

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico



*Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor*

Dear Neighbors,

The highly anticipated papal visit was truly a historic moment for our country, especially for American Catholics, like myself. As I watched Pope Francis give his moving address before Congress I was overcome with feelings of awe and admiration for this man of peace, who spoke with such candor, grace and wisdom that he held even the leaders of our country enthralled by his words.

It was a unique moment that demonstrated how far our country has come in its quest for religious tolerance. After all, it wasn't so long ago that Catholic candidates were considered the dark horses; even John F. Kennedy had a hard time convincing voters to vote for a Catholic. But on the day of the pope's speech, that part of history fell away, as witnessed by the fact that sitting directly behind Pope Francis was Vice President Joe Biden and Speaker of the House John Boehner, both prominent Catholics.

This acceptance and respect for varying faiths continues all the way to the Supreme Court, where at present six of the nine Justices are Catholic and three are Jewish. I wonder what the Founding Fathers of our country might say if they could see the demographic makeup of today's Supreme Court, which not only boasts different religious affiliations, but also counts amongst its members one African-American male and three females, one of whom is a Latina. This is a far cry from George Washington's Supreme Court, which was made up of white male Protestants.

The founders, though visionaries, held a narrower perspective when they began defining our country, such as condoning intolerant situations like slavery and the denial of women's rights. But we can't be too hard on our Founding Fathers because they were influenced by the ideology of their day and they did give us the basic principles that make this country great. I think our founders would be proud to know that we have evolved into a country that is always trying to "get it right," even if it takes decades.

Where we once had slavery, we now have an African-American president; where we once treated women as property, we now have two women running for president; where we once saw signs in businesses telling immigrants not to apply, we now have leaders of industry that hail from these humble roots; where we once used religion for exclusion, we now witnessed a Catholic pope embraced by Congress and the entire country. America has come a long way and must be ever vigilant in its battle to offer freedom and inclusion to all. This is the vision of America that Pope Francis saw on his visit and was the inspiration for the very first sentence of his speech before Congress, "America is the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Lastly, I want to thank all our patrons for making this the most attended Taste of Melrose Park ever. This was a most special Taste for me because I got to hang out with former Chicago Bears Dan Hampton, Steve McMichael and Otis Wilson as they waited to perform their music on our main stage. And I would be very remiss if I did not thank Taste of Melrose Park Director Peggy DiFazio and the many volunteers who make the Taste of Melrose Park the best family food festival in Illinois. Great weather, great food, great entertainment; it was a Taste of Melrose Park to remember.

**Check out www.MelrosePark.org to
Learn More About Our Great Community!**

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico



Mayor Serpico's Annual Toys for Tots Drive Begins Dec. 1

Mayor Ron Serpico's Annual Toys for Tots Drive for underprivileged children will be held at the Melrose Park Civic Center, Dec. 1 through Dec. 15, 2015.

The Toys for Tots Drive is open to all community members and organizations. Items can be dropped off at the Civic Center foyer, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park.

All residents are encouraged to participate. Last year's drive was very successful and the village is hoping this year's event will be even better.

For more information, call Toys for Tots Chairperson Mary Ann Paolantonio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4420.



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

Trustees

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano

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To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park, The Rose Newsletter

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsOct. 26, Nov. 9 and 23, Dec. 14

Village Hall Holiday Closing.....Nov. 11, Nov. 26 and 27

Senior Club Meetings.....Nov. 12, Dec. 10

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico...

I have lived in town for almost 16 years and recently lost my partner. I have cerebral palsy and as you know the disease can enable you to do things on your own (without assistance).

Two and a half years ago, I lost my mom. I now am forced to fend for myself at the age of 61.

I had the pleasure of meeting one of your village employees – Mr. Mike LaGioia. He came to my house to assist me in obtaining a voter's registration card to my birth name, which is Candyce, but I was always called Candy.

Mr. LaGioia was not only a pleasure to talk to, but told me anything I needed to call him and he would do his best to help me.

Soon after, I asked for his assistance with a few things and he was able to help.

He is an asset to our village and an asset to me.

• Sincerely,
Candy Scatchell

Dear Peggy DiFazio...

Hope that you enjoyed the Taste of Melrose Park and rested enough after the biggest event in the village.

I am just sending you a note to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to hold the martial arts demo event.

We enjoyed the event and the many volunteers from the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School told me that they enjoyed volunteering.

• Thank you,
Jong Yoon Han, Master of Martial Arts
Village of Melrose Park

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

Officer David Hilgenberg went above and beyond recently to help me recover my cell phone.

I know that it might seem like a small task but it had the potential to be worse because I was going back to the resident's house alone to retrieve my cell phone. Had Officer Hilgenberg not researched the address, I would have gone back to meet this guy. With all of the bad press that the police are getting now, and yes I do feel that some of it is justified, I want to also report when police go above and beyond!

Thanks so much to Officer Hilgenberg. Next time we meet coffee is on me!

P.S. David deserves a raise for this, my cell phone is my life, LOL.

• Crystal Powell

Dear Phil Schwartz, Chief of Public Safety – Homeland Security...

Thank you so much for the escort and coordinating the traffic for our St. Anthony Procession at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Considering the rain in the morning, it turned out to be a beautiful day and a wonderful organized procession.

We are very appreciative of everything you do.

May St. Anthony and our blessed mother shower you and your loved ones with the special blessings.

• Corinne Principe and Lucia Esposito
St. Anthony Society Coordinators

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

On July 12, 2015, our department experienced its first officer involved shooting in nearly 38 years. At approximately 7:19 a.m., officers were dispatched to a call of a domestic disturbance. Upon arriving at the house, two officers were confronted by a man with a shotgun who had already killed one person and wounded another.

Within seconds of their arrival, my officers were forced to engage the shooter and neutralize the threat.

Fortunately neither officer was seriously injured, but the scene needed to be secured and with limited staffing, we initiated an ILEAS and WESTAF callout.

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

I am grateful for the officers who responded.

Please extend my gratitude to Lt. Greco for assisting my department.

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

Dear Mayor Serpico and Director of Public Works Gary Marine...

I would like to thank you and the Public Works crew for the quick response and cleanup on 13th Avenue after the microburst hit in July.

The major cleanup of trees and branches down were taken care of immediately.

- Thank you,
The LeGal Family

Dear Phil Schwartz, Chief of Public Safety – Homeland Security...

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I am writing to express my thanks and appreciation for providing a police escort at the funeral for Tony Pape.

The professional assistance provided by your agency allowed us to pay a fitting tribute to him and was greatly appreciated, not only by me, but by the entire Pape family.

- Sincerely,
Michael A. Castellan, Deputy Police Chief
Melrose Park Police Department

Dear Mayor Serpico...

On Thursday, Sept. 17, one of our buses was involved in a traffic accident. Fortunately none of our students were injured and we hope Mr. Casale is feeling better soon.

On behalf of the Board of Education, School District 89, we want to recognize the outstanding service that was provided by the Melrose Park Police and Fire departments. The firefighters and EMTs quickly and thoroughly assessed the well-being of the students and the police officers very efficiently and quickly completed their reports and on-site assessment of the incident.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of the scene was addressing the understandable concern of the growing number of parents, many of whom did not speak English. One of the firefighters, Anthony Figarola, was translating and comforting the parents, and he did an outstanding job of keeping everyone calm. He was very sensitive to their concerns and helped calm and comfort the mothers and fathers while their children were being interviewed to complete the police report. Even though all the children were fine, parents were understandably upset until the children were released to them. The firefighter supported them and allowed the others to complete their work.



While we hope that this type of incident never happens again, it is reassuring to know that our community is served by an outstanding group of men and women who are well-trained, caring and talented professionals.

Thank you again for the superior support provided to our schools and families by your team.

- Sincerely,
David Negron, Ed.D., Superintendent
Raymond A. Lauk, Ph.D., Business Manager

Dear Phil Schwartz, Chief of Public Safety – Homeland Security...

On behalf of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles, I thank you for your kindness and generosity in giving your time to keep peace and order for the Saint Joseph's Table.

Your special ways and generosity make a beautiful difference.

My St. Joseph intercede for your every need and may joy peace and hope of the Easter Season remain with you always.

Be assured of our humble prayers for you and your loved ones.

- Gratefully yours,
Sr. Marciana Zambiasi, mscs,
Treasurer

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose



Village of Melrose Park

In the exercise of its power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare, it is declared to be the public policy of the village to assure fair housing and freedom from discrimination throughout the community, to protect the

community from the effects of residential segregation by race, color, religion, sex, physical or mental handicap, familial status or national origin, and to secure to its citizens the economic, social, and professional benefits of living in an integrated and stable society.



The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Administers The Federal Fair Housing Act

Every first Monday of the month the Fair Housing Review Board meets at 6 p.m. in the Village of Melrose Park (1000 N. 25th Ave.). If you feel you have been discriminated in any way while renting, purchasing or selling a home you are welcome to attend our meetings to present your case

**Village of Melrose Park
James M. Vasselli
Office of the Village Attorney
(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4487**

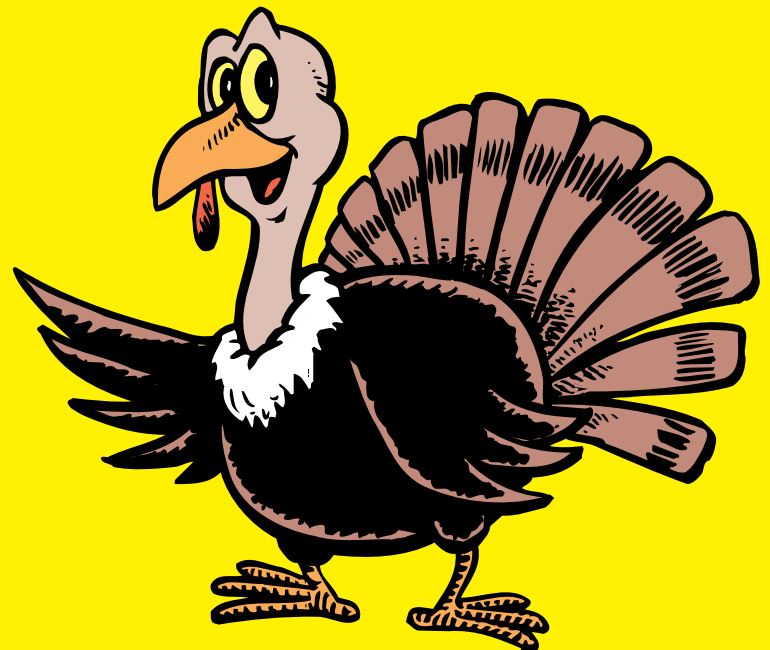
Mayor Serpico's

Free

Thanksgiving

Dinner Delivery

*For seniors (65 and older),
and disabled residents
with special needs
who have nowhere
to spend the holidays.
(Melrose Park Residents Only.)*



Mayor Serpico and the village of Melrose Park are now accepting reservations to deliver free Thanksgiving dinners to seniors (65 and older) and disabled residents on Thursday, Nov. 26.

Sit at home, watch football and enjoy the holiday.
Let us provide all the trimmings.

We will deliver a meal that will bring the holiday aromas into your home. The day will be filled with warmth, holiday cheer and a feast to remember.

**TO MAKE A DELIVERY RESERVATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE
THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATION FORM AND MAIL IT TO:**

**Village of Melrose Park, Thanksgiving Delivery,
1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160**

Reservation must be received on or before Nov. 12, 2015.

