

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Ho-Ho-Ho Neighbors,

I am happy to report that Santa will be arriving early this year and bringing a special gift for all the good residents of Melrose Park. That's right, the highly anticipated 25th Avenue railroad overpass located between Lake Street and St. Charles Road will finally be opened to traffic beginning at 1 p.m., on Dec. 22! The new overpass promises residents the benefit of economic development, quicker emergency vehicle response times and safer traffic flow. Now that's something to be truly grateful for this holiday season.

Speaking of the holidays, it's time once again for me to enlighten you with some Christmas anecdotes, lore, trivia or tidbits. This year I have chosen to write about 10 obscure Christmas facts that will make you the toast of any holiday shindig.

- 1) Clement Clarke Moore, who wrote the famous *Night Before Christmas* poem, spent 15 years denying his authorship because he felt it was beneath his talents.
- 2) The original American Santa Claus was not a fat and jolly bearded man, but was tall and thin. Our idea of Santa was created in the 1800s by political cartoonist Thomas Nast, who also created the donkey and elephant symbols for our two major political parties.
- 3) Composer James Lord Pierpont wrote *Jingle Bells* in the 1850s as a Thanksgiving song to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races. The song became so beloved that the lyrics were eventually changed to fit Christmas.
- 4) The Germanic word for "mistletoe" literally means "dung on a twig." Something to contemplate the next time you're under it.
- 5) President Teddy Roosevelt, an "avowed environmentalist," would not allow a Christmas tree in the White House, he felt cutting fir trees down for Christmas depleted our forests.
- 6) The long Christmas shopping season tradition began in America when relatives were encouraged to mail gifts early to soldiers posted overseas in World War II.
- 7) Contrary to popular belief, the Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the busiest shopping days of the year, not the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- 8) At \$285 million, *Home Alone* is the number one grossing Christmas movie of all time.
- 9) To visit every child on Christmas Eve, Santa would have to travel at 3000 times the speed of sound, visiting over 800 homes per second!
- 10) To show that secular Christmas is celebrated by everyone, the songs *White Christmas*, *Winter Wonderland*, *Christmas Song* (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire), *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *I'll Be Home for Christmas* were all written or co-written by people of the Jewish faith.

This concludes my holiday letter, except to say, that at this crucial time in America, we need to remember that this is the season of Peace and Goodwill, and with that message in mind I offer the following quote by educator Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson, "The gentle spirit of Christmas brings a sense of fresh promise and renewal every year. Indeed, this annual event reminds us that children are the hope of the world. They represent pure goodness – a clean slate, free of the learned baggage of mistrust and unkindness. They give us a glimpse of what life can be like without strife or animosity. They testify to the ideal of peace on earth."

In that same hopeful spirit, the village clerk, the village trustees, my wife Donna, and myself, wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2017! And as I say every Christmas ... make some great holiday memories for your children and grandchildren.



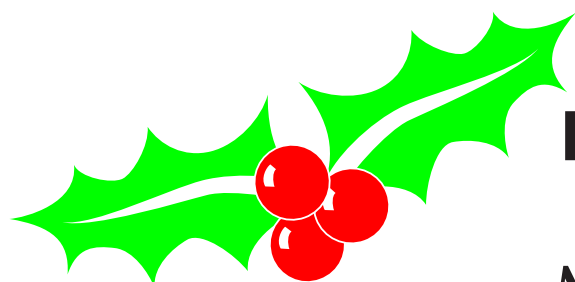
**Ronald M. Serpico**  
Mayor

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

Sincerely,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico

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**Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico**  
**Village Clerk  
Mary Ann Paolantonio**

**Village Trustees  
Anthony N. Abruzzo  
Jaime Anguiano  
Arturo J. Mota  
Sonny Nicotera  
Anthony J. Prignano  
Mary Ramirez Taconi**

**And the  
Employees  
of the  
Village of  
Melrose Park**



# Village of Melrose Park

**Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor**

**Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk**

## Trustees

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## To Know

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

**Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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

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

**Water, Tickets, Etc.**

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

**Police Emergency .....911**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Taste of Melrose Park**

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

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

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

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Village Board Meetings .....Dec. 27, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13**

**Village Hall Holiday Closing .....Dec. 23 (1/2 Day), Dec. 26**

**Dec. 30 (1/2 Day), Jan. 2, Jan. 16**

**Senior Club Meetings .....Jan. (Cancelled), Feb. 9**

# Resident Response

## *Dear Mayor Serpico...*

I had a recent occasion to speak with your ESDA Director Phil Schwartz. Although the issue was a rather routine one, I have always been impressed with the dedicated professionalism Phil has shown not only to the village of Melrose Park, but its neighbors here in Northlake. When a guy like Phil Schwartz calls, as others have on your leadership team, I have confidence and gratitude for including Northlake with issues of mutual concern.

- Yours truly,  
Norman Nissen, Jr.  
Chief of Police  
City of Northlake Police Department

## *Dear Melrose Park Village Trustee Arturo Mota...*

Thank you for the 50 copies of *Perfect Chemistry* for our students.

You have come through yet again for our school.

- Thank you,  
Shoshana Fiola/LRC  
Proviso Math and Science Academy

## *Dear Melrose Park Resident Wayne Kessling and Dawn Zuffante...*

On behalf of the residents of Melrose Park, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation and support of the Mayor Serpico/Melrose Park Youth Commission Avenue of Flags initiative.

We're hoping our efforts continue throughout every street in Melrose Park in support of our veterans and the beautification efforts of Mayor Serpico.

- With grateful appreciation,  
The Board and Staff of the Melrose Park Youth Commission

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

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend the Riverwoods Condominium Association's meeting in October, especially on the night of a Cubs playoff game.

I believe the residents found the information very beneficial and you were able to answer a lot of the questions and concerns. It is greatly appreciated.

- Sincerely,  
Leasing & Management Company, Inc.  
James S. Watts  
Managing Agent for Residences of Riverwoods  
Condominium Association

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

Thank you for assisting FBI Counterterrorism Branch during an operation on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016. Your dedication to the mission is greatly appreciated. This operation consumed resources from several FBI assets and our enforcement partners. Your contribution supported our collective operational needs. Without this collaboration, we would not have achieved the same level of success.



I would like to extend a very special thank you to the following tactical officers and detectives who displayed professionalism and dedication – Leonard Bartemio (#67), Steve Pesce (#63), Dennis Natale (#81), Aldo Scudiero (#84), John Schillinger (#26), Sgt. Mike Scudiero (#14) and Sam Chiapetta (#77).

Their professionalism was critical to the success of the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). They worked tirelessly with the JTTF to disrupt a potentially active threat. Please pass along my appreciation and gratitude to these officers, who serve your agency so admirably. Job well-done.

• Sincerely,  
Michael J. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge  
Jeremy W. Francis, Supervisory Special Agent  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

Greetings, I am writing to thank the Fire Department for assisting me when I had cause to request emergency services on Saturday, Oct. 15. It was such an unexpected event and due to the surprise of it, it made me thankful that there are people like you and your staff ready to help those in need.

The ambulance crew was great all throughout. I was very impressed with their professionalism. Everyone was very helpful and caring all the way through my health scare. I can't express how grateful I am that you were the professional in charge to take care of me.

May God continue to bless you. I am glad that you are there, willing to care for the safety of others. All who are part of your staff reflect your dedication and interest in helping those in need.

• Sincerely,  
Rev. Miguel Alvarez, CS, Pastor-Rector  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

# A Message for Melrose Park Residents from Nicor Gas

Dear Melrose Park Residents...  
Melrose Park is one of 656 communities served by Nicor and we value your partnership and cooperation in ensuring the safety and security of our customers and employees. While it is often easy to identify Nicor Gas workers at a construction or work site, you may also see meter readers, leak surveyors and other employees in your neighborhood as part of their normal course of business.

During the month of December, Nicor Gas meter readers will be in your area visiting homes or businesses to inspect natural gas meters and obtain accurate readings of natural gas used for billing purposes.

This manual meter reading practice ensures customers are paying for the actual amount of natural gas used. If we are unable to read the meter, we may leave a note on a customer's door to schedule a reading at a later date.

Unfortunately, there is concern that scammers are impersonating meter readers and using this as a way to gain entry into customer homes and businesses. Whenever a Nicor Gas employee or contractor visits a customer's home or business, they will provide Nicor Gas identification.

With utility scams on the rise, customer's personal safety and financial security are important to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (708) 318-5026 or at [peaves@southernco.com](mailto:peaves@southernco.com).

• Sincerely,  
Peter Eaves Heard  
Manager, Community Relations and Economic Development  
Nicor Gas



# A Gracious Thank You!

A gracious thank you from Mayor Serpico to Boston Market, Peggy DiFazio and volunteers from the Melrose Park Police, Fire, Public Safety – Homeland Security, Public Works and Building departments, as well as the MP Sports & Fitness Club, MP Youth Commission and members of the community for their contributions and efforts of assistance for Mayor Serpico's Annual Free Thanksgiving Meal Program for seniors and disabled residents of Melrose Park.

The team delivered more than 160 meals to individuals and families throughout the village.



# Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



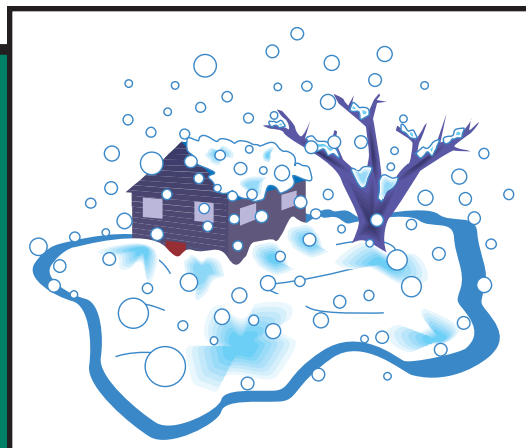
*Rick Beltrame*  
*Melrose Park Fire Chief*

## A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame

### Winter Safety Tips

Please follow these guidelines for a safe winter season:

1. Have your heating system checked by authorized service personnel annually.
2. Change your furnace filter regularly.
3. Keep areas around the furnace and hot water heater clear at all times.
4. Do not use space heaters with frayed or damaged cords or plugs. Keep space heaters at least 12 inches away from walls, furniture, clothing or flammable items.
5. Do not leave the clothes dryer on when going to bed or when leaving the house.
6. Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Change the batteries when you change your clocks during spring and autumn.
7. When going outside, wear layered clothing and keep skin covered to avoid frostbite and hypothermia.
8. Keep walkways and steps clear of ice and snow.
9. Keep cell phones charged so they will be functioning in case of emergencies.
10. Keep your car's gas tank full, make certain tires are in good condition and perform other automobile maintenance to avoid being involved in an accident or becoming stranded.
11. Stock your vehicle(s) with these items in case you do become stranded:
  - a. Non-perishable snacks.
  - b. Water.
  - c. A flashlight and extra batteries.
  - d. A shovel.
  - e. Blankets or extra winter clothing.
12. Stock up on non-perishable groceries and other staples in order to avoid frequent shopping trips across snow-covered or icy roads.
13. Check on neighbors – especially the elderly or infirmed.



