

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Bon Appétit!

Dear Neighbors,

One of my favorite duties as your mayor is strolling the grounds of the Taste of Melrose Park while visiting with festival patrons who are enjoying the most family-friendly and affordable festival in the area. This year we will be hosting the 35th Anniversary Taste of Melrose Park from Sept. 2-4. Visit www.melrosepark.org to download this year's entertainment schedule and the list of food booths.

It is hard to believe that in 1981 a handful of people approached the village looking for approval to host an event where residents could sell food items based on family recipes. The first festival was a success attended by a small number of area residents.

35 years later the Taste of Melrose Park has blossomed into a three-day festival visited by more than 100,000 people seeking great food and entertainment. The Grub Street website called it, "...greatest neighborhood food festival in Chicagoland," and restaurant critic Dave Hammond wrote, "The Taste of Melrose Park is my favorite food festival of the year."

The Taste of Melrose Park offers over 70 food booths, which are more booths than the Taste of Chicago. We're the only Illinois festival to feature food booths hosted by residents serving long-held secret family recipes at \$3 or less per item, making it the lowest cost-to-consumer food festival in the state. To top that off, parking and shuttle services are free.

The Taste of Melrose Park features live entertainment on four stages. This year's lineup will include the Beatle tribute band and perennial favorite, American English, along with the Romeo Brothers, Danny Fox, The Other Three Tenors, Jesse White Tumblers, Karaoke with Greg Rini, and the Pipes & Drums of Emerald Society – and on Saturday night, straight from the Bronx, get ready to rock out with the Bronx Wanderers, who will magically re-create the sounds of the 1950s through the '70s on our Winston Plaza main stage. I recommend catching this act; they've appeared all over the country, including Vegas.

The Taste will also offer a number of arts and crafts, and informational booths for patrons to purchase items or learn about services that enhance the quality of life in Melrose Park. The 35th Taste of Melrose Park will conclude its three-day run on Sunday night with our most spectacular fireworks show to date.

And most importantly, the Taste of Melrose Park will once again donate the proceeds from the sale of beer and wine to the Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund, which thanks to our Taste patrons, has raised over \$1 million for local charities and organizations. Now that's a piece of Taste history that is close to my heart!

No longer just a humble neighborhood food festival, the Taste of Melrose Park is a highly anticipated food and entertainment extravaganza and an event you and your family should not miss, so mark your calendars. And let's not forget the many volunteers who make this whole event happen year after year, thank you one and all! And now, I must end this letter so I can take a peek at this year's food booth list so I can plan my gastronomic strategy. Do I start with the ceviche or the Italian sausage sandwich, or maybe the pepper and egg, or perhaps the arancini? Decisions, decisions, decisions!



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico



Celebrate the Taste!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND • FRI., SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 2-4, 2016

Ethnic Foods Priced at \$3 or Less! FREE Parking, Admission, Entertainment & Trolley Service
Village of Melrose Park Complex • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL Fri. 5-11 p.m. • Sat. Noon-11 p.m. • Sun. Noon-10 p.m.

See the Taste of Melrose Park 2016 Ad Book on Pages 25-74.



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

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To Know

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Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsAug. 22, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 11

Village Hall Holiday ClosingSept. 5, Oct. 10

Senior Club MeetingsOct. 13

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico ...

Thank you for the Senior Painting Program.

The help was so very much appreciated. The painters did a good job and were kind and pleasant.

Blessings to you for this program for the seniors.

• Sincerely,
Gail Arnish

Dear Mark Rieger, Lieutenant, Melrose Park Police Department ...

In a time when too many police officers are being vilified by the news media for the use of excessive force and gestapo tactics, I think it is important to take the time to place the spotlight on those officers, and there are many of you, who exemplify the oath they have taken to serve and protect the community where they work.

On June 28, a Tuesday, at approximately 1100 hours, the security staff at Gottlieb Hospital responded to a report of two individuals who were causing a disturbance by airing their domestic issues in a loud and obtrusive fashion. On our arrival we were able to calm the situation. However, one of the arguing parties did call 911 and asked that his wife be taken to another facility. Melrose Park paramedics arrived with the police shortly after.

Officer Skeens (badge #21) was one of the responding officers along with Officer Rodriguez (badge #71). Skeens and Rodriguez did an excellent job in de-escalating a rather volatile situation involving an estranged husband and his wife who were going through a divorce and desperately seemed to be seeking to air their troubles in a public forum. Their compassionate approach to the situation quickly de-escalated the husband's anxiety. Officer Skeens did not shout order or approach the situation with a blanket solution. She took the time to separate and listen to the two parties. Her and Rodriguez's approach was at once authoritative and subtle. They were in control of the situation and I don't even think the subjects realized it. They spoke with concern and took the time to listen to each of the parties. Skeens was especially instrumental in getting the husband to decompress and realize his actions were not helping himself or his wife. She conducted herself with exemplary professionalism. Her and Rodriguez embodied the very definition of excellent community policing.

In an era where the relationship between communities and their law enforcement agencies is strained at the best of times, and violently volatile at the worst, it is too easy to focus on the negatives and forget all the positives. Let's face it, there has even been some friction between our agencies. (Too many egos getting in the way of cooperative cooperation?). Today, I put my ego aside and would like to take this opportunity to thank officers Skeens and Rodriguez for their professionalism. Job well-done, officers! Bravo! Kudos to you both! In fact, I would like to thank all the officers at the Melrose Park Police Department, from Danny Richter to Mark Loochtan to yourself, Lt. Rieger, and to all the men and women who put on the uniform and have sworn the oath to "Protect and Serve." You are the thin blue line and I appreciate your service – one and all.

• Sincerely,
Thomas Cichon
Sergeant, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, Safety and Security

Dear Mayor Serpico and the Village of Melrose Park...

Thank you very much for having the police cars in my mother’s funeral.

We would also like to say thank you to Veterans Park District for their escort service. A special thank you to Chief Schwartz and the Homeland Security Department for all of their services, as well.

Their help, presence and guidance at that time were truly appreciated.

- Thank you to all,
The Capra and Giordano Family

**Dear Mayor Serpico, Police Chief Sam Pitassi and
Director of Public Works Gary Marine...**

The 123rd Feast of Our Lady has been celebrated and again you have played a key role in another successful celebration.

On behalf of the Feast Committee, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation for all your help and support during the Feast and throughout the year.

We realize that without your support it would be impossible to celebrate our Feast to the extent and importance it deserves. With your help we are able to continue to elevate the name of our town by celebrating this wonderful tradition and legacy.

Please share our most sincere appreciation with all the employees of the village of Melrose Park, the Police Department and Public Works team. We truly appreciate what you do on our behalf!

May Our Lady of Mt. Carmel intercede before the Lord for you and your family with health and happiness.

- On behalf of the Feast Committee,
Jaime Reyes
Feast Committee

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to officers Rocco Pretzie and Gio Sullo as members of the NIPAS Mobile Field Force for the assistance they provided to the Oak Brook Police Department on May 25 and May 26, regarding the SEIU Fight for \$15 Rally.

It is good to know that we can rely on your assistance in instances of this nature and that the NIPAS Mobile Force Program accomplished exactly what it is intended to do.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to officers Pretzie and Sullo, who came to our aid, for their professionalism, commitment and assistance. This cooperation between our departments proved invaluable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of my staff in the future for any assistance you may need. We will be more than happy to reciprocate.

- Sincerely,
James R. Kruger, Jr.
Chief of Police
Village of Oak Brook

Dear Mayor Ron Serpico...

I want to thank Gary Marine and his team for the wonderful job they did while painting my fence.

They were very clean and neat, getting into all the crevices of a chain-link fence with professionalism and expertise.

I’m proud to live in Melrose Park and share my enthusiasm about how you encourage the village to support your senior citizens. This also fits so nicely with the recent article in *The Rose* about our town’s curb appeal. It certainly helps to see the well-kept homes and neighborhoods that make up my hometown.

- Gratefully,
Fran Truppo

No Water Rate Increase for Melrose Park Residents

Mayor Serpico brings you good news! As former chairman of the West Central Municipal

Conference’s Regional Water

Task Force, Serpico led a

coalition of local officials in a

fight to stop rate increases

the city of Chicago was

charging suburban municipal-

ities for Lake Michigan water.

Not only did the coalition take

up the fight, but concerned

Melrose Park residents also

got involved and collected

early 3,000 signatures

protesting these increases,

which Serpico presented to

the mayor of Chicago. In the

past, the village absorbed the

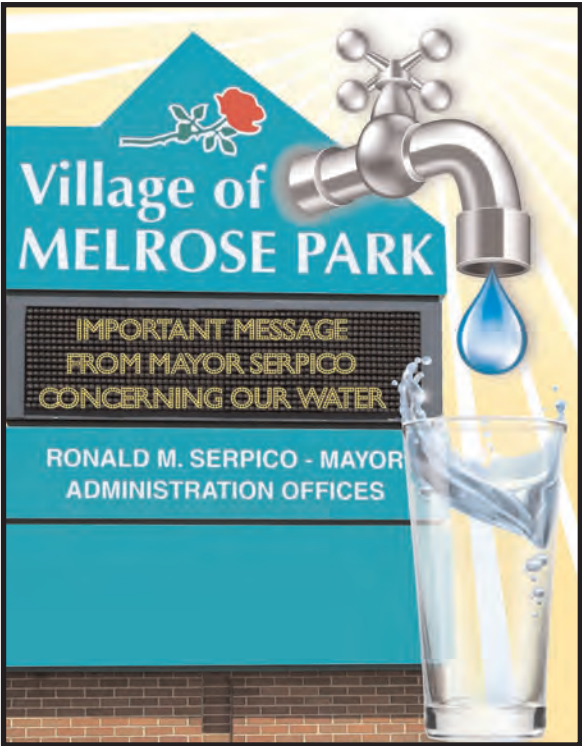
first two water rate increases

in order to keep Melrose Park

an affordable place to live

and now, thanks to the hard work of our residents and fellow suburban

mayors, the city of Chicago is not increasing our water rate for 2016.



Melrose Park Water Quality

Some more good news! The daily water flow provided from Melrose Park’s three pumping stations can be 10-14 million gallons per day, and you can rest assured that it’s of the purest quality. All of this equipment requires daily, quarterly and yearly maintenance and inspections so that the Water Management System is working properly and at its fullest potential at all times.

Every two weeks we take water samples from 15 different sections of town to test for coliform. These samples are sent to an independent lab that issues a report on their findings. These lab reports continue to show our water is free of coliform.

The village also tests the water for chlorine levels and adds, as needed, the required chlorine to insure clean water to its consumers. Our water is tested every three years for lead and copper. Our last test, completed in 2014, showed our water free from dangerous levels of lead and copper.

Life in Melrose Park is pretty great with one of the lowest suburban water rates around and good clean water for all due to the village’s constant monitoring and testing.



