

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Computer Technology is Transforming Our World



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

Please visit our website at www.melrosepark.org where you can conveniently pay water bills, purchase village vehicle stickers, and renew business licenses. You can also click on a tab at the top of the home page titled "Report A Problem," which directs residents to a form to fill out that lists items such as potholes, burnt out streetlights and other public maintenance issues which need to be addressed. Upon completion, the form is forwarded to the Public Works Department for follow-up.

We also encourage you to send us any church, school, or community events you wish posted on the site by forwarding your information to hondo1949@gmail.com. Our site receives over 125,000 visitors a year so why not get some free publicity for your event.

Computer technology is transforming our world and making it more accessible, which makes one wonder what the future holds for our grandchildren? Well, to answer that question I did a little research and found the following data.

In our grandchildren's lifetime China will become the number #1 speaking country in the world, which will have a direct impact on business, music and entertainment. And that's just China, our grandchildren will also have to contend with India. If you took one quarter of India's population with the highest I.Q. that would be more than the number of people living in the U.S.; which also equates to India having more honor roll students than there are children in the U.S. Does this mean that as technology advances that most of the world's future innovations will come from India and China?

Reports claim a majority of today's grade school students will be employed in jobs that don't even exist yet, using technologies that haven't been created yet, solving problems that aren't even problems yet. The U.S. Department of Labor predicts future generations will hold between 12 to 14 different jobs before age 38 due to rapidly changing technologies within their fields.

The Internet sensation Facebook was founded 12 years ago. Today there are 1.5 billion Facebook users, which makes it the second largest nation in the world behind China. The first commercial text message was sent in 1992 and now there are approximately 10 billion text messages sent every day. Google was founded in 1998 and serviced 10,000 searches per day and now Google does 40,000 searches per second. In 1984 there were around 1,000 Internet devices, today there are nearly 10 billion and growing.

To illustrate the reach of today's Internet and social media, I found this amazing comparison: to reach an audience of 50 million people it took radio 38 years; TV 15 years; the iPhone three years; Instagram two years; the Angry Bird game app 35 days.

It used to take 100 years for human knowledge to double; in the future, due to technological advances, it is expected to double every few hours.

I could go on and on, but space prohibits me, so I will simply paraphrase an old Chinese saying, which at this point seems quite apropos, "Future generations will, indeed, live in interesting times."

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

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico

**Early Voting for the March 15, 2016 – Presidential Primary Election and State Primary Election
Runs Monday, Feb. 29, thru Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the
Village of Melrose Park, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park (First Floor Multi-Purpose Room).**

Valid State Issued Picture Identification Required to Vote.



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

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Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano

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Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi



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 MeetingsFeb. 22, March 14 and 28,
April 11**

Village Hall Holiday Closing.....Feb. 15, March 25

Senior Club Meetings.....March 10, April 14

Resident Response

Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...

Thank you so much for your assistance at our annual walk-a-thon.

The students of Sacred Heart School appreciated your help at the park.

Thanks again!

• Sincerely,
The Sacred Heart PTO

Dear Melrose Park Police Lt. Scatchell and FOP Lodge #19...

Thank you so much for thoughtful and generous donation to Sacred Heart School's Ronald McDonald Toy Drive.

Blessings to all of you during this holiday season.

• Sincerely,
Barb Ciconte and the Sacred Heart School Family

Dear Melrose Park Police Det. Brian Gvist...

Congratulations on being named the ARA Insurance Services/National Equipment Register (NER) Special Services award winner for the year 2015. Your selection was unanimous after carefully considering a number of nominations received from ARA members throughout the industry.

The criteria used by the committee in bestowing this award are to recognize a law enforcement official who has performed exceptional service to the equipment rental industry through the recovery of rental equipment or through theft prevention initiatives. You and the Melrose Park Police Department were selected for this award and are being recognized for your leadership and perseverance in assisting ARA Chicagoland members by investigating and building a case against prolific equipment theft. NER estimates the equipment theft is a \$1 billion per year problem and your efforts in this area are very much appreciated.

On behalf of the American Rental Association, I wish to thank you for your contributions, commitment and exemplary service to ARA and the rental industry as a whole. The ARA members and staff have benefitted significantly by your leadership.

• Sincerely,
Paul Phelon
ARA Board Chairman

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

Sacred Heart School recently celebrated Catholic Schools Week and we want all of you to know that you are all blessings from God.

We don't know any other way to explain how much all of your help means to us.

We don't know what we would do without you!

Thank you!

• Sincerely,
Sacred Heart School Staff and Students

Home Depot and Mayor Serpico Partner to Bring Joy to Neighbors

During this past Christmas season a local school asked village employee Martha Vargas if she could contact someone or some group to help deserving Melrose Park families enjoy the holidays.

Martha, along with Mayor Ron Serpico, reached out to our local Home Depot store seeking help. Home Depot immediately accepted the task of bringing joy and hope to some of our neighbors and a few days later their employees began delivering Christmas trees, lights and presents to dozens of Melrose Park families.

Mayor Serpico had the privilege of tagging along on several of these deliveries. The mayor stated, "The real meaning of Christmas was driven home as I watched the unabashed joy in a little child's eye as they viewed the tree and opened presents. I also felt their parent's sense of hope that maybe 2016 would be a better year."

A Melrose Park "shout out" to village employee Martha Vargas and to Home Depot. You truly embodied the Christmas message of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All.



Mayor Serpico's Toys for Tots Drive Gets Better Every Year Due to Your Generosity ... Thank You!



Over the past holiday season, Mayor Serpico and Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio once again hosted the mayor's annual Toys for Tots drive.

The mayor would like to take this opportunity to thank all Melrose Park residents and local businesses for the large number of toys that were donated for the event. All contributions were well-received!

The biggest beneficiaries were the children that experienced the cheer and joy of the holidays because of those who did what they could to support this worthy cause.

Pictured with Serpico and Paolantonio are veterans of the United States Armed Forces and members of Melrose Park's Police and Public Works departments, whose efforts were greatly appreciated.

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 email – peg@melrosepark.org or phone – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief*



Gvist ARA Insurance/National Equipment Register Award Winner Rental Management: February 2016

By Connie Lannan

Diligence pays off and nets award for Melrose Park, Ill., police detective

What at first glance appeared to be a smaller theft-of-services issue affecting one rental store in the Chicago area turned into so much more for Detective Brian Gvist with the Melrose Park Police Department in Melrose Park, Ill.

For his perseverance and successful apprehension on a felony theft charge of an alleged perpetrator, Gvist was recently named the 2015 ARA Insurance/National Equipment Register Award winner. He was honored and presented a check for \$2,000 for his department at The Rental Show in Atlanta.

Gvist is one of five detectives at the Melrose Park Police Department, handling all types of cases, not just those involving theft of equipment. He admits that he initially thought this was a more routine theft-of-services case. He had no idea how involved it actually was.

"When I went over and spoke with the store owner, Luke Graham, (president of AA Rental Center), he gave me a better run-down of what was going on. It was quite a bit more severe than I first thought when I initially read the report," Gvist says.

Graham shared that his business was one of many in the greater Chicago area that had been hit.

As Gvist started looking into the case and investigating names and addresses, he discovered that stores outside Chicago had been targeted, too. "I ended up being contacted by 10 or 12 different police departments, some as far south as Peoria, as far north as Crystal Lake as well as two or three from Indiana," Gvist says.

The modus operandi of the suspects was similar at each store.

"It appears they usually went into the stores in pairs," Gvist says. "One person would fill out the information to rent the equipment. The other person would pay the fee for the rental on a prepaid credit card. They had enough on the credit card to pay the deposit. Then when it came to who was responsible for the rental, it appeared that one person would say, 'I just filled it out because the other guy didn't have a driver's license, but he paid with his credit card.' The other person would say, 'Well, he filled out the paperwork; I just paid for it.' Neither claimed to be responsible and the equipment was never returned."

The equipment loss in each incident was not huge, usually no more than a couple thousand dollars, which did not reach a threshold that would warrant an insurance claim. This meant that in most instances these rental operators were out the machine and potential rental fees.

Gvist received a break in the case when Graham called to let him know that the suspect was trying to rent a piece of equipment from a store in a town south of Melrose Park. "The police were called and detained the suspect there. That store owner called my victim, who called me and said he thought the subject was at the Police Department. I called and asked the police to detain him so I could go down and interview him," Gvist says.

Unfortunately, when Gvist put the suspect in a lineup, the counterperson from Graham's store could not make a positive identification. That prompted Gvist to take a different route.

"I did a reverse ID," Gvist says. "The same way I would do a lineup for the counterperson, I did a reverse photo array of the store clerk. I asked the subject if he remembered what the store clerk looked like. I asked do you see that person in this photo array? He said yes. He signed off and said this is the guy who was working the counter the day he rented the equipment. I ended up doing everything in reverse. I had to have this guy do all of the identifying. This guy was very confident that he was going to walk out of my Police Department. I used what I was trained to do. That is how I found out that he was using the false address and phone number. Those are the items that made it a criminal case and showed his intent to deprive the store owner," he says.

Gvist arrested the suspect on a charge of theft by deception. He is now awaiting trial.

For Gvist, this case offered a tremendous opportunity to learn more about the world of rental and how big a problem this type of theft really is for all involved. That is why he is glad he could bring some closure for the victims.

He never expected his efforts would prompt a nomination for this prestigious award. "I am so honored. I was very surprised that Luke put my name in for this. He was the biggest help in the entire investigation. My job relies on getting valuable information. He kept me informed, emailing me with every bit of information he had. A lot of this arrest is due to his efforts," Gvist says.

While at The Rental Show, Gvist attended the law enforcement training that is offered by the American Rental Association and NER. "I am excited about the training. I want to learn as much as I can and present that to everyone here on the police force in Melrose Park," he says. He hopes to educate more officers about the problem of equipment theft.



Pictured, left to right, are Det. Gvist, Alysia Ryan, director of State Government Affairs for the American Rental Association, and Luke Graham, owner of AA Rental of Melrose Park.

Melrose Park Police Department Participates in Toys for Tots Program

Over the holiday season members of the Melrose Park Police Department did what they could to provide much appreciated support for the Toys for Tots program.

The large amount and particular choice of gifts were immediately recognized by Loyola Hospital staff that were overwhelmed by the department's generosity.

Children at the center were personally given several gifts by members of the department that created a lot of big and bright smiles.



PARKING REGULATIONS HAVE CHANGED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1

Effective Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, parking is no longer 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.

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Your
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GO TO
JAIL!**



**Melrose Park
Police Department**



MP Police Department Notice Be Aware of the IRS Telephone Scam

Information on the IRS Telephone Scam and How to Avoid Being Victimized

IRS Telephone Scam victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a preloaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

This scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every state in the country. We want to educate taxpayers so they can help protect themselves. Rest assured, the IRS does not and will not ask for credit card numbers over the phone, nor request a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and threatens police arrest, deportation or license revocation if you don't pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn't the IRS calling. The first IRS contact with taxpayers on a tax issue is likely to occur via mail.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

Tips for Avoiding IRS Telephone Scams

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-(800)-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue – if there really is such an issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the treasury inspector general for Tax Administration at 1-(800)-366-4484.
- If you've been targeted by this scam, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.
- Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.
- The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information.

This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels.

The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

The most common scams that the Melrose Park Police Department has investigated include Telemarketing Fraud, Nigerian Letter or "419" Fraud, Identity Theft, Advance Fee Schemes, Letter of Credit Fraud and Pigeon Drop Fraud – but there is a new scam developed every day.

For a detailed list of these scams and ways to help you from being victimized, please visit the Melrose Park Police Department website at www.melroseparkpd.com and read the following document – Melrose Park Police Department Crime Awareness Announcement.