Meals will be delivered between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**YOU MUST BE HOME TO ACCEPT THE MEAL.
MAXIMUM TWO PER HOUSEHOLD.**

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



Mayor Serpico and the Village of Melrose Park Thanksgiving Dinner Reservation Form

**TO MAKE A DELIVERY RESERVATION, YOU MUST
COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Name _____

Address _____

Apt. # _____

Phone _____

Age _____

Please check: ☐ Senior ☐ Disabled ☐ One Meal ☐ Two Meals



Melrose Park **Village Hall News**

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

Birth Certificates

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

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

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

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

Death Certificates

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

Vehicle Sticker Information

Village vehicle stickers will expire Dec. 31, 2015.

New stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall.

Sticker fees are as follows:

Passenger Plates – \$30 for two years (2016-2017).

Senior Citizen – One free per household for two years (2016-2017).

Trucks – Good for one year (2016 only). Fee structure is as follows:

B PLATE	\$50	P PLATE.....	\$105
D PLATE	\$75	Q PLATE.....	\$105
F PLATE.....	\$75	R PLATE.....	\$110
H PLATE	\$75	S PLATE.....	\$115
J PLATE	\$80	T PLATE.....	\$125
K PLATE	\$80	V PLATE	\$135
L PLATE	\$90	X PLATE	\$145
M PLATE.....	\$95	Z PLATE.....	\$155
N PLATE	\$100		

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

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

MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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



Holiday Season Night time **CampFun**

REGISTER NOW! CAMP BEGINS NOV. 9!



The Melrose Park Youth Commission is holding a special holiday-themed Night-time Camp Fun for children 4-7 years of age.

The program includes a number of arts and crafts activities, movies and more, filled with seasonal fun.

Our Night-time Camp Fun runs three nights a week (Mondays-Wednesdays, 6:15-8:30 p.m.) Nov. 9-Dec. 16.

Cost is \$25 per child for Melrose Park residents and \$100 per child for nonresidents

Why not join us? Come on and have some holiday fun.

Registration can be made at the Youth Commission located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Civic Center, Mondays-Fridays.

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

Show Your Community Support!

In 2014, Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission launched Melrose Park's Avenue of Flags campaign. Flags representing the United States of America, the state of Illinois, the village of Melrose Park, the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marines,

United States Coast Guard and POW/MIA were displayed on lightpoles within the village.

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

Contributions are still being accepted and additional flags can be flying in new areas of the village.

Donations of any amount to support this creative project are appreciated and 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.**



A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief



Halloween Trick or Treat Hours are 2-6 p.m.

Please Note These Halloween Safety Tips

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

Trick or Treat with an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

PARKING REGULATIONS WILL CHANGE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, parking will no longer be permitted on both sides of the street on weekends.

Overnight parking restrictions remain the same in the West Melrose and Winston Park areas.

Parking is only allowed on designated sides of the street depending on the day of the week as indicated on notice signs posted throughout the community.

Parking laws will be strictly enforced. Violators will be ticketed.



Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame

Fall Safety Tips

Fall is a wonderful time of year with trees showing off their best colors while Halloween parties and harvest festivals add an air of celebration to the season. However, safety always is a concern. Following these tips will help make the season a safe and enjoyable one.



- Keep space heaters away from curtains, other fabric furnishings and combustibles. Make certain the heaters are in well-ventilated areas and that cords are not frayed or damaged. Use only K-1 kerosene in a kerosene heater.
- Keep heaters on firm, stable surfaces where they will not be knocked over easily.
- Change furnace filters and keep boxes and debris away from the furnace and hot water heater.
- Do not leave the clothes dryer running when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Change batteries every six months.
- Keep candles on a flat, stable surface and away from curtains, fabrics or paper. Make certain to extinguish candles before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Consider using artificial, battery-operated candles instead of real candles.
- Keep fireplaces and chimneys clean. Always use a protective screen for your fireplace and outdoor fire pits.
- Never leave children unattended around candles, fireplaces, fire pits, heaters, washers and dryers or furnaces.
- Make certain all door locks can be unlocked from the inside without a key.
- Have a fire evacuation plan for your family and designate a safe place to meet after evacuating.
- Have gutters cleared of leaves and debris. Clogged gutters can result in damage to the roof and spillage that causes slippery pavement.
- Clear fallen leaves. Fallen leaves that become wet can cause severe slip-and-fall injuries and auto accidents.
- Make certain Halloween costumes are bright enough to be seen at night, allow for clear vision and do not have excess material that can be tripped over or get caught in doors.
- Have an adult accompany young trick-or-treaters.
- Check all Halloween candy for tampering before eating it.
- All trick-or-treaters should bring flashlights with them.



Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS

Melrose Park Welcomes New Firefighter Angelo Datoli

In September, Angelo M. Datoli was sworn in as a firefighter for the Melrose Park Fire Department.

At the ceremony, Datoli was congratulated by family and friends, Village of Melrose Park Police and Fire Commissioner Mark Rauzi, and Fire Chief Rick Beltrame.

The village of Melrose Park congratulates and welcomes Angelo, and wishes him good luck as he embarks on new career as a Melrose Park firefighter.



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Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

The Public Works employees are preparing for the fall/winter season and are busy preparing all plows for the first snowfall and the cool months ahead.

The following are projected projects, ongoing projects and recently completed projects.

Division Street and 25th Avenue Gateway Project

- Creating a "Gateway" to the Division Street Corridor, including:
 - Constructing a lighted monument on two corners, displaying the honorary street name (Honorary John Delassandro Way).
 - Widening the curb radiuses on both of the east side corners.
- Replacing sidewalks and adding decorative brick pavers at the two corners.
 - Estimated installation complete: October 2015.

25th Avenue Overpass

The overpass is on schedule and moving along and should be completed by the fall of 2016.
See photos.



2015 Street Program

- Resurfacing of two streets.
- 12th Avenue from Division Street to Park Drive and Winston Drive from Ninth Avenue to Fifth Avenue.
- Estimated completion: October 2015.

Division Street Paving Project (West Melrose)

- Resurfacing of Division Street from 37th Avenue and 31st Avenue
- Concrete work completed September 2015 and paving September 2015.

15th Avenue Bridge Replacement

- Replacing the 15th Avenue Bridge.
- Construction completion: November 2016.

North Avenue Commuter Bicycle Path

- Construct a bike path along North Avenue from Riverwoods Drive to Mannheim Road.
- To be completed spring/summer of 2016.



Annual Spring Creek Clean Up

The Annual Spring Creek Clean Up was held on Saturday, May 2, 2015. All debris, landscape and garbage were cleaned up from the creek and around the creek. This yearly cleanup revitalizes the creek and the surrounding area. All volunteers, residents and village employees made an exceptional turnout at this year's cleanup. I am looking forward to seeing everyone back at the next spring cleanup. If you would like to participate in the spring cleanup in 2016, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information after the new year.

Fall Leaves Pickup

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

Sidewalk Program

The 2015 Sidewalk Program has been closed. If you would like to participate in the 2016 Sidewalk Program and request sidewalk square replacement, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

Tree Planting

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway to be planted in 2016, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 to add your name to the list.

TV Pickup

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



Snow Routes: Please Follow All Snow Route Signs Throughout the Village Streets

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

Snow Removal Program for Disabled with Special Needs and Seniors 65 and Older

If 6 inches of falling snow is predicted, please call (708) 649-4450. Leave name, address, phone number and age. Please call for every snowfall.

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

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



Village of Melrose Park

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

Save time and worries when the snow begins!

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

At 6 inches or more of predicted falling snow, your name will be added to the snow removal list.

WE WILL DO A PATH FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR TO THE STREET AND A SWIPE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY.
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ONLY – NO ALLEYS – NO ALLEY SKIRTS TO GARAGE – NO BACKYARDS.



TO RESERVE SERVICES FROM THE
VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
FOR THE FULL WINTER SEASON,
YOU MUST COMPLETE AND MAIL THE
MAYOR SERPICO AND THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK
SNOW REMOVAL RESERVATION FORM TO:
Village of Melrose Park, Snow Removal,
1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160



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

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

Name _____

Address _____

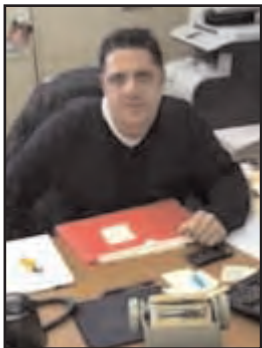
Phone _____ Age _____

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

Melrose Park Residents – Please try to help senior and disabled neighbors in the event of inclement weather – Thank you.

From The Office of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner

The cooler weather is on its way and many residents and business owners will be performing indoor 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. 4470.

Go to www.melrosepark.org to obtain the following Building Department forms.

- New 2011 Village of Melrose Park Zoning Map
- Building Permit Application
- Building Codes
- Certificate of Compliance Application
- Contractors Registration Application
- Electrical Permit Application
- Form 3500
- Form 4000
- Items Covered in Cert of Compliance Inspection (Sale)
- Sign Application
- Process of Selling a Property
- Vending and Amusement License Application

Please note that registration does not replace building permits or other required information.

General contractors are responsible to assure that all their sub-contractors are licensed in Melrose Park. Failure to do so may result in citations, fines and work stoppage on site.

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:

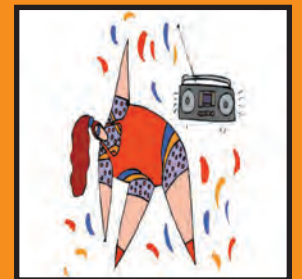
- 1 – Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Village of Melrose Park.
- 2 – Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone, the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or depth, if shown on the FIRM.
- 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. 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!

Now that fall is here and winter is on its way, 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 and getting buried under snow. 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!

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



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

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

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

Get Your Flu Shot at These Melrose Park Locations



The following Melrose Park locations are offering flu shots: Walgreens, Jewel/Osco, Meijer, Target, Costco (members only), Westlake Hospital and Gottlieb Hospital.

While you are there ask the pharmacist if you need a shingles and pneumonia shot.

Don't spread the flu to your family, friends and co-workers ... get your flu shot today!

Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride for Residents

The Village of Melrose Park Dial a Ride Program was initiated in 2000 to provide residents of our community with

a new transportation resource to any location in the Melrose Park boundaries. Residents are encouraged to use the program to do their everyday needs such as grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. We are also handicapped accessible.

This service is available to residents Monday thru Friday from 8:15 a.m. to

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

Policies and Procedures

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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

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

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

Call (708) 343-7047 for service.



Village of Melrose Park Senior Club News

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

2015 Meeting Dates

Nov. 12 • Dec. 10

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

Registration for New Memberships

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

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

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

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

Senior Services

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

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

Medicare News

2016 Medicare Open Enrollment began Oct. 15.

Now's the time to explore new choices.

While original medicare helps pay for hospital stays (Part A)

and doctor visits (Part B),

it does not cover all health care costs.

Explore your options during the open enrollment period!

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

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

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.

Are You Prepared for Winter Weather?

Winter weather too often catches people unprepared. Researchers say that 70 percent of the fatalities related to ice and snow occur in automobiles and about 25 percent of all winter related fatalities are people that are caught off guard, out in the storm. What winter weather preparations are being made in your area and what are the appropriate steps to take that will ensure your winter weather safety? Help your readers, viewers and listeners make sure their homes and cars are ready for the worst winter has to offer.

Winter Weather Watches, Warnings and Advisories – What Do They all Mean?