On Wednesday, July 27, the village of Melrose Park and Veterans Park District partnered to host a dedication and monument unveiling ceremony at the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park located in the River Woods area of the village.

VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso, opened the event with a touching welcome to the large crowd that included family members and friends of the following courageous soldiers – Dwight Farwell Bennett, Jr., James Patrick Califf, Russell Martin Erickson, Russell Eugene Gedeon, Frank R. Gilchrist, Jr., Michael John Havard, Thomas Howard Heise, Robert Edward Johnson, Charles Norbert Kowalk, David Joseph Latoria, Albert Louis Lazzarotto, Joseph Anthony Maggio, Jr., Matthew Paul Malczynski, Vernon Arthur Manheim, Jr., Olaf Thomas Olsen and Jon Peter Turk – American heroes memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park monument, who will forever be remembered for their sacrifice while serving our country during the Vietnam War.

Peluso spoke on the heartwarming opportunity Mayor Serpico approached the park district with and the concept of a remarkable new park honorably constructed for a worthy cause and built via an intergovernmental agreement between VPD and the village of Melrose Park.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES ...

Dwight F. Bennett, Jr.
James P. Califf
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Olaf T. Olsen
Jon P. Turk

We gather here today to dedicate this park in the memory of 16 Veterans Park District brave, young soldiers who played on our fields, danced at our teen dances, swam in our pools and stole a kiss or two on our benches,” said Peluso. “These brave young soldiers who, 50 years ago, left their friends, families, wives and lovers, and fearlessly sacrificed their lives so that our freedom may be preserved and we may live in a peaceful nation. We are extremely proud to honor and respect them as our heroes and to welcome them home.”

Following the welcome, Mayor Serpico addressed the audience and proudly thanked the park district and everyone involved in bringing the respectful thought of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park to fruition. Serpico expressed his gratitude for the courageous efforts of all the bold U.S. military men and women who are currently serving and those who have served our country throughout the years, and the truly heroic Americans they are.

Mayor Serpico also individually recognized several Vietnam vets in the crowd and commented on the personal, gallant and powerful role of each soldier and the bold, unwavering accomplishments they had during their time in Vietnam.

The hard work of VPD Commissioner Len Gassmann, who was helpful in the planning process of the park and responsible for the beautifully designed monument installed at the site, was acknowledged, as well as the commitment of Bill Otte, VPD superintendent of Building and Grounds, who treated this project as a labor of love.

A Flag Ceremony, Rifle Salute and Posting of the Colors was presented by the American Legion of Franklin Park, Post 974, vocalist Gianna Capra Uroni performed the national anthem and *God Bless America*, and WWII veteran Angelo Provenzano led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vietnam War veteran Angelo Egizio acknowledged the efforts of MP/VPD on behalf of the Vietnam vets, prayers were given by Deacon Ray Behrendt of Sacred Heart Church, with Sgt. Patrick Manthe and Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Torres from the Melrose Park Army Recruiting Center unveiling the monument. The veterans of Winfield Scott VFW Post 2193 were recognized and graciously thanked for their generous donation for the flagpole installed at the park.

The village of Melrose Park and Veterans Park District were honored to have the families and friends of fallen soldiers Russell E. Gedeon, Frank R. Gilchrist, Jr., Michael J. Havard, Joseph A. Maggio, Jr., and Vernon A. Manheim, Jr., in attendance, as well as veterans from past wars knowingly the Vietnam War, Korean War and WWII.

MP and VPD would like to thank everyone who participated in the agenda for the ceremony as well as Melrose Park Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio, and Melrose Park trustees Anthony Abruzzo, Jaime Anguiano, Cathleen Italia, Arturo Mota, Anthony Prignano and Mary Ramirez Taconi, and Veterans Park District commissioners Denise Knox, Ron Boscaccy, Tom Olson and Mary Copher for their commitment to this partnership, and also the following dignitaries and elected officials for attending the ceremony – state Rep. Kathleen Willis, Vittorio Gomez from the Office of Karen Yarbrough Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, William Pishotta and Josh Luke from the U.S. Senate Veterans Outreach Department, Triton College trustees Diane Viverito and Elizabeth Potter, and Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore.

Grateful appreciation also goes to Gina Larry and Carlene Greifelt (VPD), Peggy DiFazio and Gary Marine (Village of MP), Ed Stoelinga (Hancock Engineering), Fairway Landscaping, Signco, and Diane Viverito and the River Woods Board, for all their hard work in planning the event.

Let's continue to believe in the promise of a better tomorrow – to stand united to give a peaceful nation to our children – to love deeply our friends and family day by day and never take for granted the privilege of calling ourselves Americans!





Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Dedication and Ceremony

Wednesday, July 27, 2016





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.

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

Mayor Ronald M. Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission Plan Summer Launch of New Avenue of Flags Adjacent to MP's Veterans Housing Complex That Benefits Homeless Veterans

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.

This summer, the mayor and the MP Youth Commission will continue their efforts to show support for our veterans and those currently serving our country by launching another Avenue of Flags in the area adjacent to Melrose Park's new Veterans Housing Complex located between Lake and Main streets, and 13th, 14th and 15th avenues.

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



Donations of any amount to support this worthy cause are currently being accepted and will be used to purchase flags and other required material.

**If you are interested in making a contribution, please make checks payable to the Melrose Park Youth Commission or Melrose Park Sports & Family Benefit Fund and mail to:
Village of Melrose Park/Avenue of Flags • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, Ill. 60160**

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

Village of Melrose Park

Garage Sale Notice



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

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

The remaining dates for 2016 are Sept. 15-17.

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

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

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

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

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



Melrose Park Fire Department

NEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame

Thank You from the Melrose Park Firemen's Association

This year the Melrose Park Firemen's Association annual golf outing was held on Thursday, June 23, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville.

The annual fundraiser was once again extremely successful with proceeds being used to make charitable contributions to a number of community groups.

Members of the Melrose Park Firemen's Association are grateful for the support and would like to thank all of the sponsors and golfers for their generosity.

New Bike Racks Coming to Melrose Park

The village of Melrose Park is one of four suburban Cook County municipalities to receive a grant to purchase new bike racks. Funded by Cook County Department of Health's Healthy HotSpot initiative and administered by Active Transportation Alliance, the grant will provide approximately \$3,000 worth of new bike racks and a bike rack siting plan. The village is currently considering locations for the racks, which may include the Metra Station, Winston Plaza, the Broadway Business District, the Melrose Park Public Library, Village Hall, and local parks.

The bike racks are coming at a perfect time for the village as it makes strides to becoming more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. The North Avenue bicycle and pedestrian path is under construction, and the village will soon unveil its first-ever Active Transportation Plan, also funded by the Healthy HotSpot Initiative.

The Healthy HotSpot Initiative is an effort led by the Cook County Department of Public Health, which addresses community-level changes that 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 and take charge of their health, especially in communities that have less access to practical, readily available options.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative to support public health efforts to reduce chronic diseases, promote healthier lifestyles, reduce health disparities, and control health care spending.

The bike rack sites will be finalized in early fall and will be installed by next spring.



Melrose Park Police Department

NEWS



*Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief*

A Message from Police Chief Sam Pitassi

MP Police/State Farm Partner for Students' Driving Experience



Although getting a drivers license is one of the greatest joys in a person's life, the first year behind the wheel can be one of the most dangerous.

As a commitment to helping teens and their parents in the process of learning to drive, State Farm and the Melrose Park Police Department recently teamed up to support them.

Five students attending a driver's education program at the Walther Christian Academy were awarded a scholarship for their academic excellence throughout their entire freshman year.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following recipients – Olivia Cacciatore, Cassandra Lee, Julio Padilla, Isabella Ramirez and Adelaide Rieger who are pictured with Beth Black from State Farm, Mayor Ron Serpico and Mr. Jim Craven, principal Walther Christian Academy.

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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

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.

MP's Keep Illinois Beautiful Application Approved!

Once again the village of Melrose Park received outstanding news from the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency that its 2016 Keep Illinois Beautiful Application for Illinois EPA Grant Funds was selected and approved by Keep West Cook Beautiful, a certified affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., which also includes affiliation in Keep Illinois Beautiful, Inc.

This funding, along with the IEPA's Streambank Clean-up and Lakeshore Enhancement (SCALE) funding, supports the villages Annual Silver Creek Cleanup Program that's held in the spring of each year.

Since 1953, Keep America Beautiful and its affiliates have been at the forefront of public service messages, creating awareness among Americans about litter, the environment and personal responsibility.

Keep America Beautiful has three primary areas of focus – litter reduction, waste minimization and beautification, and operates through a national grassroots network of nearly 600 certified affiliates and more than 1,000 organizations that participate in its programs.

Melrose Park is proud of its Silver Creek Cleanup Program and the close to 100 community volunteers who participate annually for the past 17 years. We are extremely grateful for the financial assistance from the Illinois EPA that helps absorb some of the costs of this community beautification initiative.

Public Notice of a Change in the Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose Park

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: Aug. 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.

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



***Village of
Melrose Park***



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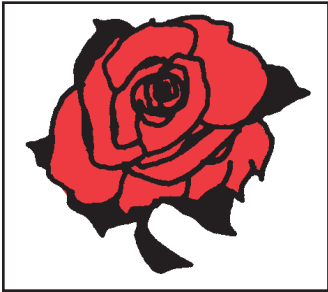
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Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

Ash Trees

The village of Melrose Park ash trees have been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer, making it necessary to rid the town of ash trees.

Mayor Ronald M. Serpico has again initiated a program to aggressively eliminate the village of Melrose Park of all infested ash trees on village parkways.

Street Repaving

The following list of streets have currently been repaved:

16th Avenue from Division to Hirsch;

36th Avenue from Lake Street to Soffel;

Haddon Street from 22nd Avenue to Broadway;

Cortez from 14th to east of 11th; Augusta from 10th to Ninth avenues;

Rice St. from 19th to 15th avenues; Elsie Dr. from Ninth to Fifth avenues;

Rose Dr. from Andy Dr. to Fifth Avenue; and Doris Dr. to Fifth Avenue.

In addition, the village is now compiling a list of streets that will be paved in the near future.

The Second Phase of the Division Street Enhancement Project

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

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 soon.

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

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.

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

The fenced-in dog park is located at 13th and Main Street.

Dog park hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall months.

Dog park licenses are available at the Village Hall.

Please follow rules posted at the park.

25th Avenue Overpass

The overpass is moving along and is on schedule. See recent photos.



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.

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."
- It will then ask for your Registration ID and Pin number. These numbers are on your current License Registration Card. Then click submit.
- It will then take you to a page that shows Owner's Name, License Plate Number, Year and Make of Car. At the bottom of the screen it will ask if these are correct. Assuming correct, check yes.
- It will then ask for your email address. Complete, click, submit.
- It will then ask if you would like to enroll another vehicle. If yes, click on "enroll another license." If no, you are finished.