### Buried Fire Hydrants Can Pose Danger

Living in the Chicago Metropolitan area, we always expect a snowy winter. However, residents never know for certain how much snow will blanket the area. Hopefully, this winter will not result in the massive snowfall we experienced last year. Melrose Park residents know only too well the obvious difficulties and hazards that accompany a hard winter. However, many do not realize the dangers and difficulties that can result when fire hydrants are buried in snow. Such conditions make it difficult, if not impossible, for firefighters to locate and uncover hydrants in their efforts to extinguish fires. Fire Chief Rick Beltrame hopes that residents will help firefighters by clearing nearby fire hydrants when they shovel or plow their sidewalks and driveways. The cooperation of all neighbors will go a long way toward keeping Melrose Park's residents safe this winter.



# Fire Chief Beltrame Visits Riverwoods



Fire Chief Rick Beltrame recently met with a group of seniors at Riverwoods Melrose Commons to address any questions and concerns they have and to provide them with fire safety tips. The group found the information very beneficial and appreciated the chief's visit.

# Wrosch Named Asst. Chief



Melrose Park Fire Department Lt. James Wrosch (center) was recently appointed assistant chief by the village of Melrose Park. James has been a dedicated member of the department for several years. Wrosch is pictured with family and friends after his recent appointment. Congratulations James.

# Simon Recognized by Loyola

John Simon, a paramedic with the Melrose Park Fire Department, was recently honored as an award recipient from Loyola Health Systems for exemplary performance of advanced life-saving measures. Congratulations John on a job well-done!



# 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.**

# MP Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



## Attention Residents

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

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

# A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Melrose Park Police Chief*



## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a special time of the year. Unfortunately, many people forget to be careful about their property and personal safety, leaving them especially vulnerable to theft and other crime. The Melrose Park Police Department provides tips to help keep your holiday safe:

### SHOP SAFELY:

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; instead pay with credit cards or a check.
- Watch your credit card during transaction to make sure it is used to print only one transaction. Make sure the cashier returns it to you.
- Keep your wallet in your front pants pocket or coat breast pocket.
- Keep purses close to your body, in front of you where it can be seen, and cover the clasp or flap with your hand. Keep the purse closed, snapped or zippered until you need to enter it.
- Never flaunt your money, expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Walk confidently and be alert. Be especially mindful of pickpockets in crowded areas such as stores, bus stops or trains.
- Never overload yourself with packages; being overburdened may make it difficult for you to keep track of your purse or wallet or to respond to a personal threat.
- Park in a well-lit space and always lock your doors and windows.
- Hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in your vehicle for any length of time while shopping.
- Teach children that if they get separated from you, they should go to a security officer or store clerk and say they are lost.
- Tell them NEVER to leave the store or go to the parking lot to look for you.

### WATCH OUT FOR CON GAMES AND FRAUDS:

- Give only to charities that are familiar to you.
- Ask to see official identification when someone asks for a donation on the street or at your home.
- Ask for written documentation on how your donation is going to be used and if it is tax deductible.
- Be suspicious of charities that only accept cash.
- Only make checks out to the organizations, not the individuals.
- Never give your credit card information over the telephone. For tele-marketing solicitations, offer to mail your donation.

### PROTECT YOUR HOME:

- Never display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Always lock doors, windows and garage doors when you leave the house, even if you will only be away a short time.
- Always ask for official identification when someone comes to your home asking for donations or claiming to be delivering a package. Never let anyone into the house who cannot provide this information.
- Call the Melrose Park Police at (708) 344-8409 and place your house on the Vacation Watch if you will be away for the holiday.



# Officer Treffens Receives Chicago Hispanic Community for Peace Service Leadership Award

Melrose Park Police Officer Bill Treffens was recently honored by the Chicago Hispanic Community for Peace as a recipient of their 2016 Community Service Leadership Award.

The award is presented to men and women in uniform who are exemplary citizens who embody the virtues of excellence, honesty and integrity, that is visible in their action and personality. Also for the living standard of sharing and caring to the needy regardless of their race and nationality.

Treffens was recognized at the organization's 3rd Annual Marriage Recognition Day Banquet held at the Melrose Park Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The Chicago Hispanic Community for Peace is a non-profit organization that promotes marriage and family values regardless of creed and denomination.

Congratulations to Officer Treffens on this well-deserved recognition.



*Community Service Leadership Award recipient MP Police Officer Bill Treffens (right) is pictured with representatives from the Chicago Hispanic Community for Peace.*

## Choose Your Ride. **DRINK. DRIVE. GO TO JAIL!**



## Melrose Park Police Department

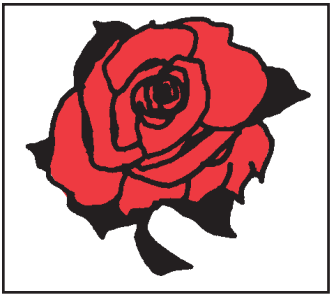
# PARKING REGULATIONS HAVE CHANGED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1

Effective Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, parking is no longer permitted on both sides of the street on weekends.

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

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

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



# Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

The Public Works Employees have been busy preparing for the winter season.  
All winter equipment is ready to go at a moment's notice.  
The following are projected projects, ongoing projects and recently completed projects.

## 25th Avenue Overpass Grand Opening Dec. 22, 2016

The 25th Avenue Overpass will be passable on Dec. 22, 2016.  
There will be additional work taking place around the bridge area, but the bridge will be passable. See photos.



## 2016 Street Program

Resurfacing of the following streets has been completed:

16th Avenue from Division to Hirsch • 36th Avenue from Lake Street to Soffel • Haddon St. from 22nd Avenue to Broadway  
Cortez St. from 14th to east of 11th • Augusta St. from 10th to Ninth avenues • Rice St. from 19th to 15th avenues  
Elsie Drive from Ninth to Fifth avenues • Rose Drive from Andy Drive to Fifth avenues • Doris Drive to Fifth Avenue  
Rice St. 19th to 15th avenues • Ruby St. from Indian Boundry to Armitage • 14th Avenue from Lake St. to Main St.  
15th Avenue from Iowa to LeMoyne • Sherman St. from Augusta to Ninth Avenue • Riverwoods Drive • 20th Avenue – Parking Lot Project

## 50/50 Sidewalk Program 2016 Completed

If you would like to participate in the 2017 Sidewalk Program, please call the Public Works Department  
at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

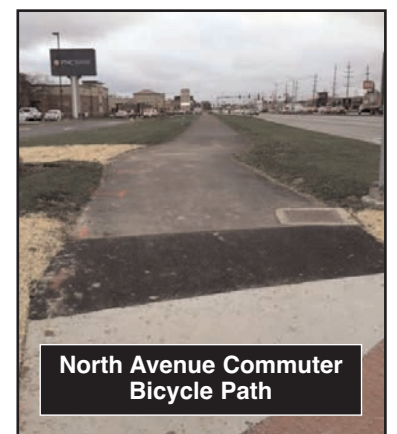
## FUTURE PROJECTS

### North Avenue Commuter Bicycle Path

- First Phase completed: Constructed a bike path along North Avenue from Riverwoods Drive to Mannheim Road. See photo.
- Second Phase: To be completed spring and summer of 2017.

### 15th Avenue Bridge Replacement

- Replacing the 15th Avenue Bridge. Construction starting spring 2017.



North Avenue Commuter  
Bicycle Path



## New Municipal Parking Lot – 20th Avenue and Division Street

Under Mayor Ronald M. Serpico's initiative, the village of Melrose Park acquired the blighted, empty building on 20th Avenue and Division. The village demolished the building and constructed a municipal lot for area residents to use in order to alleviate parking congestion in that area. See photos.



## Tree Planting

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway to be planted in 2017, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 to add your name to the list.

## TV Pickup

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

***The Department of Public Work Employees Wish All Residents a  
Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!***



# *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.**





# *Village of Melrose Park*

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



***Save time and worries when the snow begins!***

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

**AT 6 INCHES OR MORE OF PREDICTED FALLING SNOW,  
YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE SNOW REMOVAL LIST.  
WE WILL DO A PATH FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR TO THE STREET  
AND A SWIPE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY.**

**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ONLY – NO ALLEYS  
– NO ALLEY SKIRTS TO GARAGE – NO BACKYARDS.**

TO RESERVE SERVICES FROM THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM  
FOR THE FULL WINTER SEASON, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND MAIL THE  
MAYOR SERPICO AND THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK SNOW REMOVAL RESERVATION FORM TO:

Village of Melrose Park, Snow Removal • 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160



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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MELROSE PARK RESIDENTS – PLEASE TRY TO HELP SENIOR AND  
DISABLED NEIGHBORS IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER – THANK YOU.**

# Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

## Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

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

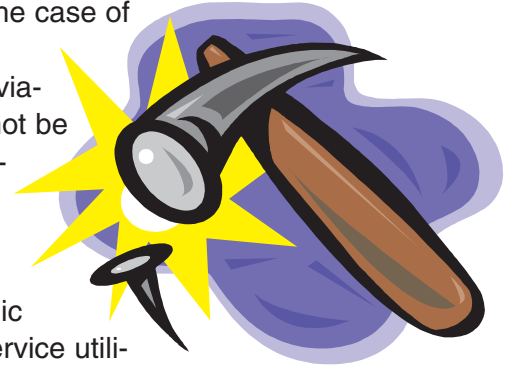
Este centro de recursos ayuda a referir a personas, a las agencias adecuadas y hacen el seguimiento para que las personas reciban la ayuda necesaria.

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

# Village 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.

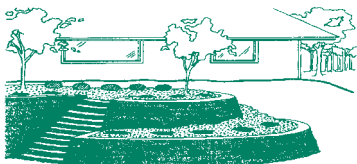
Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50), nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750), for each offense, and each day's violation of the same shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.



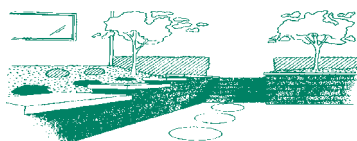
## Seasonal Specials!

- Shrubs • Fertilizer
  - Flowers • Gardens • And More!
- Call Today – (708) 681-3384**  
**Free Estimates**

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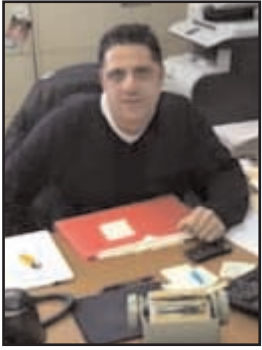
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# A Note to All Melrose Park Residents Regarding Property Flood Protection, Flood Insurance, Village Assistance



**Ralph Sorce**  
*Building Commissioner*

## From The Office of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner

As of Oct. 1, 2015, the Village of Melrose Park has earned a Class 8 Rating through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS); for this reason, flood insurance policies issued or

renewed in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) qualify for a 10 percent discount off the premium cost.