The National Weather Service uses specific winter weather terms to ensure that people know what to expect in the coming days and hours. A Winter Storm Watch means that severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may affect your area, but its occurrence, location and timing are still uncertain. A Winter Storm Watch is issued to provide 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of severe winter weather. A Winter Storm Watch is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set plans in motion can do so. A watch is upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning when 4 or more inches of snow or sleet is expected in the next 12 hours, or 6 or more inches in 24 hours, or 1/4 inch or more of ice accretion is expected. Winter weather advisories inform you that winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is exercised, advisory situations should not become life-threatening. A Blizzard Warning means that snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts and life-threatening windchill. Be sure to listen carefully to the radio, television and NOAA Weather Radio for the latest winter storm watches, warnings and advisories.

Why is Predicting the Exact Amount of Snowfall So Challenging?

Snow forecasts continue to improve, but they remain a challenging task for meteorologists. Heavy snow often falls in small bands that are hard to discern on larger resolution computer models. In addition, extremely small temperature differences define the boundary line between rain and snow.

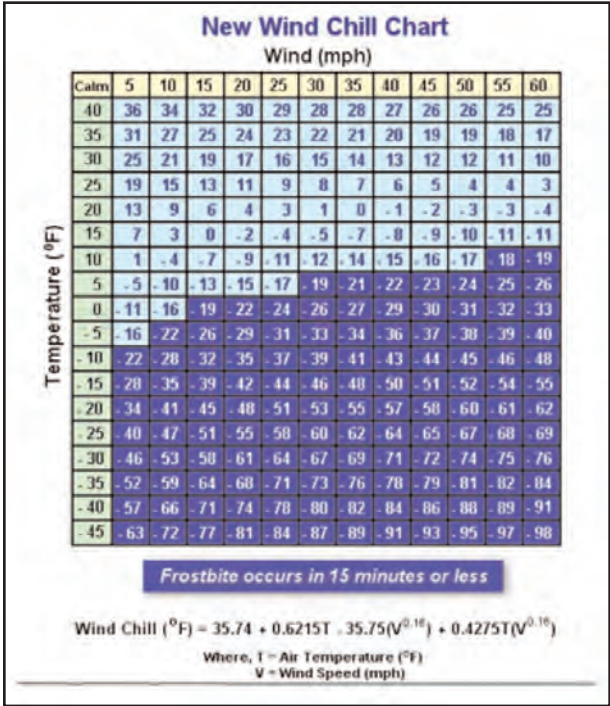
What is Wind Chill?

One of the gravest dangers of winter weather is windchill. The windchill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin by combined effects of wind and cold. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. Animals are also effected by windchill.

About Winter Storms...

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

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



Know the Difference

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

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

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

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

How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

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

Put Together a Supply Kit

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

Protect Your Pets During Snowstorms

Make Sure Your Pets are Prepared for Winter Weather

Winter weather can be hard on all of us. It can be particularly difficult on our pets that rely on us for their well-being, especially for outdoor dogs and cats. To help keep your entire family safe and warm, the American Red Cross has winter safety reminders for both you and your pets.

Pet Safety in the Winter

- If possible, bring your pets inside during cold winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas and make sure they have access to non-frozen drinking water.
- If the animals are outside, make sure their access to food and water is not blocked by snow drifts, ice or other obstacles.

The following tips on winter pet safety are provided by the Humane Society of the United States:

- If pets cannot come indoors, make sure they are protected by a dry, draft-free enclosure large enough to allow them to sit and lie down, but small enough to hold in the pet's body heat. Raise the floor a few inches off the ground and cover it with cedar shavings or straw. Turn the enclosure away from the wind and cover the doorway with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.
- Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate a pet's paws. Wipe their paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth.
- Antifreeze is a deadly poison. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach.

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

Do You Have a Disaster Supplies Kit?

A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.

Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit



Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- ☐ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ☐ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps



Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Maintaining Your Kit

Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life.
- Throw out any canned good that becomes swollen, dented or corroded.
- Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies.
- Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in the front.
- Change stored food and water supplies every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trash can, camping backpack or duffel bag.

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Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

Fitness for All Ages

1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park • (708) 450-0555

AEROBICS

Instruction by Lena
Step • Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays • Noon-1 p.m.
Sr. Exercise (Low Impact) by Barb Rubright
Monday-Friday
9-10 a.m. • Senior Center

MARTIAL ARTS

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

CYBEX AND NAUTALUS MACHINES

Crunching Machines
Wrist and Forearm • Arm • Abdominal • Shoulder Fly
• Chest Press • Rowing • Lateral Pulldown
Lifefitness Treadmills • Gauntlet Stairmasters
Life Cycle Bikes • Free Weights

ROOM RENTALS

Multi-purpose Room
Birthdays • Anniversaries • Graduations
Religious Celebrations
Weddings • Business Meetings • Etc.

150 Maximum Capacity
Days and Nights Available
Mondays-Saturdays • 9 a.m.-Midnight
Sundays • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Rentals Include:
Four Hours • Setup of Table and Chairs
Security • Use of Kitchen and Ice Machine

**HALL RENTALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
IN THE SENIOR BUILDING (900 N. 25th Ave.)**

Call (708) 450-0555 for info.

Come visit our surrounding park.
Perfect for taking pictures for all occasions.
Stop by our front desk and we can answer any questions
you may have about your next party or event.

We can accommodate most party requests.

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

Summer Hours (Memorial Day-Sept. 30)
Weekdays – 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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



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Join Michael Ribet as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. He will also present a simple, yet powerful meditation technique that can enrich one's life personally, professionally, and spiritually.

Tuesday, November 3: 6pm

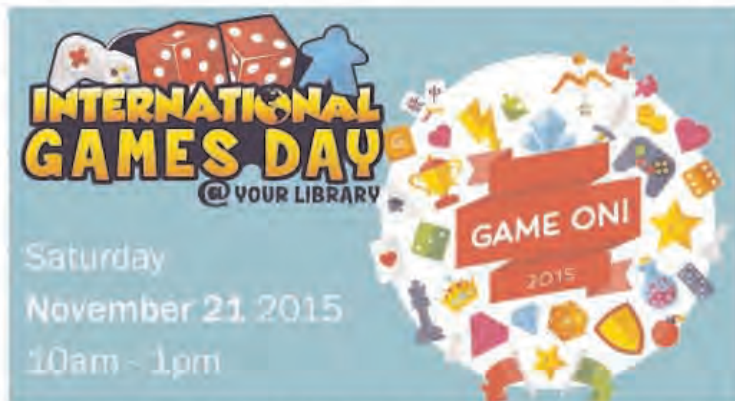


Practice English conversation, reading, and writing on Wednesday evenings at the MPPL with representatives from the Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County. Please call (708) 848-8499 to register.

Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm



Literacy Volunteers
Western Cook County
Literally Changing Lives



Looking for a place to hang out and have fun with your friends or family? Read, learn, and play during International Games Day @ Your library. On Saturday, **November 21st**, join us in celebrating the educational, recreational, and social value of video and board games. We'll have activities for all ages including:

Table Top Games

Minecraft Hunger Games

Jeopardy

Video Game Lounge and more!



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Kick-off the holiday season in festive fashion at the Melrose Park Public Library, as we host our inaugural cookie exchange. We ask that each participant bring enough cookies for 20 friends and a copy of your favorite recipe. Everyone will leave with a box of delicious holiday treats and a host of new recipes to try out.

Saturday, December 5: 11am

Library Hours

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Available Databases

Art & Design: Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center

Auto Repair: Auto Repair Reference Center

Books & Reading: Literary Reference Center; Novelist Plus

Business & Finance: Business Source Premier; Regional Business News

Consumer & Legal: Consumer Reports; Legal Reference Center

Education & Lifelong Learning: Learning Express Library; Reference Latina

Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use); Local Death Index

Health: Consumer Health Complete

Jobs & Careers: Job & Career Accelerator

Languages & ESL: Mango Languages

Newspapers: Proquest Newspapers-Chicago Tribune

Research & Homework: Academic Search Premier; History Reference Center; Biography Reference Center; MasterFILE Premier; Middle Search Plus; Points of View Reference Center; Primary Search; Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia; Science Reference Center; Student Research Center

Get started with

Online Resources

www.mpplibrary.org/databases

1 From the library's homepage, www.MPPLibrary.org, click Online Resources.



2 Check a category or scroll through the list of databases.



3 Click on the database title. Enter your library card number when prompted.



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All you need to access these databases is your MPPL Card!



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The Melrose Park Library is looking for Melrose Park Memorabilia. If you have any hidden Melrose Park treasures in your attic or basement, please drop them off or send them to



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Youth Services



YOUTH SERVICES ROOM UNDER CONSTRUCTION



We're sprucing up the Youth Services Room at the MPPL! In order to accomplish this renovation project, the **Youth Services Room will be closed from November 1-January 18.** During this time period, Youth Services programming will continue, and a Youth Services Staff member will be available at the Adult Services Desk. Though the Youth Services collection at the Melrose Park Public Library will not be available for browsing or check out, materials can be obtained from other libraries via interlibrary loan. Talk to a Youth Services Librarian about placing holds on the materials. While the YS room is closed, four Adult Services Computers will be reserved for kids under the age of 14 for **Homework Only** usage. The Early Literacy computers will also have a temporary new home in the Adult Services area. If you need to do research for school projects, this will be a great time to get to know all about our online databases. Check out all our informational pamphlets on database searching located at the service desk. Stay tuned for more information on database instruction classes. So follow the advice of our renovation theme, "KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON", the staff at MPPL are still here to offer assistance! *

Teen Book Club

Read, talk about books, eat snacks, and make cool stuff! What could be better? Grades 7-12.

Tuesday, Oct. 27th and Nov. 24th from 4-5 pm



Tween Book Club

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

Wednesday, Oct. 27th and Nov. 24th from 4-5 pm



Stay and Play

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

Thursday Mornings — from 10-11 am



Halloween Horror Read-Out

Here is your chance to "act-out" in the library! Choose your favorite scary story to read or perform in our "haunted" basement. Got stage fright? Just sit back and enjoy the spine-chilling show and tricky treats. Halloween costumes are optional but encouraged! All ages.

Wednesday, October 28th from 6-7 pm

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



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Youth Services

Stories To Stage

See the Youth Services desk to sign up for this extended grant-funded program puppet theater program. This program will meet 9 different times on specific dates. Limited to 20 participants. Grades 2-7.



Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 18th and Dec. 2nd from 4-5:30 pm



LEGO Club

Calling all Builders! The library will supply the Legos, you bring your imagination. Kids in grades K-6 are invited to attend; kids ages 3-5 must attend with a parent.

Tuesday, November 10th from 4-5 pm

Ready! Set! TECH!

Join our new monthly club and have fun experimenting with our amazing new tech toys and gadgets! Grades 2-5.

Tuesday, November 17th from 4-5 pm



Arts & Crafts

The library is hosting a monthly craft event for kids in grades K-6 to make a special treasure to take home. Crafts are limited to 15 kids; be sure to register early to reserve your spot!



Thursday, November 19th from 4-5 pm

Holiday Bingo & More!

Let's celebrate the holidays with a fun game of Bingo! You bring your holiday spirit, we'll provide the hot chocolate and treats!

Ages 5 and older.

Saturday, December 5th from 11-1 pm



Holiday Storytime

Join us for an afternoon of fun holiday stories! Stories will be some old favorites mixed in with some new ones & will get kids in the mood for the holidays! Ages 3-7 years old.

