

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Dear Neighbors,

As I was putting away the winter clothing and daydreaming of barbecues, baseball and summer festivals it dawned on me that I have never penned an article about that most spectacular of all summer holidays ... July 4. I have written about Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving, but never a word about our country's birthday. Thus, I offer the following facts for you to regale friends with at your next July 4 gathering, all while balancing a brat in one hand and a cold brewski in the other.

The Declaration of Independence was originally named, "A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States in General Congress Assembled." Not only was the name different, but the actual date the Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Great Britain was July 2, not July 4. However, it took two more days to have it written down on paper for delegates to sign. From that day forward, July 4 would commemorate the birth of America's Independence. Interestingly, John Adams, a Continental Congress Delegate and future president, argued July 2 should remain the true birth date of Independence and refused to attend any Fourth of July event. And in a strange coincidence, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the two men most associated with the Declaration of Independence, died only a few hours apart on July 4 in 1826.

Benjamin Franklin's signature on the Declaration caused an irreversible split with his son William, who at the time was the British appointed governor of New Jersey. This split demonstrates how divided the fledgling country was over seeking Independence.

The first public reading of the Declaration took place on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia. A fictional story written in the 1840s suggests that the Liberty Bell was rung that day, but historians doubt the accuracy of this tale, since the steeple that housed the famous bell was in such poor condition.

July 4 wasn't declared a national holiday until 1870, and didn't become a paid holiday until 1941. Fireworks were not a July 4 staple until after 1816, when Americans began producing their own pyrotechnics. Fourth of July celebrations only became important after the War of 1812, and it wasn't until the late the early 1900s that the Fourth of July became more of a family celebration and not just a day centered around political party rallies.

When the Declaration was signed the country had 2.5 million residents. In fact, the population was so small that seven of the Declaration signers were married to their cousins. However, one fact remains indisputable, the Declaration of Independence, even after 238 years, still serves as a shining example to people everywhere to rise up against tyranny wherever and whenever it exists.

Have a great summer and don't forget to mark your calendar for the 33rd Annual Taste of Melrose Park, to be held from Aug. 29 through Aug. 31.



*Ronald M. Serpico*  
Mayor

Sincerely,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico

## MP Residents, Please Come Out and Support the Cause – "Avenue of Flags" Kickoff Saturday, June 14



Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission will be launching a new special initiative for the village of Melrose Park – the "Avenue of Flags" campaign.

This program will be spearheaded by the Melrose Park Youth Commission with donations made possible on behalf of residents and local businesses.

On Friday, June 13, flags representing the United States of America, state of Illinois, village of Melrose Park, POW/MIA and branches of the military will be installed on 22nd Avenue lightpoles from Division to North Avenue.

The following day, June 14, the premiere "Avenue of Flags" kickoff will take place at 11 a.m., just north of the intersection at 22nd Avenue and Division Street.

The kickoff will consist of a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Serpico and members of the Melrose Park Youth Commission dedicating 22nd Avenue (from Division to North) as Melrose Park's first "Avenue of Flags."

The intent of this Youth Commission project is to continue the beautification efforts of Mayor Serpico throughout the village – enhancing and providing a new, respectful and fascinating look to our streets.

If you would like to make a contribution and help support this creative project, donations can be sent to: Village of Melrose Park/Avenue of Flags, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. 60160.

Please make checks payable to the Melrose Park Youth Commission or Melrose Park Sports & Family Benefit Fund.

For additional information, please call the Youth Commission at (708) 450-0555.

We thank you in advance for supporting this exclusive cause.

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



# Village of Melrose Park

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**Village Board Meetings.....June 23, July 14 and 28**

**Village Hall Holiday Closing.....July 4, Sept. 1**

**Senior Club Meetings ..... July 10, Aug. 14**

# Resident Response

## *Dear Mayor Serpico...*

On behalf of the Illinois Hospital Association of Occupational Health Nurses and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital's Employee Health nurses, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for allowing us to use the Melrose Park Civic Center on May 8.

We normally hold our monthly meetings at Gottlieb Hospital, however due to Nurse's Week activities, our room was occupied. Occupational Health Nurses from Loyola, Rush and other surrounding hospitals attended this meeting.

As a resident of Melrose Park, I was proud to host this meeting at my village's facility. Everyone commented on the convenience of the location and was impressed with the room accommodation, including Mark Seigler, the attorney that presented at our meeting.

Please extend our thanks to your staff, as they were extremely kind and attentive.

• Sincerely,  
Teresa Pasquini, RN, BSN, CSPHP  
Gottlieb Memorial Hospital  
Employee Health Services

## *Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...*

It has been brought to the attention of the EMS office of the excellent pre-hospital care that was provided by John Simon and Francisco Chavez on Jan. 23.

The crew was called to the industrial location for the man down in the restroom.

Upon arrival the crew found an approximate 64-year-old male with right-sided weakness. They did a quick assessment and found the patient to have a positive Cincinnati Stroke scale and activated a stroke alert at the receiving hospital.

Upon arrival at the hospital the patient was assessed, scanned and treatment initiated in a short time frame.

The crew's rapid recognition of the patient's condition helped to improve the outcome and the patient was discharged with minimal deficits and continues to recover at home.

The EMS office recognizes these individuals for their delivery of exemplary pre-hospital care.

• Sincerely,  
Mark Cichon, D.O., F.A.C.O.E.P.  
Medical Director  
Loyola EMS System

## *Dear Mayor Serpico and Staff...*

On behalf of the students and staff of PAEC (Proviso Area for Exceptional Children) Center School, we would like to express our extreme gratitude for the use of the Melrose Park Civic Center for our 2014 prom.

Your staff and facilities were above and beyond what we could have dared hope for. The assistance we received from the staff before, during and after the prom was very helpful and performed with a smile and enthusiasm.

The gracious use of your facility helped make the prom, for our disabled students, an event that they will long remember.

• Sincerely,  
The High School Students and Staff at PAEC Center



**Dear Mr. Battaglia, Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce...**

It is with great pleasure that I announce you are a winner of the 4th Quarter 2013 Chief Executive Officer's Pride in Partnership Award! Ms. Jody Janes of the Melrose Park campus submitted the nomination on your behalf.

Jody submitted, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce recently decided to make Lincoln College of Technology a regular recipient of their scholarship funds, with a \$500 scholarship.

We look forward to partnering with the chamber going forward in many ways to serve the community and we are grateful that they share our vision of changing lives through education.

In summary, you embody the quintessential qualities of Lincoln's Vision Statement ... to be recognized as "First Choice" for career-focused education by students, employers, employees and investors.

On behalf of the Lincoln Organization, I thank you for your support. You help make Lincoln a better education company. I hope you display your award in a place of prominence in your office. I am proud to have you as a member of our team.

- Very truly yours,  
Shaun McAlmont  
Chief Executive Officer  
Lincoln Educational Services

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

It has been a great pleasure working with Sgt. Mark Rieger and Officer Rocco Pretzie.

From the moment I called you in response to your letter regarding school safety drills, Sgt. Rieger has been in contact and has made himself very accessible.

He has displayed great professional demeanor and I have felt very comfortable working with him on a lockdown procedure and look forward to continuing with work on this process.

On Jan. 22, Sgt. Rieger and Officer Pretzie presented an active shooter school response to our staff. Officer Pretzie was very knowledgeable and presented the lesson in a comprehensible way.

I cannot thank your employees enough for their time and generosity. I was left with the impression that Sgt. Rieger and Officer Pretzie truly are passionate about their jobs and keeping the community safe and prepared.

- Best regards,  
Kimberly Rodriguez.  
Preschool Director  
Veterans Park District

**Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...**

It has been brought to the attention of the EMS office of the excellent pre hospital care that was provided by Sean Swords, Mike Gentile and members of the Melrose Park Engine Company who responded to the incident on May 2.

The crew was called for the unknown medical. Upon arrival the crew found an approximate 15-year-old female who was a victim of a stabbing. The patient was found to have multiple stab wounds covering her entire body with significant blood loss. The patient was rapidly transferred to the ambulance where her injuries were assessed, bleeding controlled and intravenous lines were established. The patient was rapidly transported to the closest Level One trauma center for treatment of her injuries. The patient continues to recover from her injuries at this time.

The EMS office recognizes these individuals for their delivery of exemplary pre-hospital care in a very difficult situation.

- Sincerely,  
Mark Cichon, D.O., F.A.C.O.E.P.  
Medical Director  
Loyola EMS System

# Village Hall Employees Sport Taste of Melrose Park Volunteer T-shirts

The Taste of Melrose Park recently unveiled the 2014 volunteer T-shirts.

To help promote this year's big event and encourage volunteerism, the employees in the Village Hall have been wearing the apparel while helping residents of Melrose Park with their community needs.

Several volunteer spots are still open and the Taste appreciates any community members who have an interest in supporting the 33rd Annual Taste of Melrose Park.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Jennifer at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4441.



# Melrose Park Awarded Merit Award for Division St. Enhancement Project



The Village of Melrose Park was awarded the Merit Award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for the Division Street Enhancement Project. The

award was presented at the Chapter's "Celebration Event" on Friday, April 24, 2014 at the Chicago History Museum, which Director of Public Works Gary Marine and his wife, Pam, attended.

The goal of the Division Street Project is to improve the character of one of Melrose Park's main thoroughfares by adding medians at gateway locations, bollards, street trees, lush plantings, gateway pylons and LED light strand canopies.

Mayor Serpico is proud of this local initiative and grateful for Melrose Park being selected as the recipient of this prestigious award.

# A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Melrose Park Police Chief*



## Concealed Carry of Firearms Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

### Firearm Concealed Carry Act

Here is a list of "frequently asked questions" and information regarding the recent legislation that passed in Illinois authorizing the concealed carry (CCL) of firearms in Illinois.

"Concealed firearm" means a loaded or unloaded handgun carried on or about a person completely or mostly concealed from view of the public or on or about a person within a vehicle.