**If you have any questions or feel you were a victim of a scam,
please report it to the Police Department immediately,
dial 911 or call (708) 344-8409 for non-emergencies.**



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

2014-2015 village vehicle stickers have expired as of 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 Fire Department NEWS



Rick Beltrame
Melrose Park Fire Chief

Firefighters Make Annual Holiday Gift Delivery

Over the holidays, Melrose Park Fire Department personnel made their annual stop at Loyola Hospital to drop off gifts for children to celebrate the season.

The firefighters experienced smiles of joy and excitement from the children who were grateful for the presents that made their holidays special.



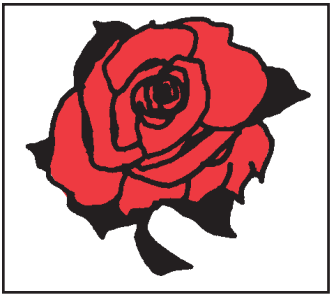
A sincere thank you from the Melrose Park Fire Department and Fire Chief Rick Beltrame to all who contributed to the 2015 toy drive:
Abruzzo's • Al Piemonte • Anthony B's Pizza • A.T.& T • The Bazaar, Inc. • Best Buy • Billy's Auto • Citgo • Consumer's Packing Company • Costco
Discount Cigar • Fraternal Order of Police • Food 4 Less • Guerine and Company • Il Poveretto • International • Jewel • Kelley's Towing
Louie's Bar • Maximum Towing • Meijer • Melrose Dry Cleaners • Melrose Park Firemen's Association • Melrose Park Senior Club • #1 Nails
Olive Garden • P.S.I. • Pan American • Racconto Foods • S & S Towing • Scores • The Slice Factory • Target • Taverna on Division
Tom's Landscaping • Tom's Steakhouse • Toys R Us • Truck Alignment

Melrose Park Welcomes New Firefighter

Recently, on behalf of the village of Melrose Park, Police and Fire Commissioner Mark Rauzi swore in new firefighter, Anthony DeCarlo, as family, friends and well-wishers looked on. Mayor Serpico and Fire Chief Rick Beltrame welcome and congratulate Anthony and wish him and his family, good luck as he embarks on a new career as a Melrose Park firefighter.

Pictured (left photo) are Anthony (center) with his father and mother, Michael and Mary Jane, and (right photo) Anthony being congratulated by Police and Fire Commissioner Mark Rauzi.





Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

We have been lucky with the weather cooperating. The winter started a little rough but as of February 2016 it has been calm so far. The Public Works employees are always ready and have all winter equipment ready to go out at a moment's notice.

The Second Phase of the Division Street Enhancement Project

Lighted monuments have been placed on 25th and Division as the gateway to Division Street Corridor.

Spring/Summer Street Resurfacing

Finalizing plans for upcoming streets to be resurfaced this spring/summer.

Tree Planting

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

Feeding Wildlife

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

50/50 Sidewalk Project

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

TV Pickup

Please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 to make arrangements for pickup before putting out your TV

Village of Melrose Park Dog Park

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


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

Mayor Serpico announced the village of Melrose Park will once again offer the free Residential Painting Program for individuals 65 years of age and older who reside and own a single family home in Melrose Park.

Those who qualify and need light paint work around their homes – fences, garage doors, railings, etc., (no interior painting or no interior or exterior carpentry) – are encouraged to complete the

MP Painting Program Request Form (at right) and mail it to:

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



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

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

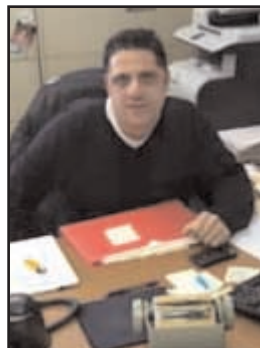
Age _____ Birthdate _____

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

Other: _____

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.

From The Office of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner



*Ralph Sorce
Building Commissioner*

IMPORTANT MESSAGE Melrose Park Residents Living in a Designated Flood Plain Currently Receive a 10 Percent Discount on Their Flood Insurance Premium Payments

After 2 1/2 years of continuous hard work by Building Department Commissioner Ralph Sorce and his staff, Melrose Park achieved a class 8 rating through the National Flood Insurance Program resulting in a 10 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for residents which started Oct. 1, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you Commissioner Sorce and staff for a job well-done.



Village of Melrose Park Construction Notice Construction Hours

No construction or alteration activities shall be carried on between the nighttime hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. On Saturday, no construction or alteration activities shall be carried on between the nighttime hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. On Sunday and federal holidays, no construction or alteration activities shall be carried on between the nighttime hours of 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. Construction and alteration activities on Sundays and federal holidays shall not be accompanied by loud or annoying noises except in the case of an emergency. Emergency operations necessitating deviation from this section shall not be initiated until special permission is obtained from the director of Public Works. Construction or alteration activities with regard to public improvements and public service utilities, shall be exempt from this section.

Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50), nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750), for each offense, and each day's violation of the same shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.



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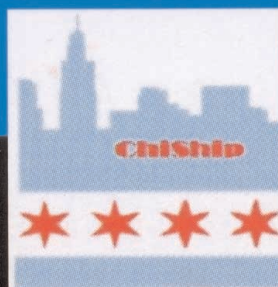
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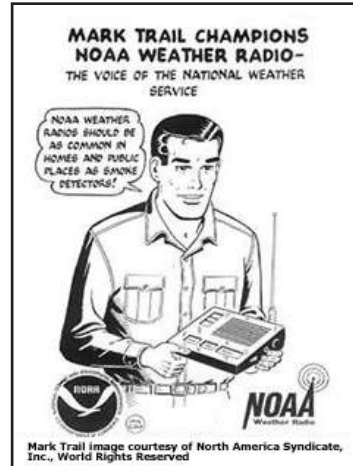
From the Desk of
Philip C. Schwartz,
Chief of Public Safety –
Homeland Security



**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.**

NOAA Weather (Radio All Hazards)

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Working with the Federal Communication Commission's Emergency Alert System, NWR is an all hazards radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information.

In conjunction with emergency managers and other public officials, NWR broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards including natural events such as earthquakes and avalanches, environmental accidents such as chemical releases or oil spills, and public safety issues such as a child abduction or 911 telephone outage. Research NWR Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) for Event Codes Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service." NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, part of the Department of Commerce. NWR numbers 1000 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz) listed below.

162.400 162.425 162.450 162.475 162.500 162.525 162.550

NWS suggests listeners change the batteries in their receivers in the spring and fall when Daylight Savings Time begins and ends.

Public Alert™ Devices and NWR All Hazards Logo

We cannot recommend one brand of receiver over another, but we do recommend users look for receivers with the Public Alert and/or the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards logo. The Public Alert Standard (CEA-2009-A) was developed by the Consumer Electronics Association in conjunction with NWS. Devices carrying the Public Alert logo meet certain technical standards and come with many, if not all, of the features mentioned in this article. NWS has evaluated devices carrying the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards logo for user friendliness and performance capabilities.



Residential Grade Radios and Features

Prices vary from \$20 and up, depending on the model. Many receivers have an alarm feature, but some may not. Among the more useful features in a receiver are:

- **Tone alarm:** NWS will send a 1050 Hz tone alarm before broadcasting most warnings and many watch messages. The alarm will activate all the receivers equipped to receive it, even if the audio is turned off. This is especially useful for warnings during the night. (Public Alert™ – required)
- **SAME technology:** SAME, or Specific Alert Message Encoding allows you to specify the particular area for which you wish to receive alerts. Most warnings and watches broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio are county-based or independent city-based (parish-based in Louisiana), although in a few areas of the country the alerts are issued for portions of counties. Since most NWR transmitters are broadcasting for a number of counties, SAME receivers will respond only to alerts issued for the area (or areas) you have selected. This minimizes the number of "false alarms" for events which might be a few counties away from where you live. (Public Alert™ – required)
- **Selectable alerting of events:** While SAME allows you to specify a particular area of interest, some receivers allow you to turn off alarms for certain events which might not be important to you. For example, if you live in a coastal county, but not right at the beach, you might not care about Coastal Flood Warnings. This feature may also be called "Event Blocking" or "Defeat Siren." (Public Alert™ – optional)
- **Battery backup:** Since power outages often occur during storms, having a receiver with battery backup can be crucial. However, unless you have a portable unit which you will use away from other power sources, an AC power connection is recommended to preserve battery life. (Public Alert™ – required for radios, optional for other devices.)
- **External antenna jack:** While most receivers come with a whip antenna you usually can extend to improve reception, depending on your location you also may need an external antenna. Some receivers come with an external antenna jack so you can connect to a larger antenna indoors or outdoors. You can often buy these antennas where you bought your receiver or from most stores with an electronics department. NWR broadcasts are in the Public Service VHF frequencies, just above FM radio and between the current TV channels 6 and 7. An antenna designed for analog VHF televisions or FM radios should work.

Melrose Park Keeps Citizens Safe with Updated Everbridge Citizen Alerts System

Citizens and Businesses Can Sign Up to Receive Critical Alerts During Emergencies

The village of Melrose Park is using our newly Updated Citizen Alerts System from Everbridge the leading emergency notification system provider, to communicate with thousands of businesses and residents in minutes in an emergency.

The village is able to alert residents about severe weather, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues and other emergencies using Everbridge. Messages can be sent to residents on any communication path desired – cell phone, home phone, email, text messaging, fax, pager, PDA and more – ensuring that residents and village staff receive life-saving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes. Citizens listed in the village’s 9-1-1 database have been automatically subscribed to alerts by phone, though all citizens should self-register, to provide additional contact information and chose the alerts they would like to receive. In addition, the village plans to use the Everbridge system to notify residents about other important activities, such as weather emergencies, road closures and water utility maintenance.

Fires. Road closures. Gas leaks. How will you find out about citywide emergencies and disasters? Your safety is our top concern. Early warning helps save lives and property. That’s why Melrose Park wants to make sure you know about emergencies, severe weather and disasters as they happen.

The village of Melrose Park will use the New Everbridge SmartGIS System With Severe Weather Alerts to let you know about issues that may affect your safety. The Everbridge system will allow the village of Melrose Park to contact thousands of residents in seconds so you find out about an emergency right away.

Receive important messages from the village on your phone, email and more. Everbridge SmartGIS System can deliver messages to you any way you want – on your home phone, cell phone, email and more. This way, we can reach you in any emergency. We may also use the system in non-emergency situations to let you know about weather alerts, important village-related events, such as meetings, parade closures or street cleaning changes.

How does it work? The process begins when the village or National Weather Service issues an alert or message about a potential safety hazard or concern. Messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices, including listed land line phones, cell phones, email, and more. If you don't confirm receipt of the message, the system will try to reach your second contact number or email. The system will continue trying to contact you until it receives a confirmation from you.

What is Everbridge? Everbridge is a mass notification system which will notify you of severe weather or other emergency situations in your area.

What areas are covered? Everbridge allows you to choose multiple locations such as your home, work or child's school.

How will I be notified? You can choose to be notified by text, email phone call or all of them.



Your help by is critical. The success of this service relies on YOU.

Having your latest contact information is the only way to ensure that we can contact you in an emergency. Please update your contact information as soon as possible. Updating is easy and only takes a few minutes, just go to our village website at www.melrosepark.org and click on the link.

Thank you in advance for you cooperation and participation in this important program.
For more information or help in enrolling or updating your information, please call (708) 649-8000.



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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 book an appointment or make a cancellation, you must call at least 24 hours in advance.

Policies and Procedures

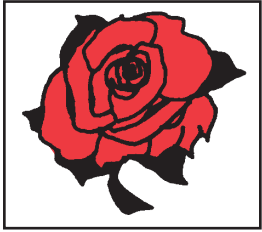
Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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*

2016 Meeting Dates

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

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.

A Great Big Thank You to Mayor Serpico!

Members of the Melrose Park Senior Club would like to take this opportunity to graciously thank Mayor Serpico for the wonderful Valentine's Day gifts they received at the February meeting.