Tuesday, December 8th from 4-5 pm



Family Movie Night

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

Wednesday, December 9th from 5-7 pm



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



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Origin and Evolution of Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Bill Hendricks, a Marine Reservist on weekends, was in civilian life, the director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to convince a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo, which we use today. Disney also designed the first Toys for Tots poster used to promote the nationwide program. Nat "King" Cole, Peggy Lee and Vic Damone recorded the Toys for Tots theme composed by Sammy Fain and Paul Webster in 1956. Bob Hope, John Wayne, Doris Day, Lorrie Morgan, Tim Allen and Kenny Rogers are but a few of the long list of celebrities who have given their time and talent to promote Toys for Tots. First lady Nancy Reagan served as the national spokesperson in 1983. First lady Barbara Bush served as the national spokesperson in 1992 and in her autobiography named Toys for Tots as one of her favorite charities.

From 1947 through 1979, Marines collected and distributed new and used toys. On Reserve drill weekends during October, November and December, Reserve Marines refurbished the used toys.

From Christmas 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys. Three factors dictated this change. First, the secretary of Defense's Total Force Program, introduced in the 1970s, assigned Reserves a greater role in America's defense posture. As a consequence, Reservists had to dedicate every minute of weekend drill time to honing and polishing combat skills. No time was available to refurbish toys. Second, public awareness of the health and safety aspects of toys that developed during the '70s made distribution of used toys legally inadvisable. Third, distributing "hand-me-down" toys does not send the message Marines want to send to needy children. The goal is to deliver a message of hope, which will build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

In the late 1980s, the Marine Corps determined that a nonprofit foundation was needed as an integral part of the overall national Toys for Tots Program. Based on this need, the secretary of Defense, in August 1991, authorized the Marine Corps to recognize and work with a charity committed to supporting Toys for Tots. Based on this approval, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation became an operational organization in September 1991 and has been the fundraising and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program since that date.

The Foundation was able to satisfy the five needs identified by the Marine Corps. First, the Foundation could provide toys to supplement the collections of local units that had fewer Marines due to military cutbacks of the '80s and '90s. Second, the Foundation could arrange and pay for the creation, publication, manufacture and distribution of promotion and support materials to Toys for Tots coordinators – something the declining budgets prevented the Marine Corps from doing any longer. Third, the Foundation could enable individual and corporate donors to Toys for Tots to take a charitable deduction on their income tax returns. Fourth, the Foundation could enter into contracts with corporations to conduct promotions, which would produce royalties for Tots for Tots. (Needs three and four were two important elements of this charitable endeavor that the Marine Corps, as a federal agency, could not fulfill). Fifth, the Foundation could ensure that the Toys for Tots Program operates in compliance with IRS regulations, state laws and regulations and charitable standards.

In 1995, the secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserves.

In 1996, the commander, Marine Forces Reserve expanded Toys for Tots to cover all 50 states by authorizing selected Marine Corps League Detachments and selected local community organizations (generally veteran Marines), located in communities without a Marine Reserve Center, to conduct toy collection and distribution campaigns in their communities as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

In 1997, the Marine Corps celebrated the 50th anniversary of Toys for Tots.

In 1999, the commander, Marine Forces Reserve delegated authority to the president, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to approve and manage local Toys for Tots campaigns conducted in communities without a reserve unit.

The 2000 Toys for Tots campaign was the most successful campaign in the 53 year history of the program. Local campaigns were conducted in 350 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Despite the trauma the nation experienced as a result of the 911 attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., the economic downturn and the anthrax scare, the 2001 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign was the second best in the 54-year history of the program. Local campaigns were conducted in 388 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This was the most extensive coverage ever.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary as the fund-raising and support organization for Toys for Tots in 2001. The highlights of the year were that the foundation had its most successful campaign ever plus was ranked #289 in the 2001 "Philanthropy 400." This was the first time the Foundation earned a ranking in the "Philanthropy 400".

In 2002, *Charity Navigator* awarded the Foundation a four-star rating and the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* ranked the Foundation #267 in the "Philanthropy 400".

In 2003, the DMA Nonprofit Federation named the Foundation the "Outstanding Nonprofit Organization of the Year" for 2003. The *Chronicle of Philanthropy* ranked the Foundation #341 in the "Philanthropy 400." Starburst ranked the Foundation website #9 of the "Top 100 Toy Web Sites." *Reader's Digest*, in the November 2003 edition, named "America's Best Charities." The Foundation was named "Best Children's Charity."



Veterans Park District and Proviso Township Mental Health Commission Honored for Partnership

*Created in 2012, Partnership Allows Park District
to Offer Expanded Programs*

The Illinois Association of Park Districts has honored the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission (PTMHC) and Veterans Park District (VPD) for their partnership which has provided expanded recreational services for area families.



The "Best of the Best" Partnership Award was presented Friday, Oct. 2, at an awards gala at Chevy Chase Country Club in

Wheeling. The partnership between PTMHC and the Veterans Park District began in 2012. The additional funding that PTMHC has provided has enabled the district to offer expanded programs, including after-school care, summer day camp, field trips, golf, bowling and a summer carnival.

"We are so pleased to see our resources used in this fashion," said PTMHC Commissioner Arturo Mota. "We're especially proud to see the work the district does with the special needs population."

VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso said, "We are excited and honored to be acknowledged by Illinois Association of Park Districts for such an outstanding partnership between VPD and PTMHC. PTMHC's ongoing support allows us the opportunity to offer much needed special recreation programs to the community. It is truly heartwarming!"

The district had made a commitment in the early 2000s to expand programming and provide special recreational programs, but funds were limited. Discussions with PTMHC began in 2011, resulting in the partnership in the spring of 2012. This year, the park district received additional funding to help pay for a 12-passenger van.



Pictured at the IAPD Best of the Best Awards Gala are (left to right) Chairman-Elect of the IAPD Board of Trustees Ken Collin, VPD commissioners Denise Knox and Tom Olson, VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso, PTMHC Executive Director Jesse Rosas, PTMHC Board Member Arturo Mota, VPD Commissioner Ron Boscaccy and VPD Superintendent Bill Otte.



Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Veterans Park District Active Adult – 55 and Over

Active Adult Drop In Program

Drop by Grant Park Community Center and pour yourself a hot cup of coffee or tea, and get a slice of fresh pastries. Then feel free to start up a game of cards, play board games, watch a movie, start a book club or just chat with friends.

- Tuesdays, Nov. 10 and Dec. 1, 9-11:30 a.m., Grant Park Community Center, Trevino Hall.
- Fee is \$2 if you preregister, \$3 at the door.

Harvest Turkey Bingo

It's our annual Turkey Bingo! We will play Bingo for prizes that could be used at your Thanksgiving meal. You can win a turkey or a pound of butter, a sack of potatoes or a pumpkin pie. More fun prizes this year! Our lunch will be a delicious baked ham and a tasty side of sweet potatoes. Following lunch we'll enjoy dessert and Bingo. Hot coffee, tea and pop will be provided. • Wednesday, Nov. 18, Noon-2 p.m., Grant Park • Fee is \$10.

Jingle Bingo Holiday Sweater Pizza Party

Wear your most festive holiday sweater to enter the VPD Holiday Sweater contest! For lunch we'll serve hot Italian pizza, tossed salad and tasty dessert. After we'll play Bingo. Hot coffee, tea and pop will be provided. • Wednesday, Dec. 9, Noon-2 p.m., Grant Park. • Fee is \$10.

Cool Yule Holiday Lunch

Glad tidings to you as you dine on an abundant Italian luncheon buffet. After you can relax and sip hot coffee as you enjoy your cannoli dessert. You can swing and sway to the jazzy sounds of holiday music, sing along as we cheer in the holiday season. Raffles and prizes will end the luncheon year for us. • Friday, Dec. 4, Noon-2 p.m., Grant Park. • Fee is \$17.

Veterans Park District Youth Sports

Kids Crossfit – Ages 7-12

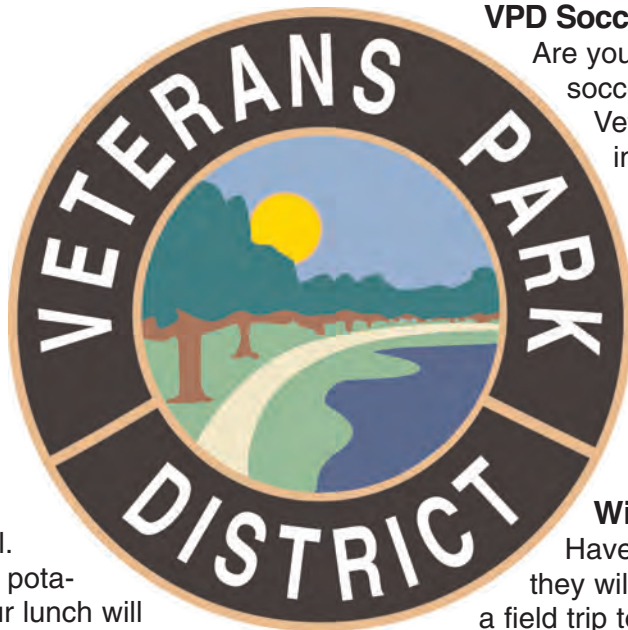
Veterans Park District is excited to continue its partnership with O'Hare CrossFit. CrossFit is sweeping the nation and our instructors have found a way to tailor it perfectly to children interested in improving their athleticism and overall fitness. Come and join many others who are looking to have fun while working out and preparing themselves for a new sports season.

- Wednesdays and Saturdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 12 (No class Nov. 25 and Nov. 28).
- Second Session – Jan. 6-Feb. 6., Wednesdays 6-7 p.m., Saturdays 9-10 a.m., George A. Leoni Complex. • Fee is \$60.

MAAP Sports Baseball Camp – Ages 7-12

Join former Major League player Jody Gerut and his staff at MAAP Sports for this fun, pro-style baseball camp. The fundamentals and basics will be taught for each position in this camp. The camp will also have hitting, defense, pitching and base running drills to improve the skills of each player. Special skills training such as visual training, light competition drills and stressing the importance of sportsmanship will be taught in this camp.

- Tuesdays, Nov. 10-Dec. 15, 7-8 p.m., George A. Leoni Complex.
- Fee is \$84 In District/\$94 Out of District.



VPD Soccer Beginner Drills and Skills – Ages 2-8

Are you looking for a class to have a lot of fun while learning soccer skills? We have the perfect class for you. Our Veterans Park District staff will lead you and your friends in specific drills while will improve your overall understanding of the game while having a blast! Each class lasts for one hour and the children will rotate through different stations and drills. Smaller sided games will be used to bring everything together at the end of each class as well.

- Fridays, Oct. 9-Nov. 20 (No class on Oct. 30), Jan. 8-Feb. 12 • Ages 2-3, 4-5 p.m. – Ages 4-5, 5-6 p.m. – Ages 6-8, 6-7 p.m., George A. Leoni Complex.
- Fee: \$40 In District/\$50 Out of District.

Winter Camp – Ages 6-12

Have your kids join us for our Winter Break Camp where they will participate in a variety of sports and crafts, and also a field trip to go bowling or to a movie. Sports that will be offered are basketball, baseball, lacrosse, dodgeball, kickball, soccer, hockey, volleyball and much more. Other activities include arts, crafts, games of all sorts, holiday-themed special events and much more! Pre-registration is required.

- Location: Grant Park, Dec. 21-23 and 28-30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fee is \$120 In District/\$140 Out of District.
 - Before Care – 8-9 a.m., \$25 In District/\$30 Out of District.
 - After Care – 4-5 p.m., \$25 In District/\$30 Out of District.
 - Extended Care – 4-6 p.m., \$50 In District/\$60 Out of District.

