

### Attention Residents

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

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

# Tips for Identifying and Treating Ear Problems in Babies

## Chronic Infections Could Impede Growth Milestones, Says Loyola Otolaryngologist

Earaches in babies are not uncommon. But a baby's inability to communicate symptoms can leave most parents feeling helpless. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, three-fourths of babies will get at least one ear infection before the age of 1.

"If your baby gets three ear infections in six months or four in one year, it may be time to consider ear tubes," says Andrew Hotaling, MD, FACS, FAAP, pediatric otolaryngologist at Loyola University Health System. "It is unusual for chronic earaches to lead to temporary hearing loss or even deafness but other health maladies can occur." Otolaryngology is the study of the ear, nose and throat (ENT).

It is also important to be aware of the frequency and severity of ear infections to prevent speech delay.

"Hearing disorders can lead to impediments in speech development and other growth milestones," says Dr. Hotaling. "The ear infections are usually located in the middle ear."

Dr. Hotaling offers these indications that your little one may have ear problems: fever – irritability – poor sleep – pulling or tugging at ears.

"Teething pain can also hit trigger points in the ears, causing confusion as to the health problem," says Dr. Hotaling, a professor at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. "Excessive drooling, swollen gums and excessive mouthing of objects can indicate a new tooth is coming in."

Pediatricians are usually the first medical practitioners to look at ears for inflammation, middle ear fluid or if the ear-drum doesn't move well. Causes for ear infections include several different types of bacteria and viruses. "Certain areas in the U.S., including the Chicago area where Loyola is located, are seeing an outbreak of pediatric respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)," says Dr. Hotaling who has practiced for more than 30 years. "While RSV causes cold-like symptoms, it does not result in ear infections."

Dr. Hotaling recommends ear infections be treated with antibiotics in very young children.

"Antibiotics should only be prescribed if the ear infection cannot be cleared without them," he says. "Incorrectly administering antibiotics can cause further harm." Dr. Hotaling prefers not to prescribe antibiotics to older children to avoid building up a potential overexposure which can result in unresponsiveness as a medication over time.

Anti-inflammatory pediatric versions of acetaminophen and ibuprofen can be administered at home to provide relief. Applied heat to the outer ear, using a warm, not hot, wash cloth compress or brief use of a warm, not hot, heating pad or water bottle, can also provide comfort.

"When a baby or child has chronic ear infections that do not go away, putting in tubes is usually an appropriate treatment," says Dr. Hotaling. "It is a common outpatient procedure, requiring anesthesia and takes less than 15 minutes. The child goes home in less than an hour."

Tubes are placed in the ear to offer ventilation to prevent fluid build-up and allow for drainage and ventilation. Tubes are usually used short-term, last six months to a year, and usually fall out on their own. Longer-term tubes also are used and removed when appropriate by an otolaryngologist.

Loyola's ENT physicians treat children and adults with disturbances in hearing, balance, smell and taste; allergies; head and neck injuries; cancer of the head and neck; voice and swallowing disorders, and sleep disorders. The department has a reputation for achieving excellent results in endoscopic sinus surgery. Other surgical treatments performed include nasal surgery, skull-base surgery and reconstructive surgery of the head and neck as well as implantation of hearing devices for the middle ear and cochlear implants.

A full spectrum of otolaryngology services is available at Loyola University Medical Center and the Loyola Outpatient Center in Maywood. Services also are offered at Loyola Center for Health locations at Burr Ridge, Homer Glen, Oakbrook Terrace, Wheaton and Woodridge.

## Does Your Baby Have a Stuffy Nose?

### Loyola Otolaryngologist Offers Health Tips

A congested nose can be a common occurrence in babies and children but what is appropriate treatment?

"Babies can't blow their nose so caregivers can feel helpless in offering relief," says Andrew Hotaling, MD, FACS, FAAP, pediatric otolaryngologist at Loyola University Medical Center. "Breathing is essential to baby's health and stuffy noses can indicate something more serious." Otolaryngologists are physicians and surgeons who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the ears, nose and throat (ENT).

Chronic congestion in babies is not uncommon. "Babies and young children typically get six to eight upper respiratory illnesses per year," says Dr. Hotaling, a professor at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. "Those in day care or those with older siblings are especially vulnerable to illness due to constant exposure to other children."