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.

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.



Walk Your Dog at the Village of Melrose Park Dog Park



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

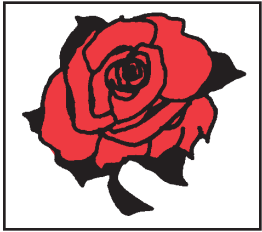
All residents are invited to use the facility during hours of operation – 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall months.

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

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



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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

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.

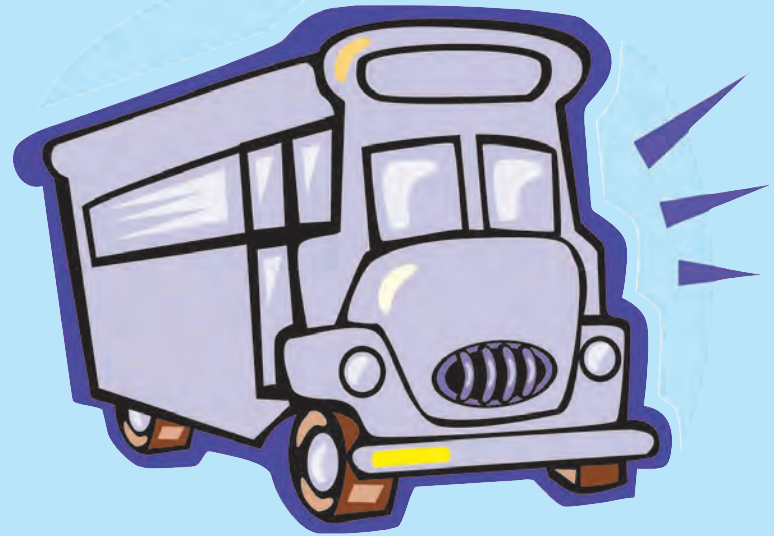
For membership information, call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

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.

**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.**



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.

Melrose Park Public Safety News

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



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

West Nile Virus

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has confirmed the first West Nile virus positive bird and mosquito batches reported in Illinois for 2012. Although it is a little earlier in the season than we normally find it, it is not unheard of.

Last year 19 counties in Illinois reported a West Nile virus positive mosquito batch, bird and/or human case. A total of 34 Illinois residents contracted West Nile virus disease and three died. No human cases of West Nile virus have been reported so far this year.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests on mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common West Nile virus symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile Virus.

Five Common Myths About West Nile Virus

Myth #1: There's not much I can do about West Nile virus.

Truth: There is a lot that you, personally, can do to reduce your chance of West Nile virus infection.

- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent with DEET when outdoors. Spray repellent on exposed skin and clothing. Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.
- You can reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home. Mosquitoes breed in standing water, so check your yard once a week: get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths and maintain clean gutters.
- Make sure window and door screens are in good condition. Have an older neighbor or family member? See if they need help installing or repairing screens.

Myth #2: Kids are at the most danger of getting sick from West Nile virus.

Truth: People over 50 are at the highest risk for developing severe West Nile disease.

- Relatively few children have been reported with severe West Nile Virus disease. By contrast, most of the deaths due to WNV during 2002 were among people over 50 years old. Half of those deaths were among people over 77 years old.
- It is always a good idea for children to avoid mosquito bites, but it's also important for adults – especially older adults – to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.

Myth #3: It's only people who are already in poor health who have to worry about West Nile virus.

Truth: Healthy, active older adults who spend time working and exercising outdoors have been affected by severe West Nile virus infection.

- Being over 50 is a risk factor for developing severe West Nile disease if infected with the virus. There is a risk of getting mosquito bites while leading an active life outdoors. This doesn't mean you have to stay inside – it does mean that it's important to use repellent when you go outside.

Myth #4: Repellents containing DEET are not safe.

Truth: Repellents containing DEET are very safe when used according to directions.

- Because DEET is so widely used, a great deal of testing has been done. When manufacturers seek registration with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for products such as DEET, laboratory testing regarding both short-term and long-term health effects must be carried out.
- There are products with different strengths (percentage of DEET) available. The longer the protection you need the higher percent of DEET needed.
- Repellent with DEET can be used for both adults and children, according to directions

Myth #5: As long as my area has a mosquito control program, I don't have to worry about using repellent.

Truth: Mosquito control activities don't eliminate every mosquito, so personal protection is still important.

- Public activities, such as using products to kill mosquito larvae and adult mosquitoes, are one part of control. Personal protection, such as using repellent, keeping window screens in good condition, and control of household breeding sites are other important steps.
- Collaboration between the community, the family and the individual is needed to achieve the best prevention of West Nile virus infection.

West Nile Virus Facts

What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile virus (WNV) is a potentially serious illness. Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall. This fact sheet contains important information that can help you recognize and prevent West Nile virus.

What Can I do to Prevent WNV?

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellents containing an EPA-registered insect repellent. Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

What Are the Symptoms of WNV?

- Serious Symptoms in a Few People – About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.
- Milder Symptoms in Some People – Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display symptoms which can include fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have been sick for several weeks.
- No Symptoms in Most People – Approximately 80 percent of people (about four out of five) who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all, but there is no way to know in advance if you will develop an illness or not.

How Does West Nile Virus Spread?

- Infected Mosquitoes – Most often, WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite.
- Transfusions, Transplants and Mother-to-Child – In a very small number of cases, WNV also has been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding and even during pregnancy from mother to baby.
- Not through touching. WNV is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person with the virus.

How Soon Do Infected People Get Sick?

People typically develop symptoms between three and 14 days after they are bitten by the infected mosquito.

How Is WNV Infection Treated?

There is no specific treatment for WNV infection. In cases with milder symptoms, people experience symptoms such as fever and aches that pass on their own, although illness may last weeks to months even in healthy persons. In more severe cases, people usually need to go to the hospital where they can receive supportive treatment including intravenous fluids, help with breathing, and nursing care.

What Should I Do if I Think I Have WNV?

Milder WNV illness improves on its own, and people do not necessarily need to seek medical attention for this infection though they may choose to do so. If you develop symptoms of severe WNV illness, such as unusually severe headaches or confusion, seek medical attention immediately. Severe WNV illness usually requires hospitalization. Pregnant women and nursing mothers are encouraged to talk to their doctor if they develop symptoms that could be WNV.

What is the Risk of Getting Sick from WNV?

- People Over 50 at Higher Risk to Get Severe Illness – People over the age of 50 are more likely to develop serious symptoms of WNV if they do get sick and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.
- Being Outside Means You're at Risk – The more time you're outdoors, the more time you could be bitten by an infected mosquito. Pay attention to avoiding mosquito bites if you spend a lot of time outside, either working or playing.
- Risk Through Medical Procedures is Very Low – All donated blood is checked for WNV before being used. The risk of getting WNV through blood transfusions and organ transplants is very small, and should not prevent people who need surgery from having it. If you have concerns, talk to your doctor.
- Pregnancy and Nursing do not Increase Risk of Becoming Infected with WNV – The risk that WNV may present to a fetus or an infant infected through breastmilk is still being evaluated. Talk with your care provider if you have concerns.

What is the CDC Doing About WNV?

CDC is working with state and local health departments, the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies, as well as private industry, to prepare for and prevent new cases of WNV. Some things CDC is doing include:

- Coordinating a nationwide electronic database where states share information about WNV.
- Helping states develop and carry out improved mosquito prevention and control programs.
- Developing better, faster tests to detect and diagnose WNV.
- Creating new education tools and programs for the media, the public, and health professionals.
- Opening new testing laboratories for WNV.
- Working with partners to develop vaccines.

What Else Should I Know?

If you find a dead bird don't handle the body with your bare hands. Contact the Health Department at (708) 343-4000, for instructions on reporting and disposing of the body. They may tell you to dispose of the bird after they log your report.

Protect your home against MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that is present for more than five days. To reduce the mosquito population around your home and property, eliminate all standing water and debris. Here are some spots where water can collect or where poor maintenance can cause problems.



Pool cover that collects water, neglected swimming pool, hot tub or child's wading pool



Birdbath (clean weekly) and ornamental pond (stock with fish)



Any toy, garden equipment or container that can hold water



Flat roof without adequate drainage



Clogged rain gutter (home and street)



Trash and discarded tires (drill drain holes in bottom of tire swings)



Tree rot hole or hollow stump



Missing, damaged or improperly installed screens



Uncovered boat or boat cover that collects water



Leaky faucet or pet bowl (change water daily)



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**Illinois Department of
Public Health**

Flooding – What You Need to Know

Flooding is a coast to coast threat to the United States and its territories nearly every day of the year.

Flooding typically occurs when prolonged rain falls over several days, when intense rain falls over a short period of time, or when an ice or debris jam causes a river or stream to overflow onto the surrounding area. Flooding can also result from the failure of a water control structure, such as a levee or dam. The most common cause of flooding is water due to rain and/or snowmelt that accumulates faster than soils can absorb it or rivers can carry it away. Approximately 75 percent of all presidential disaster declarations are associated with flooding.

What is the Difference Between a Flood Watch and a Flood Warning Issued by the National Weather Service?

**FLOODING AHEAD
TURN AROUND
DON'T DROWN**

- **Flash Flood Warning: Take Action!** A Flash Flood Warning is issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.
- **Flood Warning: Take Action!** A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.
- **Flood Watch: Be Prepared:** A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.
- **Flood Advisory: Be Aware:** A Flood Advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance. A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

Flash floods are exactly what the name suggests: floods that happen in a flash! Flash floods generally develop within six hours of the immediate cause. Causes of flash flooding include heavy rain, ice or debris jams, and levee or dam failure. These floods exhibit a rapid rise of water over low-lying areas. In some cases, flooding may even occur well away from where heavy rain initially fell. This is especially common in the western United States where low lying areas may be very dry one minute and filled with rushing water from upstream the next.

There are many reasons that flash floods occur, but one of the most common is the result of copious amounts of rainfall from thunderstorms that cause flash flooding. This can also occur when slow-moving or multiple thunderstorms move over the same area. These sudden downpours can rapidly change the water levels in a stream or creek and turn small waterways into violent, raging rivers. Urban areas are especially prone to flash floods due to the large amounts of concrete and asphalt surfaces that do not allow water to penetrate into the soil easily.

**For more information, contact the
Melrose Park Department of Public Safety ~ Homeland Security
at (708) 649-8000.**



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Closed last Saturday of the month



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Adult Coloring Club

Last Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm

Come to the Melrose Park Library to sit down, relax, and color. We'll have plenty of supplies to help you unleash your creativity. The coloring club meets the last Wednesday of the month.

Upcoming meetings:

September 28th--October 26th--November 30th

Open Board Game Play

Our monthly board game event comes back in September. Play an old favorite or try something new! Staff will be on hand to make recommendations or teach you how to play.