Veterans Park District Toddler Fun

Turkey Fun – Ages 3-5, Dropoff Class

It's turkey time. All craft projects, stories, songs, and a game or two will feature the proud turkey. Wear play clothes and send a paint shirt. Be sure to inform your instructor about any allergies that your child may have.

Thursday Nov. 12 10:30-11:30a.m. at Leoni Complex and offer at Grant Park on Thursday Nov. 19 at 10:30-11:30a.m.

Fee: \$8 In District, \$10 Out of District

Creative Music and Movement – Ages 3-5

Your child will enjoy dancing, singing to sing-along songs and making music using shakers, maracas, bells, drums and other instruments.

- Session 2 – Mondays, Nov. 9-Dec. 7, 4:15-5 p.m., Bulger Park.
- Fee is \$25 In District/\$30 Out of District.

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

Veterans Park District & Melrose Park Youth Commission



Fright Night

Friday, October 23
5-7pm

Bulger Park, Melrose Park

Free Family Event / Grades PK-6

- Haunted House
- Creepy Crafts
- Pumpkin Inflatable
- Ghoulish Games
- free Hot dog/juice for kids!
- Wear your Costumes!
- Concession stand open

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Veterans Day

Observance Ceremony


Friday, November 6
Bulger Park, Melrose Park

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Saturday, December 19
10am

Bulger Park, Melrose Park

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*On behalf of the Village of Melrose Park,
I would like to once again
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to graciously thank all the volunteers,
village employees, department heads,
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for their yearlong dedication
and endless hours of hard work
to ensure the Taste of Melrose Park
continues its historical tradition of being
the most family-friendly and
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in all of Illinois!*

With Sincere Gratitude and Appreciation,

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Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, Thank You for All Your Support and for “Putting Children First”!

*Congratulations on the
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SeaPerch

District 89 Middle Schools are preparing to participate in SeaPerch an innovative underwater robotics program sponsored by the Office of Naval Research. The SeaPerch program provides students with the opportunity to learn about robotics, engineering, science and mathematics (STEM) while building an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV). In May, District 89 sent five students from Stevenson Middle School to the University of Massachusetts to compete against more than 100+ teams from across the country and Puerto Rico. In the Finesse competition, Red Eyed Black Dragons scored 15 out of 75 schools! The engineers will take with them a lifelong learning philosophy as well as STEM skills to prepare them for 21-century challenges that lie ahead.

89andUICMathNight

District 89 Middle Schools in partnership with the University of Illinois Chicago, hosted a Math Night for sixth-eighth grade students and families. Stevenson Middle School students and their parents participated in activities on formative assessments in algebra. The goal of the project is to develop innovative instructional resources and a professional development model to support middle school teachers' use of formative assessment practices to improve student learning in algebra.



Destination Imagination in District 89

District 89 students are preparing to participate in Destination Imagination (DI) to be held at Stevenson Middle School, which teaches students the creative process through STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). This May, District 89 was proud to send five students who won the state competition to a global competition in Knoxville, Tenn. The team placed 46th out of 84 teams. What a great achievement for District 89's first year at Global Finals!





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Back to School Picnic

The District 89 school year got off to a great start with a Back to School Picnic celebration for families and students. District 89 is grateful for the generous support and contributions from its many donors, including Mayor Ronald Serpico, Necahual, Triton College, Food 4 Less, Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota, Maywood Fire Dept. and Mayor Perkins, Washington PTO and state Rep. Chris Welch for making this an enjoyable day for all!

Thank You



Mexican Independence Day Celebration

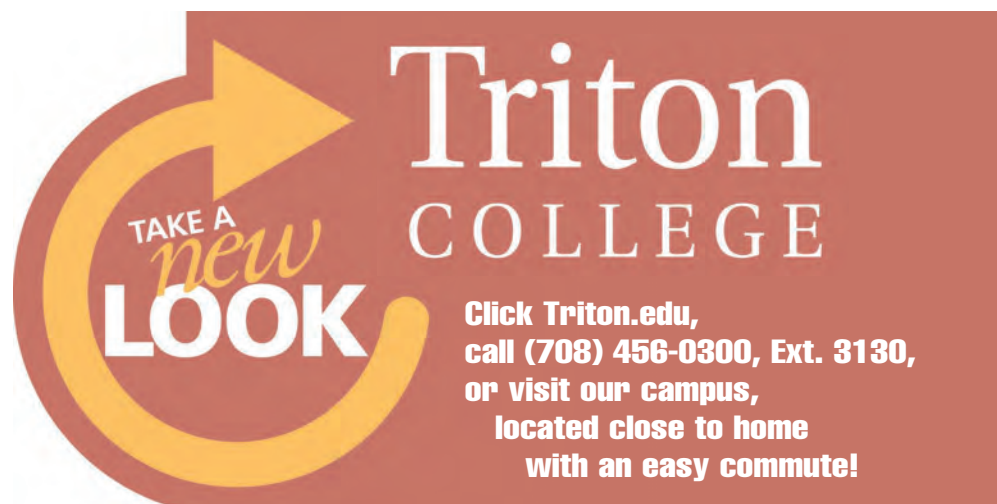
The Instituto Norteamericano para el Progreso del Mexicano (NAIMA) in collaboration with the village of Melrose Park, School District 89, la Federacion Jalisciense del Medio Oeste (FEDEJAL), la Fundacion Necahual, Melrose Park and Lincoln schools celebrated Mexican Independence Day on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The celebration took place at Melrose Park School as Mr. Sergio Suarez led the Independence Day ceremony, also known as “El Grito” with over 1,700 students in attendance from three different schools.

Mayor of Melrose Park Ron Serpico told the students that “... Mexico has made important contributions to the world like chocolate, vanilla, avocado and color television, but the greatest contribution to humanity has been its people (the students) and their parents who have worked so hard to give them a future.”

At the same time, Mr. David Negron, School District 89 superintendent, said, “This is wonderful! It is a good example of the unity of our community and their ability to celebrate their culture.” He also congratulated Mayor Serpico and Mr. Suarez for all they do for the community.

School District 89 Board Member Jesse Macias was also on hand for the Independence Day celebration.



Triton College Raises Bar High with New Health and Sciences Facility

Triton College opened its doors to the first generation of students to experience the college's newly renovated, state-of-the-art Health and Sciences Facility earlier this fall. The completion of the long-awaited building was celebrated with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 29, receiving a tremendous turnout of support from community members, public officials, health care professionals and alumni.

More than 200 attended the morning ceremony, filling the main floor lobby and student lounge area.

Triton College Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Stephens applauded the hard work of Triton's faculty and staff who made the vision possible and acknowledged the purpose behind creating the state-of-the-art facility – Triton's students.

"We have an obligation to you, our students, to provide you with a learning environment that is inspiring and prepares you for a successful career and we will not usurp that obligation," said Chairman Stephens. "And over the next few years, as we rehabilitate this campus, we will deliver a campus to you that is worthy of you to come here and study."

Interim President Mary-Rita Moore added, "This space is designed to foster excellence in the health and sciences fields – now, today and in the future ... True to our vision and mission of student success, this Health and Sciences Facility is an innovative, stimulating environment for learning. The health and sciences curricula with state-of-the-art labs and equipment ... will provide strong preparation for students who transfer to a four-year institution or are ready for the competitive workforce."

Ophthalmic Technology Program Coordinator Deb Baker spoke on behalf of Triton's health and sciences faculty.

"Our building is beautiful ... but it's more than just a pretty face. This building represents hope and opportunity for our students," she said. "The faculty are able to provide a 21st century, real-life experience to our students and that is invaluable. Our students will walk across the stage at the Rosemont Theatre on commencement day and be able to step right into the workplace or transfer program. This is a wonderful time to be at Triton College."

Renovation costs to Triton's Health and Sciences Facility was \$16 million, which was partially funded by a state capital grant that provided 75 percent of the funding. The college looks forward to expanding the capacity of student completion in its health and sciences fields, as well as explore new programs that will further contribute to the workplace development needs of the region.

Triton alum Ariana Marcucci of Elmwood Park graduated with her associate's degree in nuclear medicine in 2014, before working in her current role at Rush Oak Park Hospital. She attended the event because she was curious to see what the new building looked like.

"I knew about these renovations and I just had to come see it," she said. "Everything here is awesome. It's like the real deal. I feel like I'm in a hospital, not a college."

Lauri Camp is a graduate of Triton's Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) Program, as well as serves on Triton's DMS Advisory Board. She helps facilitate clinicals for Triton's students at her workplace, Central DuPage Hospital.

"This was the birthplace of my career and I wanted to support where I came from," she said. "This building is an extraordinary opportunity for all medical fields because students can learn in-house what they'll see and be working with at hospital sites."

The college also held an evening open house to accommodate its night students and those who work during the day.

Both events included tours of classrooms with lab demonstrations by students and faculty of the various health and sciences programs at Triton: Ophthalmic Technology, Surgical Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine, Nursing, Basic Nursing Assistant, Anatomy and Physiology.

Examples of what some of the advanced technology students are working with includes:

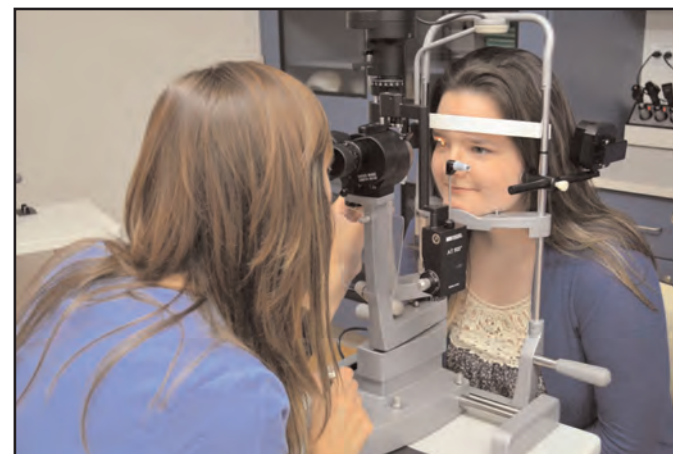
Anatomage Virtual Dissection Table – a visualization system that engages students in anatomy education with digital 3-D, touch display of the interiors and exteriors of male and female bodies. These cutting-edge tables are being adopted by many of today's leading medical schools and institutions.

Nuclear medicine gamma camera (Siemens dual head e.cam SPECT System) – a machine that is able to detect and make images from the very small amounts of ionizing radiation emitted from patients.

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) – a non-invasive imaging test that uses light waves to take cross-section pictures of your retina, the light-sensitive tissue lining the back of the eye, helping diagnose retinal diseases and conditions.

Simulators – provides students with realistic hands-on ultrasound scanning experience without the need for live patients. Simulators include: Trans-vaginal, fetal, abdominal, SimMom, SimBaby and VitalSim Manikins simulators

For more information about Triton College and its program offerings, visit www.triton.edu.



What's Coming Up at Triton?

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

Oct. 23

Triton College Community Band, 7:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center

In its first concert of the season, the Triton College Community Band will perform an eclectic variety of original compositions and arrangements for concert band and wind ensemble, led by Triton faculty Josh Hernday. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music.