Tips from Dr. Hotaling for treating a stuffy nose include:

- Use a cool air humidifier in baby's room. "Humidifiers add moisture to the air to make breathing easier. Make sure you properly clean the humidifier regularly so you are not blowing mold or mildew into the air, which can further cause illness. You may need to open the door so the room does not get too steamy."
- In addition to a bulb syringe, try saline solution. "Most babies are sent home from the hospital with a care package that includes a bulb syringe used to clear matter from baby's nose. A few drops of saline solution will also often loosen and clear congestion."
- Check for blockage. "Toddlers can sometimes put foreign objects in their nose. Check if the liquid is coming out of just one nostril. The precipitation may be colored or foul-smelling."



- Keep baby hydrated. “The baby is losing moisture from the congestion. Make sure you are giving lots of appropriate liquids.”
- Go to your doctor. “If baby has a fever, or if congestion lasts longer than two weeks, see your pediatrician or family doctor. Also see the doctor if the baby refuses to eat or drink or experiences difficulty with swallowing.”
- Is baby coughing? “Chronic coughing, usually like a hacking sound or a barking seal, can mean something more serious and the child needs to be seen by a physician for proper care.”
- Check for chronic snoring. “If babies or young children regularly snore loudly, it could be a sign of adenoidal enlargement. Again, take the baby or child to the doctor. An otolaryngologist may be recommended for further diagnosis and treatment.”
- Avoid exposing baby to smoke. “Many parents who are smokers will say that they do not smoke around the baby but smoke can be trapped in their clothes or permeate from other rooms irritating baby’s sensitive system.”

The good news is that certain illnesses can help build the immune system. “Studies have shown that babies and young children who are exposed to germs and certain viruses build up healthy immunities that protect them later in life,” says Dr. Hotaling. “But not knowing what is harmless versus harmful can worry parents.”

## What to Eat for Good Eye Health From a Loyola Ophthalmologist

You may remember your mother telling you to eat your carrots – they are good for your eyes. Well, she was right.

“Carrots are actually just one of the many foods, and supplements that contribute to good eye health,” says James McDonnell, MD, pediatric ophthalmologist, Loyola University Health System. “In some cases, eyesight can actually be improved depending on what you eat.”

Eating a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables is of particular importance. “Make a colorful plate, especially with greens, blues and reds,” says Dr. McDonnell, who has practiced ophthalmology for more than 20 years. “Certain foods have distinct benefits for the eyes in addition to overall health including many of the trendy superfoods such as kale, broccoli and sweet potatoes.”

Dr. McDonnell recommends the following foods and supplements for healthy vision.

- Astaxanthin – “This supernutrient protects eyes from developing cataracts, macular degeneration and blindness. Seaweed and wild, rather than farmed salmon, are excellent choices high in astaxanthin. It also aids in so many aspects of wellness that astaxanthin is my top recommendation for incorporation into your diet,” says Dr. McDonnell.
- Omega-3 – “Prevention against age-related macular degeneration is the top benefit. Studies show that individuals who ate oily fish such as tuna, sardines, herring and salmon at least once a week were 50 percent less likely to develop neovascular “wet” macular degeneration than those who ate fish less than once per week. Omega-3, a fatty acid found in chia and flax seeds, also helps prevent dry eye. Infants fed Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)-supplemented formula had significantly better visual acuity at 2 and 4 months of age compared with similar infants who did not have supplemented formula. DHA is just one of the many Omega-3-acids,” he said.
- Anthocyanins – “Blueberries, bilberries and especially black currants contain high amounts of anthocyanins and help to maintain the health of the cornea and blood vessels in every part of the eye. They also help reduce the risk of cataracts and macular degeneration as well as decrease inflammatory eye disease and diabetic retinopathy,” says Dr. McDonnell. “Bilberries also were used to improve the night vision of American pilots during World War II and provide 50 times the antioxidant power of vitamin E and 10 times that of vitamin C.”
- Vitamin D – “Safe sun exposure, fish oils, fatty fish and to a lesser extend beef liver, cheese, egg yolks and certain mushrooms contain this master hormone which acts on more than 4000 genes. Vitamin D3 supplementation has been shown to help prevent age-related macular degeneration, reduce retinal inflammation and actually improve vision,” he said.
- Zeaxanthin – “This will help decrease the risk of age-related macular degeneration,” says Dr. McDonnell. “Eating dark, green leafy vegetables such as kale, broccoli and collards, and raw spinach and romaine lettuce. Lightly cooking these vegetables increases your body’s ability to absorb these nutrients.”
- Bioflavonoids – “Studies show that cataracts and macular degeneration may be prevented through the consumption of tea, red wine, citrus fruits and cherries,” says Dr. McDonnell.
- Beta-carotene – “Beta-carotene protects against night blindness and dry eyes,” says Dr. McDonnell. “Good food sources are carrots, sweet potatoes, spinach, kale and butternut squash.”
- Lutein – “The best source is from organic eggs laid by pastured organic hens,” he says. “You can also take supplements made from marigold flowers.”