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 Senior Club 2016 Renewals

*It's that time of the year to
renew memberships
for calendar year 2016.*

*Senior Club members,
your memberships must be
renewed before the 2016 meeting.*

*To renew, please complete the
Melrose Park Senior Club
2016 Membership Renewal Form
and mail it with your renewal fee of \$10 to:*

Village of Melrose Park

Attn: Peggy DiFazio

1000 N. 25th Ave.

Melrose Park, IL 60160

Please make checks payable to the Melrose Park Senior Club.



Melrose Park Senior Club 2016 Membership Renewal Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

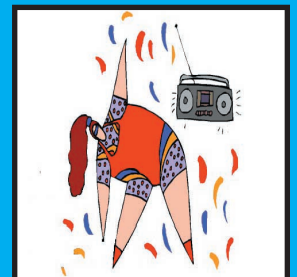
Phone _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact
Phone _____

Birthdate _____

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



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Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

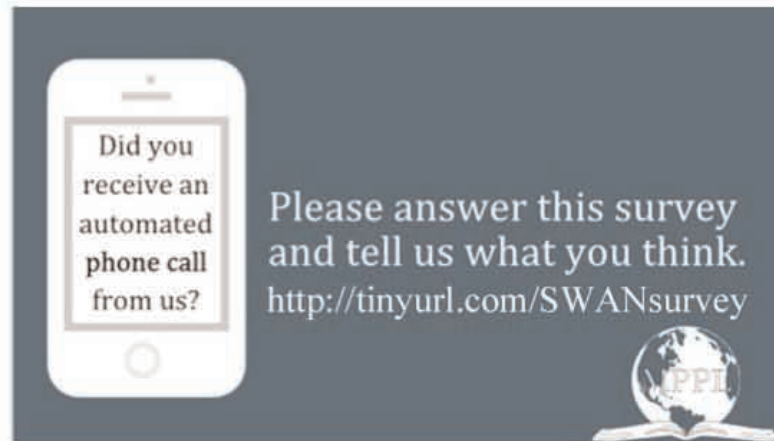
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For more information, please call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.



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The Melrose Park Public Library is participating in the pilot of the new SWAN Library Automated Phone Notice System. Your feedback on this system will help us refine settings to assure a successful rollout. If you have received an automated phone call from us, **visit <http://tinyurl.com/SWANsurvey>** to provide your feedback.



Saturday, February 20: 11am
Saturday, March 12: 11am

Join us at the MPPL for our monthly Game On @your library. Relax and connect with other players each month. You will definitely see old favorites like Chess, Othello, and Dominoes. We encourage you to try a new game and staff will be on hand to make recommendations or teach you how to play!



www.MPPLibrary.org

801 N Broadway, Melrose Park, IL 60160
mps@mpplibrary.org
(708)343-3391

ENGLISH
as a
SECOND LANGUAGE



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



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Decoupage 101



Learn the fine art of Decoupage. Decoupage is a fun and easy way to decorate just about any object. Bring in your own object, or choose one supplied by the library.

Saturday, March 5: 11am

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-8:00pm
Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm
Sunday, Closed
Closed last Saturday of the month



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Youth Services

Our recently remodeled Youth Services department is now open! Patrons have given us rave reviews about our new look. Please stop in and see what the buzz is all about! We would also like to thank all of our patrons for their patience during our renovation.



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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Stay and Play

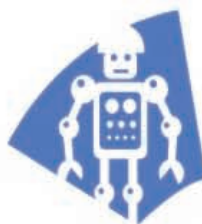
Join our lively and interactive playtime for great fun with books, music, puzzles and toys. For families with children 5 years old or younger.

Thursday Mornings from 10-11 a.m.

Ready! Set! TECH!

Join our monthly club and have fun experimenting with our amazing new tech toys and gadgets! Come in and play with our Magformers, Snap Circuits, Cubelets, and more! Grades 2-5.

Tuesday, March 15 from 4-5 p.m.



Teen Book Club

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

Tuesday, Feb. 23 and March 22 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Tween Book Club

Come and join the tween book club! Grades 4-6.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 and March 23 from 4-5 p.m.



LEGO Club

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

Tuesday, March 8 and April 5 from 4-5 p.m.

I Spy Dr. Seuss

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday & join our giant game of "I Spy!" Pick up a worksheet at the Youth Services desk & spy the different Dr. Seuss items all over our department then turn it in for a prize! This program is for all ages.

Wednesday, March 2 beginning at 10 a.m.



Dr. Seuss on the Loose

If you love all those wacky Dr. Seuss books, this is the program for you! Join us for amazing activities, crafts, and snacks. Grades K-3.

Thursday, March 3 from 4-5 p.m.

Family Movie Night

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

Wednesday, March 9 and April 13 from 5-7 p.m.



Arts & Crafts

The library is hosting a monthly craft event for kids in grades K-6 to make a special treasure to take home. Space is limited to 15 kids.

Thursday, March 17 and April 21 from 4-5 p.m.

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



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It's Time to Early-Bird Register!

MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Summer

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Camp Fun

For children 4-7 years of age!

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

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

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

\$125 per child (Melrose Park residents).

Nonresidents Fee – \$450 Per Child

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

MP's Veteran's Housing Complex Making Progress

Last Veterans Day, Melrose Park hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 39-unit veteran's housing complex in Melrose Park at 101 N. 14th Ave.

These new homes, built by the Safe Haven Foundation and the West Suburban Housing Development, will benefit homeless veterans and individuals in transition after having served our country.

This unique veteran's housing is situated in a neighborhood setting and will be offered based on individual need, assessment and eligibility.

Construction on the new complex has started and is currently scheduled for completion this summer. For additional details, please check out www.melrosepark.org or www.asafehaven.org.



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.**



Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

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AEROBICS

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

MARTIAL ARTS

Monday-Friday • Residents – \$50, Nonresidents – \$60
For additional information,
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Limited instruction is currently available.
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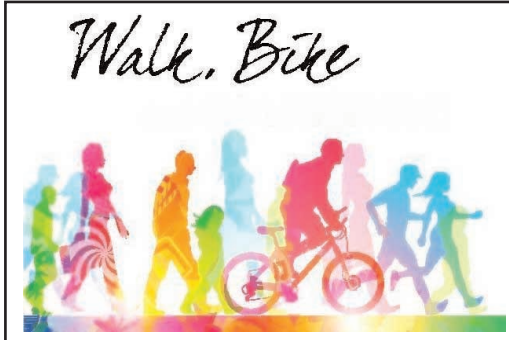
For more information, call (708) 450-0555.

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.

Better Bicycling and Walking Facilities are Coming to Melrose Park!

The village of Melrose Park is one of three suburban Cook County communities to receive a Healthy HotSpot Technical Assistance Grant from Active



Transportation Alliance. The grant will provide the village with free planning services to develop a village-wide Active Transportation Plan. This forward-thinking initiative will create a framework for a safe and accessible network of streets that connect cyclists and pedestrians to destinations, with the goal of creating a healthier lifestyle for all residents.

The village of Melrose Park and Active Transportation Alliance will be seeking input from residents to learn about barriers to walking and bicycling in the community. Community members will have opportunities to share their ideas both online and at community events. The plan will identify locations for on-street bicycle facilities (such as bike lanes), sidewalk and intersection improvements, and policies and programs that will make biking and walking safer and more convenient throughout the village.

"Melrose Park's vision for bicycling and walking includes improving the health of individuals through exercise. The plan will look at ways to connect people to our key community destinations, making bicycling and walking a safe and convenient form of travel for all residents," said Mayor Ronald M. Serpico. "Implementing the recommendations that come out of the plan will also enable the village to promote and reduce congestion, improve air quality, and help local businesses thrive and enhance the local economy."

The Healthy HotSpot Program is an initiative led by the Cook County Department of Public Health that addresses community-level changes to make the healthy choice the easy choice. The funding is focused on creating or strengthening the places where residents live, work, learn, worship, play or receive health care to make it easier for them to make healthful choices, especially in communities that have less access to practical, readily available options.

The program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support public health efforts to prevent chronic disease, reduce health disparities, and control health care spending.

For additional information or for ways to get involved, visit the village's website at www.melrosepark.org.

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Melrose Park Little League Announces 2016 Registration Dates



Baseball/Softball FEES

T-Ball 4-6 \$65	Coach Pitch 7-8 \$90	Minor League 9-10 \$105	Major League 11-12 \$125	Junior League 13-14 \$155	Senior League 15-16 \$175
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Fee Includes: Uniform and 2 clinics (ages 7-16)

ONLINE - Open Registration as of January 1st

www.melroseparklittleleague.org

Registration Sign-up Dates at Melrose Park Civic Center

Feb. 20

Feb. 27

March 5

Late Registrations After March 5th up to March 27th \$20 Late Fee

(All fees are non-refundable)

All registrations will be on Saturdays from 10am – 2pm

Melrose Park Little League

1000 N. 25th Ave

Melrose Park, IL 60160

melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com

Facebook: Melrose Park Little League and Twitter: MelroseParkLL

WANTED: COACHES & MANAGERS

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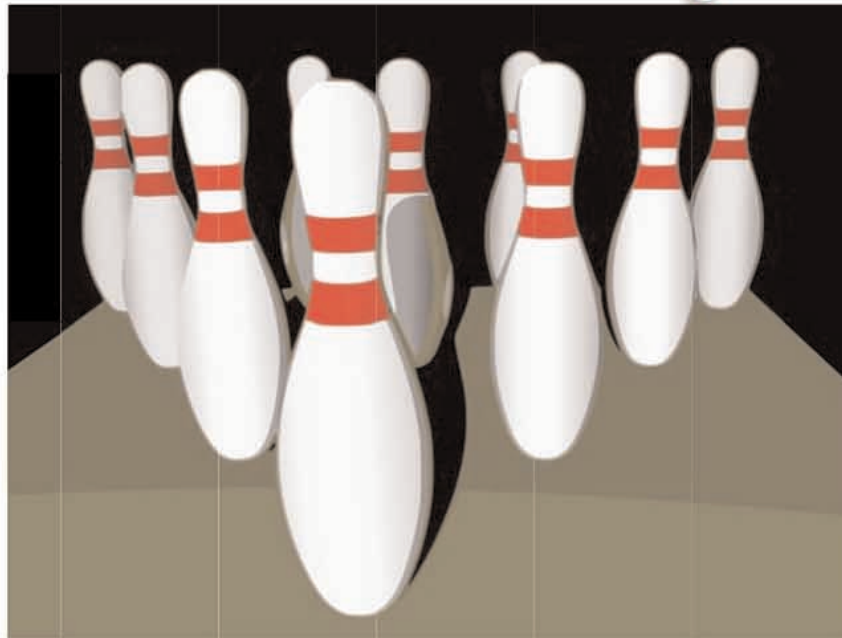
Melrose Park Little League



Melrose Park Little League presents



Rock n' Bowl Night Out!



Where: Stardust Bowl
37 E. Lorraine Ave.
Addison, IL 60101

When: May 21, 2016

Time: 7 p.m. to ? (You decide!)

Cost: \$40 per person/\$75 per couple (Adults only);
Money is due May 1, 2016

What's included: Dinner and bowling

Have questions or need more information? Contact Jesse
at 708-262-3702!

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Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

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

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2016 is: Feb. 22; March 14 and 28; April 11 and 25; May 9 and 23; June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25; Aug. 8 and 22; Sept. 12 and 26; Tuesday, Oct. 11 and Oct. 24; Nov. 14 and 28; and Dec. 12 and 27.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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

Good Friday – Friday, March 25, 2016; Memorial Day – Monday, May 30, 2016; Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2016; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 5, 2016; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 10, 2016; Veterans Day – Friday, Nov. 11, 2016; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 25, 2016; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 23; Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 26, 2016; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 30, 2016.

Residents are asked to make note of the dates listed.