Nov. 4

World Music Series: Allos Musica, Middle Eastern Ensemble, Noon Parachutes Lounge, Room B-130, Student Center (B Building)

Founded in 2006 by James Falzone and featuring the oud (an ancient Arabic lute), voice, accordion, clarinet and percussion instruments from around the world, Allos Musica explores the intersection of divergent streams of contemporary classical, jazz and traditional music from the Middle East and Europe. This concert will be preceded by a workshop at 11 a.m. in the same location. This performance is part of a four-part series sponsored by Triton's Visual, Performing and Communications Arts Department. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music. For more information about Allos Musica, visit www.allosmusica.org.

Nov. 11

Veteran Information Session, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Center

Veterans and their families are invited to learn about their educational options at Triton College. Admission and financial aid information will be offered and information on the more than 100 programs Triton offers will be shared. Veterans will also be honored for their brave service with a free lunch at Triton's Café 64. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or email admissions@triton.edu.

Nov. 13-15 and 20-22

Triton College Performing Arts Department Presents

***Collected Stories*, Cox Auditorium, Room J-108 of the Fine Arts Building (J Building)**

Triton College's Performing Arts Department will perform *Collected Stories* by Donald Margulies. In *Collected Stories*, prominent short-story writer Ruth Steiner takes on a new student, Lisa Morrison. The women are teacher and student both in academia and in life, and they come from different social milieus. Ruth's student eventually becomes her confidante and ultimately, her competitor. For her first novel, Lisa cannibalizes Ruth's experiences, including her youthful, shattering affair with a famous poet. Literate and intellectually stimulating, *Collected Stories* confronts the great age-old topic: the conflict between the established artist and the adulatory fan who becomes a protégé, disciple, colleague and friend – and finally threatening rival. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m., Sundays, Nov. 13-15 and Nov. 20-22. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for Triton students, faculty and staff, and senior citizens. For more information, contact director Amy Fenton at amyfenton@triton.edu.

Nov. 17

Triton College Automotive Technology Program Open House, 7 p.m.

Room T-154 of the Industrial Careers Building (T Building)

Triton College's Automotive Technology Program will hold an open house for current and prospective students interested in pursuing a degree or certificate in Triton's Automotive Technology Program. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3456, or visit www.triton.edu/auto.

Nov. 20

Triton College Concert Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center

In its first concert of the season, the Triton College Concert Choir will perform a program of choral repertoire ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st Century. The choir is led by Triton College faculty Joann Cho. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music.

Nov. 30 through Dec. 11

Fall Student Art Show, Fine Arts Gallery, Room J-107 (J Building)

See the creative work of Triton College's talented students with our Fall Student Art Show. This annual exhibit showcases our students' best work over the semester, as many art pieces will be available for purchase – just in time for the holiday season! A public reception is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 9, in the gallery. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/VPC.

Dec. 3

Adult Learners Information Session, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Student Center

Triton College will hold an information session for adult students (age 25 years and over) interested in pursuing their college education at Triton. Admission and financial aid topics will be addressed, and representatives from various areas of the college, including Career Services and Continuing Education, will be on hand to provide information about their respective areas. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or email admissions@triton.edu.



*You're Invited ...
Please Join Us!*

Triton College Foundation President's Reception Set for Nov. 18

The Triton College Foundation Board of Directors recently announced its 23rd Annual Foundation President's Reception will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6-9 p.m., in the Triton College Student Center (B Building).

This year's honorees are Sam D. Pulia, village president, village of Westchester, and Joseph T. Tamburino, mayor, village of Hillside.

The event will feature the culinary talents of Triton's Hospitality students and local restaurants as well as a silent auction and commemorative program book.

Tickets for the reception are \$60 per person and a table of eight is \$440 (\$55 per person table discount). Sponsorship opportunities, ad book reservations and donations of silent auction items are being accepted.

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

For additional information, call the Triton College Foundation at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3758, or send an e-mail to tcfoundation@triton.edu.



Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo

Frank A. Mungo Award Honoree

TOM OLSON

and Mother Caetana Borsatto In Memoriam Award Honoree

JOSEPH C. MONTINO

Saturday, November 14 at Villa Brunetti Banquets, 9755 W. Grand Avenue, Franklin Park

Cocktails, 6-7pm • Dinner, 7:30pm • Entertainment • Raffle Prizes

Friends,

The Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo have served the community with great faith and compassion since the late 1940's. The Annual Dinner Dance is an opportunity to recognize friends of the Sisters who have also served the community in many ways. All proceeds from the event benefit those Sisters still caring for the aged, sick and poor and helps support those Sisters now residing at Our Lady of Fatima Retirement Home in Melrose Park.

Tickets to the dinner are \$65.00 each.

Please make checks payable to: MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. CHARLES and mail your request back to: Missionary Sisters of St. Charles, c/o 1109 N. 18th Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60160.

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The Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo Provincial Guild 2015 Annual Dinner-Dance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14



This year's
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Honoree is
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Award Honoree
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Montino**



All proceeds benefit the Missionary Sisters.

Tickets: \$65 Each
Villa Brunetti Banquets
9755 W. Grand Ave. in Franklin Park
COCKTAILS, 6-7 PM • DINNER, 7:30 PM
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Ladies Bunco Night



Guatemalan Independence Day Parade

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Prignano Family Member Pays Tribute to OLMC



With grateful appreciation to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Joey Prignano, son of Melrose Park Trustee Tony Prignano and wife Josephine, respectfully displayed his devotion to the Blessed Mother in a nontraditional way this year.

On Feast Sunday, July 12, Prignano organized a flyover of the 122nd Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel procession in honor of La Madonna del Carmine.

Thousands of community members noticed the small plane and trailing banner that read “Thank you! Our Lady of Mt. Carmel” as it circled over the route that many parishioners travel annually in a public display of faith.

Joey said he did this as a thank you for a special request he made to the Blessed Mother. He said she has never let him down, and he has never missed Our Lady's Feast and seeing her come out of church, even when he had to travel in from Rhode Island, and now Ohio.

Joey and members of the Prignano family value their faith in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and proudly promote and celebrate the anniversary of the Feast each year.



Westlake Hospital Wellness and Health Programs October 2015

Laughter is the Best Medicine

You may have heard the old saying, “Laughter is the best medicine.” Though most of us are not aware of it, laughter can be very powerful in helping maintain and improve your health. Join staff from Synergy Home Care-Oak Park in an event that tickles your funny bones and that of your friends. Learn what makes your friends tick. Come prepared to laugh! This event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Westlake Senior Center. Please call (866) 938-7256 to register.

Medicare Open Enrollment Assistance

Wondering if your Medicare Part D plan will change for 2016 or want to compare other Medicare Advantage Plans? All Medicare beneficiaries are invited to consult with professional staff from Solutions for Care to learn about the various options available to individuals who receive Medicare. Now is the time to learn the importance of the Open Enrollment and you will have the opportunity to ask questions about your current Medicare plan. Consultations are available Wednesday, Oct. 28, 8:30 to 11 a.m., at the Westlake Senior Center. Call (866) 938-7256 to reserve a consultation time.



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For more information or to RSVP,
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service office at 708-450-1000 or
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60141 Hines	60164 Northlake	60546 North Riverside
60153 Maywood	60165 Stone Park	60558 Western Springs
60154 Westchester	60305 River Forest	
60155 Broadview	60513 Brookfield	

Participants will be required to show proof of residence (Photo ID, Driver's License or a utility bill reflecting the qualifying address).

Participants must be at least 40 years old, or 35-40 years old with a strong family history of breast cancer, whose most recent screening mammogram was at least 365 days prior to the scheduled test.

All FREE screening mammograms must be scheduled for and occur in the month of October, 2015.

A physician's order is required.

**Call (708) 783-5000 to schedule your screening mammogram today.
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- Join the Level 1 group at GCFF from 5:30-6:30 p.m. or 7:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 3-Dec. 22 (eight consecutive Tuesdays).
 - Join the Level 2 group from 5:30-6:30 p.m. or 7:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 5-Dec. 24 (eight consecutive Thursdays).
- Cost is \$90 members or \$120 for non-members.

The course is open to all fitness levels. Space is limited. Register at the GCFF front desk, or call (708) 538-5790.

Come Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Gottlieb Center for Fitness

Join GCFF for just a reduced \$25 initiation fee plus monthly dues. Gottlieb Center for Fitness is celebrating its 30th anniversary and invite you to come join the center at this very special price. Gottlieb is the perfect place to exercise during the upcoming cold seasons. Enjoy two pools, an indoor track, basketball court, exercise equipment, studio classes and much more in a friendly, nonintimidating, multigenerational environment. Special amenities such as a supervised children's area, nutrition education, massage therapy and personal training are available.

Whatever your fitness goals are, GCFF will help get you there!

For more information, visit us online at <http://www.gottliebfitness.org/>.

You can also come to the GCFF front desk, or call (708) 538-5790.

Get on the Gottlieb Bus for Your Physician Appointments

Did you know Gottlieb Memorial Hospital offers door-to-door bus transportation to and from the hospital?

For a nominal fee, you can schedule transportation to and from the Gottlieb campus. Just call (708) 681-3200.

Adult Day Center

Gottlieb's Adult Day Center is designed to meet the needs of an aging population. Committed to providing high quality person-centered care for older adults with physical, psychosocial or mental impairments, the center provides clients with the assistance and supervision they need during the day, so they can continue living at home.

Our staff realizes that while we care for clients during the day, family members take on that responsibility the remainder of the time. With that in mind, we not only serve our clients, but their caregivers as well by providing respite from the daily care of a loved one.

The staff works with clients and caregivers to provide social, recreational and healthy activities in a group setting. The overall goal is to maintain or restore each client's optimal level of functioning. In the process, most clients reap the emotional rewards of interaction with their peers and the friendships that result.

Our Clients

Our clients include individuals:

- With memory loss, disorientation or depression as related to Alzheimer's disease or dementia.
- Who are isolated and in need of a social setting that provides supervision and structure while their caregivers are at work or in need of respite.
- With functional limitations who require hands-on assistance with tasks such as walking or personal care.

Our Staff

Gottlieb's Adult Day Center staff includes:

- A registered nurse, who monitors each client's health and administers medication.
- An activities therapist, who plans outings and leads the group in quality activities including social groups, exercise sessions and crafts.
- Program aides, who assist with personal care, arts and crafts, and exercise sessions.
- Social worker services.

Activities and Services

- Recreational activities • Arts and crafts • Music programs • Discussion/reminiscing groups • Exercise sessions • Active games • Pet therapy
- Outings and special events • Intergenerational activities • Health monitoring • Medication supervision • Assistance with personal care

Enrollment Process

- Adult Day Center hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Full-day clients get a morning snack, hearty lunch and afternoon snack. Half-day participants get lunch and one snack.
- Transportation via the Gottlieb Bus Service and also the local Pace bus is available (within certain boundaries).
- Financial assistance is available for those who qualify through the Illinois Department on Aging's Community Care Program and the Veterans Administration.

Contact us

If you are interested in learning about Adult Day services or in participating in an intergenerational program at the center, call director Jill Nelson at (708) 538-5700. Tours are given at 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for those interested.

Loyola Cardiothoracic Surgeons Now at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital

Nationally Ranked Academic Heart Care in a Community Setting

The same cardiothoracic and cardiovascular (CV) surgeons on staff and caring for patients at Loyola University Medical Center are the same CV surgeons now on staff and caring for patients at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, part of Loyola University Health System.

“Loyola cardiothoracic surgery is consistently rated among the top centers nationally and we are pleased to bring our services to the already high level of heart care at Gottlieb, Loyola’s community hospital,” says R. Anthony Perez-Tamayo, MD, PhD, residency program director, CV Surgery. “Loyola and Gottlieb have successfully partnered together on patient care and this is a further extension of our unity within Trinity Health.”