### Flood Protection Information

The Village of Melrose Park strongly encourages these flood protection tips to be used:

- Stream Maintenance – Per the Clean Water Act and village ordinance, dumping into our ditches, creeks and sewers is strictly prohibited. This regulation helps prevent contamination to our water supply and lessens the chance of flooding. Grass clippings, leaves and branches can also cause problems as they can accumulate and plug the storm sewer channels. If your property is next to a ditch or creek, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. Please feel free to contact the Public Works Department for information regarding the Village's Creek Maintenance Program or reporting downed tree and other major blockages.
- Construction Requirements – Always check with the Building Department before you alter, re-grade or fill your property. A permit is needed to ensure that projects do not cause drainage problems to other properties and to ensure the general public welfare.
- Flood-Proofing – There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage – retrofitting (altering a building to eliminate or reduce flood damage) measures include:
  - Elevations – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above protection level.
  - Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood zone is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
  - Floodwalls – These work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
  - Dry Flood-Proofing – Makes the building's walls and floors watertight so water does not enter.
  - Wet Flood-Proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little to no damage.

Important notice: Any alteration to a building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

### Flood Protection Assistance

If you have any concerns or issues with flooding or drainage, please call the Village of Melrose Park Sewer Department at (708) 531-5347 or the Building Department at (708) 343-4000. The Building Department can provide information, professional input and problem-solving measures without negatively affecting nearby neighbors. The Building Department can also provide a list of flood proofing contractors and conduct inspections.

### Sand Bags

During a rainstorm or flood, sand bags are readily available for pickup at the Melrose Park Public Works Building located at 1002 N. 27th Ave. The Public Works Department also drops off sand bags throughout the village's high impact flood areas.

### Flood Event Suggestions

Please keep in mind, during a flood the less water pumped into the village's storm sewer system the better. Please avoid excessive water use such as washing clothes, showering, washing dishes and toilet flushing. This provides time for the sewer system to stabilize and catch up to the large influx of water, thus, lowering the probability of a sewer backup in a building.

### Be Prepared!

Have a plumber inspect sump pumps regularly!

If you experience flooding or drainage issues on your property, the village's staff may be able to help. Remember to televisive and clean sewer laterals to prevent sewer backups.

### Leaf Removal, Street Sweeping, Storm Sewers and Swales

It is a violation of village code and the Clean Water Act to directly or indirectly discharge illicit substances into a storm sewer. The village strongly encourages that all grass clippings, leaves and yard waste be placed in approved containers and placed at the designated location for garbage pickup on scheduled pickup days.

### Community Effort

The Public Works Department kindly requests your help. Throughout the village's corporate boundaries there are many streets with curbside storm sewer catch basins, culverts and storm sewer pipes that are prone to trouble in heavy rains when they are blocked by leaves and grass clippings. The village street sweeping vehicle is not effective in removing large quantities of wet or dry leaves off the streets and curbed areas. The street sweeper's intended use is to remove road debris such as gravel, dirt and trash from the road surface by way of water and scrubbing brushes.

The Public Works Department respectfully asks that every village resident do their part in keeping our storm sewer grates, culvert pipe and swales in front of their property free from leaves and debris throughout the year. By doing this, this will greatly diminish the need for storm sewer cleanups, as well as, eliminating street inlet flooding due to leaves clogging the designed drainage path.

### Flood Insurance

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. The village strongly encourages property owners to invest in flood insurance. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. In some cases, flood insurance is required by a bank when people purchase a property and get a mortgage or home improvement loan. These policies typically only cover the building's structure and not its contents. During the types of flooding that occur in your area, there is usually more damage to the furniture and personal items than there is to the structure. Be sure you have contents coverage! Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection! In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

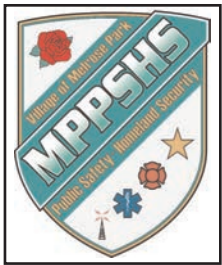
**For more information regarding important  
Melrose Park flood information,  
please visit our village website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org)  
and check under the Village Services tab.**

**If you have any questions, comments, or concerns  
regarding flooding in Melrose Park, please feel free  
to contact the Building Department at  
(708) 343-4000 Ext. 4419.**

**Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

# 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.

## Winter Storms... The Deceptive Killers

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

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

### Know the Difference

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

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

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

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

### How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

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

### Put Together a Supply Kit

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

### Winter's Impact

#### Storms with Strong Winds

Sometimes winter storms are accompanied by strong winds creating blizzard conditions with blinding wind-driven snow, severe drifting and dangerous wind chill. Strong winds with these intense storms and cold fronts can knock down trees, utility poles and power lines. Storms near the coast can cause coastal flooding and beach erosion as well as sink ships at sea. In the west and Alaska, winds descending off the mountains can gust to 100 mph or more damaging roofs and other structures.



## Extreme Cold

Extreme cold often accompanies a winter storm or is left in its wake. Prolonged exposure to the cold can cause frostbite or hypothermia and become life-threatening. Infants and elderly people are most susceptible. What constitutes extreme cold and its effect varies across different areas of the United States. In areas unaccustomed to winter weather, near freezing temperatures are considered "extreme cold." Freezing temperatures can cause severe damage to citrus fruit crops and other vegetation. Pipes may freeze and burst in homes that are poorly insulated or without heat. In the north, below zero temperatures may be considered as "extreme cold." Long cold spells can cause rivers to freeze, disrupting shipping. Ice jams may form and lead to flooding.

## Ice Storms

Heavy accumulations of ice can bring down trees, electrical wires, telephone poles and lines, and communication towers. Communications and power can be disrupted for days while utility companies work to repair the extensive damage. Even small accumulations of ice may cause extreme hazards to motorists and pedestrians.

## Heavy Snow Storms

Heavy snow can immobilize a region and paralyze a city, stranding commuters, stopping the flow of supplies and disrupting emergency and medical services. Accumulations of snow can collapse buildings and knock down trees and power lines. In rural areas, homes and farms may be isolated for days, and unprotected livestock may be lost. In the mountains, heavy snow can lead to avalanches. The cost of snow removal, repairing damages and loss of business can have large economic impacts on cities and towns.

## Winter Precipitation

### Snow

- FLURRIES – Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation or light dusting is all that is expected.
- SHOWERS – Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.
- SQUALLS – Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant. Snow squalls are best known in the Great Lakes region.
- BLOWING SNOW – Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow may be snow that is falling and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.
- BLIZZARD – Winds over 35 mph with snow and blowing snow reducing visibility to near zero.

### Sleet

Raindrops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. However, it can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorists.

### Freezing Rain

Rain that falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, cars, and roads, forming a coating or glaze of ice. Even small accumulations of ice can cause a significant hazard.

## Winter Storm Facts: What Makes a Winter Storm?

### Cold Air

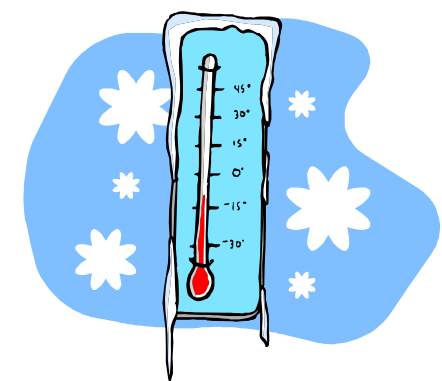
Below freezing temperatures in the clouds and near the ground are necessary to make snow and/or ice.

### Moisture

To form clouds and precipitation. Air blowing across a body of water, such as a large lake or the ocean, is an excellent source of moisture.

### Lift

something to raise the moist air to form the clouds and cause precipitation. An example of lift is warm air colliding with cold air and being forced to rise over the cold dome. The boundary between the warm and cold air masses is called a front. Another example of lift is air flowing up a mountain side.



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

# MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Early-Bird  
Registration  
is now in  
Progress!

## New Year Night time Camp Fun

**REGISTER NOW! CAMP BEGINS JAN. 17!**

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.) Jan. 17-Feb. 15.

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, Mondays-Fridays.

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

## VPD and MP Youth Commission Fright Night 2016

Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission hosted their 2016 Fright Night at Bulger Park on Friday, Oct. 28.

Children and their parents, dressed in Halloween costumes, attended the annual “Boo!” event and played games, took pictures in the photo booth, enjoyed an abundance of refreshments, and traveled slowly and cautiously through one of the best and scariest haunted houses ever.







## MP Youth Commission Gets in the Holiday Spirit at Triton's Festival of Trees

Children from the Melrose Park Youth Commission's Camp Fun Program joined the staff and board members of the Youth Commission for a brand new tradition at Triton College's first ever #DecktheMounds Festival of Trees.

The village of Melrose Park and the Youth Commission reserved and decorated a holiday tree at Triton College and gathered for a tree lighting ceremony photo on Friday, Dec. 2.

The group spread some holiday cheer during the event and enjoyed complimentary hot chocolate, cookies, seasonal music, a photo booth and the opportunity to take in a free holiday show at Triton's Cernan Earth and Space Center's recently renovated fulldome planetarium.

The Village of Melrose Park/Youth Commission tree is located adjacent to the Triton College Mounds on the west side of campus.

## Show Your Community Support!

In 2014, Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission launched Melrose Park's Avenue of Flags campaign. Flags representing the United States of America, the state of Illinois, the village of Melrose Park, the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marines, United States Coast Guard and POW/MIA were displayed on lightpoles within the village.

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

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

Donations of any amount to support this creative project are appreciated and can be sent to: Village of Melrose Park/Avenue of Flags, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. 60160.

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

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







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# Adult Services



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.

Wednesday, February 22, **2pm - ?**

## Open Board Game Play

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



Saturday, February 11,  
**11am - 1pm**

Please see website for further programming information.



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



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



## Learn to Cook with Chef Michael!

Join us to learn Louisiana style cooking just in time for Mardi Gras! You will learn the ingredients, spices, and methods that go into this style of cooking. Walking out, we hope you feel a little bit closer to New Orleans.

Saturday, February 18, **11am**

**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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## Library Hours

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Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm  
Sunday, Closed  
Closed last Saturday of the month





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## Youth Services



### Stay and Play

Join our lively and interactive playtime for great fun with books, music, puzzles and toys.

Ages 0 - 5

Friday, February 3, 10, 17,  
and 24, **10-11am**

### Lego Club

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

Tuesday, February 21,  
**4 - 5pm**



### Coloring Craze

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. All Ages

Wednesday, February 15,  
**4 - 5pm**

### Tween Book Club

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

Grades 4 - 8



Thursday, February 9,  
**4 - 5 PM**



### Make It @ Melrose

Tweens come in to explore different kinds of activities. Everything from sewing, cooking and other projects, have fun while learning new skills.

Grades 4 - 8

Thursday, February 23,  
**4 - 5pm**

Please see website for further programming information. All programs at the library are **free**. Registration is required for all youth programs. To register, call Youth Services at (708) 343-3391, ext. 7484.