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

Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

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

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

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

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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



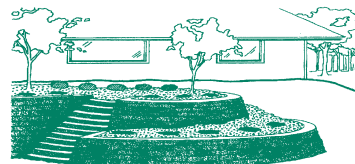
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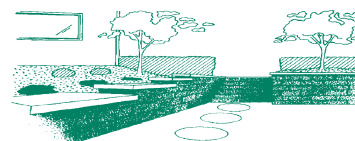
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Friday, March 11, 2016

Two Seatings

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Veterans Park District

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"In your Easter bonnet, with all the trills upon it," you will join us for a classic luncheon. Prizes will be awarded to the six best bonnets. You will be the judge. Enjoy bourbon blackberry glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean almandine, bow-tie with Alfredo sauce and a scrumptious dessert. Entertainment following lunch! Raffle prizes!

- Thursday, March 24, noon-2 p.m.; Grant Park; \$17 per person.

Loaded Hot Potato Bingo

Enjoy our loaded baked potato with all the trimmings while you visit with your friends. Following lunch will be dessert, coffee, tea and pop. Don't forget Bingo after lunch with all kinds of great prizes to win!

- Friday, March 11, noon-2 p.m.; Bulger Park; \$10 per person.

Luck of the Irish Bingo

Famous Harrington's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, hand-carved corned beef brisket, cabbage wedges, boiled potatoes with apple pie dessert and two free Bingo cards.

- Tuesday, March 15, noon-2 p.m.; Grant Park; \$ 25 per person.

Cabaret

"Leave your troubles outside – life is beautiful at Cabaret"

Cabaret, Tony Award Winner Best Revival 2015 – direct from Broadway, the acclaimed masterpiece returns to Chicago! Come hear some of the most memorable songs in theatre history, including *Cabaret*, *Willkommen* and *Maybe This Time*. Enjoy an early afternoon matinee at the historical Bank of America Theatre.

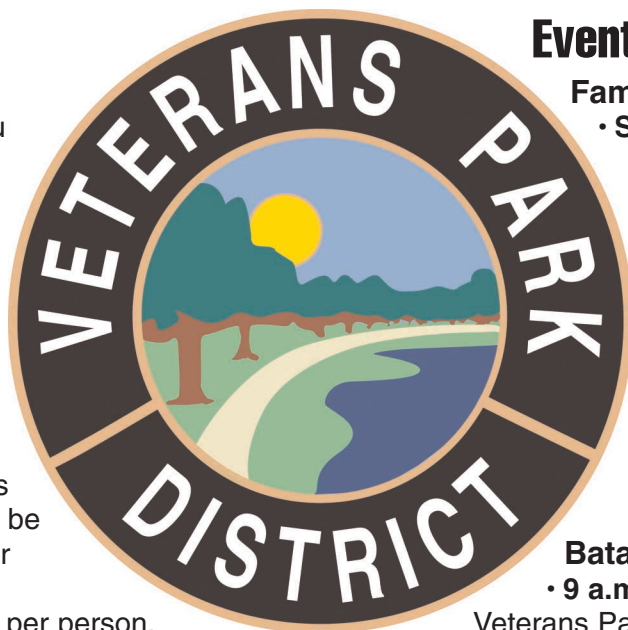
- Wednesday, Feb. 17; Bus departs at 12:30 p.m. from Cimbalo Fitness Center and 12:45 p.m. from Grant Park; \$61 per person.

We Gotta Bingo

An Interactive Dinner Theater Experience in the Hilarious Style of Tony 'n Tina's Wedding!

We will meet a colorful cast of characters leading the evening in games and good-natured fun, but soon learn they are amongst two rival Chicago parishes, one Italian and one Irish, who are set to be merged with one another. Since neither church can support the expanding congregation by itself, they've agreed to meet tonight to raise the needed money the best way they know how – playing Bingo! In between games, we will have time for a delicious family-style Italian dinner. Cash bar. Lunch and entertainment at Chicago Theatre Works in the heart of the Belmont Theater District. It will be a fun and memorable afternoon!

- Wednesday, March 9; Bus departs at 10:30 a.m. from Cimbalo Fitness Center and 10:45 a.m. from Grant Park; \$68 per person.



Events and Activities

Family Indoor Garage Sale & Flea Market

- Saturday, April 9, at Grant Park Gymnasium, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come out and shop at the first ever VPD Community Garage Sale. Time to clean out your attic, closets or garage for items to sell. Time to upsell your baby clothes, toys, games, tools, books or anything else you may have. Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is required in order to reserve your space. Set up time is from 8-9 a.m. Concessions will be open for snacks.

- \$20 in-district/\$30 out-of-district for a table and space. Individuals must register in advance.

Bataan Park Frozen Ice Rink

- 9 a.m.-9 p.m. – Weather Permitting

Veterans Park District provides an ice skating rink at Bataan Park, Melrose Park. There is no supervision or skate rental at the outdoor rink. Anyone using the ice rink should be aware that the risk of injury is present. No ice skating when a hockey game is present. If playing hockey, helmets are required. For conditions and more information, call (708) 343-5270 or (708) 716-4822.

Youth Sports

VPD Fielding Class – Ages 6-12

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

- Wednesdays, March 2-April 6, 6-7 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex Turf; \$30 in-district/\$35 out-of-district.

VPD Hitting Class – Ages 6-12

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

- Wednesdays, March 2-April 6, 5-6 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex Turf; \$30 in-district/\$35 out-of-district

Early-Bird Pool Pass for Gouin Pool

March 1-May 31, 2016, \$32 In-district

Regular Season Pass: \$37 In-district, \$50 Out-of-district

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

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

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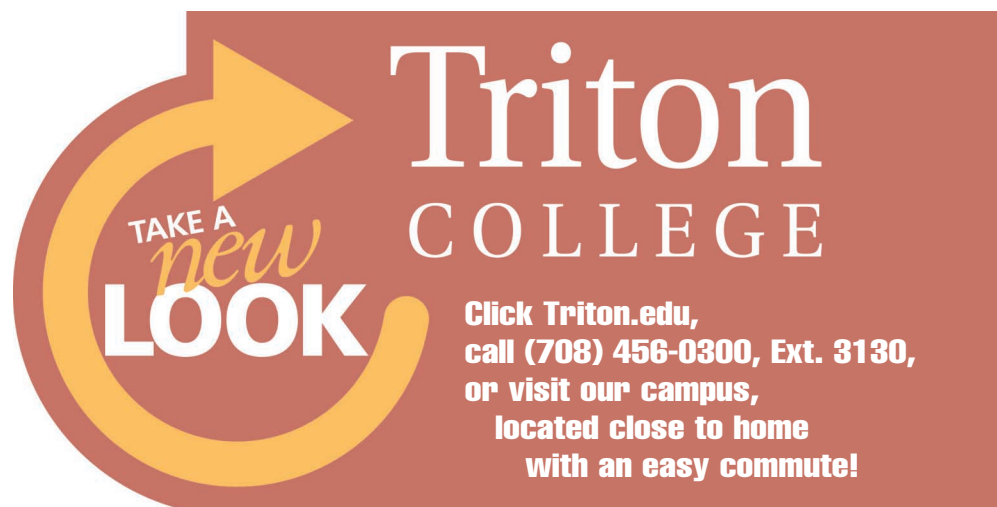
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What's Coming Up at Triton College

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

Feb. 22-March 18

Triton Student Film Festival, Fine Arts Gallery, Room J-107 (J Building)

Triton College's digital video and film students have won awards for years for their work. In celebration of their accomplishments, still images and discussions will be featured in the weeks leading up to the screening event of select film work. A reception and film screening will be held from 6-8 p.m., on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, in the gallery. The exhibit is available for viewing in the gallery from Feb. 22-March 18 by appointment only. Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/VPC.

Feb. 25

Storytelling Festival, Noon-2 p.m., Library (A Building), Room A-312

Hear inspiring stories from some of Triton College's students, faculty and staff during its annual Storytelling Festival. Stories range from one's culture or life experiences, including their decision to attend college, life in the military and the steps they took to get to their career. The event is meant to inspire cultural awareness and creativity. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3154, or visit www.triton.edu.

Feb. 27-28 and March 4-5

Triton College Performing Arts Department presents Cyclist Attacked by Mountain Lion, Cox Auditorium, Room J-108 of the Fine Arts Building (J Building)

Triton College's Performing Arts Department will perform *Cyclist Attacked by Mountain Lion* by Robert Koon in February and March. On his morning bike ride on a local trail, Jerry comes upon a sign: DANGER: MOUNTAIN LION IN AREA. He avoids an encounter with the predator, but as his day unfolds the presence of wildlife in the city becomes more and more pronounced and more and more peculiar! Animals are appearing, people are disappearing – is there a connection? Are the animals launching an attack on the humans annexing their territory or is there a more fundamental change afoot? This production is part of the Emerging Voices Project that was created to contribute to the development of new work in the Chicago theatre scene and to bring opportunities to the Triton College community to work with professional playwrights. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 27-28 and March 4-5, 2016. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, and \$10 for Triton students, faculty, staff and senior citizens. For more information or tickets, contact Carol Gutkowski at carolgutkowski@triton.edu.

March 4

Triton College Community Band, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center

The Triton College Community Band performs an exciting array of fanfares,

marches and contemporary band music in this spring program to highlight the diversity of 20th and 21st century band repertoire. The band is led by Triton faculty Josh Hernday. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music.

March 9

Hospitality Job Fair, 9 a.m.-Noon, Room B-204, Second Floor of the Student Center (B Building)

Triton College's Career Services is hosting a Hospitality Job Fair providing an opportunity for job seekers to meet with local employers of the hospitality industry who are hiring for full-time, part-time and seasonal employment. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3619, or visit www.triton.edu/careerserv.

March 9

Triton College Campus Visit Day: Health Careers, 6-7:30 p.m., Student Center (B Building)

Triton College will hold an information session on its Allied Health Programs. Individuals interested in a career in health care are invited to learn about Triton's programs in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Nursing, Ophthalmic Technology, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, Continuing Education, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Science and Eye Care Assistant. Information shared will include pre-requisites for the programs and its selective admission process. A tour of Triton's new Health and Sciences Building will also be provided. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP for the event, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or visit www.triton.edu.

March 9

Triton College Faculty Artist Series, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center

In this joint Triton College faculty recital, pianist Joann Cho will be performing contemporary solo piano music and trumpeter James Davis will be performing an array of jazz and classical works for trumpet and piano. The audience will have the opportunity to meet the artists in the lobby following the concert! For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music.

March 10

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.

March 12

Robotics in the Library, Noon-4 p.m., Triton College Library, Room A-321

Youth are invited to engage in hands-on activities in relation to one of Triton College's newest program offerings, Mechatronics, also known as robotics. In the free workshop, youth will be able to build their own Lego™ robot that'll be able to move in ways children never imagined! Expert builders will be on hand to help. The Library will supply the materials – just bring your creativity! Registration isn't required but space is limited and will be based on first-come, first-served. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3698.

March 21-April 15

World Music in Vision, Fine Arts Gallery, Room J-107 (J Building)

Triton College's Music Program, digital video and film students have won awards for years for their work. In celebration of their accomplishments, still images and discussions will be featured in the weeks leading up to a film screening. A reception and screening of select film will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, in the gallery. The exhibit is available for viewing in the gallery from March 21-April 15 by appointment only. Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/VPC.

March 24

Triton College Guest Student Information Session, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Student Center (B Building)

Prospective guest (reverse-transfer) students are welcome to visit Triton

College's River Grove campus to meet with admission and financial aid representatives and learn about Triton's programs and services to get started on registering for classes. For more information or to RSVP for the event, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or visit www.triton.edu.

March 31

**Summer, Seasonal and More Job Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,
Student Center Cafeteria (B Building)**

Triton College's Career Services is hosting its Summer, Seasonal and More Job Fair to provide job seekers with the opportunity to meet with local employers who are hiring for full-time, part-time and seasonal employment. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3619, or visit www.triton.edu/careerserv.