Dr. Perez-Tamayo is joined at Gottlieb by Loyola cardiothoracic surgeons: Mamdouh Bakhos, MD, department chair, Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery and surgical director, Heart Failure and Heart Transplantation; Jeffrey Schwartz, MD, surgical director, Heart Transplant and Mechanical Assist Devices, surgical director, Lung Transplant; Ed McGee, MD, medical director, Heart Transplant and Assist Devices and Marcelo DaSilva, MD, division director, Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery.

“Having Loyola cardiothoracic surgeons on our campus helps us to address the needs of our patients and our community,” says Lori Price, president, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. “Loyola cardiac surgeons consistently rank among the best and we are pleased to have them at Gottlieb.”

Loyola’s Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine offers comprehensive heart and vascular care with nationally known experts, leading-edge technologies and multidisciplinary teams. Loyola is the first hospital in Illinois, and one of few hospitals in the nation, to staff a Heart Attack Rapid Response Team (HARRT) – a team of board-certified, highly experienced interventional cardiologists, nurses and technicians, who are on staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This team allows Loyola to provide life-saving emergency treatment to heart attack patients immediately upon arrival at the hospital.

U.S. News & World Report ranked Loyola 29th in the nation for cardiology and heart surgery in 2014-2015. Loyola has the only Chicago-area cardiology program nationally ranked for 12 straight years.

The American College of Cardiology honored Loyola with its Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2014. Loyola is one of only 256 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. The award recognizes Loyola’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients. It signifies that Loyola has reached an aggressively high standard in treating these patients under the guidelines and recommendations of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association.

To make an appointment with a Loyola cardiothoracic surgeon at Gottlieb, call (708) 538-6430.

Just Breathe: Relaxation for Menopausal Symptom Relief

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

Hot flashes, anxiety, stress and insomnia often occur before and during the menopause. Your doctor can help ease these symptoms with prescription medication. However, all drugs can have unpleasant side effects and they must be repeatedly taken at regular intervals in order to be effective. Alternatively, every person has the inner ability to gain some control over physical discomforts by learning, practicing and regularly using specific breathing techniques.

There have been studies from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that confirm the effectiveness of relaxation techniques in improving many physical complaints associated with menopause. Yoga, massage, listening to soothing music, meditation, progressive muscle relaxation and aromatherapy are some examples of these techniques. All of these also suggest the addition of precise breathing patterns. Three of the most popular breathing patterns are rhythmic breathing, deep breathing and visualized breathing. With practice and repetition, breathing in one or more of these ways can produce noticeable improvement.

Rhythmic breathing is a slow inhale and slow exhale. Inhale to the count of five, briefly hold the breath, then exhale to the count of five. Repeat. Deep breathing comes from the abdomen, below the navel. Put your hand in that area and slowly inhale and exhale, feeling the abdomen rise and fall. Repeat. Visualized breathing is slow breathing while thinking about how the air is going in and out. Think how each intake of air brings fresh, healing oxygen into the body and each exhale rids the body of toxic tension. Repeat. Any one, or all of these breathing patterns should be done frequently throughout the day. No special equipment or expertise are required. Try to sit in a comfortable position and concentrate on breathing in and breathing out. Start doing this five minutes morning and night, and at the beginning of a hot flash, anxious moment or other physical discomfort. Work up to regular, deliberate breathing breaks for 10 or 15 minutes every day, throughout the day. After awhile, this breathing will feel more natural. When positive outcomes are noticed, it will be easier to remember to breathe like this.

Each woman is different and responses vary. There is continuing research being done for ways in which an individual can help oneself with simple methods. If one strategy does not work, keep trying until something does work. Your doctor can help you with suggestions but your own body will ultimately tell you what is and is not effective.

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Chamber Member Receives Free School Supplies!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce, Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico, and state Rep. Kathleen Willis donated more than \$1,300 worth of school supplies to the Melrose Park elementary and middle schools. Chamber member Meijer discounted the school supplies, which helped purchase more items.

School District 89, a longtime Melrose Park Chamber member, was thrilled to receive spiral notebooks, folders, three-ring binders, calculators, rulers, glue, notebook paper, pens, pencils, markers, crayons and other supplies discounted by Meijer. Supplies will be distributed to the neediest students in each building or kept in classrooms to share.

Chamber President Rich Battaglia hopes to increase the amount of supplies donated next year.



Mayor Ron Serpico, Rich Battaglia, Gloria Orozco (legislative aide to state Rep. Willis) and Jane Addams School Principal Frank Mikl.



Mayor Ron Serpico, Rich Battaglia, Gloria Orozco (legislative aide to state Rep. Willis) and Melrose Park School Principal Maribel Taboada.



Mayor Ron Serpico, Rich Battaglia, Gloria Orozco (legislative aide to state Rep. Willis) and Stevenson School Principal James Parker.

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- Call (708) 763-RIDE (7433)
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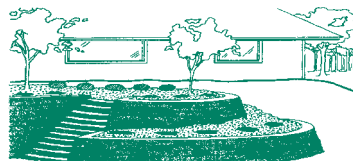
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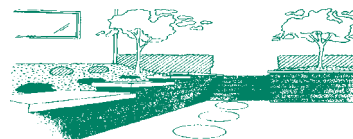
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Willis Honors Melrose Park's Undefeated State Champion Softball Team



State Rep. Kathleen Willis and the Melrose Park Dirt Divas.

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, recently presented a House Resolution honoring the Melrose Park Dirt Divas for winning the Little League State Championship.

"What these girls were able to do through their hard work and determination is truly extraordinary," Willis said.

"I am so proud of them and they absolutely deserve to be recognized for their tremendous achievement."

Willis was the sponsor of House Resolution 701.

The measure passed with overwhelming support and highlighted the Melrose Park Dirt Divas' undefeated season, which culminated in a state championship."

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



Congratulations!



Women's 1st Place - Chelsea



Women's 2nd Place - UDB



U8 1st Place - Blue Stars



U8 2nd Place - San Jose



U10 1st Place - San Jose



U10 2nd Place - Blue Stars

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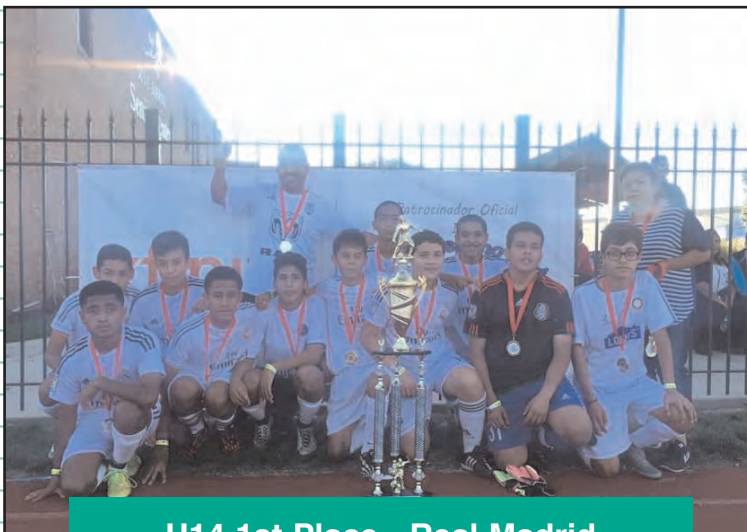
1st & 2nd Place Finishers



U12 1st Place - PSG



U12 2nd Place - Real Acapulco



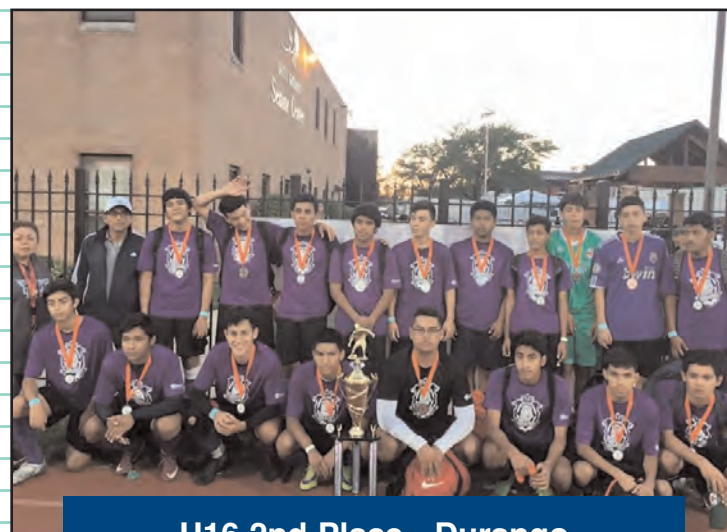
U14 1st Place - Real Madrid



U14 2nd Place - Arsenal FC



U16 1st Place - Arsenal FC



U16 2nd Place - Durango

WrestleRage XIII

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The proceeds which were raised from the raffle totaled \$3500 and was given to the family of Lt. Gliniewicz, Fox Lake Police Department.

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Jay Delrosario (left) and Dwayne Richter (right) of Affordable Sports Memorabilia present a check to Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit for the Gliniewicz family from proceeds raised at their booth during the Taste of Melrose Park.



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UPDATE

The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School

The first accomplishment of the village of Melrose Park in the martial arts industry is taekwondo. The Elite Team (ET) of the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School (representing village of Melrose Park) has produced the first official Illinois States taekwondo sparring champions from the 2015 USA Taekwondo Illinois State Championship hosted by USAT. The United States Olympic Committee (USOC), recognizes USA Taekwondo (USAT) as the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of taekwondo in the United States. A primary function of the NGB is to conduct national and international events in its sport.

All ET's athletes hold a taekwondo black belt qualified by the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF). The World Taekwondo Federation is the International Federation (IF) governing the sport of taekwondo and is a member of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF). The WTF recognizes national taekwondo governing bodies recognized by the NOCs in the pertinent country as its members and Kukkiwon. Kukkiwon, as the World Taekwondo Headquarters, has vitalized taekwondo in the form of the leading martial art by globalizing it since its foundation in 1972 and Kukkiwon, which also won its excellent reputation as the home of taekwondo, has produced about 9 million poom/dan holders up til now.

ET Staff and Athletes

Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School Representatives

Mary Valdivia, Ana Herrera, Maribel Caldera and Martha E. Hernandez, Instructor
Ericka Bucio

Elite Team Captain Stephano Valdivia

Elite Team Co-captain Valerie Sanchez

Elite Team members: Kyara Lopez, Amber Gandar, Paulina Lopez,

Brian Hernandez, Fernando Uribe, Kevin Foronda,

Raul Solis, Alexander Acosta, Vincent Muniz, Noah Sultan and Fatima Lechuga

They have been working together as a team for years through managing the Elite Team, training them, traveling to participate in many tournaments, and contributing special martial arts demonstration events for increasing educational concerns (in order to promote how martial arts mental, spiritual and physical training help to elevate higher performance academically and athletically with moral and ethic).

Mayor Ronald M. Serpico was approached several years ago by a group that was concerned about Master Han leaving Bally. He was very happy to employ him with the village of Melrose Park and is very proud of what he has done with the families and how important he is for our community.