Upcoming game days:

September 10th--October 8th--November 19th



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Saturday Crafts



Join us at the MPPL for an exciting monthly Creative Craft Event

Quilling: Saturday, September 17: 11am-1pm

Family Crafts: Saturday, October 15: 11am-1pm

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 for information.

Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm



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Youth Services



Brookfield Zoo's ZAP! program is coming to the Melrose Park Public Library!!

Beginning in the month of September and continuing to June 2017, the library will host Brookfield Zoo's amazing Zoo Adventure Passport program, also known as ZAP!

What is ZAP!? ZAP! is a free, 1½ hour program for families with children ages 3-12 held on one Saturday of each month. Please stop by the library for a brochure all about this incredible family adventure and check out our website for upcoming dates.

For more information about ZAP! Call the Chicago Zoological Society at (708) 688-8362



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



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Lego Club

Calling all builders! Kids in grades K-6 are invited to attend; kids ages 3-5 must attend with a parent.

Tuesday, September 6th from 4-5 pm

Tuesday, October 4th from 4-5 pm

Family Fun Coloring Club

Do you like to be creative? Then join us for some intense coloring! We'll supply the coloring pages, pencils, markers, and crayons to complete all your artistic creations. For all ages.

Wednesday, September 7th from 4-5 pm



Stay and Play

Will be back in September and moving to Friday mornings! Join our lively and interactive playtime for great fun with books, music, puzzles and toys.

Beginning Friday, September 16th!!!

Friday Mornings from 10-11 am

Tween Crafts and More

Come on in for some great fun with friends doing something different each month. It could be crafts, games, or who knows - maybe both! Grades 4-7.

Thursday, September 8th from 4-5 pm

Thursday, October 13th from 4-5 pm



Teen Time

We want your input and suggestions for more teen programming at your library! We'll vote on movies, video games, and any other great ideas. Grades 7-12

Wednesday, September 14th and October 12th from 5-6pm

Ready, Set, Tech!

Come have fun experimenting with our amazing new tech toys and gadgets! Come in and play with our Magformers, Snap Circuits, Cubelets, and more! Grades 2-6.

Tuesday, September 20th from 4-5 pm



Teen Book Club

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

Tuesday, September 27th from 5-6 pm

Family Movie Night

Spend an exciting evening at the library where you, your family and friends will watch a special movie and enjoy some snacks! All ages.

Wednesday, September 28th from 5-7 pm



Tween Book Club

Come and join the tween book club! Share a great book, snacks, and have fun with friends. Grades 4-6.

Thursday, September 29th from 4-5 pm



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Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

Fitness for All Ages

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

AEROBICS

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

MARTIAL ARTS

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

BOXING

Limited instruction is currently available.
For options, please call (708) 450-0555.

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Rentals Include:

Four Hours • Setup of Table and Chairs
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Come visit our surrounding park.
Perfect for taking pictures for all occasions.
Stop by our front desk and we can answer any questions
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We can accommodate most party requests.

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

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

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



Village of Melrose Park

TAEKWONDO PROGRAM



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

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

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

WHAT IS TAEKWONDO?

Taekwondo is one of the most systematic and scientific Korean traditional martial arts that teaches more than physical fighting skills. It is a discipline that shows ways of enhancing our spirit and life through training our body and mind. Today it has become a global sport that has gained an international reputation and stands among the official games in the Olympics.

MEMBERSHIP PRICES

Residents: \$50 per month.

Nonresidents: \$60 per month.

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

(One class a day for each level.)

Please check in with instructors for exact times per level.



GRANDMASTER Duk Gun Kwon

Ninth Degree Black Belt
Oversees the curriculum for the taekwondo program.



CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR Ericka Bucio

Fourth Degree Black Belt
Day-to-day classroom instruction.



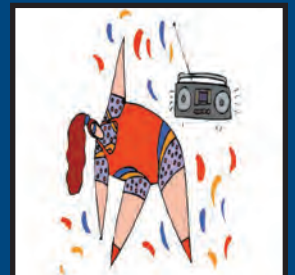
SPARRING INSTRUCTOR Abraham Castrejon

Fourth Degree Black Belt
Teaches students to compete in sparring competitions.



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

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



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

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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- No Pets Allowed – Service Animals Only

All Food Items Cost \$3 or Less!!!

Welcome to the 2016 Taste of Melrose Park

**Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico**



If you enjoy a smorgasbord of delicious homemade food, rocking out to great local bands, and are closely watching the family pocketbook, you have come to the right place ... the 35th annual Taste of Melrose Park.

The Taste of Melrose Park has twice as many food vendors than the Taste of Chicago, and more importantly, all food items cost a mere \$3 or less. Besides our affordable food prices, all our entertainment is free, parking is free, the trolley service is free, and a great time shared with family and friends is not only free, it's guaranteed!

The Taste of Melrose Park is dedicated to providing a safe and fun atmosphere for kids of all ages, 1 to 100. Most of our food booths are operated by Melrose Park families who are committed to treating every "Taste" patron as part of their extended family.

This year's "Taste" features more than 60 one-of-a-kind ethnic food items. We also provide continuous multi-cultural entertainment programs and venues that will delight one and all.

Please visit our Beer and Wine Tent where all the net proceeds are deposited into the "Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund." Due to your past generosity, this fund raised over \$1 million, which was donated to local civic groups, charities, schools and youth organizations.

At this point, we must admit to one little problem that everyone strolling the "Taste" grounds seems to encounter, and that is the, "I'm So Full I Can't Eat Another Bite Dilemma!" When this condition occurs we recommend resting your palate by sampling the entertainment offerings on any of our four stages. Just about the time that you've had your fill of great entertainment, you should be ready to sample more of the best epicurean delights found at any food fest in the country.

And let it be known that we could not even attempt to host such a large event without the financial assistance of our fabulous business community or without the 500 plus volunteers who are responsible for making the Taste of Melrose Park run so smoothly.

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35th Annual Taste of Melrose Park ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

6:15-7:45 p.m. • Vic Lombardi and
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8:30-10:30 p.m. • Heart to Heartbreaker

7-7:30 p.m. • Triton Community Choir
7:30-10:45 p.m. • Elite Signature D.J.

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

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4-6 p.m. • Classical Blast
7-10:30 p.m. • R-Gang

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3-4 p.m. • Jesse White Tumblers
4-5 p.m. • Michael Jackson Impersonator