April 2

**Triton College Jazz Spectacular, 7:30 p.m.,
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center**

Triton College's Jazz Spectacular is a highlight of the college's concert season, and this year the audience can look forward to a featured Chicago-based guest artist and jazz ensemble, as well as members of the Triton Jazz faculty, Triton jazz students led by director James Davis and local high school students. Past guest artists have included internationally recognized artists such as Juan Pastor's Chinchano, Doug Rosenberg, the Ian Torres Band and Rich Corpolongo. A free jazz clinic, led by the guest artist, will be held at 4 p.m. on the afternoon of the concert at the Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music.

RSVP Offers Tax Counseling for Older Citizens

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, sponsored by Triton College in River Grove, once again is offering the Internal Revenue Service's Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), a free program for individuals age 60 and older from low- to moderate-income households.

RSVP has provided this program for more than 20 years in partnership with the IRS. Volunteer tax assistants are specially trained to help people complete their taxes. The volunteer tax assistants are individuals who are college-aged students as well as older adults. The assistance includes helping participants complete federal tax forms, 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 and the state income tax forms. All tax returns are submitted electronically once completed.

Assistance will be provided at various locations throughout the community and throughout the week, including at the Melrose Park Public Library on Mondays, the Elmwood Park Senior Center and the Eisenhower Library in Harwood Heights on Tuesdays, Proviso Township Office in Hillside on Wednesdays, the Leyden Township Carl Fiorito Center in Franklin Park on Thursdays, the Senior Assistance Center in Norridge on Fridays, and in the Robert M. Collins Center on Triton College's main campus in River Grove on Saturdays.

Those seeking assistance should call the RSVP Office at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3895, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mondays-Thursdays, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Fridays to make an appointment. The service will be offered Feb. 8-April 14.

After participants make an appointment, they will be requested to bring with them W-2 forms from all employers, Form 1099s (interest statements from banks), a copy of last year's tax return and any other relevant tax information.

For more information on tax assistance and to schedule an appointment, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3895.

Talent Abounds as Triton Troupers Circus Returns to Campus

Prepare to be amazed by the high-flying, gravity-defying and endlessly-entertaining Triton Troupers Circus as it makes its return to campus March 17-19. Clowns, trapeze-artists and other talented performers will be part of the annual show on Triton College's main campus in River Grove.

The Triton Troupers Circus has entertained crowds of all ages for decades with exciting acts including tightrope walking, stunts, cycling, juggling, the gymwheel, teeterboard, stilt walking and more.

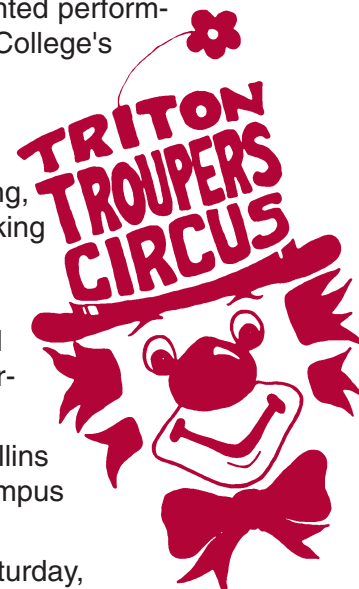
The Triton Troupers are composed of nearly 100 members from Cook, DuPage, Kane and Boone counties who all have a passion for circus arts.

The show will take place in the Robert M. Collins Gymnasium, in the R Building, on Triton's campus located at 2000 Fifth Ave., in River Grove.

Showtimes are: 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, March 17-19; and 1 p.m., Saturday, March 19. Saturday's 1 p.m. show will be interpreted for the hearing impaired by the Triton College Center for Access and Accommodative Services. Doors open an hour before the shows and will include a clown pre-show.

Tickets are \$6 (no debit or credit cards accepted) and available at the door.

For more information about the circus, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3383, or visit <http://tritontrouperscircus.com>.



RSVP to Host Annual Pancake Breakfast and a Day of Fun for the Whole Family

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties at Triton College is hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast which will also include a day of fun for the whole family.

Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, in Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Center on Triton's main campus in River Grove and will run until noon. Families are invited to stay for the Triton Troupers Circus and can purchase combination tickets for the circus and the breakfast for a discounted price of \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

The Triton Troupers Circus will dazzle spectators at 1 p.m. in the Collins Center Gymnasium, and tickets for the circus only are \$6 per person. To attend the RSVP Pancake Breakfast only, a \$4 donation will be accepted in advance, \$5 at the door. All proceeds benefit the RSVP Program and its volunteers.

For more information on the RSVP Pancake Breakfast, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3835 or 3603.

NEWS89 **School District89 BRIEFS**



District89 Spelling Bee

On Jan. 15, District 89 held their annual Spelling Bee for Irving and Stevenson Middle School students. The first place winner, Isaiah Ketadji, a sixth grade student from Stevenson Middle School, will continue on to the 6th Annual West 40 Scripts Spelling Bee, held at McClure Jr. High School in Western Springs. Best of luck Isaiah!



Mayor Serpico/ PBIS Night

Mayor Ron Serpico joined District 89 families and staff for a District Family PBIS Night held at Stevenson Middle School on Jan. 19. PBIS, a Positive Behavior Interventions System, is one of the foremost advances in schoolwide discipline with an emphasis on schoolwide systems of support. Proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school and home environment were addressed. District 89 students are respectful, responsible and ready!

Rep. Welch/ Dist89 PAC

State Rep. (7th District) and District 89 Board Attorney Chris Welch addressed the District 89 Parent Advisory Council members on Jan. 26. The topic of the presentation was on the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA), which governs all meetings of public bodies. Public bodies include advisory committees and subcommittees of

school districts. The informative session included guidelines on the OMA and answers to frequently asked questions.

Top photo, state Rep. and District 89 Board Attorney Chris Welch.

Bottom photo,

Board of Education Vice President Dianne Williams, Superintendent David Negrón and the Parent Advisory Council members.

MP Police & Fire/District 89 School Safety Partnership

Lt. Mark Reiger, Officer Rocco Pretzie and Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Ude, who are members of the West Suburban School Safety Task Force, joined D89 Administrators to align work on school safety, a top priority in District 89 schools. School safety starts with strong leadership, taking precautions to prevent crises and develop a plan to increase the level of preparedness in schools. Through an informative PowerPoint presentation on School Safety, the team explained specific procedures for hard and soft lockdowns to administrators. District 89 values their partnership with the Melrose Park Police and Fire departments and looks forward to their continued work together on safety preparedness.





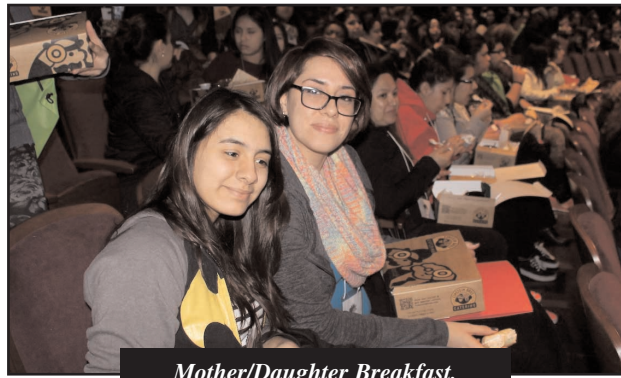
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Barbara Dahly and panelists with students at the Workshop on College and Careers.



Students enjoying lunch.



The Conference Day ended with mothers and daughters exchanging letters.



Mother/Daughter Breakfast.



Kind Words, an anti-bullying workshop.



Welcome address by state Rep. Kathleen Willis (77th District).

Rep. Willis/DAREtoDream

Illinois state Rep. Kathleen Willis (77th District) and Administrative Assistant Gloria Orozco extended an invitation to 20 Latina Stevenson Middle School girls and their mothers to the eighth annual Dare to Dream: Get Educated Conference for young Latinas on Jan. 30. The event aimed to empower young Latinas to see themselves as the future leaders of their community. Sessions on pursuing a college education, careers and goal setting were some of the many meaningful activities the students participated in. A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Conference for Latina girls in middle school accompanied by a parent or mentor will be held in April.

D89 Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Barbara Dahly accompanied the students and parents as the school coordinator and assisted with facilitating a strategy session for the students.



Mothers and daughters for the opening and ending address in the auditorium exchanging letters.



State Rep. Kathleen Willis, Administrative Assistant Gloria Orozco, Keynote Address Angy Paola Rivera and her mother, Maria Yolanda Rivera.



Activities on goal setting.



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Proviso Township/ TOI Scholarship Program for High School Seniors

Proviso Township is a participant of the Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship Program for calendar year 2016.

Under this program, high school seniors may apply now for one of seven \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded statewide by Township Officials of Illinois this year.

Applicants must submit the completed application which is available at www.toi.org, a cover letter, an interview with a current township official, transcript of grades, two letters of recommendation and an essay on The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future.

Senior students must meet all of the eligibility criteria and follow the instructions listed in the checklist as indicated on the Scholarship Application.

The deadline for the application and all required documentation must be post-marked by March 1, 2016.

Furthering our students' education is one of the priorities in Proviso Township. We realize many students struggle with meeting tuition and other costs. If this program can be of assistance to a student, then we have succeeded in engaging their involvement to achieve their goals.



Important Reminder Regarding Changes in License Plate Renewal

The Secretary of State's office is no longer sending out Annual License Plate Renewal Notifications. This means drivers are on their own to remember when their license plates renew.

Unfortunately, most people do not think about their renewal until they get their notification. The end result is that people are now getting ticketed for missing their renewal deadline.

As a solution, you can sign up to receive an electronic notification which will also allow you the option to renew your license plates online.

To sign up to have a renewal notification sent to you by email follow these steps:

- Go to the Secretary of State's website www.cyberdriveillinois.com.
- On the right side of page click on the box that says "Email my renewal notice."
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It would not hurt to go back into the site and recheck your work to make sure you're registered.

If you have any questions, contact the Secretary of State's office at 1-(800)-252-8980.



February is National Spay and Neuter Month

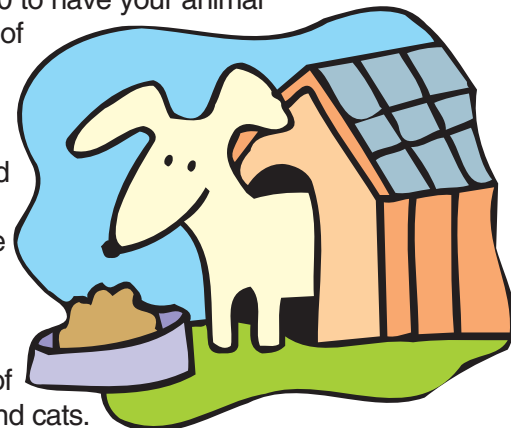
In recognition of February being celebrated as National Spay and Neuter Month, Cook County Animal and Rabies Control, in cooperation with your local veterinarian, is offering a rebate of up to \$40 to have your animal spayed or neutered during the month of February.

No coupons or apps required. Just go into your favorite veterinarian and say, "I am a Cook County resident and I would like my dog or cat spayed or neutered." The veterinarian will handle everything from there.

Cook County residents with current Cook County rabies vaccine registration qualify for rebates off of the cost of a spay or neuter for qualifying dogs and cats.

Spaying and neutering dogs and cats not only prevent pet overpopulation but increase the quality and quantity of your pet's life by decreasing the incidence of certain cancers and diseases.

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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.

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

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.

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.



A Message from Kathleen Willis

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Willis-Backed Bill to Help Human-Trafficking Victims Now in Effect

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, voted for House Bill 2556 last legislative session, which created the Human-Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act. The bill became effective on Jan. 1 of this year.