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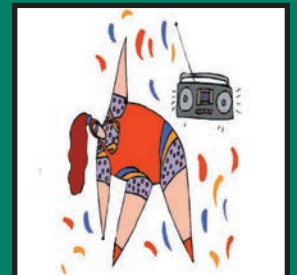


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# Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



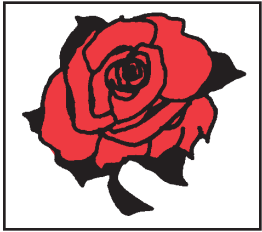
*Come Join in the Fun with  
Instructor Barb Rubright  
of Rube's Garage!*

**Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

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

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





# Village of Melrose Park Senior Club News

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

## 2017 Meeting Dates

Jan. (Cancelled) • Feb. 9 • March 9 • April 13 • May 11  
June 8 • July (Cancelled) • Aug. 10 • Sept. (Cancelled)  
Oct. 12 • Nov. 9 • Dec. 7

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.**

# Melrose Park Senior Club 2017 Renewals

*It's that time of the year to  
renew memberships  
for calendar year 2017.*

*Senior Club members,  
your memberships must be  
renewed before the 2017 meeting.*

*To renew, please complete the  
Melrose Park Senior Club  
2017 Membership Renewal Form  
and mail it with your renewal fee of \$10 to:  
Village of Melrose Park  
Attn.: Peggy DiFazio  
1000 N. 25th Ave.  
Melrose Park, IL 60160*

**Please make checks payable to the Melrose Park Senior Club.**



## *Melrose Park Senior Club 2017 Membership Renewal Form*

Please print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

# Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

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### **AEROBICS**

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

### **MARTIAL ARTS**

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

### **BOXING**

Limited instruction is currently available.  
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### **CYBEX AND NAUTALUS MACHINES**

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

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

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





*Village of  
Melrose Park*

# TAEKWONDO PROGRAM

## Winter Classes Now Forming!



### Village of Melrose Park Taekwondo Program Registration Form

Please clip and mail with payment (check made payable to Melrose Park Taekwondo Program) to:  
Melrose Park Taekwondo Program • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.



**GRANDMASTER  
Duk Gun Kwon**

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



**CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR  
Ericka Bucio**

*Fourth Degree Black Belt*  
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### MEMBERSHIP PRICING

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.

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

**The Melrose Park Civic Center  
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Dr. Dominic Tolitano

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Main Scheduling Office: 630.860.0035

**ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS:**

WOOD DALE, ILLINOIS

236 E. Irving Park Road

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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MUNSTER, INDIANA

701 Superior Avenue, Suite B

HOBART, INDIANA

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# Veterans Park District

Dear Friends and Supporters of Veterans Park District,

Individuals of all abilities need leisure to distress, develop new skills, have a sense of purpose in life and connect to other people. Persons with developmental and physical impairments may need assistance in participating in leisure opportunities. Veterans Park District's Special Recreation Department was created to provide inclusion for individuals with special needs of all ages by offering year-round recreational activities and events.

One of our Special Recreation Department's most popular events is our Annual Special Recreation Dinner Dance. Attending this event makes every person feel elegant for the evening as they enjoy a delicious meal, games and dance-offs while an excellent DJ spins great tunes in a beautifully decorated room. Each participant receives a memorable souvenir as a keepsake for the wonderful evening had by all. The annual dance has a new theme every year, in January 2016 everyone felt like movie stars at the "Red Carpet Dance."

Over the past three years our event has grown from 24 participants in 2014 to over 90 participants in 2016!

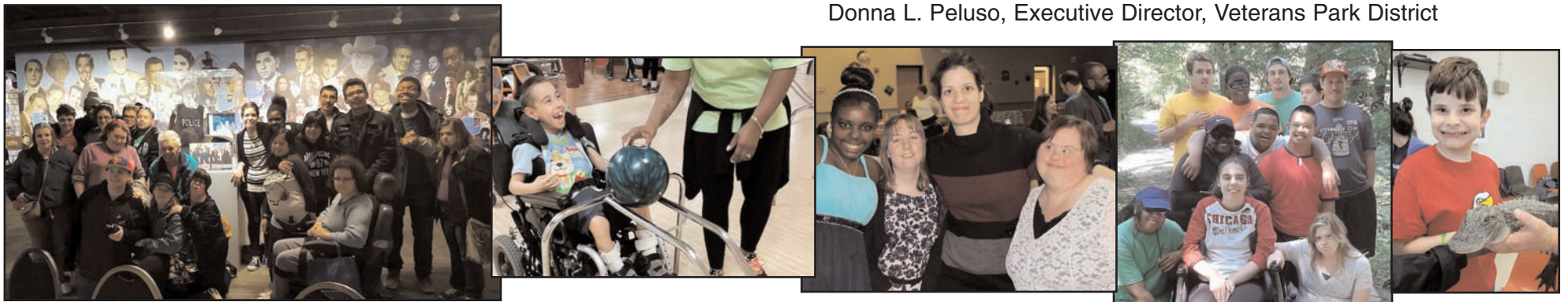
In the coming year on Jan. 13, 2017, we will take everyone to the beautiful islands of Hawaii for our "Hawaiian Beach Dance." We are requesting your assistance to continue the success of this event and provide a lifelong unforgettable experience to our special needs participants.

As a sponsor you will have the opportunity to be highlighted in our ad book which will be on display at the dinner dance and at Veterans Park District facilities located throughout the five communities we serve.

If you wish to be a 2017 Veterans Park District Special Recreation sponsor, do so by completing the VPD Special Recreation Dinner Dance donation form by Jan. 5. Please feel free to share this with anyone you may know who would be interested in sponsoring this wonderful event.

We greatly appreciate your contribution to this extraordinary cause. Thank you in advance for helping make our Special Recreation Annual Dinner Dance a great success!

Respectfully,  
Donna L. Peluso, Executive Director, Veterans Park District



## Veterans Park District Special Recreation 4th Annual Dinner Dance "Hawaiian Beach Night" Donation Form

HAWAII – \$100 • MAUI – \$50 • OAHU – \$25 • KAUAI – \$10

Please complete the donation form by Jan. 5, 2017.

### Contact Information:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (City, State, ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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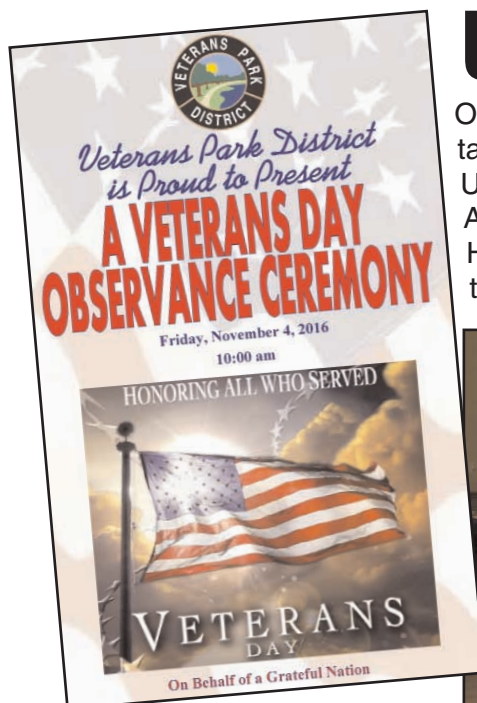
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PLEASE DROP OFF, MAIL OR FAX THIS DONATION FORM TO:  
Veterans Park District, Attn.: Marge Stabile, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake, IL 60164  
FAX: (708) 492-1801

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Veterans Park District

If you have any questions, please contact Magda Walls, Special Recreation supervisor at (708) 716-4822, Ext. 302.





# Unlimited Respect for Our Veterans at VPD

On Friday, Nov. 4, Veterans Park District held its 2016 Veterans Day Observance in honor of the courageous military men and women who served our country. Community members saluted veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Speakers and participants included American Legion Franklin Park Post #974, VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso, Deacon Ray Behrendt (Sacred Heart Parish), WWII Army Veteran Angelo Provenzano, Vietnam War Veteran Angelo Egizio, Gianna Capra Uroni, the VPD Bulger Park Preschool Class and VPD Commissioner Tom Olson.



## BEYOND THE BELL

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS



Veterans Park District is offering several opportunities for students K through 8 grades. Programs at Grant Park Recreation Center and Leoni Complex include both a traditional after-school program and hourly fun, sports, and tutoring activities. These opportunities give parents a piece of mind and children a safe environment after school.

### GRANT PARK NORTHLAKE

#### After School Care

Take advantage of a great program for your child's after school needs. We provide a safe, caring, active environment that promotes education and an active lifestyle. Children are provided with a snack, help with homework, and an opportunity to play both inside and out! Whether it's working on homework, playing board games, shooting hoops in the gym, or running around the playground, there is something for every child at Grant Park After School Care. DCFS Licensed.

**Grades: K-5** (full or afternoon kindergarten only)

**# 272701**

**Day:** Monday–Friday

**Time:** After school - 6 p.m.

**Fees:** \$7 per day

**Facility:** Grant Park (Northlake)

**School transportation available for:**

District 89: Jane Addams, Melrose Park

District 83: Roy, Scott, Westdale

District 87: Whittier Schools

*Preregistration is required, payments made in advance, session run monthly.*

*Minimum three children per school in order to provide transportation. Transportation is provided from school to Grant Park. Parents pick up at 6 p.m. Maximum 102 children.*

**We expanded the program! Now 60 openings available in 2017**

*Schedule based on your school's calendar. No after school care when schools are not in session. No pick up on early dismissal day before noon. Any days where the students get out at noon or later VPD will provide transportation.*

*For more information please call Nico Urbinati at Grant Park (708) 343-5270.*

### GEORGE A. LEONI COMPLEX MELROSE PARK

#### Sports & Fitness

After the school bell rings children can participate in a variety of structured and unstructured activities. Featuring fun recreational activities, such as group exercise, group games and sporting activities. Children can burn off their classroom energy on our soccer turf or walking track. We offer a place where children can have fun and feel safe after school.

**Grades: K-8**

**# 272710A**

**Day:** Monday–Friday

**Time:** 3-4:30 p.m. / 90 minutes

(2:30 p.m. on early dismissal days)

**Fees:** \$3 per day

**Facility:** George A. Leoni Complex

**Sign up for one or both sessions at George A. Leoni Complex**

#### Time to Chill/ Homework Hangout

Our VPD staff will help students with their homework assignments. After homework is completed VPD chill time will provide students with fun activities, such as cooking, Lego building, and holiday specific crafts. We have created a place where children can have fun and feel safe after school. A snack will be provided each day.