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

6-6:45 p.m. • Danny Fox
7-9:30 p.m. • American English

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

3-5 p.m. • Guitarra Azul
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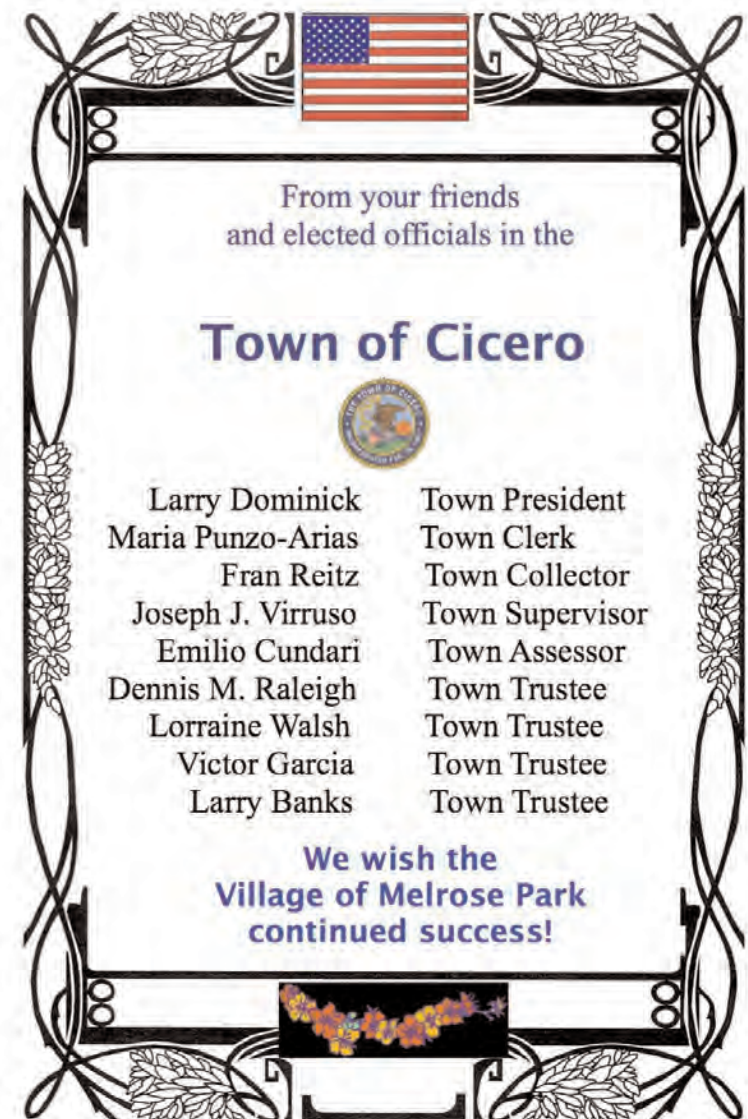
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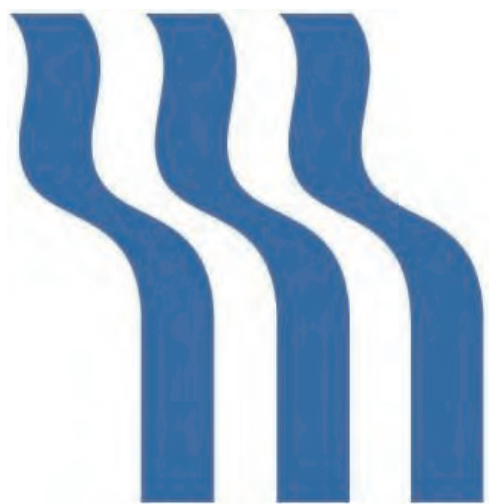
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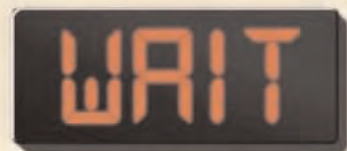
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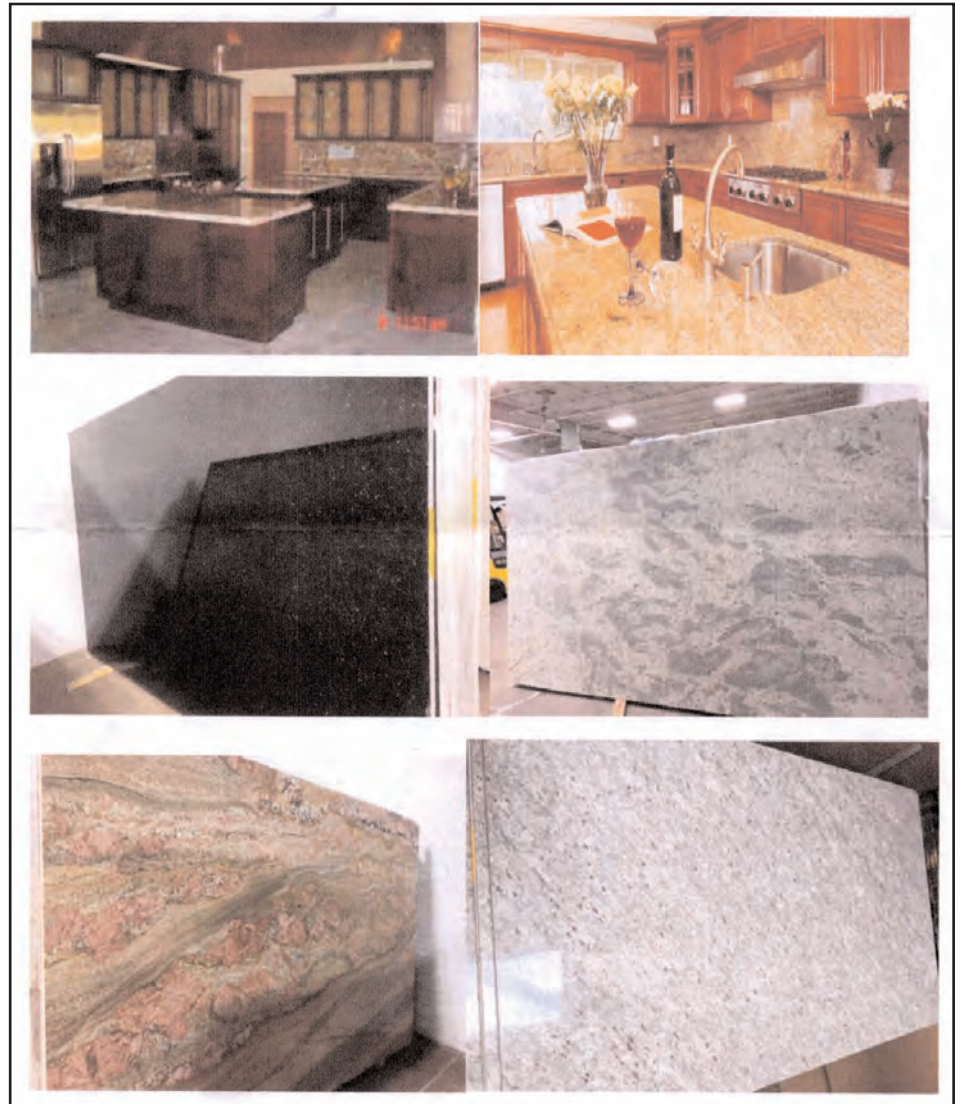
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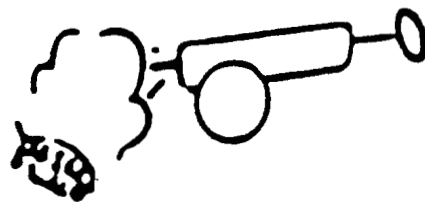
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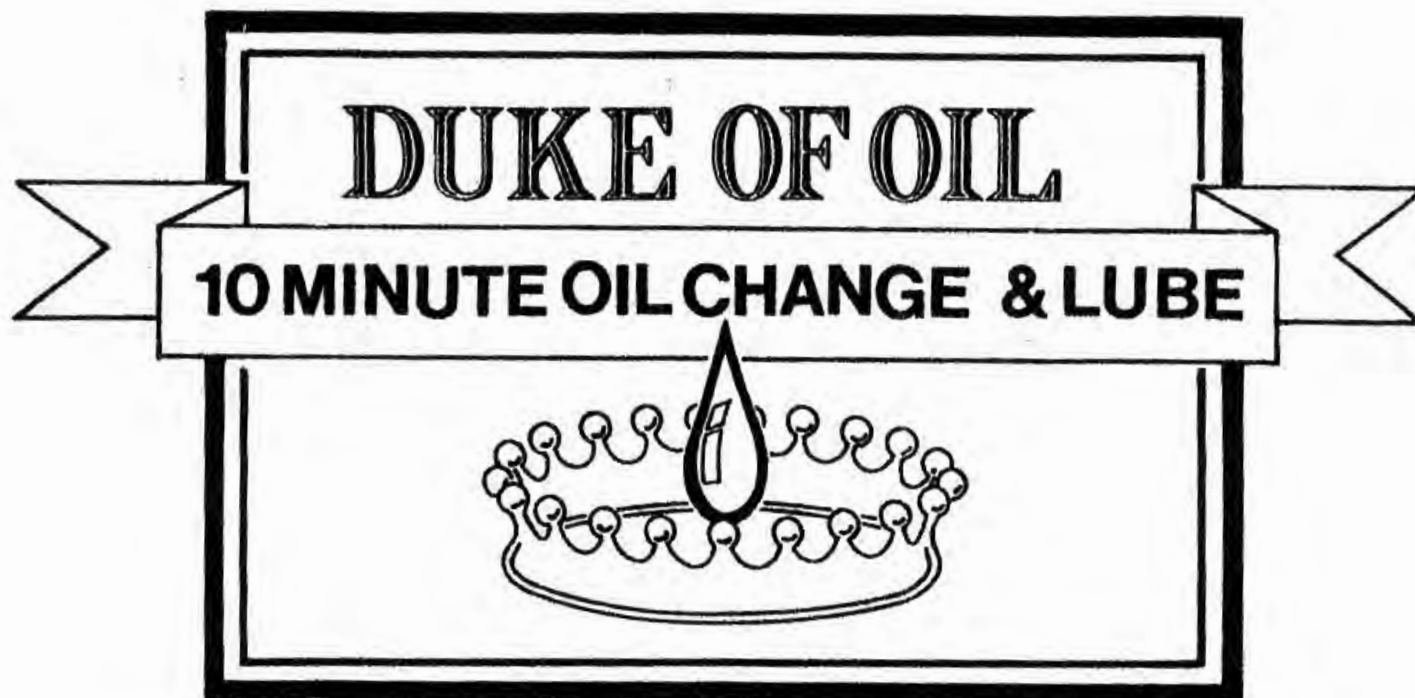


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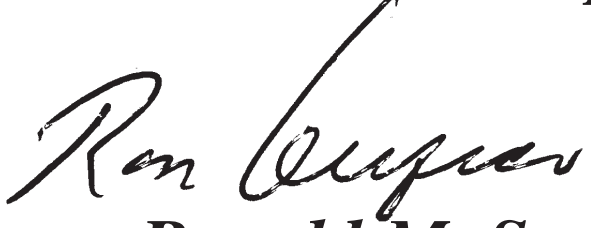
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*On behalf of the Village of Melrose Park,
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**MELROSE PARK
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**Fall
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The Melrose Park Youth Commission is holding a Night-time Camp Fun for children 4-7 years of age.

Children who register will participate in a number of fun activities geared towards learning, athletics and having fun with others.

The program includes a number of arts and crafts activities, kids sports – basketball, soccer, etc., make and bake nights, movie nights, tutoring, holiday parties, video game nights, field trips and more.

Our Night-time Camp Fun runs three nights a week (Mondays-Wednesdays, 6:15-8:30 p.m.) Sept. 26-Nov. 9.

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

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

Registration can be made at the Youth Commission located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Civic Center (1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park), Mondays-Fridays.

**For more information, call
(708) 343-2015 or (708) 450-0555.**

**REGISTER NOW!
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**A Special Message
to the
Parents of
Melrose Park
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Dear Parent,

The Melrose Park Youth Commission is compiling a mailing list of children who attend an elementary school that is not located in Melrose Park.

We are trying to reach all children from our community and let them know of the great events and programming options the Youth Commission offers throughout the year.

If you have a son or daughter attending an out-of-town school or children who are being home schooled, please take some time to complete this form and mail it to:

**Melrose Park Youth Commission
1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160**

Once we receive this form, we will add your name to our database and follow up with a courtesy phone call to introduce ourselves and provide information about our organization.

Parent's Name _____

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Strengthening Proviso Youth ... Support the Cause! Register Now for the Proviso Public Partnership/ Proviso Township Mental Health Commission Fourth Annual Golf Outing – Tuesday, Aug. 30

Strengthening Proviso Youth! That's a goal that all of us in the Proviso Township Community have had for sometime now. Our kids need help. They need our attention. They need our leadership and guidance.

This initiative of Strengthening Proviso Youth has been in the development process for well over a year and through the Proviso Public Partnership and The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission, we will be taking a very active role in advancing this effort.

This year's golf outing, set for Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, will serve as the kickoff for not only raising funds, but for raising awareness and inviting people to learn what this initiative is all about. We need your help! Plain and simple. We cannot do this alone. We all know and have heard the statistics about our youth and if we are going to make an impact, then raising funds and getting involved is the only way we can Strengthen Proviso Youth!

We will be introducing a research-based program that has been successful in other communities similar to Proviso Township. It helps to build connectivity in the community around young people and provides networking opportunities for asset champions to share ideas and resources with each other. The results we have seen in other communities have been compelling!

You will learn what the 40 Developmental Assets are and why they are critical to positively influence a young person's development. There is much more information we could provide, but the bottom line is we need your help and support to get this off the ground and moving forward in the right direction.

Please join us. Put a group together. Be a sponsor to one of our youth, or come to the dinner if you cannot attend the golf event. We would appreciate anything you can do.

Sponsorship options range from \$500 to \$2500. Also available are exclusive packages including: foursome, dinner and hole sign – \$750; foursome and dinner – \$650; golf and dinner – \$175; hole sign – \$150; and dinner only – \$60.

For additional information, please call Janet Arrieta at (708) 240-4435, send an email to jarrieta@ptmhc.org or visit pppnfp.org.

The Bloomingdale Golf Club is located at 181 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomingdale. Check-in is at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

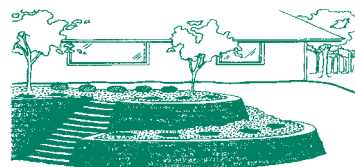
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The resource center refers persons to area agencies and follows up on each person's needs.

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.

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Active Adults Programs

Bunko & Bagels

Start off your week with some laughter and good times with friends! Bunko happens Mondays once a month at either George A. Leoni Complex in Melrose Park or Grant Park Trevino Hall in Northlake. While playing Bunko, enjoy fresh bagels, sweet desserts, hot coffee and tea, and various pops. Each Bunko session has an \$8 registration fee. Upcoming sessions are: Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon at Leoni Complex; Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-noon at Grant Park; Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-noon, at Leoni Complex; and Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-noon at Grant Park.