### Who can carry a concealed firearm in Illinois?

The criteria for carrying a concealed firearm in Illinois include:

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must have a current FOID card and at the time of application, meet the requirements for the issuance of a FOID card, and not be prohibited under the FOID Act of federal law from possessing or receiving a firearm.
- Must not have been convicted of any felony, or a misdemeanor involving the use or threat of physical force or violence to any person within the five years preceding the date of application, or two or more violations for DUI alcohol or drugs within the previous five years, and is not the subject of a pending arrest warrant, prosecution, or proceeding for an offense or action that could lead to disqualification from carrying a firearm; has not been in residential or court ordered treatment for alcoholism or drug treatment within the previous five years, and has completed firearms training and education as required under the Act.
- Application must include a full set of fingerprints submitted in an electronic format, head and shoulder color photograph taken within 30 days of application, release form for background check and a photocopy of any certificates documenting compliance with training under the Act.
- Applicant must undergo a background check to ensure compliance of this Act and all federal, state and local laws.

### How much is the application process?

\$150 for residents, \$300 for non-residents, submitted with the application for both new and renewal applications.

### How long is the concealed carry license good for?

Five years, then it can be renewed every five years by submitting a renewal application, which will include all of the previous requirements except a full set of fingerprints.

### Do I have to notify the state of a change of address?

Yes, within 30 days of the change of address.

### What if my license is lost or stolen?

You must report it as such within 10 days.

### Are there areas where I cannot carry a concealed weapon once I have my license?

A licensee under this Act shall not carry a firearm into:

- Any building, real property, parking area under the control of a public or private school, preschool, or child care facility.
- Any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government, except where permitted by the Department of Natural Resources (hunting).
- Any court building.
- Any building or portion of a building under the control of a unit of local government.
- Any building, real property, and parking area of a detention or correctional institution, prison, or jail.
- Any building, real property, and parking area of any hospital, hospital affiliate, mental health facility, or nursing home.
- Any public transportation, or building, or parking area associated with same.
- Any building, real property, and parking area of an establishment if more than 50 percent of gross receipts is from the sale of alcohol.
- Any public gathering or special event conducted on property open to the public that requires the issuance of a permit from a local government or where alcohol is served.
- Any public playground.
- Any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality.
- Cook County Forest Preserve District property.
- College, community college, or universities unless authorized to do so.
- Gaming facility, including off track betting facilities.
- Stadiums.
- Public library properties.
- Airport properties.
- Amusement parks, zoo, museum.
- Nuclear facilities.



**I am the owner of a private business. Can I prohibit licensees from carrying a concealed weapon on the property I own?**

The owner of private real property of any type may prohibit the carrying of a firearm under his/her control, provided the owner must post a sign indicating firearms are prohibited, unless the property is a private residence. The sign shall be clearly posted at the entrance of a building, premises, or real property. Signs shall be uniform as established by the Illinois State Police and shall be 4 inches by 6 inches in size. (Rules are being developed now.)

**Can I leave my weapon in a vehicle in order to enter a location that prohibits concealed carry?**

Yes, weapons can be stored in a locked vehicle within a locked container where they are out of plain view. Licensees can briefly carry or retrieve the weapon (from the driver’s seat to the trunk) in order to place it in a locked container for storage. Other forms of acceptable storage include the trunk, glove compartment, console, firearm carrying box or other container that completely encloses the firearm or ammunition.

**Do I have to tell a police officer I am carrying a weapon?**

Yes, you have a duty to inform a police officer you are carrying a firearm if asked and you must provide your CCL so the officer can verify who you are and confirm your right to carry a firearm. Failure to do so is a Class B Misdemeanor and subjects you to arrest and fine.

**Violations of this Act:**

- Licenses shall be revoked if the licensee is no longer eligible or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the FOID Card Act.
- Licenses shall be suspended if an order of protection is issued under the Domestic Violence Act. In this case the license shall be surrendered in the court of jurisdiction or to the law enforcement agency serving the order of protection. Said law enforcement agency shall return the license to the state within seven days of its receipt.
- License shall become invalid upon expiration, unless the licensee has submitted an application for renewal.
- A licensee shall not carry a concealed firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Violations can result in a class A or B misdemeanor charge and a fine of \$150, plus court costs. Subsequent violations can result in a felony charge, a fine, and permanent revocation of the license.

**Applicant Training**

Within 60 days of this Act, the Illinois State Police will post approved firearms training courses on the department’s Web site. Applicants must provide proof of completion of a firearms training course which includes range qualification and firearms safety, the basic principles of marksmanship, how to care, clean, load and unload the firearm, and applicable state and federal laws relating to ownership, storage, carry, transportation of firearms and appropriate lawful interaction with law enforcement.

# Police Department Notice

**Effective April 1, 2014, parking is permitted on both sides of the street on weekends only. This will remain in effect until Nov. 1, 2014.**

**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). You do not have to give your name to the dispatcher to report any suspicious activity.**

**Please be aware that there is a curfew in effect for anyone under 17 years of age. Curfew hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sunday and 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.**

# MPPD Participates in Rapid Deployment Training

The Melrose Park Police Department has recently participated in their second annual rapid deployment training conducted at Elmwood Park High School with our surrounding local police agencies.

This particular training event is a product of a regional police department committee comprised of over a dozen municipalities, which includes Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Northlake and River Forest, just to name a few.

There are close to 20 schools in Melrose Park comprised of day care, preschool, grade school, high school and technical school. Each and every one of these facilities has been contacted by our Police Department and has engaged in security plan reviews, drills and presentations, with invitations and plans in progress to host rapid deployment training at our own schools this year.

The Police Department fully understands its responsibility to train and equip its officers to succeed, especially in their most important function, which is to protect its community. Advance levels of training and equipment have been established and rapid deployment is just one method to ensure an immediate response by patrol officers throughout Melrose Park.





# **Melrose Park Firemen's Association**



## **Annual Golf Outing Thursday, June 26, 2014 at Bloomingdale Country Club 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  
Callaway Golf Club Raffle tickets \$20 Per Ticket Only 200 sold  
Drawing: Thursday, June 26, 2014 Winner need not be present**







# Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



*Rick Beltrame  
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

## A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame

## New Firefighter Sworn In

On April 1, 2014, lifelong Melrose Park resident Guy LeGal was sworn in and joined the ranks of the Melrose Park Fire Department.

Firefighter LeGal comes to the department with an associate's degree in fire science from Triton College.

The addition of Firefighter LeGal will be beneficial to the Melrose Park Fire Department as it continues its mission of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of the village of Melrose Park.

Pictured are Fire & Police Commissioner Pat Esposito (left) and new firefighter, Guy LeGal.

Congratulations Guy!



## MP Firefighters Attend Westlake EMS Luncheon



Fire Chief Rick Beltrame and several members of the Melrose Park Fire Department attended Westlake Hospital's annual Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Luncheon in May.

The EMS workers were invited to have their hands blessed during the celebration.



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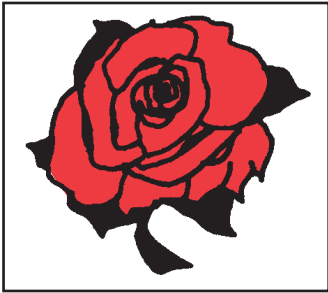
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# Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

From the Desk of  
Gary Marine,  
Director of Public Works

## “OUR METAL HAS BEEN TESTED.”

This winter, the village of Melrose Park employees endurance was tested. The 2013-2014 winter season brought sub-zero temperatures, numerous small and large snowfalls. Public Works employees battled the elements in never-ending snowstorms day and night. 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 has started. Lighted monuments will be placed on 25th and Division as the “gateway” to the Division Street Corridor.

## Street Resurfacing

This summer the village of Melrose Park will be resurfacing various streets in the village of Melrose Park. We are in the process of completing plans for this project.

## 25th Avenue Overpass

The village of Melrose Park with Bellwood, IDOT and Project Engineers are continuing to finalize the plans for the 25th Avenue Overpass.

## 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.



## Melrose Park Receives Merit Award

The Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects announced the Division Street Enhancement Project is the recipient of the Merit Award. The village of Melrose Park was recognized for this prestigious award at the I.L.S.A.L.A. Celebration at the Chicago History Museum earlier this spring.



## Broadway Relighting Project

As summer approaches, the Broadway Relighting Project is in its final phase and will be completed soon.



## Spring Silver Creek Clean Up

The Annual Spring Silver Creek Clean Up was held on May 3, 2014. All debris, landscape material and garbage was cleaned up from the creek and around the creek. This yearly cleanup revitalizes the creek and the surrounding area. A large number of volunteers arrived at 8:30 a.m., to select a location and begin cleanup and pickup. Refreshments kicked off the morning and cleanup activities ended at noon, at which time a celebration with a luncheon started under the concession stand shelter at Bulger Park, 17th Avenue and Hirsch Street, Melrose Park.



## 50/50 Sidewalk Project

The 50/50 Sidewalk Project will begin this 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

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

## Dog Park Hours

Dog Park Hours: 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.

## 15th Avenue Bridge

Designs are being finalized for a new bridge on 15th Avenue and bids and proposals are being secured for the project to begin late 2014 or early 2015.

If you have a request, please feel free to call Gary M. Marine, director of Public Works at (708) 343-5128.



# *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 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 2014 are June 19-21, July 17-19, Aug. 14-16 and Sept. 18-20.

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.



# 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., or call us at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4422.

Visit [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) search under the Building Department for more information and easy access to the following.

- Building Application Page1
- Building 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

## Building Department Report

I am very excited about the continued economic growth in Melrose Park. Below is a list of construction jobs presenting economic growth within the corporate limits of the village of Melrose Park. This is only a partial list:

• Menards	3215 W. North Ave.	Under Permit Review
• Xsport Fitness	1101 W. North Ave.	Permit Issued
• Harbor Freight	1909 N. Mannheim Rd.	Permit Issued
• Hardee's	2037 N. Mannheim Rd.	Permit Issued

# 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 e-mail at [rsorce@melrosepark](mailto:rsorce@melrosepark). 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.

# 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!

# 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.





# Code Enforcement Ordinance Notice

**Weeds** – All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches.

**No for sale signs on vehicles** – selling merchandise out of vehicles – working on vehicles in area not zoned for repair work.