"We need to make sure we take measures to help people who are victims of this terrible crime," Willis said. "I hope that this reform will help victims get in touch with law enforcement and other forms of assistance, and will be a strong first step in fighting human trafficking here in Illinois"

Effective Jan. 1, certain businesses and establishments will be required to post the National Human-Trafficking Resource Center hotline number. These notices will be required in a vast array of Illinois establishments including bars, airports, train and bus stations, and urgent care centers. The notices are available in many different languages, and can be accessed through the Illinois Department of Human Services website at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=82023>.

"By making sure these notices are posted all over our communities, we can all take an active role together in eliminating human trafficking," Willis said. "People from all sorts of backgrounds can be affected by this crime and hopefully this effort will increase awareness of this issue in our community."

Rep. Willis Seeks Legislative Input from Area Residents

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, is turning to members of her community to suggest bill ideas for the upcoming legislative year. "In order to represent the needs of our district effectively in Springfield, I need to hear input from our residents," Willis said. "This is a great way for people looking to get involved to have their voices heard. Your ideas could help us in the fight to improve our area and our state as a whole."

Rep. Willis is seeking input on issues and suggestions for bills to be proposed in the upcoming legislative session. Residents are encouraged to use the Suggest-A-Bill feature on Willis' website, repwillis77.com, to contact her full-time constituent services office at (708) 562-6970, or email Rep. Willis directly at repwillis77@gmail.com.

"I speak with hundreds of people, whether going door-to-door, speaking with them on the phone or meeting them at community events," Willis said. "Everyone has a valuable perspective to share and I am always very appreciative for the suggestions and input I receive."

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

Willis Encourages Area Students to Apply for Scholarships and Financial Aid

With many area students looking forward to enrolling in college for the fall semester, state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, is encouraging students to apply for scholarships and financial aid to help reduce their tuition costs.

“The cost of attending college can be very daunting to new students,” Willis said. “I want students to know that there are many tools available that can reduce the burden they will have to pay for the upcoming school year.”

College students are encouraged to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student (FAFSA) at the beginning of each year. Financial aid is apportioned on a first-come, first-served basis, so students who hope to receive grants and other forms of aid should complete the form as soon as possible. This can be accessed through the FAFSA website, www.fafsa.ed.gov. There are also many scholarship opportunities, which interested students can find posted on Rep. Willis’ website, www.repwillis77.com. High school students should also be sure to speak with their college counselors for additional information.

“As a state representative, I want to make sure that I keep my constituents informed on the opportunities and resources that are available to them,” Willis said. “I hope that area students can take advantage of financial aid to reduce the costs of their college educations.”



**State Representative
Kathleen Willis**

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For more information or assistance, please call our office at 708-562-6970 or email repwillis77@gmail.com.

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<http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Armed Forces Careers
<http://www.armedforcescareers.com/scholarships.html>

Asian-Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
<http://www.apiasf.org/scholarships.html>

Career One Stop
<http://www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/>

College Zone
<http://www.isac.org/>

Conference of Women Legislators Scholarship
www.cowlil.com/scholarship.htm

FastWeb Search Engine
www.fastweb.com

FAFSA
www.fafsa.ed.gov

George M. Pullman Foundation (Cook County)
www.pullmanfoundation.org

Graduate School Directory
www.gradschools.com

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund
<https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/>

IL Agriculture Foundation
http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm

Illinois Association of School Business Officials
www.iasbo.org

Illinois Center for Nursing
<http://nursing.illinois.gov/financial.asp>

Illinois Education Foundation
www.iledfoundation.org

Illinois Future Teacher Corps Program
www.collegezone.com/giftassist/753_7661.htm

Illinois Student Assistance Commission
<https://studentportal.isac.org/web/guest/student>

Indian-American Scholarship Foundation
<http://www.upakarfoundation.org>

Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program
cspl.uis.edu/ILLAPS/ILSIP/index.htm

National Commission for Cooperative Education
www.co-op.edu

Resource Guide for Minority Nursing and Professionals, Students & Faculty
www.minoritynurse.com

Scholarship America
www.scholarshipamerica.org

Scholarships.com Search Engine
www.scholarships.com

SEED Foundation for Indian Youth
<http://www.seedfoundation.org/scholarship.html>

Township officials of Illinois
<https://www.toi.org/News/Detail/31>

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<https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

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Several of the more than 500 figurines that fill the living room of Sonny's home were donated by people who appreciate the setting and are honored to be a part of the annual display.

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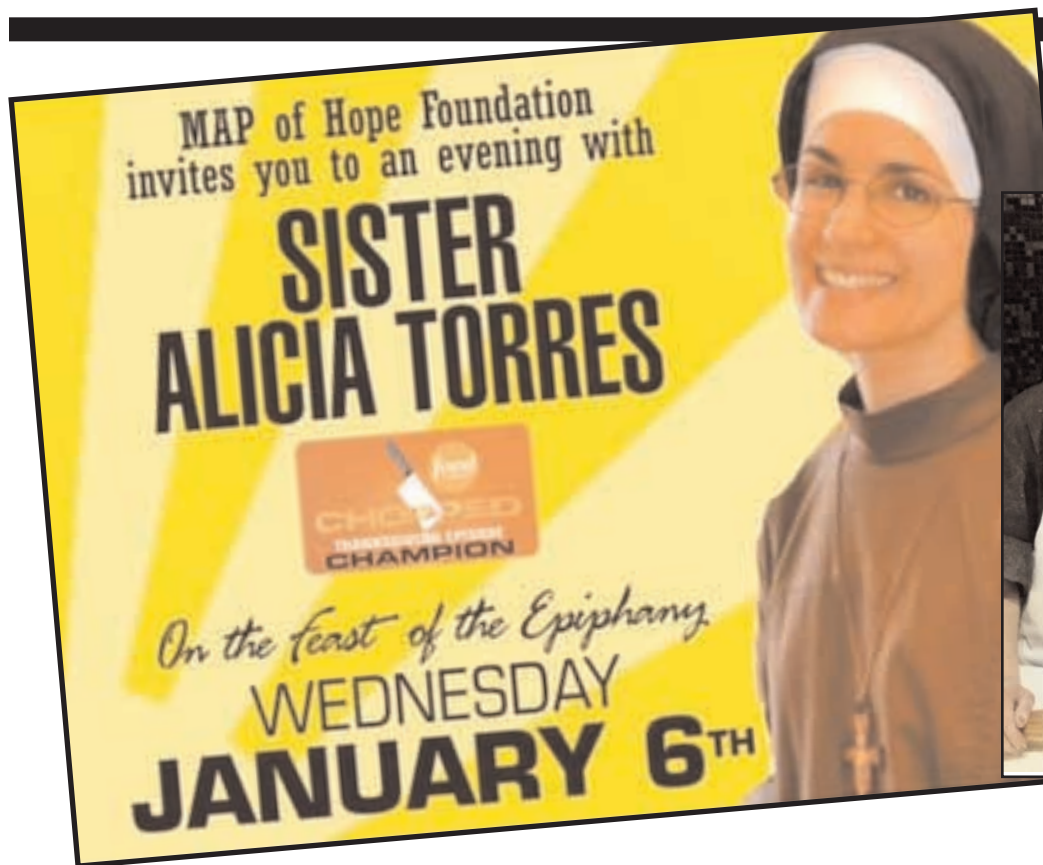
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MAP of Hope Foundation Event Brings Reality TV Star to MP

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, members of the MAP of Hope Foundation proudly hosted a very special occasion for a great cause – An Evening with Sister Alicia Torres (Food Network show *Chopped* champion – Thanksgiving episode).

Several community members attended the fundraiser, held at Il Poveretto Cafe, one of Melrose Park's new restaurants, to experience the quality culinary talents of Torres as she demonstrated her pizza-making skills at the establishment's brick oven.

Sr. Alicia is a member of the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago, who serves at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.

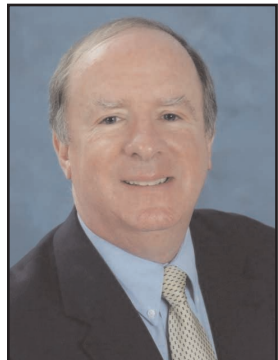
Proceeds from the event benefit the work of the Our Lady of the Angels Mission.

Congratulations to *Chopped* champion, Sr. Alicia Torres.





Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Names Bernard Gawne, Jr., MD, Chief Medical Officer



Dr. Bernard Gawne, Jr.

Bernard Gawne, Jr., MD, MS, MPH, MSMOB, CPE, FACPE, has been named chief medical officer (CMO) of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital (GMH), part of Loyola University Health System.

Dr. Gawne comes to Gottlieb from The Joint Commission where he served as a physician surveyor for the hospital accreditation program.

“As part of Loyola’s world-class academic health system, Gottlieb offers patients access to the most advanced specialty care,” says Lori Price, president, GMH. “Dr. Gawne is an experienced leader and will work collaboratively with Loyola and our GMH community of physicians to advance our patient experience, clinical quality and performance improvement initiatives.”

Prior positions held by Dr. Gawne include: vice president (VP), chief medical officer (CMO) and patient safety officer at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio; VP/CMO at SSM St. Mary’s Health Center in St. Louis, Mo.; VP/CMO for Provena Health Central Illinois Region; and senior vice president of medical affairs for Owensboro Medical Health System in Owensboro, Ky.

“I am excited to join Loyola University Health System’s Gottlieb Memorial Hospital and to support their mission to provide safe, quality care using the best practices,” said Dr. Gawne. “I look forward to facilitating collaboration between the hospital and physicians to provide our patients with the highest level of care.”

Dr. Gawne is board certified in ophthalmology and received his medical degree from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. He completed his internship at Northwestern University Medical Center and his residency in ophthalmology at the Loyola University Affiliated Hospitals. Dr. Gawne has a Master of Science in counseling and guidance from Illinois Institute of Technology, a Master of Public Health and a Master of Science in management and organizational behavior from Benedictine University, where he also received a graduate certificate in managed care.

Prior to entering administrative medicine, he served as a three-term president of the Illinois Association of Ophthalmology. Dr. Gawne practiced in solo, single specialty, multispecialty and corporate ophthalmology settings in the Chicago suburban area for 20 years.

Dr. Gawne is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology, and a diplomate of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. He is a fellow of the American College of Physician Executives and fellow of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

Dr. Gawne, a fourth-generation Oak Park native who also raised his children in the village, is excited to return to the area and begin serving his hometown and surrounding communities.

To learn more about Loyola or find a physician visit loyolamedicine.org.

Thirty-five Loyola physicians named to *Chicago* magazine’s 2016 Top Doctors list

Thirty-five Loyola University Medical Center physicians have been named to *Chicago* magazine’s 2016 Top Doctors list.

The Top Doctors list is published in the January 2016 issue of *Chicago* magazine.

Castle Connolly, a healthcare research and information company, compiled the Top Doctors list for *Chicago* magazine. Castle Connolly conducts an annual survey of all licensed physicians nationwide. Physicians are asked to nominate as many as 10 physicians they consider the best in their own specialty and as many as three they consider the best in other specialties. They are asked to take into account factors such as education, hospital appointment, board certifications and bedside manner.

Doctors could not nominate themselves, nor pay to appear on the list.

Chicago magazine’s 2016 Top Doctors list includes the following 35 Loyola University Medical Center physicians:

Kathy Albain, MD. Medical Oncology; Gerard Aranha, MD. Surgery; Mamdouh Bakhos, MD. Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery; James Berman, MD, Pediatric Gastroenterology; Jose Biller, MD, Neurology; Charles Bouchard, MD. Ophthalmology; Bipan Chand, MD. Surgery; Joseph Clark, MD. Medical Oncology; Robert Dieter, MD. Interventional Cardiology; Bahman Emami, MD. Radiation Oncology; Mary Ann Emanuele, MD. Endocrinology; Robert Flanigan, MD. Urology; Ellen Gaynor, MD. Medical Oncology; Jean Ricci Goodman, MD. Maternal/Fetal Medicine; Joel Hardin, MD. Cardiology; David Hatch, MD, Pediatric Urology; Alain Heroux, MD. Cardiology; Andrew Hotaling, MD. Otolaryngology; Paul Kuo, MD. Surgery; John Leonetti, MD. Otolaryngology; Fred Leya, MD. Interventional Cardiology; Terry Light, MD. Hand Surgery; Christopher Loftus, MD. Neurological Surgery; John Lopez, MD. Interventional Cardiology; James McDonnell, MD. Ophthalmology; Jonathan Muraskas, MD, Neonatal Medicine; Sucha Nand, MD. Hematology; J. Paul O’Keefe, MD. Infectious Disease; Ronald Potkul, MD. Gynecologic Oncology; Theodore Saclarides, MD. Colon and Rectal Surgery; Garry Sigman, MD. Pediatrics; William Small, Jr., MD. Radiation Oncology; James Stankiewicz, MD. Otolaryngology; Patrick Stiff, MD. Hematology/Oncology; and David Wilber, MD. Cardiac Electrophysiology.