Sandra Dee and Bobby Darin Italian Luncheon

Take some time for yourself and join us for an Italian lunch on Friday, Sept. 3, noon-2 p.m! Entrees will include Chicken Vesuvio with boneless breast, roasted-style potatoes, steak Parmesan and green beans almandine, tossed salad and cherry slices as dessert. The cost for lunch is \$17 and will be held at Grant Park in Northlake. Following our delicious lunch will be entertainment from Ron and Sandie, doing their Bobby and Sandra D show with a slide and picture presentation. Don't leave until after the show, it's raffle time for center-pieces and our lunch raffles.

Journey to the Shrine Trip

Come and experience an incredible journey to the Shrine of Christ's Passion on Aug. 29. There are 40 life-sized sculptures made of bronze, with original music and thoughtful meditations you will hear at each scene. Our tour guide will also take us to the Our Lady of the New Millennium sculpture. Lunch will be served at the Crackle Barrel in Tinley Park. Departing happens at 8 a.m., from Cimbalò, and 8:15 a.m., from Grant Park, with returning time at 4:30 p.m. The fee for this trip is \$46.

Route 66 Tour

Travel along the world famous Route 66 with us on Friday, Oct. 21. We will travel from Joliet to Pontiac and stop at museums along the way. We will hear and learn the history of the famous road along the way and with the towns on it as well. Lunch will be served family-style and held at Bernardi's Restaurant in Pontiac. After lunch, five museums will be visited in the town of Pontiac. Bus departs from Cimbalò at 8:30 a.m., and from Grant Park at 8:45 a.m. We will return around 5:30 p.m. The fee for this trip is \$75.

Sanfilippo Foundation Trip

Come join us on Thursday, Sept. 22 to take a trip to Sanfilippo Foundation. This is a guided tour that will take three hours. We will begin in the main residence viewing and learning of automated music machines and their history and restoration effort. Then we will tour the American Orchestrions room, a group of Tiffany lamps and a large collection of Victorian chandeliers. After that, the music theatre will perform a mini concert on the world's largest theatre pipe organ. The feature is Eden Palis Carousel, an example of a European salon carousel in existence. All the rooms have seating. Lunch will be held at the Kelsey Roadhouse and a stop at the Sanfilippo &

Sons Outlet on Randall Road in Elgin. Departure is at 8 a.m., from Cimbalò, and 8:15 a.m., from Grant Park, with returning time at 3 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$65.

Youth Sports @ Leoni Complex

Flag Football Camp, Ages 6-13

Join our camp to learn and enhance your football skills. We will focus on the core components of flag football: passing, catching, deflagging and positions on offense and defense. Kids will go through different drills and stations to develop their football skills.

- Thursdays, Sept 22-Oct 27, 6-7 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex; \$40 In District/\$45 Out of District.

Youth Open Turf

Open Turf will include self-organized full-field or half-field games. Open Turf hours will vary on a weekly and seasonal basis. Please call or come in to the George A. Leoni Complex to learn of the Open Turf hours. Also, give us your email and we will put you on our weekly email list for Open Turf hours. Open Turf cannot be used for team practices or for private instructions. Times are subject to change.

- \$3 under 18 years old/\$5 over 18 years old.

VPD Soccer Beginner Drills and Skills

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

- Fridays, Now-Sept. 16/Oct. 7-Nov 11/Dec. 2-Jan 6 – 4-5 p.m./Ages 2-3 – 5-6 p.m./Ages 4-5 – 6-7 p.m./Ages 6-8; George A. Leoni Complex Turf; \$40 In District/\$50 Out of District.

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Summer Programs Heating Up at Cernan Earth and Space Center

Habitat Earth

No boat or plane is required as Triton College's Cernan Earth and Space Center takes audiences below the ocean's surface and back up to the sky while examining the relationship between humans and their environments. *Habitat Earth*, the Cernan Center's latest fulldome feature show uses stunning visualizations to show the interconnectedness of life on Earth.

Catch *Habitat Earth* in August and September on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m., Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2 to 12, and senior citizens 55 and over. Children under 2 and Triton College students with a current semester ID are free.

*Please note Monthly Skywatch will replace *Habitat Earth* on Saturday, Sept. 10.

What is this Program Called Monthly Skywatch?

Once each month, a group of local experts present detailed updates about current events and new discoveries in the areas of geoscience, astronomy and space exploration in addition to a brief tour of the current night sky. Monthly Skywatch often features discussion of complex topics. The next episode is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., in the Cernan Center. Admission to Monthly Skywatch is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 2 to 12, and senior citizens 55 and over. Children under 2 and Triton College students with a current semester ID are free.

Everyone is Welcome to Look Through Telescopes for Free

Following Monthly Skywatch, a free public Star Party features telescopes set up outside for people to observe the moon, planets and other celestial sights. This is a fun activity for all ages and you do not have to attend Monthly Skywatch to join the Star Party. Telescopes are provided by the Chicago Astronomical Society, Northwest Suburban Astronomers and Cernan Center staff.

Early Explorers: *Rusty Rocket's Last Blast*

The Cernan Center's Early Explorers series introduces young scientists and curious minds to the wonders of the universe with programs suitable for children 3 to 7 years old. *Rusty Rocket's Last Blast* is the Early Explorers program featured show in August and September at the Cernan Center. After decades of teaching the basics of rocket physics, Rusty Rocket has decided to hang it up after he leads one final mission. Watch as Rusty Rocket leads a class of rookies on their first tour of the solar system to explain basic rocket science and explore the great distances

between the planets.

Rusty Rocket's Last Blast will be shown Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m., now through Sept. 28. Admission is \$3 for adults and children ages 2 and above. Children under 2 and Triton College students with a current semester ID are free.

Cosmic Light Show: Rainbow Rock

Experience great music in a new light as brilliant lasers perform to classic tunes and new favorites for all generations.

Enjoy light rock, pop and country tunes blended together during the *Rainbow Rock* cosmic light show at the Cernan Center. The music of The Beatles, Beach Boys, Garth Brooks, The Doors, Peter Gabriel and Will Smith will be featured as brilliant laser lights dance across the planetarium.

Rainbow Rock will perform Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m., in August and September. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 2 to 12 and senior citizens 55 and over. Children under 2 and Triton College students with a current semester ID are free.

For more information about the Cernan Center, its programs, field trips or events, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372, or email cernan@triton.edu. Please call the Program Line at (708) 583-3100 for up-to-the-minute information before attending.

Triton's Revamped CECHP Programs Quickly Prepare Students for Health Care Jobs

Not everyone is at a place in their life where they can dedicate a couple of years to getting a degree. Triton College understands that. With those busy folks in mind, Triton's School of Continuing Education's Center for Health Professionals (CECHP) offers options built to suit those on-the-go lifestyles.

Professionals looking for a career change, or young adults looking to break into one of several growing health care specialties fields will find plenty of options with Triton's CECHP's fast track certificate programs. In just one semester, students can earn a certificate that will qualify them to work as a dialysis technician, EKG technician, phlebotomy technician and more.

"Health careers are growing fields in the United States and while they may change, they're not going to go away," said Paul Jensen, Triton College dean of Continuing Education.

But it's not just speed that makes the CECHP programs so special. It's quality, too. Triton works with local employers and community organizations to help students smoothly transition from the classroom to the workplace.

"I make sure that all of the certificates are recognized within the health care field that the students are entering," said Center for Health Professionals manager Katie Leonardo. "I want to make sure we're establishing partnerships within the communities."

The CECHP programs feature brand new classrooms furnished with the most up-to-date equipment ensuring students come away with skills they can immediately apply in their new job.

"We simulate medical facilities such as a physician's office with phlebotomy chairs and equipment so students can draw and process blood as they would in a real job," Jensen said. "Simulated environments make a big difference."

CECHP students have access to other on campus resources as well. For example, Triton's Career Services Center will help students with resume writing and job interviewing skills, among other things. And community members are taking notice. Enrollment in CECHP programs is up 92 percent over last year.

"It's all about getting a job at the end of the day," said Jensen.

Never satisfied, the Center for Health Professionals continually works to develop new education opportunities for students. Starting this fall, students can enroll in the Veterinarian Assistant Program. Additionally, a new externship partnership with Walgreens will help Triton's Pharmacy Technician Program students gain valuable experience.

“Students complete 90 hours within the Walgreens pharmacy training for hands-on experience, then Walgreens may hire them if they successfully complete that program,” said Leonardo.

For additional information on Triton College's Continuing Education Center for Health Professionals, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3709.

Triton College to Host Fenwick's Home Football Games this Fall

Triton College is proud to announce a partnership that will bring exciting high school football action to our River Grove campus for at least the next 10 years.

Starting this fall, Fenwick High School will play their home football games on the multi-purpose field of Triton's newly renovated East Campus Athletic Complex, located at 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove.

The Friars' varsity football team will open their season at Triton on Aug. 26, when they play host to reigning Class 4A state champion Phillips Academy at 7:30 p.m. Fenwick head coach Gene Nudo, who played football for Triton College in the late 1970s, is thrilled about his team's new digs.

"I am very excited about Fenwick's opportunity to call Triton College its football home," he said. "We welcome our opponents to one of the area's state-of-the-art facilities."

In all, the Friars will play six regular season games at Triton this fall, including a Sept. 9 matchup with 2015 Class 6A state champion Montini Catholic High School (7:30 p.m.) and a Sept. 23 meeting with Class 8A champion Loyola Academy (7:30 p.m.).

Triton College Board Chairman Mark Stephens says he is happy for the opportunity to allow the community to enjoy Triton's first-class facility.

"Triton College and Fenwick High School are two of the finest educational institutions in the area, and we are thrilled to welcome their wonderful student athletes and loyal fans to the Triton College campus. We wish the Friars and coach Nudo all the best in the upcoming season," Stephens said.

The synthetic turf multi-purpose field on which Fenwick will play was added as part of the recent upgrades to Triton's athletic complex. In addition to football, the field is also ready to host soccer, track and field, lacrosse and other events. The field is surrounded by an eight-lane running track, which is open for public use.

Additionally, the complex includes new synthetic turf baseball and softball fields with updated field houses and bleachers.

2016 Fenwick Home Football Games (at Triton)

- Fenwick vs. Phillips, Friday, Aug. 26 (7:30 p.m.)
- Fenwick vs. Bowen, Friday, Sept. 2 (7:30 p.m.)
- Fenwick vs. Montini, Friday, Sept. 9 (7:30 p.m.)
- Fenwick vs. Loyola, Friday, Sept. 23 (7:30 p.m.)
- Fenwick vs. Providence, Friday, Oct. 7 (7:30 p.m.)
- Fenwick vs. De La Salle, Friday, Oct. 21 (7:30 p.m.)

Triton's Annual Movie on the Mounds Presents *Finding Dory* – Sept. 23

Join Dory, the friendly-but-forgetful blue tang fish as she embarks on an epic, underwater journey to find her long lost parents as Triton College presents Disney Pixar's *Finding Dory* during the annual Movie on the Mounds on Friday, Sept. 23.