**Grades: K-8 # 272710A1**

**Day:** Monday–Friday

**Time:** 4:30-6:00 p.m. / 90 minutes

**Fees:** \$3 per day

**Facility:** George A. Leoni Complex

*Sign up by calling (708) 343-5270 or stop in at one of our facilities. Preregistration is required. Sessions run monthly, payments made in advance.*

*Any students from Melrose Park Elementary School or Sacred Heart will be escorted to the Leoni Complex by a VPD staff member each day.*

*Transportation is not provide for these programs at the Leoni complex.*

*For more information please call Nico Urbinati at Grant Park (708) 343-5270.*



## What's Coming Up at Triton College

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

### Cernan Earth and Space Center Events

Triton College, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove

### Explore Egyptian Tombs and Experience Holiday Lights at Triton's Cernan Center

Throughout December and January, the Cernan Center Planetarium will become a virtual time machine, carrying audiences back 5,000 years to see the tombs and temples of ancient Egypt as they appeared when first constructed. In this new fulldome feature premiering this month at the Triton College Cernan Earth and Space Center, visitors will discover how the Egyptian view of the sky guided the building of their cities, society and even their daily lives. Stars of the Pharaohs will be shining at the Cernan Center Saturdays\* and Sundays now through Jan. 29 (except for Dec. 24, 25, and 31, and Jan. 1). See below for special weekday matinees Dec. 27-30.



### Laser Light Shows Provide Warm Winter Family Fun

After you return from your journey back in time, stick around for *Holiday Lights*, which is sure to put you in a festive mood as you enjoy seasonal tunes accompanied by thousands of stars and images created with brilliant laser lights on the 44-foot diameter planetarium screen.

Beginning Jan. 7, *Laser Motown* will provide a different kind of time travel experience. Enjoy yourself or introduce the next generation to classics by Diana Ross & The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, The Temptations, The Commodores and Stevie Wonder. Add brilliant laser light and fulldome digital effects to see this great music in a new light.

### Early Explorers – *Our Place in Space*

Young audiences will be amazed to discover the cause of day and night along with the sun, Earth, our solar system and the constellations while solving a crossword puzzle about the sky. Young scientists and curious minds are encouraged to explore *Our Place in Space*, Wednesday mornings at the Cernan Center.

### Catch Up on Sky and Space News with *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 Saturday, Jan. 7, and starts at 7 p.m.

### Everyone is Welcome to Look through Telescopes for FREE

Following *Monthly Skywatch*, at 8:30 p.m., and weather permitting, a FREE public Star Party will feature 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.

### More to See and Do

Visit the Star Store for 'out of this world' shopping and check out a unique display of astronomy, space exploration and science fiction holiday decorations along with Gene Cernan artifacts and a local fossil collection.

#### Cernan Center Public Schedule Now through Dec. 21

- Wednesdays 9:45 a.m. *Our Place in Space*
- Saturdays 7 p.m. *Stars of the Pharaohs\**
- 8:30 p.m. *Holiday Lights*
- Sundays 2 p.m. *Stars of the Pharaohs*
- 3 p.m. *Holiday Lights*

#### Special Holiday Matinee Schedule

##### Dec. 27 through Dec. 30, 2016

- 9:45 a.m. *Our Place in Space\*\**
- 11 a.m. *Holiday Lights*
- Noon *Stars of the Pharaohs*
- 1 p.m. *Laser Michael Jackson*
- 2 p.m. *Stars of the Pharaohs*

##### Jan. 4 through Jan. 29, 2017

- Wednesdays 9:45 a.m. *Our Place in Space*
- Saturdays 7 p.m. *Stars of the Pharaohs\**
- 8:30 p.m. *Laser Motown*
- Sundays 2 p.m. *Stars of the Pharaohs*
- 3 p.m. *Laser Motown*

\**Stars of the Pharaohs* will not be shown on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, due to previously scheduled *Monthly Skywatch*.

\*\**Our Place in Space* will ONLY be shown on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016, during the Special Holiday Matinee Schedule.

Admission to programs in the Cernan Center Planetarium are as follows: *Monthly Skywatch* and fulldome features such as *Stars of the Pharaohs* are \$8 for adults 13-54, \$4 for children 2-12 and adults 55+, and free to Triton College students with current semester ID.

Laser light shows such as *Holiday Lights*, *Laser Michael Jackson* and *Laser Motown* are \$10 for adults 13-54, \$5 for children 2-12 and adults 55+, and free to Triton College students with current semester ID.

Early Explorers such as *Our Place in Space* are \$3 for everyone 2 years and up and free to Triton College students with current semester ID.

For more information about the Cernan Earth and Space Center, its programs, field trips or events, visit the website at [www.triton.edu/cernan](http://www.triton.edu/cernan), call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3372, or email [cernan@triton.edu](mailto:cernan@triton.edu). Please call the Program Line at (708) 583-3100 for up-to-the-minute information before attending.

Located on the campus of Triton College in River Grove, Ill., the Cernan Earth and Space Center houses a 93-seat dome theater equipped with a Konica-Minolta Super Mediaglobe2 Fulldome digital projector. Programs feature astronomy and space exploration as well as other sciences, history, culture, music and more. The Cernan Center includes a Space Hall and Star Store gift shop, and is open seven days a week. The Cernan Center will be closed, Dec. 24-25, and Dec. 28-Jan. 1 for the winter holidays.



# **Super Saturday Makes Enrollment Fast and Easy**

## **Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

### **Register for Classes at Triton College in One Day During Super Saturday**

Registering for college classes has never been easier, thanks to Triton College's Super Saturday enrollment event.

From counselors on hand to ensure students enroll in the classes that best fit their goals and schedule, to financial aid specialists who will help craft a plan to pay for school, Super Saturday will provide current and prospective Triton students everything they need to get ready for the spring semester.

The one-stop registration event is Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Learning Resource Center (A Building) located on the west side of the Triton College Campus, 2000 Fifth Ave. River Grove.

During the event, you can:

- Complete your application.
- Register for classes.
- Take placement tests.
- Participate in the new student orientation.
- Meet with financial aid advisors and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Tour the campus.
- Enjoy refreshments.
- Enter a raffle to win a free three-credit hour class.

Students attending the event should bring:

- Photo ID.
- Copies of their ACT results.
- Transcripts for college level coursework completed at another college/university.
- Copies of their (or their parents') tax returns (to complete the financial aid application).

For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

## **Triton Now Offers Cybersecurity and Information Assurance Program**



Triton's new Cybersecurity and Information Assurance AAS Degree and Certificate Program is leading students to a career in which they'll specialize in protecting businesses and organizations against cyber attacks. Triton's classes will help students develop the skills that will allow them to create and implement innovative solutions that keep valuable information out of the hands of hackers.

Did you know that in 2014, information security analysts earned almost \$89,000 on average? With Triton, you'll be on your way toward landing a good-paying job in the field that is expected to grow 18 percent by 2024 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Positions in the growing field include cybersecurity analysts, engineers, technical security support personnel and managers.

Our programs can help a wide range of students ranging from those with no computer background at all, up to seasoned pros looking to gain that extra skill that will help put them over the top. We even offer transfer programs that allow students to continue their education at a four-year college or university.

Learn more about this exciting opportunity at <http://www.triton.edu/Computer-Information-Systems/>.

For more information on the Cybersecurity and Information Assurance Program, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3522.

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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

## 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.



## CrossCountry Team Conference Champs!

Stevenson Middle School Cross Country Team members were recognized by the Board of Education for their championship.

## Thank You Mayor Ron Serpico!

The IMSA (Illinois Math and Science Academy) Fusion students from Stevenson Middle School attended a field trip to a corn maze funded by the generous donation from the Melrose Park Sports & Family Benefit Fund.



## Thank You Pearson!

Thank you to Pearson Publishing Company volunteers assisting District 89 at Washington Dual Language Academy in preparation for new classrooms in the 2017-2018 school year.



## Walk4Hearing

District 89 families and students participated in the WALK 4 HEARING on Sept. 25 in Chicago. The District 89 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team was made up of 38 students, family members, friends, and staff. Thanks to everyone for their support to this worthy cause!

[www.maywood89.org](http://www.maywood89.org)





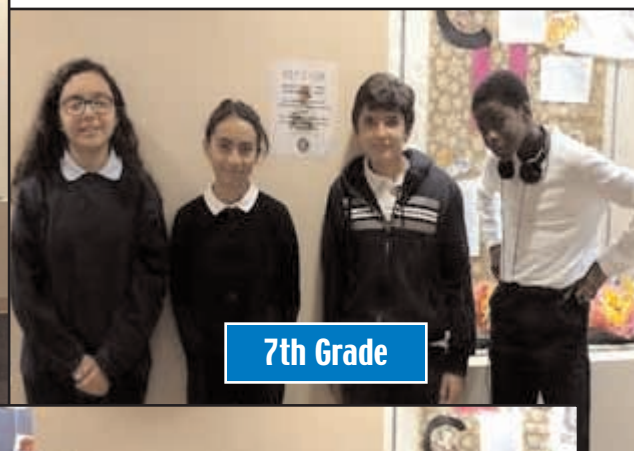
## Preschool**forAll**FallFest

A Fall Fest was hosted at Emerson School for Preschool for All families in District 89. Loyola Hospital joined the Fest with health and wellness information. Other partners joining the fest were community libraries, University of Illinois Extension Healthy and Wellness, Trailside Museum in River Forest, Maywood Fire Department and Triton College.



## District Improvement Planning Committee

The District Improvement Planning Committee meets monthly analyzing data to review district and school improvement efforts.



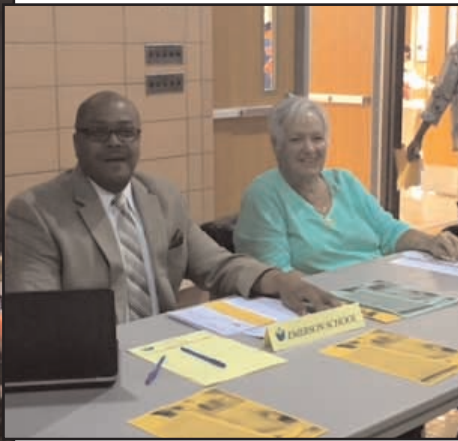
## Stevenson Middle School Math Competition Champions!

Stevenson Middle School students scored first place in the Proviso Math and Science Academy competition held on Nov. 16.

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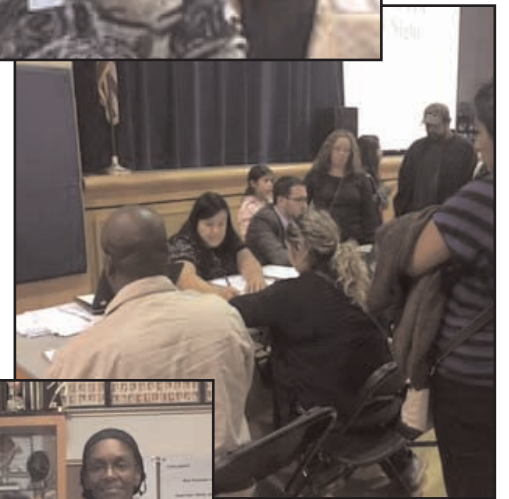


# NEWS89 **School District89** BRIEFS



## DistrictDataFamilyNight

District Family Data Night was held at Jane Addams School on Sept. 27. All D89 parents had the opportunity to attend a night of learning about their child's MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Fall scores. District and school administrators assisted with analyzing the student scores and providing helpful tips on preparation for 'college and career ready.'