**Insect screens** – doors must have self-closures and all windows must have screens.

**No dogs at large** – public nuisance, can impound dog.

**No loud unnecessary noises** – cars and homes.

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## Instructions for Parties

1. No loud music.
2. If a complaint is made regarding loud music, the police will ask the music to be lowered and kept at a reasonable volume. If the music is not kept at a reasonable volume and the police get a second complaint, they will shut the party down.
3. Music is to stop at 10:30 p.m. and not interfere with area neighbors.
4. The party must be kept on your property, not on public streets or neighbor's property.
5. Only adults over 21 years old will be allowed to drink alcohol at parties.
6. You are responsible for anyone getting intoxicated at your party.
7. Police can issue citations if the guidelines are broken.
8. Local ordinances and parking ordinances must be followed.

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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 2014 is: June 23; July 14 and 28; Aug. 11 and 25; Sept. 8 and 22; Tuesday, Oct. 14 and Oct. 27; Nov. 10 and Nov. 24; and Dec. 8 and 22.

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

## Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

### Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

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

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

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

## Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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

- Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2014
- Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 1, 2014
- Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 13, 2014
- Veterans Day – Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 28, 2014
- Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014
- Christmas Day – Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014
- New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014

Residents are asked to make note of the dates listed.  
For more information, call the Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.



# EMERGENCY CONTACT DATABASE



The Illinois Secretary of State's Emergency Contact Database allows you to enter emergency contact information, as well as disability/special needs information, into a voluntary, secure database at no charge. In the event you are involved in a motor vehicle crash or other emergency where you are unable to communicate, law enforcement can access this information and notify your designated emergency contacts, as well as provide any helpful information to emergency/medical personnel at the scene.

For more information or to join the  
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## Illinois Secretary of State Emergency Contact Database

- There is **NO FEE** to enroll in the Emergency Contact Database.
- Anyone who has an Illinois driver's license, instruction permit or state ID card can voluntarily enter his or her emergency contact information in the Emergency Contact Database.
- You may select one or two people as emergency contacts. Emergency contacts do not need to reside in Illinois. It is your responsibility to notify the individuals you have listed as emergency contacts.
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# Exercising for Seniors

**Join us at the  
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for exercising.**

**Monday-Friday, 9-10 a.m.**

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to all Melrose Park residents.**

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

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

# Melrose Park Senior Club NEWS

July 10 • Aug. 14 • Sept. Cancelled  
Oct. 9 • Nov. 13 • Dec. 11

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

## Registration for Memberships

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

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

It's a good place to make new friends and renew old ones.  
For membership information, call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

## Senior Services

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

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

## Area Towing Offers Complimentary Auto Services

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

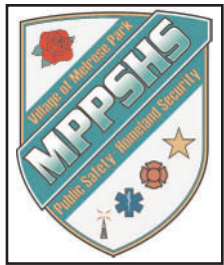
The services include tire changing, jump-starts and lock-outs.  
There will also be discounted  
towing for senior residents.

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



# 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 3 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.



# MP Homeland Security and Public Safety Members Participate in Annual Training



Members of the Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety traveled to fire station 3 for our yearly CPR and AED Training. At the start of each year members and officers of the Department meet at Fire Station 3 on Lake Street to refresh their knowledge and skills in two critical life-saving skills, CPR and AED. This is but one of the many medical situations the Departments train for. While one never hopes to use these skills, whether it be at a village event like the Taste of Melrose Park, or at home with friends and family, everyone is ready to respond at a moment's notice. Special thanks to Chief Richard Beltrame, Firefighter Tim Ude and Firefighter AJ Aiardo for arranging and teaching this class. Great job guys!

**For more information, contact the  
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<http://www.melroseparklibrary.org/freegal>



[www.MPPLibrary.org](http://www.MPPLibrary.org)



801 N Broadway, Melrose Park, IL 60160  
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(708)343-3391

## Summer Reading 2014

Travel around the library and beyond via the Melrose Park Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program. Your passport to adventure will be issued before departure.

**Timetable:**

**Now-July 18**

**Travel Agency:**

MPPL

**Tour Guides:**

Adult Services Staff

**Itinerary/Activities:**

Check out a book,  
DVD, or CD

Visit a database

Download an ebook/video/song

Stream a movie

Attend a program

Use a computer

Ask a reference question

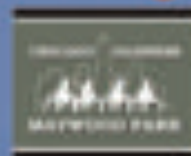
Add a leaf to the library tree

Travel off the beaten path



**Earn a stamp for activity completed. The more stamps you collect, the more chances you have to win prizes donated by local businesses!**

*Danny's*







# Melrose Park Public Library

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## Youth Services

### Morning Storytime

Join us each week for songs, rhymes, and lots of great books in our storytimes. Then stay for a craft – kids will make a treasure to take home! All families with children 5 years old or younger are invited to attend. Registration is required. Limit: 22 kids.

**Thursdays, June 12-July 17**

10-10:45 a.m.



### Monday Movie Madness

Come on in when the library hosts a movie afternoon. We'll be watching a newly released movie, sharing some treats, and enjoying the air conditioning! Registration is not required, all ages welcome.

**Mondays, Now-July 14**

2-3 p.m.



### Arts & Crafts

The library is hosting a weekly craft event for kids going into grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> to make a special treasure to take home. Be sure to register early to reserve your spot!

**Wednesdays, Now-July 16**

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Thursdays, Now-July 17**

2-3 p.m.

### Lego Club

The library will supply the Legos, you bring your imagination! Kids in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend; ages 3-5 must attend with a parent.

**Tuesdays, Now-July 15**

2-3 p.m.

**Fizz Boom Read "I Spy"!** Friday June 20th, all day

**The Library is  
Fun for Everyone!  
Come Out and Join Us as  
We Celebrate the Summer  
with Some Fun Activities.**

### Book Buddies

Book Buddies is targeting our beginning and/or struggling readers in First, Second and Third Grade- Call 708-343-3391 x7484 for detailed information.

**Monday or Thursday Sessions, Now-July 26**

5-6 p.m.

### Summer Reading Program

**Now-July 18**

**Fizz Boom Read!**  
for kids ages 3 to 12  
**Spark A Reaction**  
for teenagers.



**Check us out on the Web  
[www.MPPLibrary.org](http://www.MPPLibrary.org).**

**Summer Volunteers Wanted!** If you need service hours for school or just love the library and want to help, please come in and fill out an application to volunteer! We especially need teens who would like to participate in our new program "Book Buddies"!

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



[www.MPPLibrary.org](http://www.MPPLibrary.org)



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(708) 343-3391

**Mon-Thu: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Closed Last Sat of Each Month**

**Sun: Closed**

# Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

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Winter Hours (Oct. 1-Memorial Day)

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





**SAVE the DATE  
You Are INVITED!!**



**MAP of Hope Foundation's  
Light of Hope Walk**

Saturday, June 21, 2014

6pm – 11pm

Ralph "Babe" Serpico Memorial Field  
1000 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Melrose Park, IL

**Calling on All Survivors, Caregivers, Family, Friends, and Community Members**

Please come join us on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6pm – 11pm as we honor our family and friends who have battled or are currently battling ANY disease or illness.

**COME GIVE HOPE TO OTHERS!**

We will have music, a bocce ball tournament, vendors selling merchandise, refreshments, our famous sweet table, and more...

**Hope shines the brightest during the  
Light of Hope Walk Ceremony!**

*At 9pm, our **Light of Hope Walk** Ceremony will begin...*

During this ceremony, glow sticks are lit inside of personalized bags – "Luminaria" bags -- with each one honoring a loved one who has battled or is currently battling any disease or illness.

Each personalized Luminaria bag placed along the track of Serpico Field and burning throughout the night, commemorates a treasured family member or friend. Each Luminaria bag also brightens the path for walkers throughout the night.

The power of this ceremony lies in providing an opportunity for people to share their grief, highlight their strength, and find hope.

**Please join us for this moving ceremony in which the names of those honored  
will be recognized.**



## MAP of Hope Foundation Light of Hope Walk

### Luminaria Order Form

Ralph "Babe" Serpico Memorial Field  
Saturday June 21, 2014  
6PM – 11PM

-----Please Print-----

In completing this form, I am lighting the path of HOPE by purchasing a Luminaria in honor of the following people. **Luminarias are \$5.00 each.**

**Please PRINT name NEATLY and include phonetic pronunciations for unusual or difficult names if you think it is necessary.**

### LIGHT OF HOPE WALK 2014

Buyer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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■ *Continue on back or attached separate sheet if needed*

Number of Luminaria purchased \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Made Payable to: **MAP of Hope Foundation**

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1. Make Check Payable to: **MAP of Hope Foundation**  
*Write out Check for Total \$ Cost of Raffle Tickets*  
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2. Mail to: **MAP of Hope Foundation-Shoes**  
**P.O. Box 1110**  
**Melrose Park, IL 60161-1110**

### **Via PayPal:**

1. Go to: <https://www.paypal.com/>
2. Click on [Send] at top of website
3. Enter: **mapofhopefoundation@gmail.com**
4. Enter: **Total \$ Amount** you are sending  
(Ex: \$10 for 1, \$25 for 3, \$50 for 6, \$75 for 9, \$100 for 12)

**\*Drawing will be Held at:**

**MAP of Hope Foundation's "LIGHT OF HOPE WALK"**

Saturday, June 21, 2014 6pm – 11pm

1000 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Melrose Park, IL (Ralph "Babe" Serpico Memorial Field )

**\*Participant need not be present to win**

For More Information:  
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# VPD Garden Project



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at Veterans Park District

*Organic vegetable bed rentals will be available on a first come first served basis.  
4' x 8' beds will be available for rent to residents, civic organizations & schools.*

*call 708-343-5270 for more information*

*There is a limited quantity of beds available.*

### 2014 RENTAL FEES:

\$25 per bed/ residents

\$50 per bed/non-residents



GARDENS LOCATED AT:  
Gouin Park, Franklin Park  
Bataan Park, Melrose Park





# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### Gouin Park Pool and Water Slide

#### New, Affordable, Individual Pass Pricing

##### Regular Season Pass: \$35 In District, \$50 Out of District

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

#### Registering for a Pool Pass

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

- Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake (708) 343-5270
- Gouin Pool, 2400 Scott St., Franklin Park (847) 451-9396 – during pool season.