The Movie on the Mounds event starts at 6 p.m., on the Student Center Mounds, located on the west side of the Triton College Campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. The movie will begin at sunset.

Bring your family and friends to this free event, which is sure to please movie lovers of all ages. Free popcorn will be served and hot dogs will be available for purchase (\$2 each).

In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the Robert M. Collins Center (R Building). For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3815.

Fall Into Fun at Triton's Fall Family Fun Fest

Triton College's Fall Family Fun Fest will once again provide an action packed day of fun and activities that the whole family will enjoy. The annual event will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in Triton's Botanical Gardens located on the east side of campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., in River Grove.

The non-stop action includes games, activities and exhibits designed for adults and children of all ages. Enjoy fall favorites including a pumpkin patch, corn maze, face painting, horticulture activities, pastry decorating and more at this year's fest.

Food prepared by students of Triton's Hospitality Program will be available for purchase at the event.

Fall Family Fun Fest is free to attend and open to the entire community. For more information, visit www.triton.edu/fallfest.

Learn to Thrive, Not Just Survive with RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties will host the Take Charge of Your Health program beginning Monday, Sept. 12, from 1-2:30 p.m., in Room R-221, of the Robert M. Collins Center on the east side of the Triton College campus in River Grove. This program is free of charge.

In cooperation with AgeOptions, the area agency on aging, Take Charge of Your Health is a six-week program that provides information and self-management skills for older adults with chronic diseases and their caregivers.

Participants will learn how to use their mind to manage symptoms, make an action plan, deal with difficult emotions, prevent falls, manage pain and fatigue, breathe better, eat healthy, improve communication skills and so much more.

Take Charge of Your Health will meet on Mondays, Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10 and Oct. 17. Refreshments will be provided.

Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your seat for this program or for any questions or concerns, call the RSVP Office at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3603, or email kayfrey@triton.edu.

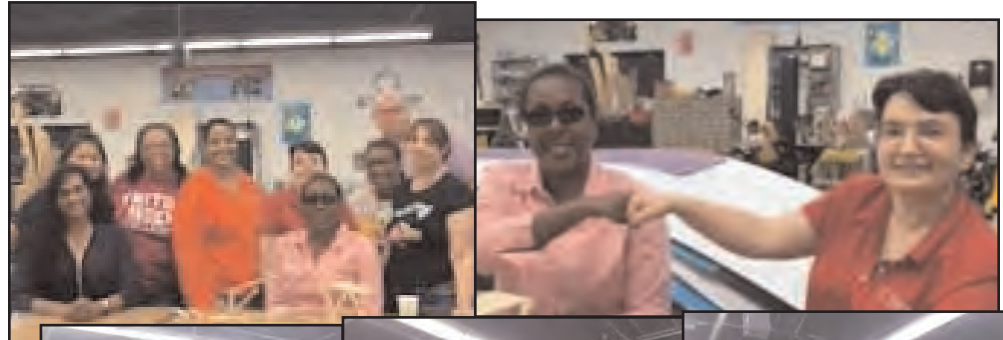
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Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

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



GADGET

District 89 teachers participated in a STEM training titled GADGET (Grade School Adventuring in Design, Engineering & Technology) led by Triton College Engineering Department coordinator Antigone Sharris and faculty member Andrea Blaylock. GADGET will be offered as an after-school program for District 89 Middle School students. Teachers will create an interactive, problem-solving environment where students can learn and share opportunities in the field of manufacturing.



Chris Welch Job Fair at the Proviso Math and Science Academy

District 89 welcomed the opportunity to participate in the Chris Welch Job Fair at the Proviso Math and Science Academy on Saturday, June 4. District 89 is seeking substitute teachers and encourages those interested in substitute teaching to visit the D89 website to apply online.

www.maywood89.org



District89Girls on the Run

On June 4, District 89 administrators, teachers and students in grades third through eighth from Emerson, Garfield, Jane Addams and Melrose Park schools, and Stevenson Middle School participated in Girls on the Run 5K in Grant Park Chicago. The program which meets at D89 schools strengthens girls to run a 5K and provides lessons on social and emotional growth. Coaches meet with the girls two days a week after school. We are proud of our District 89 community who trained for the 5K and experienced triumph as they crossed the finish line with their families cheering them on or running with them!



Go D89 Girls On The Run!



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TritonCollege FunFamily FitnessDay

District 89 joined Triton College on June 4 for the Fun Family Fitness Day celebrating health and wellness. Healthy snacks, information on health and wellness, a Zumba class, and a run around the newly installed track were part of a rewarding day for all!



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NEWS89 **School District 89 BRIEFS**



Community Alliance Meeting

On June 16, the Community Alliance meeting was held at the District 89 Administrative Building with a 'meet and greet' of District 89 Superintendent David Negrón and Proviso High School Superintendent Jessie Rodriguez. Their commitment to high expectations, improving academics, climate and culture, and strengthening the articulation process between District 89 and Proviso high schools was the focus of the meeting.

Pictured (top photo) is District 89 Superintendent David Negrón addressing Community Alliance members and (bottom photo) Negrón with District 89 Board of Education member Regina Rivers.



Health and Wellness in District 89

The Loyola Pediatric Mobile Health Unit is coming to District 89 on Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The Pediatric Mobile Health Unit will be offering health services to children in District 89. This service is at no cost to families.

Parental consent along with vaccine records are needed for your child to be seen in the mobile van. Services provided include school physicals, sports physicals, vaccines, health screening (including vision screening) and hemoglobin and lead testing for children under 6. Health education is provided to families. Please contact District 89 at (708) 450-2477 to schedule an appointment.



District 89 Bilingual Program

The District 89 Bilingual Program held summer learning ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for parents to learn English and grammatical skills. The ESL classes for parents are funded through the Title III Grant.



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Summer Preparation for a Positively Awesome 2016-17 School Year!

Administrators and team members attended the PBIS Midwest Summer Institute July 26-28 in Naperville. Each school team created an action plan to support the implementation of positive behavioral interventions, evaluating the impact on both the social and academic success of all students.

Leadership Academy – Becoming the Lead Leader

A three-day Leadership Academy in District 89 took place Aug. 1-3 to prepare for a successful 2016-17 school year! District 89 administrators united with OverAchieve Consulting, The Academy of Urban School Leadership and the Center for School Improvement creating plans using data to improve student learning.



Welcome Back to School!

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Ready to Read!

District 89 teachers and administrators participated in Wonders Literacy professional learning over the summer to support curriculum implementation in reading best practices.



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For more information and a description of the program, you can visit our website www.maywood89.org or simply schedule a visit to Washington Dual Language Academy for a tour of the school by calling 708-450-2065

Si su niño(a) va a entrar al pre-kinder, kindergarten o a primer grado en cualquiera de las escuelas del Distrito 89 de Maywood, Melrose Prk, Broadview durante el año escolar 206-2017, quizás a usted le interesaría conocer más sobre nuestro programa de lenguaje dual en la Academia de Lenguaje Dual Washington en donde los niños aprenden en dos lenguajes .

Para más información y descripción del programa, puede visitar nuestra página electrónica www.maywood89.org o simplemente llame para una visita a la Academia de Lenguaje Dual Washington llamando al 708-450-2065.



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District 89 Leadership Team Focused Their Actions this Summer to Support District Improvement Plan



The members of the District 89 Leadership Team dedicated themselves to a summer focused on actions to support the district improvement plan developed in partnership with Illinois CSI. Worthy targets in English language arts, mathematics and climate/culture set the stage to prepare for a productive 2016-2017 school year.

Many of the actions supporting the district worthy targets were centered on summer professional development. In the 2016-2017 school year, we have adopted the McGraw-Hill Wonders

reading series, per our participation in professional development during Institute Days. This professional development will align with the district worthy target on supporting teachers in implementing the new textbook adoption.

Participation by administrators and teachers in the University of Illinois at Chicago Summer Institute "Engaging All Students in Meaningful Mathematics" focused on implementing the Common Core State Standards for Math using high-quality resources. Experienced facilitators offered engaging sessions on a wide range of topics that supported mathematics teaching and learning during the two-day institute aligned to the district worthy target of implementing the math curriculum with fidelity. Summer learning opportunities integrated the newly acquired resources of Lexia and Compass online learning for students in kindergarten through seventh grade that will support the use of data for student interventions, which supports both the math and English language arts worthy targets.

The District 89 Leadership Team is collaborating with OverAchieve Consulting, the Academy for Urban School Leadership and Illinois CSI to develop a cohesive district plan supporting student outcomes. We held planning meetings this summer to prepare for professional development for district administrators with support from all three partners. This professional development will prepare administrators to complete walkthroughs for adult practice measures, to use data analysis to plan instruction and to align school plans with district improvement plans.

This summer the district took a deep dive into its worthy target actions, worked to align all partners focused on the district's goals and worthy targets, and communicated the district work to all stakeholders.



Superintendent Dr. David Negron addresses the Community Alliance on June 16.



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Loyola Outpatient Center Offers Free Cervical and Breast Cancer Screenings for Women

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Loyola Hospital will be offering free cervical and breast cancer screenings for women ages 30-64 who are uninsured or underinsured on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, by appointment, at the Loyola Outpatient Center, located at 2160 S. First Ave., Maywood, Ill. (south end of the Loyola University Medical Center Campus).

Test results will be processed within two to three hours and will be reviewed with the client by a medical staff member.

Services include: pap test and breast exam; mammogram (age appropriate); same-day test results; and health education resources.

Other free services that will be offered include: details on the health insurance marketplace; the ability to speak one on one with Loyola physicians and other healthcare experts; as well as complimentary refreshments.

This event is free to women who qualify, but registration is required and the number of appointments is limited.

Interested parties, please call (888) 584-7888 to verify your eligibility and make an appointment. Mention See, Test & Treat or STT.

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A Remarkable 125 Year Celebration for Dalpiaz Brothers

Two brothers who were raised in Melrose Park and attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, followed by their eight siblings, recently celebrated a total of 125 years as Scalabrinian priests.

Fr. Gino Dalpiaz and Fr. Alex Dalpiaz were recently honored at a Gala Dinner Dance held at The Carlisle in Lombard on Saturday, May 28. Fr. Gino celebrated his 65th anniversary of ordination and Fr. Alex his 60th anniversary of ordination. This remarkable celebration was sponsored by Santa Maria Addolorata Parish of Chicago where Fr. Gino is currently an assistant and Fr. Alex in the past served as pastor for nine years.

Fr. Gino Dalpiaz was born Dec. 2, 1926, in Melrose Park, the first-born in an immigrant family of 10 children – six girls and four boys. In 1957, a younger brother, Fr. Alex, also became a Scalabrinian priest. He was for many years a Scalabrinian missionary in Australia, Argentina and Columbia.