Dr. McDonnell is a professor and director of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Ocular Realignment at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. He treats children and adults at the Loyola Maywood and Oakbrook Terrace campuses.

The Department of Ophthalmology offers a complete range of comprehensive and subspecialty eye care. All Loyola ophthalmology physicians are board certified with subspecialty fellowship training. Together with Loyola optometrists, the ophthalmologists offer comprehensive diagnostic services and personalized treatment for adults and children. As a tertiary care facility, the ophthalmology department uses the most current, state-of-the-art equipment and procedures. Loyola’s ophthalmology team also has a long history of international service, providing free eye care to some of the world’s most underserved communities.

# Westlake Hospital Announces April 2015 Wellness and Health Education Programs

## Senior Assistance Program

"Help! These forms are driving me crazy!" Whether you need information about local, state and national resources important to older adults and their families or you need to talk to someone about personal safety concerns and problems, help is available from the professional staff of Solutions for Care. Staff members can also assist with questions regarding Medicare and recent changes to Medicare benefits. Call to reserve a consultation time. Admission is free of charge.

Wednesday, April 22 • 8:30-11 a.m.  
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Reserve your spot today! Call (866) 938-7256 to register.

## Healthy Aging and Research

This program will provide information about healthy aging. You will also learn about Alzheimer's Disease and its effect on the aging process. Learn about opportunities to join the efforts to advance research on the aging process and Alzheimer's Disease. Join Yadira Montoya from Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, a nonprofit research center that works to help find ways to diagnose, treat and even prevent Alzheimer's Disease. Admission is free of charge.

Thursday, April 23 • 11 a.m.-Noon  
Westlake Senior Center  
1111 W. Superior St. • Melrose Park

## Just One Drink

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Join Jesus Tejeda from Healthcare Alternative Systems (H.A.S.) for this informative presentation on the consumption of alcohol. The program will provide basic alcohol education-facts and figures. You will also learn about the signs and symptoms of alcohol dependency and alcohol abuse. Treatment options for those that may be suffering from alcohol dependency or abuse will be discussed. Admission is free of charge.

Tuesday, April 28 • 11 a.m.-Noon  
Westlake Senior Center  
1111 W. Superior St. • Melrose Park  
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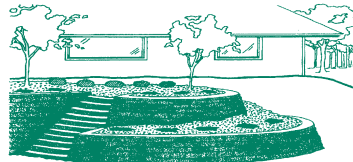
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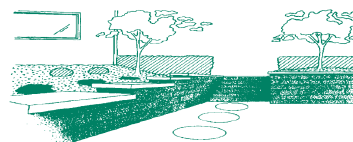
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To ensure continued safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to the more than 650 northern Illinois communities we serve, Nicor Gas is increasing the level of infrastructure improvements through a program we call *Investing in Illinois: A Nicor Gas System Improvement Initiative*.

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## Melrose Park – Construction Has Begun for a New Nicor Gas Program



### We're investing in a wide range of improvements

Beginning in 2015, and over the course of nine years, Nicor Gas will be upgrading many parts of our infrastructure to ensure our customers have access to the energy they need. The law that allows us to enhance our infrastructure, the Natural Gas Consumer, Safety & Reliability Act, focuses on increasing public safety by accelerating the repair, rehabilitation and replacement of portions of Illinois' natural gas distribution system.