#### Daily Admission      Special Pricing After 4 p.m.

Ages 2 and under Free	Ages 2 and under Free
Ages 2-11 \$6	Ages 2-11 \$3
Ages 12 and up \$7	Ages 12 and up \$4

Season passes include unlimited access to pools, 232 ft. twister slide and 207 ft. slide, kiddie area with umbrella water-fall and new kiddie slide, special events hosted at Gouin and much more!

### Pee Wee Picassos

#### Ages 18-36 Months

In this program, your child will be able to experiment with new materials to make art during each class. Through art activities, children practice important skills including fine motor skills. Prepare for lots of fun and sentimental keepsakes! Tuesdays – June 24–July 29 – 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Location: Leoni Complex. Fee: \$30 In District, \$35 Out of District

### Lil' Kid Sports

#### Ages 3-4 and 4-6

Ready for some fun? Children will learn basic fundamentals of team sports, how to work together and treat others with respect. Some of the sports taught and played include soccer, football, baseball and more.

Wednesdays – June 18-July 23 – Noon-12:45 p.m. (Ages 3-4), 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. (Ages 4-6).

Location: Leoni Complex. Fee: \$55 In District, \$65 Out of District

### Chicago Fire Summer Camp

#### Ages 6-11

Get ready to take your soccer performance to the next level this summer with Chicago Fire Summer Camps!

Chicago Fire Summer Camps are all about giving players the opportunity to develop their skills in an environment that is positive and rewarding. Our highly qualified and talented staff have unrivaled experience of youth soccer development both in the United States and abroad and bring all of this experience to help your child become the next soccer superstar!

Every child is different, both in their personality and learning style. Our

Emerging Talent Pathway is specifically designed to reflect this and develop the talent of each soccer player that participates. Whether a player is new to the sport or already a superstar on the field, Chicago Fire Summer Camps will make every participant feel like a winner! Each player will receive a soccer ball, Dri-Fit jersey, a Chicago Fire DNA Evaluation plus a Free Companion Ticket to a Chicago Fire Graduation Night Game!

Campers should bring their own ball, shin guards and water bottle each day. Mondays-Fridays – June 16-20 – 5-8 p.m.

Location: Leoni Complex. Fee: \$125 per camper

### VPD Hitting League

#### Ages 7-12 and 13-18

Calling all baseball players! Individual players can sign up for this program to show us how many line drives they can hit in our batting cages! The first hour will be rapid rotation to get each participant as many at bats in the cage as possible. Then, hitters will be given more points for line drives, well placed batted balls and more. Hitters will be given fewer points for pop outs, and swings and misses. Prizes will be given to the top average scores on a monthly basis. Come prove you are a hitting league champion!

Wednesdays and Fridays – July 2-30 (off July 4) or Aug. 6-29

Location: Leoni Complex Turf.

Fee: \$16 In District, \$20 Out of District

### Sports Camp

Ages: 6-12      Location: George A. Leoni Complex

Veterans Park District is proud to offer our new and improved Summer Sports Camp all summer this year. During this amazing camp your child will participate in every sport imaginable, both indoors and outdoors, while having multiple opportunities to participate in swim days and field trips to different sports events and other sports facilities. We will be using our multiple facilities to make sure your child has the perfect summer experience, where they make friends, have a great experience and much, much more!

#### Sports Camp Fees and Registration Information

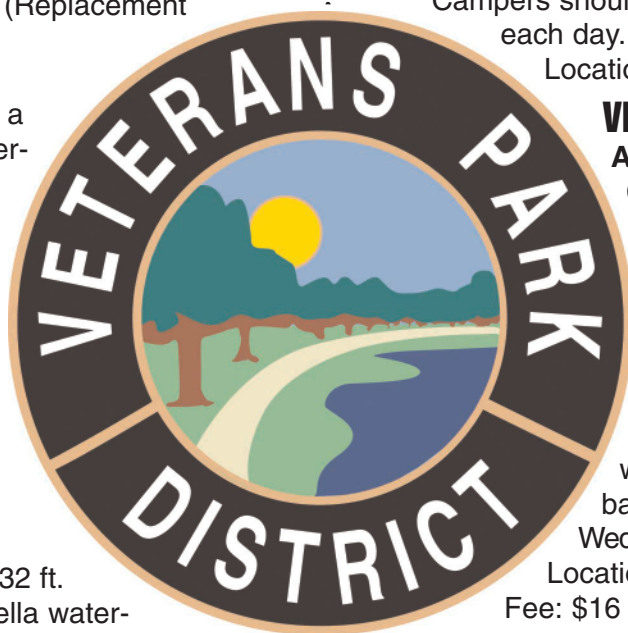
- Two Sessions – June 30–July 18 (No camp on July 4), July 21–Aug. 8.
- Sports Camp Hours – 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fee: In District-\$215, Friendly Neighbor-\$250, Out of District-\$295. (Third Child Discount – \$30.) (Friendly Neighbor Fee – Franklin Park and River Grove.)

Parents must register for before care and after care for extended hours.

Fees must be paid in full one day prior to the session start date

#### Before Care and After Care Extended Care Fees

- 8-9 a.m. – \$42 • 4-5 p.m. – \$45 • 4-6 p.m. – \$75



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



# Men's 16" & Co-ed 14" ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

**Thursday, July 31-Sunday, Aug 3.**

Veterans Park District will host its Annual Softball Tournament at Bulger Park, 1601 N. 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 17  
Co-ed: 8 p.m., Thursday, July 17

Non Refundable 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 17. Any team incurring a late fee must pay the entire tournament fee (including the late fee) by 10 p.m. Friday, July 25.

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

• cash prizes • • fun • • food • • drinks •

**Bocce Ball Tournament**  
Saturday, Aug. 2- Sunday, Aug. 3  
11 a.m.

Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch, Melrose Park  
\$20 per team

**Join Veterans Park District  
as we celebrate  
the tradition of Bocce Ball!  
Register now by calling (708) 343-5270!**

Two players per team and courts  
will be assigned the day of the tournament.  
Start time is at noon. Pre-registration required.



# Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Several businesses opened their doors recently with a warm welcome to members of the Melrose Park community. Mayor Serpico joined in the grand opening celebrations and thanked the vendors for their commitment to our village!



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# **Taste Of Melrose Park**

**AUGUST 29TH 5PM-11PM  
AUGUST 30TH NOON-11PM  
AUGUST 31ST NOON-10PM**

**Melrose Park Village Complex  
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## \$10,000.00 ELITE SPONSOR Package

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1-4x6 Banner  
1-24" x 48" Billboard  
Public Address Announcements  
3-VIP parking passes  
Entertainment Sponsor

## \$5,000.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR Package

2-Large Ads  
10x10 Hospitality Tent  
1-4x6 Banner  
Public Address System Announcements  
2-VIP parking passes

## \$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR Package

1-Large Ad  
1-24" x 48" Billboard  
1-3x4 Banner  
Public Address System Announcements  
1-parking pass

## \$2,500.00 RHODIUM SPONSOR Package

1-Large Ad  
1-18" x 36" Billboard  
1-3x4 Banner  
Public Address System Announcements

## \$1,500.00 TITANIUM SPONSOR Package

1-Large Ad  
1-3x4 Banner  
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## \$1000.00 BRONZE SPONSOR Package

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For more information or for an answer to a question,  
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# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK 2014 FOOD VENUE

All Vendors Priced \$3 or Less

Scardino's Italian Sausage  
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Carlotta's Sweet Aroma Linguine  
w/Garlic&Oil  
Shwings Jumbo Fried Shrimp  
Iannelli's Panzerotti  
Goo's Steak Sandwiches  
Cafe 23  
Mickey's Italian Beef  
Strawberry Slushies  
Lil Mac's Fried Calamari  
J.K. Chicken Wings  
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Richie's Curly Fries w/Cheese  
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Rich's "Corn on the Cob"  
Cillas "Steak Teriyaki"  
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Compadres Dorito Boat  
Nacho Mama  
Silvio & Carmella's  
Homemade "Crustels"  
Frankie G's  
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich

Gia & Nat's Gnocchis  
Siciliano's Old Fashioned  
Fried Bologna  
Kay's Hand Dipped Chocolates  
Frank & Theresa's  
Pepper & Egg Sandwich  
Ron's Famous Fried Dough  
J.T's Homemade "Bruschetta"  
Cervone's Homemade "Cannoli"  
Nikki's Zucchini Cheese Puffs  
Cody's Kim's Rootbeer Float  
MaMa D's Bracciole  
Sloanie's Iced Cappuccino  
Jessica's Pork Tamales  
SMOKIN M's Peach Cobbler  
Maries Rigatoni w/Vodka Sauce  
Esposito's "Lasagna Frittas"  
Mar Y Tierra Restaurant Ceviche  
Nutella Crepes  
PaPa Joe's Fried Zucchini  
Cheese Tortellini  
w/Spinach,Garlic&Oil  
Petruzzi's Meatball Sandwich  
Antney's Italian Lemonade  
Sisters of St. Charles "Sfingi"  
Elio's Funnel Cake  
Louie Ariola's Artichoke Casserole  
Corz Kid's Garlic Shrimp  
Monti's Mozzarella Sticks  
Diana's Homemade  
Pasta Con Fagioli

Slicker Sam's Tira Misu  
Vinnie Laraia's Baked Clams  
Lil Dean's Ravioli  
Scatchell's Stuffed  
Melrose Peppers  
Patty's Eggplant Parmesan  
Sandwich  
Natalie & Nicole's  
Mini Melts Ice Cream  
Scudiero's Pizza  
Pepperoni Roll  
Riccio's Frozen Bananas  
Athenian Food "GYROS"  
Mare's Eclairs  
D & D Arancini  
Capt. De's Seeds & Nuts  
Art Flo  
Sacred Heart Food Trays  
Squires Cotton Candy



## Taste Entertainment Lineup

- R-Gang • American English • Classical Blast • Midnight Special "The Classic Rock Experience"
- Libido Funk Circus • The Other 3 Tenors • Party Crashers • Danny Fox • Greg Rini • Jesse White Tumblers
- The Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society • And More!



*Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico*



**Friday,  
Saturday,  
and  
Sunday,  
Aug. 29-31,  
2014**

# **The 33rd 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 2014 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, 2014.

### **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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Earn college credits through the summer and still have time for fun in the sun by taking advantage of Triton's summer scheduling option.

There's still time to register for this summer's five-week session, which begins June 30. All summer courses are the equivalent in content to courses offered during the fall and spring semesters.

Courses are accelerated, but there is enough flexibility to allow for jobs and summer recreation. Summer course schedules are available in the Triton College Welcome Center. Summer courses also can be found on Triton's Web site, [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu).

Online and walk-in registration for summer and early-bird registration for fall is currently in progress. Enroll now for the best selection of classes.

To register online, go to [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu).

Always committed to meeting the needs of the community, Triton offers a number of courses at off-campus sites, in addition to the River Grove campus.

For more information on Triton's summer schedule, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

## Triton College Completes Swimming Pool Renovation

Triton College has completed the renovation of its swimming pool, just in time for summer courses!

In May, Triton College reconvened its aquatic classes in its newly renovated swimming pool that is compliant with safety and ADA regulations. New features of the pool include a new liner, mechanical systems, piping, a state-of-the-art audio system, sound attenuation panels and an eye-catching design sporting the Triton College logo. Also, a new, more sustainable filtration system was installed to filter safe and clean water into the pool, while still saving on water and energy.



"The pool renovations were made out of concern to our students' safety and further pushes our sustainability efforts on campus," said Dr. Doug Olson, vice president of Academic and Student Affairs. "With summer here, we hope that with the completion of our newly renovated swimming pool that we are able to provide our students with a little cool relief with our aquatic classes."

Visit [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu) for class information. To register for Continuing Education classes, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3500, or stop by the School of Continuing Education Office, in the A Building, Room A-201. To register for credit courses, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

## RSVP Volunteers Help Record Number of Taxpayers

The RSVP of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage County, sponsored by Triton College, assisted 835 individuals to electronically file their tax returns during the tax season.

Through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program, a program the IRS has been funding for 21 years, 37 certified volunteer tax counselors helped individuals from low- to moderate-income households, the majority of them 60 and older, complete their federal and state income tax returns. This is an increase of more than 115 returns from the prior year.

"These volunteers are very dedicated to this program," said Kay Frey, director of RSVP. "Of the 37 volunteers this year, 23 of them are returning volunteers. This program is labor intensive. The volunteers have to take the training that we hold for five consecutive Saturdays beginning in January and pass an IRS-approved test with 80 percent or better."

This free service was offered from Feb. 3 through April 12. Assistance was provided at various locations throughout the community, including the Melrose Park Public Library, the Elmwood Park Senior Center, Proviso Township Office in Hillside, the Leyden Township Carl Fiorito Center in Franklin Park, the Senior Assistance Center in Norridge and on Triton College's main campus in River Grove. In addition to helping more taxpayers, the program was able to return to taxpayers in the form of refunds a total of \$657,045, an increase of \$158,731.

"I am looking forward to next year's tax season and our Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program," said Frey, who will start preparation for the program in November. "I'm always happy to see the returning volunteers as well as welcome any new ones."

For more information about the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program or RSVP, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3603.

**FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION ... REGISTER NOW!**  
*Proceeds benefit Triton College Foundation scholarships.*



**Triton College  
Foundation  
17th Annual  
Golf Outing**

**Wednesday, June 18**

**White Pines Golf Club, Bensenville**

**Hole-in-One Special!**

**Par Sponsorships – \$740**

Includes one foursome, hole signage on two courses and name/logo on promotional material for event.

**Individual Golfers – \$135**

**Foursomes – \$540**

Friend of the Foundation, corporate and hole sponsorships are also available, please call or e-mail for more info.

To register or for additional information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3758, or send an e-mail to [tcfoundation@triton.edu](mailto:tcfoundation@triton.edu).

The Triton College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Archive Needs Your Help



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.

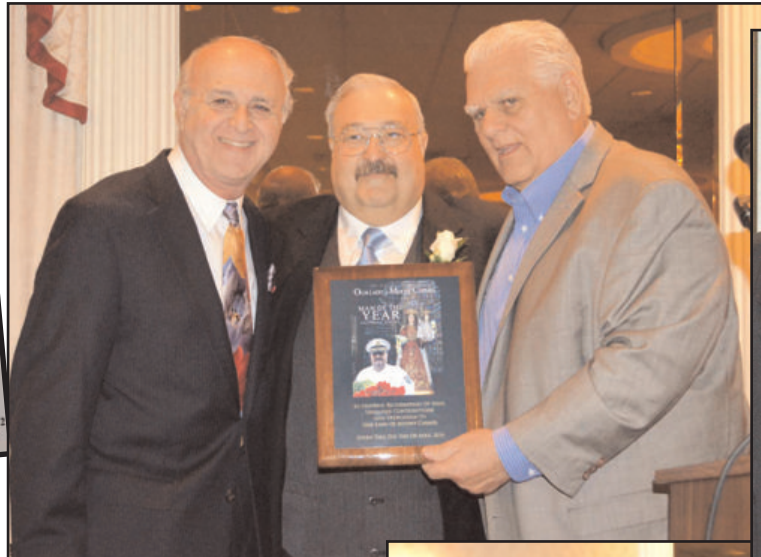
This archive initiative is not a one- or two-person effort. It requires the cooperation and help of others, especially older parishioners who might be able to provide material and information essential in writing our unique story – a story born out of strong ethnic traditions and profound devotion to 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.



# The Italian Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Annual Dinner Dance

## Man of the Year Chief Philip C. Schwartz



On Saturday, April 5, the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast held their annual dinner dance.

This year's recipient of the Man of the Year Award was Philip C. Schwartz, chief of Public Safety – Homeland Security for the village of Melrose Park, and the Bellini/Borzillo families received the annual candlehouse recognition.

Congratulations!

## Bellini/Borzillo Annual Candlehouse Recognition



# **THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY**

## **JUNE 13-15, 2014**

**Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**  
**Melrose Park, Illinois**



*Friday, June 13*

*Actual Feast Day of St. Anthony*  
*7:30 p.m.*

***SPECIAL TRIDIUM & RECEPTION***

*Saturday, June 14*  
***TRIDIUM • 5:30 p.m.***

*Sunday, June 15*  
***FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY***

*10:15 a.m. – Caliendo's Banda Napolitana*  
*Procession into Church*

*10:30 a.m. – Mass in Italian*

*11:30 a.m.*

*Distribution of Blessed Bread /Adoration of Relic*  
*Outdoor Procession • Reception in the Gym*

**For more information, call the rectory at (708) 344-4140.**  
**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel • 1101 N. 23rd Ave. • Melrose Park, Ill. 60160**



# Catizone Recognized by Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame

Melrose Park resident Rich Catizone was recently recognized by the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame as the recipient of the Frank C. Holan Award.

Catizone started playing softball on local teams when he was 14 on the playgrounds of Chicago.

Years later, Rich began playing with Hall of Fame Manager Nick Camillo. Soon after he formed the Travelers and the Check Mates. Two well-known teams that competed in many tournaments and featured eight players who were eventually inducted in the Hall of Fame.

After his playing days, Rich managed the Penguins, an A Level team that participated in the Windy City Classic at Grant Park.

Catizone also consulted with management of Flash and Puglise, and played a big part in their success. Puglise defeated Lettuce in 1999 to win the annual Forest Park No Gloves title.

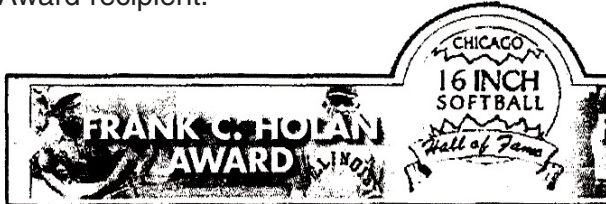
Catizone's teams have won hundreds of games and he has teamed up with some of the best players in softball.

He decided to retire from the game at the age of 48 but remains close as a true and respected spectator and fan.

Catizone is also recognized as an excellent scout of the game, being named chief scout in the mid-90s to the All-Gumbo Team by Jimmy Divito, a local radio host and legendary softball player on the Blues.

Rich has always been respected by softball enthusiasts, both young and old, for his dedication and passion to the game.

Melrose Park is proud to congratulate Rich Catizone on being named the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame Frank C. Holan Award recipient.



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# Melrose Park Little League Parade

## Saturday, May 31, 2014





# They Caught the One that Didn't Get Away!



The long winter and cold spring hasn't stopped these Melrose Park residents from enjoying the great outdoors. Terry Saether, Rocky Zito and Deanna Krefft have been fishing for walleye on the Wisconsin River these past few weekends and all three of them have caught something much bigger than walleye. Each one of them experienced heart pounding battles with muskie, Wisconsin's largest predator fish. Catching muskie is always a thrill, but to catch them on the light gear used for walleye is something you'll never forget. These Melrose Parkers didn't let cold temperatures get the best of them, you shouldn't either. Get out there and start enjoying 2014!



# Advanced Disposal Driver's Son Brings Home Gold and Inspires Others to Overcome Challenges

Advanced Disposal, an integrated environmental services company, applauds the achievements of a member of its extended family, Paralympian Brody Roybal, son of Melrose Park, Ill., recycling driver Robert Roybal.

At 15 years old, Brody was the youngest U.S. Paralympic athlete at the Sochi games where his sled hockey team defeated Russia to win the gold medal on March 15. A sophomore at West Leyden High School in Northlake, Ill., Brody scored two goals in games leading up to the showdown between the U.S. and Russia.

The teen discovered his talent for and love of sled hockey at the age of 7. Born without legs, he had been searching for a modified sport he could play and enjoy. Sled hockey fit the bill. Participants, who can't use traditional skates because of varying disabilities, sit in sleds and use two shorter sticks to propel them around the ice and to control the puck.

While Brody plays on a youth team and practices with an adult team in the Chicago area, he increased the frequency and intensity of an already demanding routine upon learning he made the national team in July. In addition to early morning and late night practices, Brody works in midday training at school. His efforts were supported by his father, whom he calls his hero, and mother, Michelle, who both drove him wherever he needed to go.