To learn more about Loyola or find a physician visit loyolamedicine.org.

Loyola Medicine, American Heart Association Team Up for American Heart Month Newborns at Loyola and Gottlieb Given Red Hats

All babies born during the month of February at Loyola University Medical Center and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital will receive red hats in honor of American Heart Month. The hats are being provided by the American Heart Association as part of the Little Hats, Big Hearts Program.

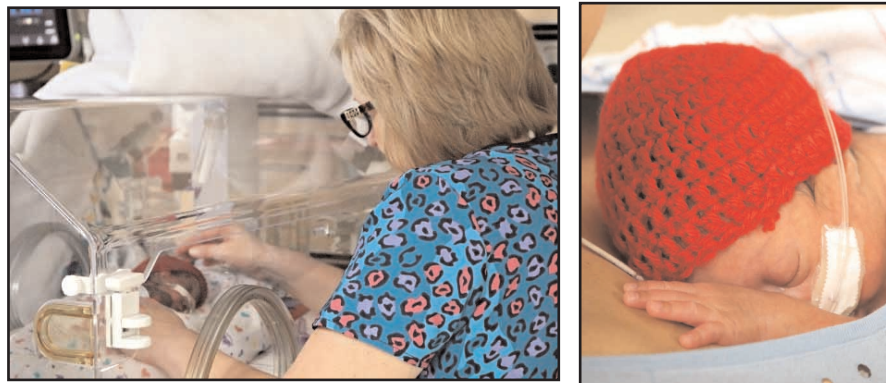
Little Hats, Big Hearts raises awareness of heart disease, the number one killer of Americans, and congenital heart defects, the most common type of birth defect in the country. In the U.S., about 40,000 children are born with a heart defect each year. At least eight of every 1,000 infants born each year have a heart defect.

Loyola estimates that 100 hats will be distributed to babies in the Maternal Fetal Medicine and NICU Departments during the month, while Gottlieb anticipates handing out about 70, based on previous delivery numbers.

Volunteers from around the state knitted and crocheted more than 18,000 hats for the American Heart Association, which will be distributed to hospitals throughout Illinois during February.

Loyola Medicine actively promotes American Heart Month and heart disease awareness by participating in Wear Red day on Friday, Feb. 5. Loyola Medicine is the signature sponsor of the 2016 Chicago Heart Ball, which raises money to support AHA's mission. Loyola University Health System President and CEO Larry M. Goldberg is co-chair of this year's ball on April 9 at Navy Pier's Grand Ballroom.

To learn more about Loyola Medicine or find a physician visit loyolamedicine.org.



Newborns in Loyola University Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit were given red hats for the American Heart Association's Little Hats, Big Hearts Program.

Nurse Janice Hart (left) puts a hat on a baby boy's head and a fashionable baby girl (right) gets cozy with her mother.

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February is Heart Awareness Month



Check Out These Special Heart-Friendly Activities at Westlake Hospital

Tuesday, Feb. 23 – Nutrition and Heart Health, 11 a.m.-Noon, Senior Center

Please join nutritionist, Jennifer Allington from the West Cook YMCA to learn ways you can keep your heart healthy through good nutrition.

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Learn important facts about heart health while having fun playing bingo.

Reserve your spot today! Call 866.938.7256 to register.

The background of the advertisement is a white picket fence. In the upper left, the "TOTAL FENCING" logo is displayed in a large, bold, black font with a white outline, set against a backdrop of a wooden fence. Below the logo, the text "RELIABLE • QUALITY • SERVICE" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, a brown banner contains the text "Wood • Chain Link • Vinyl • Aluminum" in white. To the right of the banner, a circular seal with a blue border and white text reads "Best In The Business 5 Year Labor Warranty". Below the seal, a blue banner features the "Better Business Bureau Accredited" logo and text. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code and a black box with white text that reads "Scott Fabiani Melrose Park Resident". In the bottom right corner, the text "free single gate" is written in a large, yellow, sans-serif font, with "free" in a larger size. Below this, in a smaller white font, it says "minimum purchase 100 ft. of wood fencing. \$180 value". At the very bottom, a blue banner contains the text "Call (630) 622-4001 or E-mail Us Today – INFO@TOTALFENCING.COM." in white. A small disclaimer at the bottom right reads "With this coupon. Must mention coupon when making appointment. Not valid with any other offer or prior services. Expires 6/30/16." Three small inset photos show different types of fences: a wooden fence, a white picket fence, and a chain-link fence.

UPDATE

The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School

Kick for the Dream

At the close of 2015, the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School (VOMP MAS) shared the specific roles and positions that VOMP MAS has been dedicating to play for offering educational and community benefits, and also for contributing to build a better village of Melrose Park (VOMP). In the following paragraphs, VOMP MAS is providing the importance, the evidence, the roles and the positions that VOMP MAS has been playing for our community.

Globe's and American's cultural disintegration is a significant global issue that has to be corrected uprightly. The cultural disintegration has been causing mental instability issues, such as killing tens of millions of people, unborn children, family catastrophes, violence, terrorism and drugs. "Americans who are still sane and in control of their lives are rebuilding their ancient cultural and human nature roots to escape this insanity epidemic and live real, productive, fulfilling, happy lives – real human lives. "Do" in Taekwondo and Hapkido means the art and/or the way, martial arts teaches the better way of life living by finding enlightenments about true human nature and true humanity through studying and training the body and the mind

VOMP MAS focuses on educating students to reach the level that individuals can excel in both literary (intellectual strength) and martial arts (mental, spiritual and physical strength) a few steps nearer to the success of becoming future human capitals who possess the strengths in both literary (intellectual strength) and martial arts (mental, spiritual and physical strength) with the capability of understanding differences between cultures.

Student representatives Erick Marchan, Ericka Bucio, Kyara Lopez, Stephano Valdivia and Valerie Sanchez, and also parent representatives Ana Herrera, Maribel Caldera, Martha E. Hernandez and Mary Valdivia at VOMP MAS strongly believe that martial arts studying and training help to build humanism.

Students at VOMP MAS are able to learn the action philosophy and the mental discipline of martial arts is to build mental, spiritual and physical strength through martial arts movements (pattern, combination, self defense and breaking technique). Martial arts believes that the body and the mind are one – martial artists must learn how to control the body to complete martial arts.

For example the mind controls the body to a better direction when the body is physically challenged and the body controls the mind to a better direction when the mind is mentally challenged. The learning process of this action philosophy and mental discipline of martial arts will lead students to reach the level that students can preserve human nature, humanity, integrity, loyalty, faithfulness, respect, mercy and compassion, and also help students build indomitable spirit, obedience and perseverance.

Korean martial arts puts a premium on "Yea" – is courtesy, Chinese martial arts puts a premium on "Mu" – is the beauty of the movements, and Japanese martial arts puts a premium on "Do" – is the way.

Additionally, evidence of the effectiveness of martial arts in producing affective, cognitive and behavioral benefits has come from a number of studies. Improvements in self-esteem, a more positive response to physical challenge, greater autonomy, emotional stability and assertiveness, and reductions in anxiety and depression, have all been associated with martial arts training. The value of martial arts education at VOMP MAS has been to support and make the mission statement of VOMP happen. According to the mission statement, "The village of Melrose Park will be a prosperous and fiscally sound community with a full range of housing, business, cultural and recreational opportunities. Our community will provide an exceptional quality of life for residents through a healthy economy that provides jobs and livelihoods for citizens; with well-planned, safe and secure neighborhoods; and through excellence in the delivery of public services."

VOMP MAS has been educating students about how to avoid violent situations. Martial arts has provided physical and emotional health benefits for law enforcement and military training around the world. Some of the best forms of martial arts for law enforcement include those that emphasize the importance of take downs, throws, joint locks and chokes, as well as ways to avoid and counter weapon attacks. Research on children and adults shows that the so-called "traditional" fighting crafts, such as judo and karate, leave students less aggressive and also martial arts wisdom has it that after consistent practice one becomes less impulsive and aggressive towards others.

Additionally students (as future human capitals) at VOMP MAS with their knowledge and experience of martial arts will contribute lowering the percentage of the global violence issue like how VOMP has been helping lower the crime rate.

According to grand master of Woori Taekwondo & Hapkido Academy (sister school of VOMP MAS) Kwanpil Kim, who has been holding the Kick for the Cure Event to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for years, and his Woori Taekwondo & Hapkido Academy parents and students with Master Lee, Master Asad and Master Basia, who have provided financial support for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, belief is that parent and student volunteers and their outstanding diligence to support VOMP MAS from the moment VOMP MAS decided to acquire the martial arts program, their dedication and contribution to VOMP MAS was evident and because of their co-operation, VOMP MAS has been building a better quality of life in VOMP.

VOMP MAS also has been dedicated to follow and surpass the successful path of the Taste of Melrose Park which brings more than 100,000 attendees from all over the world to generate community and financial benefits with parent and student volunteers. VOMP MAS knows that Ms. Peggy DiFazio has been making this a huge and successful event for many years with her devoted volunteers and sponsors.

A gracious note to Mayor Ronald M. Serpico – VOMP MAS would like to express the highest recognition for acquiring our martial arts program that is now known as Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School. Your compassion, uprightness and generosity allowed this martial arts program to continue to exist and succeed within the premises of the village of Melrose Park. VOMP MAS will always remember your generosity as we continue to thrive under your sponsorship. We truly appreciate you and all that you have done and continue to do for our martial arts program.

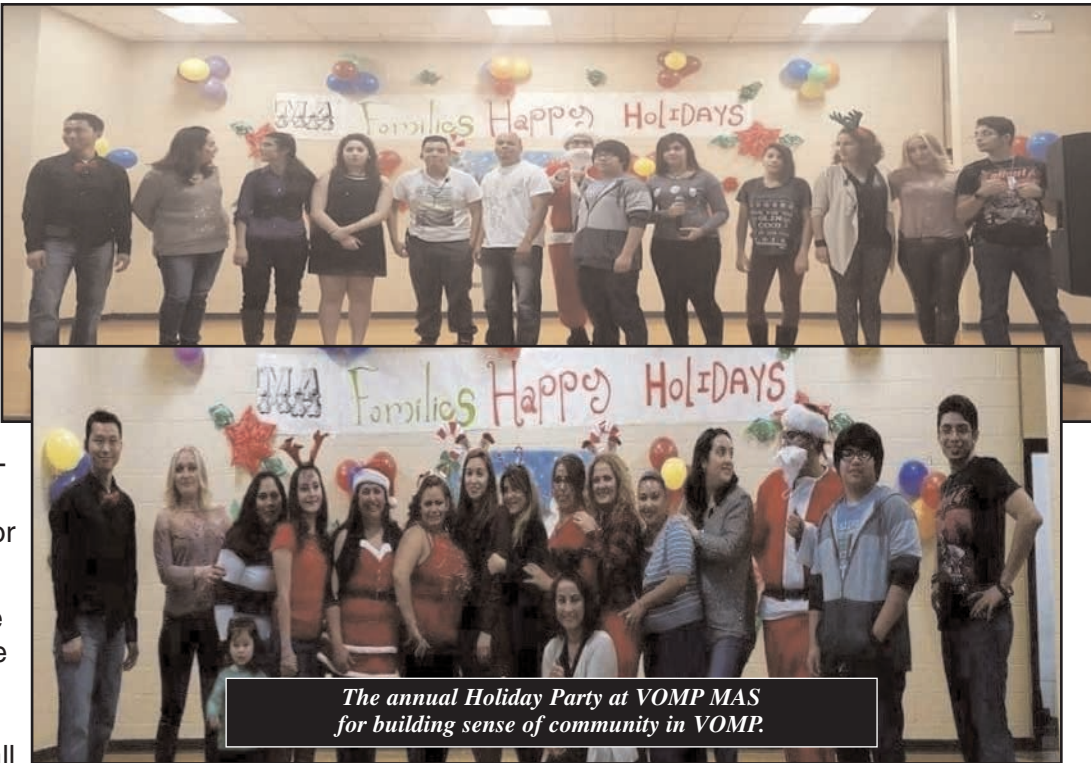
Our heartfelt thanks to Director of Sport, Fitness & Maintenance Terry Serpico, who may have experienced many challenges due to the inclusion of our martial arts program in the village of Melrose Park. He has put in much time and effort, and worked diligently to support our program. So we want to acknowledge all of his time and hard work.