#### Investing in Illinois will allow Nicor Gas to:

- ✓ Replace hundreds of miles of aging natural gas pipeline
- ✓ Move natural gas meters from inside homes and businesses to outside
- ✓ Upgrade natural gas storage systems
- ✓ Refurbish stations that regulate the natural gas pressure in our system

### This initiative will strengthen the regional economy

Not all communities will experience construction activities, but the benefits of this initiative are far-reaching. We anticipate the work throughout our region will support:

- Job creation as a result of expanded needs for employees, contractors, vendors and suppliers
- Increased business activity driven by the heightened demand for goods and services during the nine-year initiative
- New business development spurred by an improved, modernized infrastructure

### What this means for you

If your neighborhood or property is going to be affected by our modernization efforts, Nicor Gas representatives will contact you in advance to reduce any inconvenience. Upcoming projects can be viewed at [nicorgas.com/WorkInYourNeighborhood](http://nicorgas.com/WorkInYourNeighborhood).

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# Obituaries

**Barajas**

Epigmenio R. Barajas, age 63, of Melrose Park, passed away Feb. 26, 2015. Beloved husband of Josefina; loving father of Anthony Barajas, Aaron Michael (Andrea) Barajas, Diana Barajas, Edgardo Barajas, Alexander Barajas and Ivan Barajas; cherished grandfather of Angie, A.J. and Jerry; dear brother of five brothers and five sisters. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Caliendo**

Mary C. Caliendo, nee Zanoni. Dearly beloved wife of Philip; loving mother of Marilyn (Bob) Jewell and Ralph (Heather) Caliendo; cherished grandmother of Melissa, Tara, Christina and Cara; great-grandmother of four; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Castro**

Jose Castro, age 68, of Melrose Park, passed away Feb. 15, 2015. Beloved father of Ray Castro, Joey Castro, Maira Castro Padilla and Jessica Castro; cherished grandfather of Mimi, Kiko, Jelissa, Casandra and Selena; great-grandfather of Autumn; fond brother of six sisters, Carmen, Ada, Margarita, Dolores, Gladys, Nandie and one brother, Benny Castro; uncle to many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly; dear friend of Maria. He will be greatly missed. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home.

**Coco**

Josephine E. Coco, nee Perfetto. Dearly beloved wife of Anthony; loving mother of Anthony (Rachel), Michael (Marion), Marianna Woosley and Stephen (Teresa) Coco; cherished grandmother of Elizabeth, Gabrielle, Samantha, Danielle, Brittney, Ashley and Ryan; dear sister of Carolyn Perry, Antoinette Perfetto and the late Jacqueline Tinebra; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private. Member of River Grove LOOM, Gladstone Post 777 Ladies Auxiliary and Sacred Heart Women's Club.

**Cortes**

Pablo Cortes, age 72, of Melrose Park, passed away Feb. 2, 2015. Beloved brother of Ricarda, Juana, Evangleina, Ana Maria, Teresa, Amelia, Yolanda, Elvia, Carolina and Elizabeth; loving uncle to Julia Sanchez Duffy and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**De Rose**

Vincent De Rose, age 92, of Melrose Park. Passed away peacefully at his home on Feb. 13. Beloved husband of the late Anita; dear father of Mary Alice (Timothy) Lambert and James (Maureen) DeRose; loving grandfather of Christopher (Katie) Lambert, Patrick Lambert, Dominic DeRose and Julia DeRose; cherished great-grandfather of Hannah and Amelia; fond brother of Josephine Owen. WWII veteran, Lt. U.S. Navy Pacific Theater. Former owner of Castle Woodworking Co. in Melrose Park, Castle Crest Homes in Waukegan and D. L. Amici Co. in Melrose Park. Former board member of Westlake Community Hospital and Melrose Park National Bank. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Donati**

Christine M. Donati, nee Saletta. Loving mother of Joseph (Angel) and the late Karen Donati (Ric Neeley) and the late Anthony; cherished nani of Joseph, Anthony and Santino; dear sister of the late Louis Saletta; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

**Funkey**

Lorraine Funkey, nee Principato. Dearly beloved wife of the late Corwin "Coke"; loving mother of Corey (Mary Ann) and Linda (Allen) Shander; cherished grandmother of Amanda (Doug), Christopher, Allen (Tammy) Shander, Brian Shander, Matthew (Julie) Shander; loving great-grandmother of Madison and Michael; dear sister of Nathan (Kay) Principato, Joseph (Mary) Principato, and the late Dolly, late Norma, late Jim, and the late Ann; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