"It's all him. We may drive him, but he does everything on his own," said his father, downplaying the commitment required of parents of athletes of Brody's caliber.

With the positive and exhilarating experience of Sochi barely behind him, Brody has no intention of letting up on his practice schedule. He has sights set on competing at the international level again next year and in the 2018 Winter Paralympics in South Korea.

But Brody does take time to speak to elementary through high students about perseverance and bullying. "The best advice I ever received was from my coach, Jim, who said 'Legs are overrated. You don't need them to do what you want to do in life.'"

## About Advanced Disposal

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# Mayor Serpico Speaks at Grant School Career Day



Mayor Serpico was invited by the students at Grant School to attend their 2014 Career Day.

The mayor graciously accepted and spoke to the children in several classrooms on what they want to be when they become adults, the importance of doing good in school and about his career as mayor of Melrose Park.

The children enjoyed talking to the mayor and thanked him for stopping by.



# Zumba Party at West Leyden

A Zumba Party fundraiser was held recently to benefit the West Leyden High School Social Club. Several students and chaperones from the school will be volunteering to assist children at an orphanage in Mexico.

Attending the event were Wil Wagner, from West Leyden, and Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota, who spoke to the crowd.

Special thanks goes to Rosendo Flores, who coordinated the fundraiser.



# Community Enjoys Annual Day of the Child Health Fair

In April, several organizations came together to offer the annual Day of the Child Health Fair at the Melrose Park Civic Center.

The day featured many health-related as well as fun activities geared toward children and their family members.



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# Pace Updates Transit Supportive Guidelines, Offers FREE Design Review

An effective public transit system provides an accessible, efficient, safe, and comfortable trip for commuters. Pace's recently updated Transit Supportive Guidelines present development principles and standards that assist municipalities, designers and engineers with eliminating barriers to transit access – real or perceived – and make public transportation a viable or preferred alternative.

The goal of the Transit Supportive Guidelines is to foster reliable, efficient, convenient and accessible transit in communities throughout the Chicago region that are served by Pace. By shaping the built environment to support all modes of movement – from the transit vehicle itself to pedestrians walking down the street or to the front door of their destination – a more effective regional transit service can enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

As part of the Transit Supportive Guidelines initiative, Pace offers complementary, in-house, technical review of development plans under its Design Review Assistance For Transit (D.R.A.F.T.) program. These reviews are conducted by Pace's Transportation Engineer and are designed to promote the incorporation of public transportation features in suburban developments.

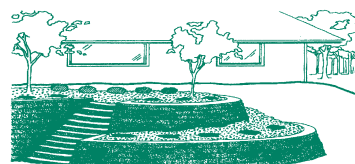
If you have a development project that could impact existing bus services or benefit from better coordination with Pace, you can download a D.R.A.F.T. program application at [PaceBus.com/Guidelines](http://PaceBus.com/Guidelines) or contact the Pace Transportation Engineer by e-mailing [transportationengineer@pacebus.com](mailto:transportationengineer@pacebus.com). The engineer is in charge of administering the D.R.A.F.T. program and coordinating with other Pace staff as needed to properly assess the impacts of a development project.

Download the guidelines and watch the *Design Guidelines for Transit Supportive Communities* webinar at [PaceBus.com/Guidelines](http://PaceBus.com/Guidelines).

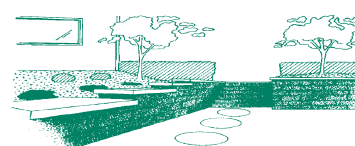
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## RTA Secures Funding for Village of Melrose Park Transit Plan RTA Leads Partnership with Village to Improve Transit in the Broadway Avenue Corridor

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board of Directors has approved funding to begin the Melrose Park Broadway Avenue Corridor Plan aimed at making it easier for the Melrose Park residents to access to public transportation.

The study will provide recommendations to improve the village's primary transit corridor with the goal of creating a transit-friendly environment that includes improved transit infrastructure (shelters and sidewalks) as well as safety and beautification elements that will be incorporated into the village's Comprehensive Plan update. The corridor runs south on Broadway Avenue from North Avenue to St. Charles Road.

"We are proud to partner with the village of Melrose Park in this study and help to provide improvements and add value to the area for residents and commuters while encouraging local development," says Leanne Redden, acting RTA executive director. "This project is just one of 10 Community Planning projects we are working with this year that will make it easier and more convenient for residents to use public transit and reduce their dependence on driving."

Melrose Park's \$80,000 grant is one of three recently approved studies spearheaded by the RTA. The other municipalities receiving grants are the city of Geneva and the village of Rosemont. All three projects are made possible by the RTA Community Planning program that secures funding and provides planning assistance to benefit communities in the region's transportation system.

Federal dollars will account for the majority of Melrose Park's grant. The village will add \$20,000 to the \$80,000 secured by the RTA. The RTA will be a partner with the village throughout the study by managing the grant, providing expertise as the project is developed and by assisting with the implementation of the recommendations.

"The Broadway Avenue Corridor in Melrose Park holds a great deal of potential for enhanced and vibrant economic activity," said Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico. "The partnership between the RTA and our village will gather input from our residents and local businesses and use it to create new and exciting ways to revitalize and grow our shopping and dining, transportation and residential quality of life. We're excited about getting started and we're looking forward to making Melrose Park a better place to live, work and shop."

To date, the RTA has leveraged federal, state, local and its own dollars to fund 223 public transit-related projects totaling more than \$134 million throughout the region. For more information on the RTA Community Planning program, please go to [www.rtachicago.com/cp](http://www.rtachicago.com/cp).

About the RTA: The RTA provides financial oversight, funding and regional planning for the three public transit operations in Northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and train, Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus and paratransit.

For more information, visit [www.RTAchicago.com](http://www.RTAchicago.com).



# Mayor Serpico, Trustee Mota Attend MP School Bicycle Giveaway

In May, Melrose Park School held an event to recognize student achievement.

Every student was given an opportunity to win a bicycle (compliments of Mayor Serpico) for making the honor roll, getting better grades this semester than last, for perfect attendance, and for their quality commitment to their education.

The mayor and Trustee Arturo Mota attended the event and are very proud of all the students as well as the staff at the school for their devoted efforts to promote good grades and the importance of a quality education.



# Melrose Park Fire/Police Host Cookout for Senior Club Members



At their May meeting, members of the Melrose Park Senior Club were treated to a delicious barbeque lunch on behalf of officers of the Melrose Park Police Department and firefighters from the Melrose Park Fire Department.

Club members would like to take this opportunity to thank the policemen and firefighters for their generosity.

# Missionary Sisters Host Successful St. Joseph Table



On Friday, March 14, the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles held their annual St. Joseph table.

The event was well attended and the group would like to thank everyone who volunteered or stopped by to support the cause.



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# A Message from Kathleen Willis Illinois State Representative • 77th District

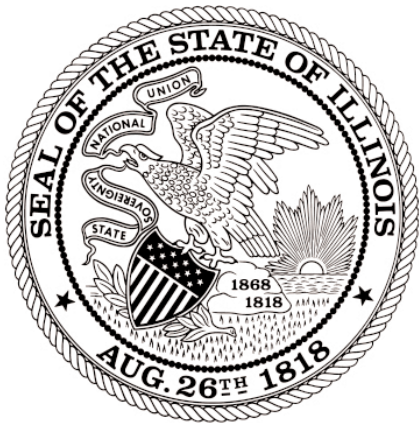
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## Rep. Willis Promotes Illinois Veterans History Project

To create a permanent record of the names and stories of Illinois war veterans and civilians who served our state and country during war, state Rep. Kathleen Willis is encouraging residents to participate in the Illinois Veterans History Project that was launched by Secretary of State Jesse White.



"The Illinois Veterans History Project gives veterans and their family members the opportunity to share their memories into a permanent record so their service and patriotism may be honored and remembered for many years in the future," Rep. Willis said. "I encourage residents to take part in this statewide project so that the contributions of many brave men and women will never be forgotten."

To participate in this project, veterans or their family members can fill out an Illinois Patriots Information form from the Secretary of State's office that can be obtained at driver service facilities throughout Illinois or on their Web site [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Those who participate will receive an Official Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in this project.

"Each and every day we must be thankful for the courageous efforts of the brave men and women who serve our country," Rep. Willis said. "As your state representative, I'm committed to protecting vital services for veterans and increasing veteran appreciation in Illinois. I encourage veterans and their families to take a moment to review information about the Illinois Veteran History Project and participate to share your memories with residents throughout the state."

For more information about the Illinois Veterans History Project please contact Rep. Willis's constituent service office at (708) 562-6970

## Rep. Willis and Sec. White Support Library Program for Visually Impaired Readers

State Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) and Secretary of State Jesse White are urging residents who suffer from severe vision impairment to take advantage of the Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS), which is a talking book library program for those who are unable to read standard printed material. "As a former librarian, I am excited about this program to assist people who are unable to read due to difficulties with their vision to access the world of information available at our local libraries," said Willis.

Recently, the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center and the Voices of Vision Talking Book Center have consolidated into the Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center. The center provides library service to anyone unable to read standard print because of low vision, blindness or a physical disability. The talking books are mailed at no charge to and from library patrons, wherever they reside.

"There are 3,793 constituents that I represent who are active readers with the Talking Book and Braille Service," said Willis. "Clearly this is a service that many are currently taking advantage of but we need to get the word out because many more are unaware of this important program."

To request more information about the TBBS program, visit [www.illinoistalkingbooks.org](http://www.illinoistalkingbooks.org) or call 1-800-426-0709.

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



# **Spring Recycling Extravaganza: Rep. Willis and Addison Park District Host Free Recycling and Paper Shred Day**



As part of her continuing efforts to improve the environment and increase consumer protections, state Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) cosponsored a free recycling and paper shredding event with the Addison Park District recently at the Community Recreation Center Parking Lot.