Also, a special thank you to Melrose Park Elementary School Principal Maribel Taboada, Ms. Lucia Esposito at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and Ms. Paula Tello for their support.

Because of all our parents and our students at VOMP MAS, VOMP and VOMP MAS has been able to dedicate building a better quality of life and a better sense of community with safer and securer neighborhoods.

Aforementioned the importance, the evidence, the roles and the positions VOMP MAS has been playing for our community, its many supporters and helpers are very proud to share these educational and community benefits with other communities and have the ability to contribute to giving people hope and inspiration – since in the world these days, it seems capitalism is more important than humanism.

For more information please call the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School (708) 450-0555, or email masterhan@melrosepark.org.



The annual Holiday Party at VOMP MAS for building sense of community in VOMP.



Melrose Park Mayor Ronald M. Serpico and Director of Sport, Fitness & Maintenance Terry Serpico were in attendance and had an integral part in the holiday party.



Building sense of community in the village of Melrose Park.



Univision Radio Host Mr. Rafael Bautista (El Primo Rafa) was in attendance and had an integral part in the holiday party.

Obituaries

Brunetti

Maria R. Brunetti, nee Vecchione. Former owner of Brunetti Restaurant in Brookfield. Dearly beloved wife of the late Bruno; cherished sister of Lucia (Domenico) Romozzi; dear sister-in-law of Vito (Maria) Brunetti, Nina (the late Nicola) Cinquepalmi, the late Antonia and Gerardo Francese; loving aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saint Mausoleum.

De Pirro

Angeline De Pirro, nee Venute. Dearly beloved wife of Mario De Pirro; loving mother of Paul (Patricia), Nancy Castrejon, David (Gloria), Tom, Mary De Pirro and Jay (Linda) De Pirro; cherished grandmother of Mickey, Sara, Diana, Jennifer and Andrea; great grandmother of Christian, Dominic, Natalia and Oliver; dear sister of the late Rocco Venute, the late Rose, the late Josephine, the late Peter and the late Antoinette; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

DeBiasio

Romolo DeBiasio. Dearly beloved husband of Arcangela (nee Zannini); loving father of Andonella and Marco (Stephanie) De Biasio; cherished nonno of Dominic, Luca and Nico; dear brother of Angelo (Elisabetta), Maria (the late Enzo) Troise, Alessandra (Alberto) Izzo and the late Giuseppina (Antonio) Natale. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Elmwood Mausoleum.

DeChristopher

Philomena DeChristopher celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on Nov. 12, 2015. DeChristopher was born in Accerra, Italy, to Nicola and Assunta in 1915. She had one sister, Lucia, and one brother, Silvio. Philomena married Anthony A. DeChristopher on Sept. 8 1940, and raised three sons, Anthony, Robert and (Dr.) Phillip. Working hard from an early age, Philomena was a homemaker and worked in various office positions until her retirement. She is known throughout her family and friends as one of the best Italian cooks and bakers around. Philomena has experienced World War I and World War II, and the bombing of Pearl Harbor; doing laundry from the rub board to the washing machine, from candles, lamps and lanterns to electricity; cars of today that are comfy, compared to the Model-T; planes, trains, spaceships and men going to the moon; radio, TV, microwaves, indoor bathrooms and so much more! She has two great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons, and was a lifelong member of the Catholic church both in Chicago and North Riverside. She served on Mothers' Club boards for many years at St. Mel High School and at St. Francis X Cabrini School in Chicago. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Dossantos

Mario Nunes Dossantos. Proud pastor. Beloved husband of Ivete Dossantos (nee Amorim); loving father of Joel, Vera, Vania, Sonia, Daniel, Ana Paula, Anelise and the late Josiel; fond grandfather of 18; fond great-grandfather of two; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Enriquez

Alejandro U. Enriquez, age 86, passed away Dec. 3, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Armandina; loving father of Chayo, Margaret, Joe, Connie,

Socorro, Margie, Juani, Lisa, Alex, the late Malena, the late Doris and the late Maria; cherished grandfather and great-grandfather of many. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Fischer

Ann Nancy Fischer, nee Femali. Dearly beloved wife of the late Woodrow; loving mother of Patricia "Tisha" (the late John E.) Lyon, Woodrow J. (Susan Atchison), Baby Mark Anthony Fischer and Leesa Lukas; beloved daughter of the late Frank and the late Antonette Femali; cherished grandmother of Jay (Tiffany) Lyon, Jeffrey (Jillian) Lyon, James (Katelyn Murray) Lyon, John Patrick (Marla) Lyon, Daniel Jr. (Kristin Klaput) Lukas; great-grandmother of Chase, Collin, Logan and Reid Lyon; dear sister of Frank (Ruth) Femali, the late Sam (the late Sarah) Femali, the late Joseph (the late Angie) Femali, the late Claire (the late Norman) Sauvey, the late Mary (the late Frank) Orozen and the late Patricia (the late David) Robinson; loving companion to Angel; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Frazier

Debra Frazier. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Heneghan

Robert James Heneghan, passed away suddenly at his home in Melrose Park on Dec. 8, 2015. Survived by his loving life partner, Patricia Hillyer. Beloved son of the late John and Daphne Heneghan; fond brother of John P. Heneghan, Michael C. (Maddy) Heneghan and the late Terry F. Heneghan; also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Services were private. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home.

Isais

Maria De La Luz Isais, nee Lozano. Dearly beloved wife of the late Antonio Isais; loving mother of Maricela (the late Eduardo Perez) Isais, Patricia Isais, Leticia (Raul) Gonzalez, Olga (Cesar D. Rabago) Isais, Elizabeth (Sebastian L.) Rivera, Arlene (Marco A. Diaz) Isais; beloved daughter of the late Victoriano and Francisca Lozano; fond grandmother of Sasha Perez, Alanis Enriquez, Eduardo Perez, Samantha Gonzalez, Sebastian L. Rivera Jr., Christian L. Rivera, Victoria Gonzalez, Amanda S. Diaz, Noah A. Diaz; dear sister of Rosario Lozano, Maria De Los Angeles Lozano, Maria Lozano, Petty Isais, Eva Lozano, Estela Lozano, Socorro Lozano, Beatriz Lozano, Raquel Lozano, the late Francisco Xavier Lozano and Magdalena Contreras; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Devoted Catholic and proud member of Radio Maria and Sacred Heart of Jesus. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Jablonskis

Elena Jablonskis, age 91, of Melrose Park, passed away peacefully with her loving family present on Dec. 7, 2015. Beloved daughter of the late Antanas and the late Alexandra Lingis; dear mother of Arunas (Lori) Jablonskis and Linas Jablonskis; fond sister of Eugenia (the late Joseph) Pazerunas, Aurelia (the late Kestutis) Kriauciunas, Lucy (Algis) Tirva and the late Antanas (the late Regina) Lingis; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Lithuanian National Cemetery, Justice, Ill.

Kalnicky

Steven Kalnicky. Dearly beloved husband of Venita (nee Van Dyke); loving father of Charles and Courtney (Jay) Brizzolara; fun-loving grandpa of Gino and Vincent; beloved son of Eunice and the late Raymond Kalnicky; dear brother of Linda Wolff, Laurie (Bill) McDonald, LeAnn (Gary) Tomsik, Robert (Cathy) Kalnicky. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery.

Liggett

Keith "Ray" Liggett, Jr., age 69, of McHenry, formerly of Melrose Park passed away Dec. 29, 2015. Beloved husband of Darlene; loving father of Christopher (Julie) Liggett; cherished son of the late Keith Sr., and the late Marjorie Liggett; dear brother of the late Barbara Liggett; faithful friend of granddog Lucy. Arrangements by James A. O'Connor Funeral Home. Interment Windridge Memorial Park Cemetery, Cary, Ill. U.S. Army veteran, Vietnam War. Former comptroller for village of Melrose Park.

Massaro

Anthony James Massaro, veteran of the United States Army and retired police officer of the village of Melrose Park. Dearly beloved husband of the late Marianne (nee Custardo); loving father of Anthony Jr. (Lisa); cherished grandfather of Michael, Angelo and Santina; dear brother of the late Salvatore, the late Joseph and Zelda Massaro; fond brother-in-law of Patrick (the late Sharon) Custardo; loving uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Masoleum.

Pojman

Helen S. Pojman, nee Puplis. Dearly beloved wife of the late Henry F.; loving mother of Janet (Livio) Valli and Henry (Joanne) Pojman; cherished grandmother of Amy Pojman, Kerry Hamill, Dina, Livio III, Andrew Valli and the late Tracy Pojman; great-grandmother of Jessica, Livio IV, Joseph, Francis, Valentino and Fontana Valli, and Ivy and Derek Hamill; dear sister of the late Andrew and Dorothy Puplis; fond sister-in-law of Mildred Urbanek; dear aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Sarlo

Phyllis A. Sarlo, nee Felella. Dearly beloved wife of the late Tommy; loving mother of Grace (Joseph) Martin, Denise Sarlo, the late Donna Thompson and the late T.J. (Louise) Sarlo; dear mother-in-law of Sam "Ozzie" Senato; cherished grandmother of Shawn, Nina, Tina, Nicole, Trina Tara, Sammy and Tommy; great-grandmother of Ava, Audrey, Tyler, Anna, Hope, Ella and Maxton; dear sister of the late Charles (Dora) Felella and the late Florence and Joseph Maggio; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Schaefer

John A. Schaefer, proud sergeant of the Air Force in the Korean War (known as Sgt. Bilko) and active in many years in Sacred Heart School and Parish organizations and activities. Dearly beloved husband of Patricia (nee Hejnicky); loving father of Mark (Cherese), Sandi; beloved son of the late John and the late Julia Schaefer; fond grandpa of his beautiful Paige; dear brother of Marie "Betty" (the late Joe) Wnenk, the late Jim (Barbara); loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Private. Proud member of the I.U.E.C. Local #2 and the American Legion.

Sylvester

Lucille W. "Wally" Sylvester, age 98, passed away with her loving family at her side on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015. Cherished daughter of the late Willard and the late Carrie Wallingsford; beloved wife of the late George Greene and the late Robert Sylvester; dear mother of the late George H. "Kelly" (Karen) Greene and the late Virginia M. "Maggie" Greene; loving grandmother of Nathan C. (Michelle) Greene, Brendan A. Greene and Megan L. Greene; great-grandmother of Nathan and Madison; fond sister of the late Etta Mae Wallingsford; also survived by many nieces, nephews, students and friends. Graduate of Northwestern University. Lifetime member of First Congregational Church of Maywood. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, Ill.

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