**Gazzano**

Sebastiano Gazzano. Loving father of Fina Gundlach, Rosario (Jill), Angelo (Dawn) and the late Nicky; beloved son of the late Rosario and Onofria; cherished grandfather of Rosie, Robert, Matt, Taylor, Tanner and Alyssa; great-grandfather of Nicole; dear brother of Nicolo (Francesca), Margarita (Giuseppe) Mulle' and the late Calogero (Isabella) and Giuseppe (Krystina) Gazzano; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

**Giglio**

Theresa R. Giglio, nee Di Orio. Dearly beloved wife of Frank; loving mother of Tony (Cory), Rosemarie (Michael) O'Rouke, Frank (Anna) Giglio; cherished grandmother of Natalie, Rosanna, Mara, Luciano and Valentino; dear sister of Rosanna (Chris) Basil; fond sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Her kindness touched so many lives. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven.

**Grimley**

Ann Catherine Grimley, age 86, of Melrose Park, passed away Feb. 4, 2015, of natural causes. Beloved wife of the late John P. Grimley; dear mother of the late Mary Ann Grimley; cherished grandmother of Tiffany Nicholas, Crystal Cannan and Robert Cannan; fond great-grandmother of Patrick Nicholas. Ann was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Private family services were handled by Bormann Funeral Home.

**Islas-Hernandez**

Jesus Islas-Hernandez, age 36, of Melrose Park, passed away Feb. 16, 2015. Beloved husband of Graciela; loving father of Miguel, Cesar and Evelyn; dear son of J. Jesus Hernandez and Indelisa Islas. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Funeral Mass and burial were in San Felipe Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico.

**Mariconda**

Luca R. Mariconda, founder and CEO of Joseph Nicholas Construction. Dearly beloved father of Joseph (Melissa), Gina and Alyssa; beloved son of Bella and the late Giuseppe Mariconda; cherished papa of Sophia Ellen; loving brother of Marisa Raymond (fiancee' Isaac Bazbaz) and Rosa Barnes; dearest boyfriend of Patrese Parpet; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

**McKinney**

Robert A. McKinney. Veteran of the US Army. Dearly beloved husband of Laura (nee Lebarre); loving father of Jacquelyn (Patrick) Lynch and Robert (Natalie) McKinney Jr.; beloved son of Blondina and the late Robert McKinney; cherished papa of Lauren and William Robert Gus Lynch, Milania Adair, and Declan McKinney; dear son-in-law of Gus and Jackie Lebarre; dear brother of Carol Ann Cuculich and Richard McKinney; fond brother-in-law of Michael (Mary Ann) and Joseph (Mary Rita) Lebarre; dear uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

**Panicola**

Josephine M. Panicola, nee Tedescki. Dearly beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Rosanne (Sam) Cannici, Suzanne (John) Comitz, Joanne (Frank) Pope and the late John V. Panicola; cherished grandmother of 13; cherished great-grandmother of 22; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Pope**

Carmella E. Pope, nee Spata, oldest hairdresser in Melrose Park. Dearly beloved wife of the late Frank Sr.; loving mother of Frank J. (Joanne) and Mary Ann (Chris) Battaglia; cherished grandmother of Jeanna (Frank) Bifero, Frank John Pope and Tiffany Tiano; great-grandmother of four; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Past president of the Melrose Park Historical Society. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Oakridge Cemetery.

**Springer**

Frances Marie Springer, age 94, of Melrose Park. Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Feb. 20. Beloved wife of the late Victor; loving mother of Cheryl Lucchesi and Joseph Springer; cherished grandmother of Michael Lucchesi and Nicole (Jeff) Hobbs; fond great-grandmother of Grace and Benjamin. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Frances enjoyed the time she spent with family and friends. Lifelong Chicago Bears and Chicago Blackhawks fan. Devoted volunteer at Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Wagener**

Rose Wagener. Loving mother of Rosemary (Joe) Newman and the late Marie Hernandez; cherished grandmother of Patricia, Shannon, Megan, Robert and the late Michael; great-grandmother of two; dear sister of Josephine (Lyle) Spratt, Catherine (the late Paul) Cokinis, Joseph (Anita) Annoreno and the late Vincent (Henrietta) Annoreno, late Mary and Fred Vitale, late Laura Annoreno, late Lena and Bob Sumeracki. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



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