## Parent Advisory Council

Parent Advisory Council members actively participated in a presentation on Family Engagement on Oct. 25.

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# District 89 Family Math Night at Lincoln School



## Thank You Westlake Hospital

Thank you to our Westlake Hospital partners for their generous donation of winter coats to the students in D89. Westlake Hospital staff donated over 83 winter coats with hats, scarves and mittens for students.

## District 89/ Westlake Hospital Flu Shots

Westlake Hospital partners with District 89 for annual flu shots for employees.

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HIPAA Waiver	\$100	Deed into Trust	\$200

Appointments are available in Oak Brook and Chicago, IL.

In-home appointments are available for the disabled and seniors. Call for scheduling and for more information.

## **Washington Dual Language Academy** **Academia de Lenguaje Dual Washington**

**Learning languages together!!!**  
**Aprendiendo lenguajes juntos!!!**

If your child is attending pre-school, kindergarten or first grade in Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89 during the 2016-2017 school year, you may be interested in learning more about our district's dual language program at Washington Dual Language Academy where children learn in two languages.

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

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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](http://www.maywood89.org) o simplemente llame para una visita a la Academia de Lenguaje Dual Washington llamando al 708-450-2065.



**Maywood – Melrose Park – Broadview School District 89**



# Alfano – A Winner and a Halloween Star!

## Lincoln Memorial Snow Globe Costume Receives National Attention

*What a remarkable costume it was and a big winner as well!*

Little 7-year-old Anthony Alfano was decked in his Halloween best this year appearing as the Lincoln Memorial Snow Globe. Alfano's big day came with much recognition as he was a highlight in several of this year's costume contests, including winning the competition at Melrose Park's il Poveretto Cafe!

Anthony and his mother and father (Deanna and Tony) also received national attention appearing on the TV show *Inside Edition* after being featured on an *ABC 7 Chicago News* clip with Frank Mathie for their costume-making talents.

The Alfano's have a strong commitment to their Halloween tradition and have already begun their planning for little Anthony's next year's garb.

Pictured is Anthony in past year's attire along with this year's fabulous costume – The Lincoln Memorial Snow Globe.

Congratulations to the Alfano family!





# Fortaleciendo Familias



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**PADRES TENDRAN QUE PARTICIPAR EN  
LA SESSION DE ORIENTACION EL DIA  
VIERNES, ENERO 6, 2017  
DE 5-7PM**

El Grupo de Adolescentes Comienza: Enero 13, 2017  
El Grupo De Niños de 6-11 Comienza: Enero 14, 2017

**LLAMAR PARA REGISTRARSE: 708.786.8519**

**CUPO LIMITADO**



Silvia Diaz-Ponce, MSW  
Coordinadora del Programa

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2017  
FROM 5-7PM**

Adolescent's Group Start date: January 13, 2017  
Children's Group Start Date: January 14, 2017

**CALL TO REGISTER: 708.786.8519**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED**



Silvia Diaz-Ponce, MSW  
Program Coordinator

1414 Main Street  
Melrose Park, IL  
60160





# Sacred Heart School SNIPPETS

Thank You Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce



Family Rollerskating Day



Halloween





# Sacred Heart School



## Open House



Sacred Heart School

815 N 16<sup>th</sup> Ave

Melrose Park, IL 60160

Phone: 708-681-0240 Fax: 708-681-0454

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

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Date: Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

Time: 10a.m.-Noon

- Join us at our Family Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Come meet the teachers
- Gather information on how to apply for scholarships for grades K-8<sup>th</sup> students
- All day preschool for 3&4 years olds
- Extended Care (Before & After School)
- Call the office if you have any questions or would like to take a personal tour

Juanita Guerra

SHS Bilingual Marketing Coordinator

Phone 708 681-0240

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# Sacred Heart School



## CASH RAFFLE

**Grand Prize - \$2,000**

**2nd Place - \$1,000**

**3rd Place - \$500**

**Tickets are \$10 each.**

Drawing will be held on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after 9 am Mass.  
Winner need not be present.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

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# A Message from Kathleen Willis Illinois State Representative • 77th District Willis Stands Up for Disabled Residents Who Rely on Home Care

To ensure home care recipients are receiving the quality services they deserve, state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, supported legislation that would give them the ability to select their providers.

"Home care allows seniors and disabled residents to comfortably live in their homes and remain members of their communities," said Willis. "These vital services are critical to the health and well-being of our most vulnerable and our home care system should be conducive to their needs."

The Willis-backed Senate Bill 261 is an effort by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) to allow home care recipients the ability to select who they want as their home care provider. The measure would also allow recipients to determine the schedule of their providers to reflect their specific needs. Earlier this year the Governor's Office set in place a policy that limited the services of home care providers with a 40 hour a week cap. If passed into law, Senate Bill 261 would take effect Jan. 1, 2017. The bill recently passed out of the General Assembly and is awaiting the governor's approval.

"Those who are disabled rely on home care services for some of their most basic needs and they should have a voice in who they want as providers," said Willis. "The health of our most vulnerable depends on quality home care services and our policies should allow accessibility to those services, not limit them."

Willis is in her second term 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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# Proviso East Class of 1967 Sets 50th Class Reunion for Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

The Proviso East class of 1967 is planning our 50th class reunion. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, at Pinstripes in Oak Brook. We are trying to find all the members of our class so everyone is included. If you are a '67 graduate, or know of others who are, go to Facebook (search on Proviso East Class of 1967 and click on Join), or Classmates.com (Reunions > Upcoming Reunions), or send us an email with your contact information at [1967pirates@gmail.com](mailto:1967pirates@gmail.com) and we'll keep you up-to-date.



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# Chick-fil-A Now Open in Melrose Park

**More than 100 people  
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hopefully receive  
free Chick-fil-A for a year!**



On Oct. 13, Chick-fil-A, opened its doors in Melrose Park! During the big event, local franchise owners and restaurant team members celebrated the grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Mayor Serpico and dignitaries from throughout

the area, giving Chick-fil-A representatives an opportunity to get to know their new customers.

Several community members started gathering the day before to brave the weather and be a part of Chick-fil-A's signature First 100® event – a tradition that dates back to 2003 with an overnight parking lot campout that begins the day before the restaurant opening and, come daylight, rewards the first 100 customers with the ultimate prize of free Chick-fil-A meals for a year.

Earlier in the week, Chick-fil-A hosted a special invitation premiere night to introduce customers to the fast-food restaurant and have them experience a fun night of sampling the menu and prizes. They also launched a book drive for new or gently used children's books to be donated to the Melrose Park Public Library.

Chick-fil-A (Melrose Park) is located at 2 Winston Plaza in the Winston Plaza Shopping Center and can be reached by calling (708) 345-2399.

Restaurant hours are Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m., and closed Sundays.





# MAP of Hope Foundation's Second Annual Evening with Food Network's *Chopped* Star Sr. Alicia Torres – Friday, Jan. 6



On Friday, Jan. 6 (Feast of the Epiphany), members of the MAP of Hope Foundation are proudly hosting a very special occasion for a great cause – An Evening with Sister Alicia Torres (Food Network show *Chopped* champion).

The event will be held at il Poveretto Cafe (1807 Division St., Melrose Park)

from 7-9 p.m. Tickets (\$50 donation – includes complimentary pizza, appetizers and open bar) are limited and must be purchased in advance.

For more information or to reserve tickets, please call Mary Ann at (708) 279-0519.

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

# Run with Team OLA in the Volition America Half Marathon/5K or Bank of America Chicago Marathon!

The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (via the Franciscans of the Eucharist) provides hope to the poor on the west side of Chicago via food pantries, afterschool programs, seniors programs, community meals and much more. At the current time, the Mission is seeking runners to join their team and participate in upcoming marathons.

Benefits of joining either team include:

- T-shirts, pre-race Mass and dinner, place to stay the night before the race and more ...
- Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, NCAA D1 cross-country and track athlete) can write a training plan for you.
- Each team member will get a personal prayer warrior!
- Please see [missionola.com/marathon.html](http://missionola.com/marathon.html) for details

**Volition America Half Marathon/5K – Sept. 10, 2017**

Deadline to sign up – August 10 (but please sign up before!).

**Bank of America Chicago Marathon – Oct. 8, 2017**

**We have a limited number of guaranteed entries – Sign up fast!**

Registration is now in progress. Entries on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to sign up, please email or call Sr. Stephanie at [olamission@gmail.com](mailto:olamission@gmail.com) or (773) 486-8431!

# Westlake Hospital Winter Clothing Drive Benefitting District 89 Children

Many children in Elementary School District 89 will be toasty and warm this winter thanks to the staff at Westlake Hospital. Westlake Hospital staff began collecting winter coats on Monday, Oct. 5, when the weather was still beautiful and it seemed that winter was a long way off. On Wednesday, Nov. 16, 83 coats of all sizes were delivered to the school district offices. There were also new winter accessories – 48 pairs of gloves/mittens, 13 scarves/ear muffs, 18 hat and glove sets and 65 winter caps.

Two community organizations also participated in the coat drive, Design Pac of Melrose Park donated five coats and the Maywood Police Department donated one coat and 18 sets of hats and gloves.

Representing both organizations at the coat drop-off were:

Janet Lundblad, chaplain; Marta Alvarado, director of Wellness Programs at Westlake Hospital; Sandra Ciano, director of Occupational Health at Westlake Hospital; Dr. David Negron, superintendent, School District 89; and Caroline Pate-Hefty, director of Student Services at District 89.



(From left) Janet Lundblad, chaplain; David Negron, superintendent, School District 89; Marta Alvarado, director of Wellness Programs, Westlake Hospital; Sandra Ciano, director of Occupational Health at Westlake Hospital; and Caroline Pate-Hefty, director of Student Services, School District 89.

Westlake Hospital employees have held a coat drive for District 89 students for many years. Employees also hold a school bag drive in the late summer. This year, 110 school bags filled with school supplies were donated to needy children in District 89.

# West Suburban Medical Center Receives 10th Consecutive "A" in Patient Safety from The Leapfrog Group

West Suburban Medical Center received The Leapfrog Group's top Safety Grade in the 2016 fall release. The hospital was one of 844 hospitals to receive an "A" ranking among the safest hospitals in the United States.

This is the hospital's 10th consecutive "A."