“Many people have items that can be recycled but are confused or unaware of where to take them,” said Willis. “I cosponsored 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 was also the opportunity for residents to take advantage of a paper shredding service. Individuals brought up to five boxes of documents and the documents were shredded on site. The shredded paper will later be processed to create recycled paper. “With all the concern about identity theft, I’m glad I was able to bring my important documents to be safely and securely disposed of in a way that still protects the environment,” said Sean Wadzinski, a local resident who participated in the event.



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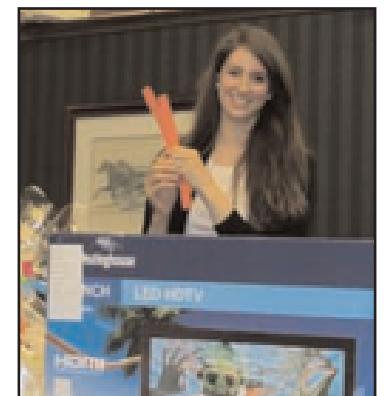
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## **Is it Overactive Bladder?**

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Needing to urinate eight or more times a day, waking up to go to the bathroom two or more times a night, frequent urgency and, at times, leakage. These can be symptoms of overactive bladder. Overactive bladder is a common complaint. It affects more women than men and often starts in midlife or after the menopause. There are many possible reasons for overactive bladder.

- A urinary tract infection irritates the bladder and causes a person to urinate frequent small amounts, often accompanied by pain and visible blood in the urine. Antibiotics are prescribed and usually the infection can be quickly cured.
- Some medications can cause frequent urination. Diuretics are prescribed for many reasons and work by extracting excess fluid that is being retained in other parts of the body and channeling it to the bladder for excretion. There will definitely be an increase in urination while taking diuretics. For this reason your doctor will probably suggest they be taken early in the day and not at night so as to minimize sleep disturbance.
- Caffeine, soda, alcohol, coffee, tea, spicy foods, citrus fruits and juices, tomatoes, chocolate and artificial sweeteners have all been blamed for irritating the bladder in susceptible individuals. Eliminating these from the diet for a period of time will determine if they are the culprits.
- Drinking large amounts of liquid will increase bathroom trips. An intake of about 64 ounces of per day is generally a good guide. Over restricting fluids can lead to concentrated urine, irritation and increased susceptibility to bladder infections. However, it should help with night time waking if liquids are eliminated or reduced in the evening. Daytime intake should be normal or as suggested by your doctor. Water is still the best beverage choice.
- Pregnancy puts extra pressure on the bladder, and during childbirth the muscles surrounding the bladder may be weakened and stretched, leading to later difficulties in holding the urine. These muscles can often be tightened by consciously contracting and relaxing the pelvic muscles frequently throughout the day. However, sometimes surgery is needed to correct this condition.
- Being overweight puts extra pressure on the bladder, decreasing its storage capacity, therefore, maintaining a healthy weight is important.
- Estrogen deficiency after menopause can contribute to bladder problems and a vaginal cream with very low dose estrogen may be prescribed to keep the area more normal.
- Certain medical conditions and diseases, such as herniated disks, diabetes, Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis, can cause nerve damage, resulting in the frequent need to urinate.
- In men, the prostate gland is often the cause of overactive bladder. The prostate encircles the tube which drains urine from the bladder. If the prostate is enlarged, the tube is squeezed so only a small amount of urine can pass out of the body at one time. Since the bladder is never really emptied, the man will feel the need to urinate more often. Due to the stagnant urine in his bladder, he may also be more susceptible to bladder infections.
- Your doctor is the best person to help with overactive bladder. Be prepared for your office visit. Bring a record of how many times you need to urinate during both day and night and for how long this condition has been a problem. Keep track of how much liquid you consume and at what times throughout the day. The doctor will need to test a sample of urine for abnormalities. Sometimes there is a simple solution, such as an obvious bladder infection, but the cause of the problem might not be so easily determined. You might need to try different things. There are medications that work in different ways to decrease frequent urination and urgency, and your doctor may offer a trial prescription to see if any of them improve the condition. They don't always make a difference. A medication you are taking for another condition may be irritating your bladder but there may be an alternative medication that can be substituted. Your doctor will know if this is the case, so make sure he knows all the medications you take.
- Overactive bladder is a very common problem that is always inconvenient, often distressing and sometimes embarrassing. Don't be embarrassed. There are ways your doctor can help you and there are things you can do to help yourself.

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# MAMMOGRAPHY: still saves lives

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It is very confusing. There is no lack of opposing opinions on the usefulness and feasibility of yearly mammograms. Medical guidelines have recommended that women have their first routine mammogram at age 40, then, if it is unremarkable, they may be able to have one every two years until the age of 50, when yearly mammograms are again suggested. Yet frequently there are reports claiming that having mammograms according to this schedule exposes the body to too much radiation, may incorrectly diagnose normal breast changes as suspicious of breast cancer, which causes undue anxiety and leads to more expensive and unnecessary testing, and, worst of all, may miss some cancers, especially in women with large, dense breasts. So what should a woman do?

It is important for a woman to be comfortable with her physician. Together with her physician, the best schedule for her mammograms can be determined. This schedule will take into account an evaluation of a woman's risk factors. These risk factors include having had breast cancer in the past, having a close female relative with breast cancer, having specific genes that increase breast cancer risk and having benign breast disease including "lumpy," dense breasts and breasts that are prone to developing multiple benign cysts. There is no "one size fits all" when it comes to how often a woman should have a mammogram. Checking one's own breast for lumps is called breast self-examination. It is generally recommended that a woman do this monthly, at the same time each month. This procedure will familiarize a woman with the normal feel of her breasts and can signal if there is suddenly some change, which she will then want to bring to the attention of her doctor. Although breast self examination cannot replace regular mammogram screening and clinical breast exams by a woman's doctor, it can be a valuable component in her health care.

Breast cancer is the number one cancer affecting women. Regular mammography involves very low dose radiation and is the best tool available for early detection of breast cancer. A mammogram can detect a non-cancerous as well as a cancerous tumor. If a woman has a biopsy of a tumor, which then gives a negative result, she may question her decision to have had a mammogram in the first place. No doubt the waiting period between hearing she needs a biopsy and hearing the test results make for considerable anxiety. Yet finding a cancerous tumor when it is small means that the tumor may require less radical treatment and the cancer is less likely to have spread to other parts of the body. A mammogram can detect a breast tumor two years before it is felt. There is some objection to routine yearly mammograms because they may uncover small cancers that are not life-threatening and ordinarily would not require treatment. Yet it is not okay to miss a cancer for the reason that it is unlikely to ever become aggressive. Yes, having a mammogram may lead to more testing. About 5-10 percent of mammograms show abnormalities that lead to further evaluation, such as a repeated, more comprehensive mammogram, breast ultrasound or biopsy. These additional tests usually show no evidence of malignancy. Of course having a suspicious mammogram and undergoing further testing causes anxiety. But missing a diagnosis of breast cancer is unacceptable.

The medical community may not be in agreement as to the timetable for all women to have regular mammograms, but there is no debate as to the necessity of having them at regular intervals. It may be tempting to skip regular mammogram screening because it may take awhile to get an appointment, and truthfully, the procedure is not very comfortable. Personal cost should not be a factor. Regular screening mammograms are often free or at low cost under covered preventative care in many insurance policies. Those who are uninsured have other options available to them such as screening in breast clinics and mobile vans. The Centers for Disease Control(CDC) coordinates a screening program for low income, uninsured women throughout the United States. Information on local programs is available on the CDC Web site and at 1-800-422-6237. Your doctor or hospital are also good resources for finding these services. Most doctors routinely recommend regular mammograms to their patients but the responsibility is ultimately with every woman. If the doctor doesn't suggest one, then the woman should ask about it. Her life could depend on it.

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

Dear Parent,  
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This publication conforms to the new federal regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act that requires water utilities to provide a detailed water quality report to each of their customers annually. The Village of Melrose Park must provide you with this information. The Village also believes that knowledgeable customers are the Village's best allies in support of improving high drinking water standard.

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## **SOURCE WATER (MANDATORY)**

### **VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK DRINKING WATER SOURCE**

Lake Michigan is the surface water supply used to provide drinking water for Chicago and 123 suburban communities. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past 21 years. Lake Michigan, by volume, is the second largest Great Lake and the only one located totally within the United States. It serves as a source of drinking water, as a place for swimming and fishing, and as a scenic wonderland. Sources of drinking water used for both tap water and bottled water can pick up contaminants as water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground. The drinking water source is vulnerable to industrial waste and runoff from surrounding lands. Potential sources of pollution such as pesticides, herbicides, radioactive materials, and organic and inorganic petroleum and gas production by-products can impact the source water. We do not have indications of the presence of these contaminants at this time, mainly because of restrictions, which prohibit industrial effluents from entering Lake Michigan, Sewage treatment plant effluents are not discharged into the lake, thereby reducing the threat of microbial contamination. All 63 miles of shoreline within Illinois are now considered to be in good condition. The Illinois EPA Office of Groundwater will be doing a source water assessment within the next three years. When completed, all sources of Pollutants into Lake Michigan will be identified and there will be information regarding the source water's susceptibility to contaminants based on the findings of the assessment. Since the quality of the raw water source is good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation, and sand filtration are adequate for producing a water that is free of harmful contaminants.

## **HOW IS MY WATER TREATED AND PURIFIED?**

The City of Chicago Water Department provides the water treatment necessary to safeguard the water delivered to Melrose Park. Water is taken from Lake Michigan at several water inlets located about 3 miles from shore. Chlorine is then injected into the water for disinfection. The water then flows through a series of settling and filtration basins where small amounts of polymer and sedimentation chemicals are added. After this process is complete, the water is filtered to remove the sediment. At this point the water is filtered through layers of fine charcoal and silicate sand. Small particles are removed and pure clean water is ready to be re-chlorinated as a safeguard and precaution against any microorganisms.

## **VOLUNTARY TESTING (OPTIONAL)**

The Chicago Water Department monitors for contaminants which are proposed to be regulated or for which no standards currently exist but which could provide useful information in assessing the quality of the source water or the drinking water.