Although Fr. Gino had always wanted to be a Franciscan priest like his uncle in Italy, he was finally persuaded in 1939 to enter Sacred Heart Seminary, the Scalabrinian Seminary in Melrose Park. In November 1947, he was sent to Rome, Italy, for six years to complete his philosophical and theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained a Scalabrinian priest on July 8, 1951, in Rome. He finally came back to the United States in 1953, where he spent the next 11 years as a teacher, spiritual director and novice master in the Scalabrinian seminaries in the United States.

In 1964, Fr. Gino began full-time work in various Scalabrinian parishes in the U.S ... St. Peter Church in Syracuse; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Melrose Park; and St. Anthony Church in Chicago. From 1965 to 1974, he spent nine beautiful years as pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Chicago. From 1981-1986, he was back in Rome as a member of the general secretariat of the Scalabrinian General House. In 1988, he was asked to be director of the Italian Cultural Center in Stone Park, Ill., where he remained, except for a brief interval, until 2006, when he was assigned as spiritual director at the Scalabrinian House of Theology in Chicago. In 2010 (until present), Fr. Gino became associate pastor of Santa Maria Addolorata Church in Chicago.

Fr. Alex Dalpiaz was born Feb. 16, 1930, in Melrose Park, the third of 10 children and the second priest. Raised in Melrose Park, he attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School and then Immaculate Conception High School in Elmhurst.

Fr. Alex entered the Sacred Heart Seminary in Melrose Park in 1947 and has learned to speak four languages English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese.

While in the seminary he always knew that he wanted to be a missionary traveling and helping immigrants.

On June 10, 1956, Fr. Alex was ordained a Scalabrinian priest by Archbishop William O'Brien in Our Lady of Pompeii Church, Chicago. He began serving in North Queensland, Australia, as associate pastor for three years and pastor for two years at St. John's Church – missionary work with Italian emigrants (1956-1961).

Fr. Alex work also includes: Crespano, Italy, as assistant novice master (1961-1962); Tasmania, Australia, as pastor of San Carlos Church – missionary work with Italian emigrants (1962-1964); Buenos Aires, Argentina, as director of Apostleship of the Sea and chaplain with English-speaking people, as provincial administrator (1966-1978), as director of Primary; Secondary and Technical School for Emigrants and chaplain of Chilean migrants (1978-1979); Cucuta, Colombia, as director of Centro de Migraciones/coordinator of Migration Office (1979-1982); Bogota, Colombia, as national director for Department of Migration for Episcopal Conference (1982-1986), during this time he also served Mother Teresa of Calcutta as her translator for three days; Chicago, Ill., as pastor of Santa Maria Addolorata Church (1986-1995). He returned to Bogota, Columbia, as executive secretary of the International Catholic Migration Commission (1995-2003); then to Winter Garden, Fla., as pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church in Diocese of Orlando (2003-2010). In 2010, Fr. Alex became officially retired and served as chaplain and nursing home assistant at Villa Rosa Nursing Home in Washington, DC. He is presently in residence at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish where he assists at the parish and the Casa San Carlos Retreat Center, both in Delray Beach, Fla.

Congratulations to Fr. Gino and Fr. Alex, and members of their wonderful family on this well-deserved recognition.



Fr. Gino Dalpiaz and Fr. Alex Dalpiaz.



*The Dalpiaz family.
Fr. Gino in the seminary and Fr. Alex next to him.*



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Willis' House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 58 is superior to other so-called "reform" proposals because it provides:

TRUE INDEPENDENCE

- House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 58 completely removes politicians from the process of drawing legislative boundaries. Other plans do not.

TRUE DIVERSITY

- House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 58 requires greater diversity of mapmaking commission members to reflect Illinois' ethnic, gender and racial demographics. Other plans do not.

TRUE TRANSPARENCY

- House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 58 requires a minimum of 15 public meetings to demand greater transparency. Other plans do not.

Here's what Common Cause Illinois, a nonpartisan grassroots organization, had to say about Willis' House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 58:

HJRCA 58 provides a promising path forward for ending the unfair manipulation of legislative and representative districts in Illinois. Common Cause strongly supports the bill's creation of an independent commission tasked with drawing General Assembly districts after hearing public testimony in open meetings around the state.

We are working closely...[to] strengthen conflict of interest provisions, ensure the greatest possible independence from political leaders, protect minority voting rights, and strengthen the ability of Illinois voters to elect candidates of their choice. We...look forward to a continued collaboration to end political gerrymandering in Illinois.

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Willis Hosts Roundtable Discussion on Education Funding

As education continues to take center stage in Springfield, state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, hosted an educator roundtable at her office recently to discuss issues facing local public schools.

“As a former school board member, I know that we cannot have strong schools without the community working together to support our students,” said Willis. “I host regular meetings with local school districts so they can keep me informed about local issues and so I can provide reports from developments in the capitol.”

The recent meeting was well-attended with school districts represented from throughout the district. Discussions centered on competing proposals for K-12 education funding and how local schools in the western suburbs would fair under the differing plans. Willis stated that she is committed to working toward a bipartisan solution that would ensure funding for local K-12 schools and provide the needed resources for the region’s children to learn and thrive. The Addison lawmaker voted in support of an education budget on Thursday that would ensure schools can open on time.

“One of the most important jobs of the state is to provide support for public education,” said Willis. “Access to a good quality education is a fundamental right and I will continue to work with local educators, teachers and parents to continue to push for the resources our children deserve.”

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.



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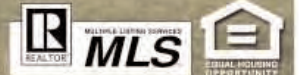


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Obituaries

Battisti

Larido "Larry" Battisti, veteran of the United States Air Force. Dearly beloved husband of the late Norma (nee Buono); loving father of Ron (Linda) Oppedisano; cherished grandfather of Tena, Lisa and Vincent Oppedisano; dear great-grandfather of four; loving brother of the late Mary and Al Tarsitano, the late Carmella and Bill De Novo, and the late Dora (Anthony) Del Medico; fond uncle and friend of many. Entombment with military honors at All Saints Mausoleum. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Member of the Italian American War Veteran Post 1 and 35 Missions with The Air Force and Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Berardi

Vittoria Berardi. Dearly beloved wife of the late Francesco, loving mother of Maria Filippo, Giuseppe, Luigi (Angela), Palma (Aldo) Ricciardi, Francesca (Sergio) Abate, Aldo (Emilia) and the late Giovanni; cherished nana, great-nana, sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Caliendo

Michael "Mickey" Caliendo. Dearly beloved father of Joseph, Michael, Suzanne (James) Apa and Charese (Joseph) Panzani; cherished grandfather of Giavanna, Summer, Matthew, Shylah, Christina and Johnnie; dear brother of Pauline Moore and Gabriel Caliendo; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Carlson

Dale Carlson, proud veteran of the United States Air Force. Served in Germany from 1968-1972. Dearly beloved husband of Ilse (nee Heil); loving father of Daniela Mozas, Deborah (Steven Frankum) Carlson, Christina Carlson; cherished grandfather of Dylan, Joshua, Reagan, Riley, Anneliese, Hunter and Nicholas; dear brother of Kathleen (the late Arthur) Kurth, Gerald (Sheree), the late Jack (Margo); loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment with military honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Coyne

Anita Coyne. Dearly beloved wife of James; loving mother of Annamarie (Craig) Kamman; cherished grandmother of Cassandra, Samantha and Vanessa; cherished great-grandmother of Evan; loving sister of Larry (Nancy) Spino; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Exler

Todd A. Exler. Dearly beloved husband of Mari Lynn, nee Mayes; loving father of Troy A.; beloved son of the late Robert and Gerri Jensen; dear brother of Jamie, Chris, Jerry, Johnny and Bobby; special son-in-law of Dorothy and the late Harold Mayes; fond brother-in-law of Rick Williams; loving uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services private.

Fox

Robert D. Fox Sr. Dearly beloved husband of Judith (nee Frank); loving father of Laurie (Dan) Sokolinski, Vicki, Robert Jr. (Dawn), Jodie (Patrick) O'Shea and the late Michael Jeffrey; cherished papa of Francesca "Frankie", Gianna, C.J, Kennedy, Joseph, Talin, Vincent, Gabriella, Josephine, Matea, Daniel and Ryan; dearest brother of Sharon (Rod) Weal; fond brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

Inendino

Linda Inendino, nee Pizza. Dearly beloved wife of James; loving mother of Rosalee, Angela and Francesca; beloved daughter of Gregory and Judy Pizza; dearest sister of Gregory (Sandra) Pizza; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment burial private.

Koclanes

Violet "Vi" Koclanes, age 89, nee Salla, formerly of St. Petersburg, Fla., Oak Park and Chicago, Ill., passed away peacefully on June 3 at the National Health Care facility in Greenville, SC. Beloved wife of the late Christopher G. Koclanes; loving mother of Dean (Olympia) Koclanes, Nick (the late Julia) Koclanes, Georgine (the late Mike) Proteau, Cathy (Dave) Stenberg and Michele (Keith) Felker; cherished grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 10; dearest older sister of Irene (the late George) Yagjian, Gloria (William) White and the late Salvatore "Sonny" (the late Joan) Salla; special cousin and fond aunt to several nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces; fun and wonderful friend to so many. Vi was a retired Illinois Bell employee. She truly will be deeply missed. Per her wishes, arrangements were private.

Militello

Kenneth Militello, born July 5, 1947, at rest July 8, 2016. Loving husband of Cheryl (nee Gleason); beloved father of Renee (Patrick) O'Connor, Colette (Craig) Collisi and Tricia Militello; cherished grandpa of Natalie and John Collisi, and Paige and Erin O'Connor; loving son of Jack (deceased) and Angela Militello; beloved brother of Jack (Judy) Militello and Marian Indoranto; fond uncle of Jay (Kim) Militello, Mark (Brittney) Militello and Dawn Lugiai; special and loving friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Napolitano

Eugene Napolitano. Dearly beloved son of Maria and the late Joseph Napolitano; loving father of Felicia and Joseph; cherished grandfather of Sofia Giese; dear brother of Tina (the late Michael) Houdek, Rosa Napolitano and the late Diana Kubica; fond uncle of Stefanie Houdek, the late Christopher Houdek and the late Alec Kubica; great uncle of Hailey Bologna; former husband of Barbara Napolitano. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Ottaviano

Irene Ottaviano, nee Harvey. Dearly beloved wife of the late Vincent Sr.; loving mother of Ann (Steven) Bender, Mary Graff and Vincent Jr. (Melanie) Ottaviano; cherished grandmother of Nicholas, Valerie, Tiana, Angelina, Blake, Sarina and Trent; dear sister of Adeline (Michael) Baietto; sister-in-law of Francine (Robert) Seidita; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Salerno Rosedale Chapels.

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