"West Suburban Medical Center is proud to again be recognized as an "A" hospital for patient safety by The Leapfrog Group, as a demonstration of our commitment to providing high-quality care," said West Suburban Medical Center Interim CEO Joe Ottolino. "The staff are more than deserving of this high mark, as they are truly dedicated to helping our patients live happier, healthier lives."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

# Scholarship Honors Legacy of Longtime MP Resident Irene Gillogly

When Ross Gillogly of San Diego, Calif., got a phone call from Lincoln Tech thanking him for the gift from his late mother's estate, he was initially surprised. "I didn't know much about Lincoln and I didn't know she'd left something to the school," he says. But it quickly made sense. "My brother and I were always working on cars, rebuilding and maintaining them. My mother allowed us full reign in our garage – she could attest to our love for cars, plus the messes we made. She rarely complained, though!"



*Ross Gillogly (far left), son of longtime Melrose Park resident Irene Gillogly, and Lincoln Tech alum John Fakhoury (far right) joined members of the Melrose Park campus to present scholarships in Irene's name.*

Ross, his brother Bruce and their mother Irene – an adventurous local legend who once provided manicure services to Al Capone, flew under the piloting of the Wright Brothers and sang with Lawrence Welk's orchestra – lived in the Chicago suburb of Melrose Park for many years. Eventually Ross and Bruce moved out of state (Ross to California and Bruce to Michigan, where he worked at General Motors until his passing), but Irene became a lifelong resident. When she passed away in early 2016 at the incredible age of 105, she left a generous financial gift to Lincoln Tech to support young men and women with the same love for cars as her sons and late husband.

With the \$10,000 left to the school, Irene's legacy will allow more students to pursue automotive technology careers who might not have been able to otherwise.

"It's a wonderful feeling, knowing that students who might be financially strapped can now come to Lincoln Tech and train to work on cars," Ross says. "I hope it shows them that there are opportunities to get ahead, to build skills and find jobs in a field they really enjoy."

## Campus Event Celebrates Irene's Life and Spotlights Students

On Oct. 12 – what would have been Irene's 106th birthday – the campus held a ceremony to honor Irene Gillogly and to award scholarships in her name to nine deserving students. Ross was part of the panel who interviewed finalists for the awards in his mother's name and Melrose Park graduate John Fakhoury was also a member of the panel.

One of the recipients was automotive technology student John Smith. "Being a veteran the last 13 years, hopelessness had been a way of life," John says. "But being awarded the Gillogly Scholarship has really made a positive impact on my life."

Ross enjoyed getting to see the Melrose Park campus up close. "I loved it," he says. "It was more than I expected – very clean, very professional and everyone there – students, faculty, staff – treated one another like family."

While on campus, Ross was able to meet students and instructors and relate his own stories about growing up in a house where the garage became a favorite hangout for the brothers and their friends. "I remember we bought three wrecked 'Vettes and rebuilt them into one complete car between 1961-62," he says. "We rebuilt more than a few Chevys and Oldsmobiles, too – we were GM enthusiasts."

Ross, Bruce and their friends not only rebuilt cars – they raced them, too. As for the hands-on work in the garage, Ross says his mother always supported her sons' passion for auto mechanics and technology. "I believe she realized it kept us busy and out of trouble," he says.

Then he pauses before adding with a laugh, "Well, most trouble."

**The Lincoln Tech family thanks the late Irene Gillogly for her gift to the Melrose Park campus, and we are especially grateful to Ross for sharing his mother's story with our school and our students!**



# PCC Community Wellness Center Provides Uninsured Women with Access to Free Screening and Diagnostic Tests for Breast and Cervical Cancer

PCC Community Wellness Center (PCC), a lead agency for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) by the state of Illinois is continuing to provide access to free screening and diagnostic tests for breast and cervical cancer to eligible patients at all PCC locations.

PCC was pleased to receive another year of IBCCP funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health in the amount of \$205,177. Funds will support free mammograms, pelvic exams, and cervical cancer screenings for uninsured women who qualify for the program.

"This is a lifesaving program for our community because it provides free screening services to uninsured women who may not have access to these services," said Fernando Salgado, manager of PCC's IBCCP Program.

The IBCCP Program made Illinois the first state in the nation to provide access for screening or diagnostic tests for breast and cervical cancer to all uninsured women. Uninsured women between the ages of 40 and 64 qualify for mammograms and breast exams, and uninsured women between 35 and 64 qualify for pelvic exams and Pap tests. On a case-by-case basis, younger, symptomatic women who meet the guidelines are considered for the program and could receive screenings free of charge. Mammography services will be referred to the Center for Breast Care, located in River Forest.

Patients who are enrolled in IBCCP are never expected to pay a co-pay when they are seen for an IBCCP visit. When eligible, they are also enrolled in the sliding scale in order to receive any non-IBCCP services at a discounted price.

For information about qualifications for services, contact Fernando Salgado, IBCCP manager at (708) 386-0845, Ext. 1062. For more information about the IBCCP by the state of Illinois, please visit <http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/womenshealth/owhmap.htm>.

PCC Community Wellness Center is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center with the mission of improving health outcomes for the medically underserved community through the provision of quality, affordable and accessible primary health care and support services. Anchored with family medicine, PCC is committed to serving the needs of all people in all stages of life. The IBCCP Program is available at all PCC clinics, including PCC Melrose Park Family Health Center.



# Early Morning Indoor Walking Space at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Earlier this year, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1025 Lake St., in Melrose Park, received a grant from Westlake Hospital Foundation focused on church and community health and wellness for Proviso Township. St Paul engaged Mark Schoepp, recently retired from Wheat Ridge Ministries and a health and wellness educator, to administer the grant. Mark began work on Aug. 1, 2016.



Mark Schoepp

Prior to engaging Mark Schoepp, the congregation had done a health needs survey among its members and the results matched closely what other health organizations in the area have identified as critical areas – exercise, heart health, general nutrition, diet and weight loss, and diabetes. Other issues that surfaced were Alzheimer's disease and dementia, depression, caring for aging parents and single parenting.

The need identified highest on the needs survey was 'exercise' so Mark initiated a "Walk Proviso" program for eight weeks. We tallied the daily and weekly totals of people who joined the challenge and encouraged both current exercisers and those who were not yet regular to join the challenge. A total of 51 people joined for a total of 1038 miles per week. We closed the eight weeks with a 'Celebration of Exercise' on Oct. 30 and had Karen Sue Murdy in as a special speaker. Karen is a professional certified exercise physiologist who encouraged us in our ongoing exercise and walking with research proven tips and suggestions. We hope to repeat the challenge in the spring and to extend the challenge to the wider community.

In order to keep the exercise momentum going, St. Paul opens their doors early Monday through Friday, from 6-8 a.m., for anyone who does not have a good place to walk indoors during the winter. There are other good, very inexpensive indoor walking options starting at 8 a.m. (Veterans Park District building on 17th Avenue in Melrose Park), but Mark wanted to give an earlier morning free option for those who wanted to exercise before work.

Early morning walking at St. Paul Lutheran, 1025 Lake St., Melrose Park:

- Now through March 31, 2017.
- 6-8 a.m., Monday-Friday.
- Enter and sign in by the main doors to the church facing Lake Street.
- Anyone can come and walk.
- Please bring different shoes than you wear outside.
- The 'track' will be in the main sanctuary/worship space – 12.5 laps equals 1 mile.
- Come and join us!

Mark will be leading various classes in the Proviso Township area as well.

- He is scheduled for two classes at the Bellwood Library. One is on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m., focused on what brain research tells us about staying healthy, and how exercise and diet can both boost academic performance and reduce negative behaviors. The second is on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m., focused on "The Importance of Play" for staying healthy and performing well academically.
- He is the scheduled speaker at Lincoln School (Chicago and Ninth avenues, Maywood) for the "Coffee with the Principal" event on Thursday Feb. 16, at 9 a.m.
- Mark continues to negotiate with other libraries, schools and organizations for speaking engagements.

## "Las Posadas" – Hispanic Christmas Eve Celebration at St. Paul, Melrose Park

On Dec. 24, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., St. Paul's Hispanic group will celebrate Christmas Eve the way it is celebrated in some Spanish-speaking countries, with the tradition of "Las Posadas." Mary and Joseph are looking for a place to stay, going from place to place until they find a "Posada" (an inn). In those countries, it takes place for several days and in different houses, ending on Dec. 24, when they finally are allowed into an inn. At St. Paul, we will form two groups, the Pilgrims (with Mary and Joseph), and the Innkeepers. Then we will walk through different areas of our building singing the beautiful traditional songs, the Pilgrim's songs asking for a place to stay, the Innkeepers rejecting them, until both groups reach the entrance of the church, where the Innkeepers finally allow Mary and Joseph to stay and all walk into the sanctuary to hear the message of Jesus' birth.

Afterwards, we will go to the cafeteria for some "champurrado" (hot chocolate Mexican style), sweet bread, and also a piñata for the kids and bags with fruits and candies.

We hope many people from the community can join us. See you on Dec. 24 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lake Street and 10th Ave., Melrose Park.



## "Las Posadas" – Celebración de la Nochebuena del Grupo Hispano de la Iglesia San Pablo, Melrose Park

El 24 de Diciembre de 2016, a las 4:30 pm, el grupo hispano de la Iglesia San Pablo va a festejar la Nochebuena como se hace en algunos países de habla hispana, con la tradición de "Las Posadas". Maria y José buscan donde hospedarse, yendo de lugar en lugar hasta que encuentran una Posada. En nuestros países de origen, la celebración dura varios días y se lleva a cabo en diferentes casas, finalizando el 24 de Diciembre. En nuestra celebración en San Pablo formamos dos grupos, los peregrinos (con Maria y José), y los posaderos. Caminamos por las distintas partes del edificio entonando las bellas canciones tradicionales, donde los peregrinos piden por una posada, y los posaderos los rechazan, hasta que ambos grupos se unen a la entrada de la iglesia, y allí los posaderos permiten que Maria y José se queden, y todos juntos ingresamos al santuario para oír el mensaje del nacimiento de Jesús.

Posteriormente vamos a la cafeteria y compartimos champurrado y pan dulce, y para los mas pequeños una piñata y frutas y golosinas. Esperamos que mucha gente de la comunidad se pueda unir a nosotros. Los esperamos en la Iglesia Luterana San Pablo, calle Lake y avenida 10, Melrose Park.

## Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose



**Village of  
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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.



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### Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

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

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2016 is: Dec. 27.

The schedule for calendar year 2017 is: Jan. 9 and 23; Feb. 13 and 27; March 13 and 27; April 10 and 24; May 8 and 22; June 12; July 10; Aug. 28; Sept. 11 and 25; Tuesday, Oct. 10 and Oct. 23; Nov. 13 and 27; and Dec. 11 and Wednesday, Dec. 27.

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

### Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 23, 2016; Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 26, 2016; New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 30, 2016; New Year's Day – Monday, Jan. 2, 2017; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 16, 2017; Presidents Day – Monday, Feb. 20, 2017; Good Friday – Friday, April 14, 2017; Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2017; Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2017; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 4, 2017; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 9, 2017; Veterans Day – Friday, Nov. 10, 2017; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 24, 2017; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 22, 2017; Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 25, 2017; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 29, 2017.