**Cryptosporidium** – Analyses have been conducted monthly on the source water since April 1993. Cryptosporidium has not been detected in these samples. Treatment processes have been optimized to ensure that if there are cryptosporidium cysts in the source water, they will be removed during the treatment process. By maintaining a low turbidity and thereby removing the particles from the water, the threat of cryptosporidium organisms getting into the drinking water system is greatly reduced.

**Asbestos** – Samples are examined for asbestos fibers in the source water and finished water on a routine basis. The EPA has determined that asbestos fibers greater than 10 microns in length could potentially cause lung cancer. We did not find fibers that are in this size category.

**Taste and odor compounds** – MIB and geosmin are monitored both in the source water and finished water. These analyses assist the personnel to determine the effectiveness of the treatment process as they strive to reduce these compounds and provide a drinking water without detectable tastes and odors.

The City of Chicago carefully monitors the chlorine, using just enough chlorine to protect its customers, without compromising taste. Lastly, fluoride is added to inhibit tooth decay. A corrosive inhibitor is added to protect the distribution system pipes.

The finished water is pumped into the City of Chicago supply system. The water there is pumped westerly by the city's Springfield Pumping Station through a 48"-36" supply line to the Village of Melrose Park's connection at Harlem and Wabansia.

Water is stored in the Village's 2 million gallon reservoir and again pumped by a booster station at 8300 North Avenue. The water travels through a 42" supply line to 2-4 million gallon reservoirs at the 15th Avenue pumping station and a 2 million gallon reservoir at the 23rd Avenue Main Pumping Station. At those points the water is pumped into the local water distribution lines. The Village of Melrose Park once again tests the water for chlorine levels, and adds the required chlorine to insure clean and safe water to its consumers.

## **SUBSTANCE EXPECTED IN DRINKING WATER**

Under The Safe Drinking Water Act. S.D.W.A., the U.S.A. Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for establishing national limits for hundreds of substances in drinking water. The Act also specifies various treatments that water systems must use to remove these substances.

The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village Of Melrose Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## **IF THERE WERE A PROBLEM WITH WATER CONTAMINANT, WHO WOULD NOTIFY ME?**

If contaminant levels were to exceed the M.C.L. for safe use, the Village of Melrose Park Department of Public Works will notify you with newspaper, TV and radio announcements. Also, the Village's Emergency Services/Public Safety would patrol the streets of Melrose Park instructing you of what appropriate action you can use to protect your family's health. These actions might include boiling the water for a particular period of time.



TABULAR INFORMATION

This report includes tables of contaminants found in drinking water. The tables do not list contaminants that were not found in the Chicago and Melrose Park water supply. Any contaminants detected in Melrose Park’s water were under maximum contaminants levels (M.C.L.) within the safe drinking water guidelines set by U.S. EPA and are not expected to cause any health risks. However, it is important for you to know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in the water.

The Village of Melrose Park hopes this information helps make its water customers better informed on the water we use in our homes and businesses.

2013 NON-DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The following table includes contaminants monitored for, but not detected in the most recent sample. The CCR rule does not require that this information be reported; however, monitoring had indicated that these contaminants were not present in the water supply. In some cases, if a contaminant is not detected in a water supply, monitoring can be reduced to once every three or six years, however, the Village monitors every year.

DATA TABULATED BY CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT  
2013 WATER QUALITY DATA

-Definition of Terms;

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  
**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Level Found:** This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

**Range of Detections:** This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

**Date of Sample:** If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which water systems must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Nd:** Not detectable at testing limits.   **n/a:** not applicable

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant (unit of measurement)	Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
TURBIDITY DATA							
Turbidity (%<0.3 NTU)		N/a	TT(95%<0.3NTU)	100%	100%-100.000%		
Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit.							
Turbidity (NTU)		N/a	TT=1NTUmax	0.18	N/a		
Soil runoff. Highest single measurement.							
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Barium (ppm)		2	2	0.0205	0.0204-0.0205		
Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.							
Arsenic (ppb)		0	10	0.77	0.519-0.767		
Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.							
Selenium (ppb)		50	50	2.48	ND-2.48		
Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.							
Nitrate (As Nitrogen) (ppm)		10	10	0.362	0.351-0.362		
Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.							
Total Nitrate & Nitrite (ppm)		10	10	0.362	0.351-0.362		
Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.							
TOC (Total Organic Carbon)							
The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA.							
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS							
Sulfate (ppm)		n/a	n/a	11.9	ND-11.9		
Erosion of naturally occurring deposits							
Sodium (ppm)		N/a	n/a	7.84	7.42-7.84		
Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener.							
STATE REGULATED CONTAMINANTS							
Fluoride (ppm)		4	4	0.9	0.856-0.922		
Water additive which promotes strong teeth.							
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS							
Combined Radium (226/228) (pCi/l)		0	5	1.38	1.300-1.380		03-17-2008
Decay of natural and man-made deposits							
GROSS APLHA excluding radon		0	15	0.88	0.090-0.880		03-17-2008
and uranium Decay of natural and man-made deposits							

UNIT OF MEASUREMENT

ppm - Parts per million, or milligrams per liter      ppb - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter      NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water  
%<0.5 NTU – Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU  
pCi/l – Picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity.

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE FOOTNOTES

**Turbidity**  
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

**Unregulated Contaminants:**  
A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

**Fluoride**  
Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

**Sodium**  
There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.



2013 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR CHICAGO  
No Violations for Year 2013

The following table(s) lists all violations that occurred during 2013. We included a brief summary of the actions we took following notification of the violation.

Contaminant or Program	Violation Type	Monitoring Period Start Date-End Date	Violation Explanation
None	None	None	None
Health Effects (if Applicable)	None	None	None
Actions we took:	None		

WHAT’S IN MY WATER?

Each year, the Village analyzes hundreds of water samples for bacteria, turbidity, inorganic contaminants, lead and copper, nitrate, volatile organic contaminants, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic contaminants. For your information, we have compiled a list in the table below showing what substances were detected in our drinking water.

VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK

Lead & Copper – Lead and copper samples were collected from 30 area homes. None were found to exceed the Action Level. The 90th percentile values are shown.

Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2013 (Collected in 2011 unless noted.)

Lead and Copper		Date Sampled 9/14/2011				
Lead MCLG	Lead Action	Lead 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
0 ppb	15 ppb	6.71 ppb	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits
Copper MCLG	Copper Action	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	0.0059 ppm	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

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**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**mg/l:** milligrams per litre or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

**Ug/l:** micrograms per litre or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**Na:** not applicable.

**Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDLG):** The level of disinfectant to drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDGL's allow for a margin of safety.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2013	11	0-12.49	No goal for the total	60	Ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes)	2013	32	15.77-45.8	No goal for the total	80	Ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	12/31/13	0.7	0.6-1	MRDLG=4	MDRL=4	Ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes

\*MCL Statement: The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM and HAA5 is 80 ppm and 60 ppm respectively and is currently only applicable to surface water supplies that serve 10,000 or more people. These MCLs will become effective 01/01/2005 for all groundwater supplies and surface supplies serving less than 10,000 people. Until 01/01/2005, surface water supplies serving less than 10,000 people, any size water supply that purchase from a surface water source, and groundwater supplies serving more than 10,000 people must meet a state imposed TTHM MCL of 100 ppm. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years experience problems with their livers, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

2013 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE

No Violations Were Found for Year 2013.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply. Such measures not only save the supply of our source water, but can also save you money by reducing your water and sewer bills. Here are a few suggestions.

**Conservation measures you can use inside your home include:** fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.; replace old fixtures, install water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances; wash only full loads of laundry; do not use the toilet for trash disposal; take shorter showers; do not let water run while shaving or brushing teeth; soak dishes before washing; and run the dishwasher only when full.

**You can conserve outdoors as well:** water the lawn and garden in the early morning or evening; use mulch around plants and shrubs; repair leaks in faucets and hoses; use water-saving nozzles; and use water from a bucket to wash your car and save the hose for rinsing.

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# ■ Obituaries ■

## *Henneman*

Rita H. Henneman, nee Zanoni, age 88, of Northlake, formerly of Melrose Park. Beloved wife of the late Walter J. Henneman; fond daughter of the late Elmina and Delindo Zanoni; loving mother of Nancy (Peter) Marella and the late Janice (Robert) Frascatore; cherished grandmother of Crystal (Darren) Palmieri, Susan Frascatore, Christopher Marella and Lauren Marella; fond sister of Mary (Phillip) Caliendo and the late Lina Zanoni, Henry Zanoni, Alfrida Pellicori and Albert Zanoni; great niece of the late Rev. Benjamin Franch; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Kessling*

Darlene J. Kessling, nee Carpino. Dearly beloved wife of Wayne; loving mother of Dawn (Jerry) Zuffante, Debbie Widlowski, Michael (Rose), Mark (Tiffany) Kessling; beloved daughter of the late Eugene and Josephine Carpino; cherished nani of John, Matthew, Michael, Lauren, Nicholas and Kody; dear sister of John (Darlene) Carpino and the late Roslyn and Edward Menard, the late LaVerne and Leroy Condon, the late Charles and Dolores Abruzzini, the late Marilyn (Jack) Williams; dear sister-in-law of Norman (Barbara) Kessling and Cyndi (Michael) Harrell Sr.; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels.

## *Langston*

Domenica "Minnie" Langston, nee Salinardi, age 89, of Melrose Park. Loving wife of the late Arthur; beloved mother of Donald and the late Larry; dear sister of Josephine (Tony) Prignano, late Rocky (Marlene) Salinardi, late Paul, late Rosemary Petroplus and the late Mary Jane (late Martin) Alegnani; loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Cuneo-Columbian Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery.

## *Papa*

Josephine Papa, nee Basili. Dearly beloved wife of James R. Papa; loving mother of Terese (Jeff) Surges, Gina (Jason) Taylor, Jim (Michelle), Ralph (Amy); beloved daughter of the late Pasquale and Yolanda Basili; cherished grandmother of Nick, Josephine and Caroline Surges, Anna and Lauren Taylor, Ralph and Dominic Papa, Matthew and Isabella Papa; dear sister of Dominic (Gloria) Basili, Nancy (the late Robert) Nicolin and the late Caroline (the late August) Costoff; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Entombment Queen of Heaven Christ the King Mausoleum.

## MP Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



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