*2015 Official Female Heavyweight
Illinois State Taekwondo Sparring Champion
Valerie Sanchez*



*2015 Official Female Middleweight
Illinois State Taekwondo Sparring Champion
Heidi Samos*



*The Elite Team at the 2015 USA Taekwondo
Illinois State Championship
on Saturday, March 14, 2015.*



*The Elite Team at the first training on
Friday, March 28, 2014, preparing for the
2015 USA Taekwondo Illinois State Championship.*



*The Elite Team at the 2015 USA Taekwondo
Illinois State Championship
on Saturday, March 14, 2015.*



*The Elite Team at the
Tiger Koo's Open Championship
on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015.*

The photos on these pages show the accomplishments of the first Illinois State Taekwondo Sparring Champions (representing the village of Melrose Park), the contribution of special martial arts demonstration events for increasing educational concerns and other tournaments that ET has participated in and won.

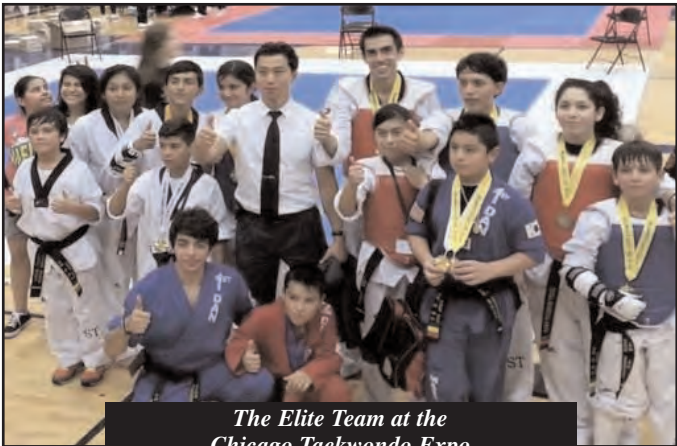
According to the parent of ET Antonio Lopez, “I have two daughters who have been practicing martial arts with Master Han for five years to date. Their progress and effort have inspired many, including myself and my wife who also joined a taekwondo class. Master Han’s program is very comprehensive and takes care of not only the physical part and strengthening of the body, but also flexibility, balance, coordination, peace of mind through meditation and self discipline. It is the perfect workout for all ages, especially for adults to get rid of the workday stress and tension. In other words, taekwondo practice is excellent for the body and mind. I believe everyone should try doing it to actually feel what it’s really like, since we all experience it in a very personal and unique way.”

According to the director of the 2015 Tiger Koo’s Open Championship (20 martial arts schools and teams, and 350 participants from inside of Illinois) Jongsub Koo, “ET (representing the village of Melrose Park) was the best team and their contribution and high performance to this tournament will promote the village throughout the national and global martial arts industry.

According to the director of the 2014 Chicago Taekwondo Expo (Illinois’ largest taekwondo tournament), the former world cup coach under the Olympic advisory committee, the former Illinois State taekwondo president, and the member of the kukkiwon advisory committee, Bill Cho, “It was an honor to see the village of Melrose Park take such a groundbreaking approach to investing in their children’s future. The Melrose Park Elite Team showed technique, power and grace, tempered by humility and etiquette, the mark of true champions. The students left a lasting impression on the judges as well as the visiting masters and grand masters.”

According to the Principal of Melrose Park Elementary School Maribel Taboada, “We just had the demo team doing a demonstration here in our school for PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) and we’re encouraging three positive behaviors of be respectful, be responsible and be ready to learn. Taekwondo in this presentation is going to reinforce the three behavior expectations. The team did a beautiful job reinforcing these three rules that we have on a daily basis. We believe that the discipline from martial arts is going to help children not only in school, but also in the community, ensuring that they make the right choices, show respect, are responsible and ready to achieve the goals they have in school and in life in general.

The very first accomplishments of the village of Melrose Park in the martial arts industry (taekwondo) are very inspirational and motivational. The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School’s Elite Team is very proud of reaching such accomplishments and we feel that these accomplishments should be shared with other communities to contribute educational and community benefits, and bring hope and inspiration to those who find our accomplishments rewarding.



The Elite Team at the Chicago Taekwondo Expo on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014



The Elite Team at a Melrose Park Elementary School – the contributing a special martial arts demonstration event for increasing educational concern – on Monday, April 13, 2015.



The Elite Team at the 2015 Taste of Melrose Park – contributing a special martial arts demonstration event for increasing educational concern – on Saturday, Sept. 5.



The Elite Team at the 2015 HispanoFest – contributing a special martial arts demonstration event for increasing the educational concern – on Saturday, Sept. 12.



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2015 Holiday Greeting Ads

Dear community member,

This year *The Rose* (the official newsletter of the village of Melrose Park) is offering an opportunity to purchase a special greeting ad in the Holiday 2015 issue.

Proceeds from these ads will be used to help needy families within the Melrose Park community.

If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please complete this form, attach a copy of your business card or ad copy, and mail it with payment to:

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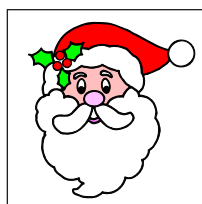
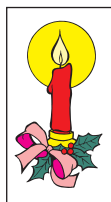
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Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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.

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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.

Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

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

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2015 is: Oct. 26; Nov. 9 and 23; and Dec. 14 and 28.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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

Residents are asked to make note of the dates listed.
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Obituaries

Bailey

Harry R. Bailey, Jr., of Melrose Park, passed away Aug. 2, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Carolyn; dear son of the late Harry Sr. and Thelma; loving father of Harry R. Bailey III, Holly (Darrell) Hart, Jeannie (James) Herhold and Kathleen (Arthur) Schamne; cherished grandfather of Megan, Amanda, Melissa, Kelly, Jammie, Robert and Arthur IV; fond brother of James (Linda) Bailey and Donna (Gary) Geronzin. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park.

Carbonara

Michael Carbonara. Dearly Beloved Husband of Velma, nee Hicks. Loving father of Donna (Randy) Hicks, Michael and Scott (Jocelyn) Carbonara; cherished grandfather of James, David, Erika, Stephen, Michael, Christine, Dominic, Lauren, Alana, Sascha and Sierra; dear son of the late Mike and Antoinette Carbonara; fond brother of Fred (Sandy), Pat (Antonette) and the late Alex and Rose Carbonara; fond brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery.

DeSantis

Elio DeSantis, Sr., U.S. Marine Corps., Korean war vet., retired lt. deputy chief of police, Melrose Park. Devoted husband of Judy (nee DiPasquale); beloved father of Victoria D'Anza, Marie DeSantis, Elio L. (Rosanna) DeSantis and Cristina (Brian) Hoffman; beloved son of the late Luigi and the late Giovanna DeSantis; loving grandfather of Shelley Hurley, Rachel Marshall, Brittany D'Anza, Elianna and Milana DeSantis, and Brian, Brea, the late Hailey and the late Brianna Hoffman; dear brother of the late Dominic (Francine) DeSantis; fond uncle of Anne Marie (Louis) Stillo and Dina (Michael) Kateeb. Arrangements by Cumberland Chapels. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Member of Fraternal Order of Police Mickinzie-Vertuno #19, KC Sheridan Carroll Council No. 537-4th degree, Illinois Police Association and Aso-Apennini Society.

Gonzalez-Garcia

Laura V. Gonzalez-Garcia, age 22. Beloved daughter Maria del Carmen Garia (Timoteo Matias) and Angel Gonzalez; loving sister of Gabriela Garcia, Rocio Matias-Garcia, Jose Ramon Reyes Garcia, Ruben Alejandro Reyes Garcia, Cristina De La Reyes and Pedro Gonzalez; cherished aunt of Daniel, Paulina and Santiago; dearest niece of Miguel, Martha, Ramon, Beatriz, Lorenzo, Elvira, Alejandra, Jose, Isabel, Rito, Irma, Susano, Pablo, Bartola, Cristina and Rogelio; fond cousin of many. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Italia

Rose Italia, nee Regoli, age 97. Dearly beloved wife of the late John P. Italia; devoted and loving mother of John S. (Trish) Italia and Barbara (Brad) Dahly; cherished grandmother of John A. Italia, Jessica (Todd) Lincoln, Brianna (Davor) Pavlovic, Megan Sharkey and Katie (Anthony) Waver; great-grandmother of Ashley and Nikko Italia, Taylor, Alyssa and Mikey D. Sharkey, Olivia and Emmeline Lincoln, Noah and Natalia Waver; dear sister of the late Richard and Louis Regoli, Annie (James) Buonomo and Midge (Phil) La Spisa; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Lopez-Zuniga

Maria Lopez-Zuniga, passed away Aug. 6, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Tomas Lopez; dear mother of Javier Lopez, Miguel Lopez, Samuel Lopez, Alejandro Lopez, Noemi Lopez, Soledad Lopez, and Elia Lopez; loving grandmother of Laura, Miguel, Felimon, Eva Maria, Erica, Daniel, Elendy, Vicky, Orlando, Anallely, Luis, Maricela, Yesenia, Marcos, Ariana, Yanali, Fransico, Alma, Juan, Junior, Tommy, Dulce, Alexandro, Rocio, Tomas, Armida, Yelmi, Zoyla, Moramay, Nataliy, Javier, Ma Del Carmen, Ma Del Rosario, Ma Del Daniela, Elian and Rey; cherished great-grandmother of Jaiden, Jessie, Michael, Heidi, Cindy, Giannah, Alex, Victor, Julio, Giselle, Dayana, Angel and Eric. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home.

Pezzuto

Pino J. Pezzuto, age 76, formerly of Melrose Park, passed away Aug. 17, 2015. Beloved father of Anthony Pezzuto; loving friend of Tammi Taylor. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home.

Pukelis

Anita Pukelis, age 81, passed away peacefully in Oak Park, Aug. 19. Beloved daughter of the late Peter and the late Julia Puknaitis; dear mother of Neringa Pukelis (Belkacem El Metennani); loving grandmother of Elias, Zachary, Amar, Yussuf and Adam; cherished aunt of Mark, Peter and Julie. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Lithuanian National Cemetery.

Quinones

Margarita Quinones, age 62, of Melrose Park, passed away Aug. 28, 2015. Beloved daughter of Julia Becerra and the late Ausencio Quinones; dear mother of Jenny Garcia, Ana (Mike) Aponte, Ramona Aguilar, Pedro (Sara) Aguilar and Laura Patricia (Hilberto) Aguilar; loving grandmother of 19. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment private.

Rauzi

Lino Rauzi. Beloved husband of Gabriella, nee Bordin; loving father of Paul, Sylvia (Michael) Pardini and Mark; cherished nonno of Paul Joseph Jr. and Olivia Rose; dear brother of Mercedes (Battista) Rossi, Rosa Maria (Giuseppe) Franch; fond brother-in-law of Antonio (Renata), Rina Silvestri and Anna Maria (Mario) Pelosi. Arrangements by Peterson-Bassi Chapels. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Rodriguez

Sarita Rodriguez, age 46, passed away Aug. 27, 2015. Beloved daughter of Julia and the late Cirilo Rodriguez; loving mother of Juan (Rosy) Torres, Maria Torres and Jose (Roxana) Torres; dearest grandmother of Jacqueline, Derrick and Emily; cherished sister of Enrique (Margarita) Perez, Jorge (Luz Maria) Leon, Magdalena Ferrer, Dulce (Avelino) Valadez and Maria Carver. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Sasso

Lillian Sasso, nee Wainoris. Dearly beloved wife of the late Frederick; loving mother of Cynthia (the late Frank) Nicosia and Barry (Janice) Sasso; cherished grandmother of Frankie, Debbie, Janet, Kim and Katie; great-grandmother of Lisa and Dina; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Services entrusted to Carbonara Funeral Home.

MP Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

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

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



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