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

## ***Accardo***

Josephine Accardo, nee Badame. Josephine was born Oct. 26, 1923, in Chicago. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Phillip Catholic Church in Chicago, Ill., and also attended school there. She married Thomas Accardo in 1943 and they had two children, Vincent M Accardo and Rose M Alm. Josephine was an artist, florist, great cook, seamstress and great at constructing doll furniture out of paper. She was also a caretaker, "Mother" and "Aunt" to many people and was always an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Josephine touched many lives, inspired many people and was loved by all. Loving mother of Vincent M. (Kris) Accardo and the late Rose M. (Warren) Alm; fond grandmother of Anthony M. (Breanne) Accardo and Emily K. Accardo; great-grandmother of Elliot M. Accardo and Grace Jones; dear sister of Virginia (the late Louis) Salvino, the late Nick (Phleara) Badame, the late Frances (Mike) Lupo, the late Cecelia (Joseph) Zaccagnino; loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

## ***Aiuppa***

Phyllis Aiuppa, age 95 (nee Nicosia) a lifelong resident of Melrose Park. Beloved wife of the late Anthony P.; devoted father of Joseph (Vicki) and Anthony (former wife Carla); dearest sister of Anthony (Glenna and the late Francis), the late Tom (Josephine), Sam (Dorothy), Joseph (Mary) and Frank (the late Colleen Cindy) Nicosia; proud grandmother of Regina, Annamarie and Giovanna. She was a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Altar & Rosary Society, Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Provincial Guild, Melrose Park Historical Society and Old Neighborhood Italian American Women's Alliance. Phyllis' compassion touched everyone around her and was mother, cousin, aunt and great aunt to many. Arrangements by Salerno's Rosedale Chapels. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

## ***Aramburo***

Elisa Aramburo. Dearly beloved daughter of Carlos Aramburo Jr. and Reina Garcia; loving granddaughter of Veyanira and Jorge Garcia, Carlos (Rosalba Ramos) Aramburo and the late Rosario Carrete; great-granddaughter of Maria and Gabino Garcia, Arnold Carrete and Pilar Escontrias, and Laura (Rafael) Solis. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Mary Cemetery.

## ***Barth***

Mildred E. Barth, age 93, of Chicago, passed away peacefully Sept. 13. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Barth; dearest mother of the late Jane DeAngelis; cherished grandmother of Chris DeAngelis and Jason DeAngelis. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment private.

## ***Bates***

Judith M. Bates, age 69, of Stone Park, passed away Sept. 30. Beloved wife of James Bates; loving mother of Victor Leskaskaus, Michael Leskaskaus and the late Tracy Leskaskaus. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery.

## ***Caliendo***

Barbara L. Caliendo, nee Fontana. Dearly beloved wife of the late Michael Caliendo; loving mother of Jeanne (Harout Babikian), Michael (Renee), Robert (Christine); beloved daughter of the late Frank and Louise Fontana; fond grandmother of Michael, Alyssa, Nina, Michael; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

## ***Cervone***

Donald R. "Donnie" Cervone. Dearly beloved husband of Estelle (nee Gates); loving father of John Guy (Teri), Donald Jr. (Tammy) and Teresamarie (Michael) Siciliano; cherished grandfather of Teresamarie (Tony) Loxas, John Guy Jr. (Rosanna), Danielle (Jimmy) Coduti, Frances, John and Michelle Siciliano; great-grandfather of Anthony and John Loxas, and James Coduti III; fond brother of the late Louis and the late Guy Jr. (Judy) Cervone; dear brother-in-law of Kathy (Carl) Alaimo and John Gates; special uncle and friend of many. Donnie was noted for his canoli

and meatballs in Melrose Park. His stand was one of the favorites in the Taste of Melrose Park and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

## ***Culotta***

Eleanor Culotta, nee Marocchi, age 89, formerly of Melrose Park. Beloved wife of the late John T.; devoted mother of Mark (Beth) Culotta and the late Andrea Culotta; dear sister of Josephine (the late Frank) Chilleli, Alfred (Mary Ellen), the late Edward (Barbara), the late Edo (Mary) Marocchi, and the late Lora (the late William) Arnold; loving grandmother of Christopher, Andrea and Talia Culotta; and dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Eleanor was a former member of the Marche Club, Rose Lodge and The Melrose Park Seniors. Arrangements by Salerno's Rosedale Chapels. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Farmer***

Anne Marie Farmer. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## ***Gassmann***

Raymond Gassmann, age 62. Beloved husband of Lynne (nee Winandy); loving father of Jami, Brian (Jodi), Carolyn; cherished son of Leonard (Maria) and the late Mary Jo Priem; dear brother of Leonard (Catherine), Elaine Craig, Kathleen Johnson, Mary Lou Marinelli, Robert, Michael (DeeDee), Nancy Cherry, the late Patrick, John (Alice); grandfather of Lauren, Olivia, Grace, Andrew; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life was be held at Chandler's, 401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, Ill. Services provided by Grove Memorial Chapel.

## ***Kalan***

Audrey U. Kalan, age 86 of Henderson, Nev., formerly of Melrose Park, passed away Sept. 30. Beloved wife of the late Robert Kalan; loving mother of Daniel Kalan; dearest sister-in-law of Bruno and Barbara Kalan, John Kalan, and Robin and Chuck Walter; cherished aunt to many. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Longoria-Lara***

Jazmin Longoria-Lara, age 25, of Melrose Park, passed away Sept. 17. Beloved daughter of Maria Meza (Max Meza) and the late Alvaro Longoria Maya; cherished sister of Argenis Longoria-Lara, Natalie Meza, Daniel Meza and Angel Meza; dearest aunt of Tannya Longoria and Mia Chevez. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

## ***Marocchi***

Edo J. Marocchi, age 87, of Melrose Park, passed away July 19 in Las Vegas, Nev. Beloved husband of Mary; father to Brian Marocchi and Denise (Dave) Spotila; grandfather of four, great-grandfather of four; loving brother of the late Edward (Barbara), the late Eleanor (the late John) Culotta, Fred (Mary Ellen), the late Lora (the late Bill) Arnold and Josephine (the late Frank) Chilleli; fond uncle and friend to many. Cremation entrusted to Palm Mortuary, Las Vegas, Nev.

## ***Montana***

Anna De Falco Montana. Former mayor of the village of Schiller Park. Dearly beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Antoinette (David) Yanow, Cathleen (David) Tymoszenko and Joseph (Christine) Montana; cherished grandmother of James, Chloe, Joseph, David, Jacob, Sophia, Jeremy and Katherine; dear sister of Mauro De Falco; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

## ***Montoya***

Rances Montoya, age 40, of Northlake, passed away on Sept. 11. Beloved son of the late Sabas Montoya Vasquez and Maria Catalina Almanza Delgado (Jose Herrera); loving father of Frances, Rene and Joselyn; cherished brother of Catalina, Margarita, Hilda, Demetrio, Raul, Ubaldo and Juan. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment private.

## ***Ocasio***

George A. Ocasio. Beloved father of George, Angelica (Brandon)



Bartholomew, Estefan, Julian and Brianna; loving son of Luz and Jose Ocasio; dear brother of Bernadette (Peter) Mroz, Pedro (Valarie) and Edward Ocasio; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

#### **Olascoaga**

Odilon Ocampo Olascoago. Dearly beloved husband of Sofia Chacon; loving father of Angel (Gloria), Veronica Zinninger, Absolon (Olga), Elena (Ashok) and Cynthia (Ricardo); cherished grandfather of Joshua (Laura), Monica, Omar, Claudia, Adrian, Natasha, Sumant, Cezar, Fabian, Joanathon and Jeovanni; great-grandfather of Xavier, Sebastian, Mia and Marcelo; fond brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

#### **Palisi**

Susan M. Palisi, nee Heitz. Beloved nani of The Triton College Child Development Center. Dearly beloved wife of the late Vincent; loving mother of Kurt (Jacqueline), Cindy (Frank) Mentone, Valerie (Sebastian) Lorenzo and Susan (Sam) Garofalo; cherished grandmother of Alexandra, Christopher, Sebastian, Kaitlyn, Maxwell, Vincent, Sam, Gina and Michael; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Member of the Sacred Heart Women's Club and The Rose Lodge.

#### **Rosado**

Elberto Rosado, age 51, of Chicago, passed away Sept 12. Beloved son of the late Felix Rosado and Milagro Alicea; loving father of Jonathan Rodriguez; cherished grandfather of Jaydalin E. Rodriguez and Jonathan R. Rodriguez; dearest brother of Lurdes Rosado, Felix Rosado, Enrique Rosado, Milagros Rosado, Alfredo Rosado, Angel Rosado, Julio Rosado and Jose Rosado. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

#### **Sanchez**

Raul Sanchez, age 50, of Hillside, passed away June 28, surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Mildred; loving father of Hector and Adrian Sanchez; dearest brother of Armando, Victor, Celia, Hector and Felipe De Jesus Sanchez. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment private.

#### **Sparacio**

Salvatore "Sam" E. Sparacio. Dearly beloved husband of Lora (nee Desideri); loving father of Robert (Jill), Paul (Maddalena), Joan (Tom) Cremin; cherished grandfather of Daniel, Jenna (Jerod), Timothy, David,

Maura, Gregory, Samuel and Shanon; dear brother of Cosemina Fitzsimons, Rosario and the late Peter, Anthony, Ignatius and Josephine Mizzia; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. Proud member of American Legion Elmhurst Post and The Courts of Elmhurst, Ill.

#### **Sperando**

Michael Sperando, U.S. Army veteran. Beloved husband of Stella (nee Giampietro); loving father of Steven (Colleen), Vito (Kathryn) and Michelle (Gary) Klecka; fond grandfather of Stephen (Sara), Kathryn (Sam) Odom, Lauren (Joe) Breeden, Anthony, Julianna, Ashlyn; great-grandfather of six; loving brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Member of Melrose Park Veterans and Italo-National Union-Jake La Spisa Lodge.

#### **Strzezewski**

Robert Strzezewski went to be with the Lord on Oct. 16, after a courageous battle with leukemia. Robert worked as a school bus driver for Naperville School District 203 from Feb. 22, 2000-Oct. 16, 2016.

Robert was my coworker at a previous job, DuPage Motor Coach in Westmont, Ill., that is when he met me (his wife) Tracy. We worked together for many years after we were married. He was there when I needed him the most. Bob rest in peace and know that you will be missed from all over the world with all of those international students from Argonne National Labs that you drove for many years. You were very dedicated to your job, I know because I was your coworker, friend and then wife. Bob was a dad to many dogs we had – Pugsley, Gizmo, Angel and Jaws. Robert was the seventh child of John and Mildred Kunzmann Strzezewski. Robert leaves behind his wife, Tracy Asaro Strzezewski, of 25 years; his stepmother, Bernice Strzezewski of Berkeley, Ill.; Nancy (Mike) Gallagher of Oakland, Maine; Diane (Rudolph) Daigle of Ocala, Fla.; Thomas (Polly) Strzezewski of Itasca, Ill.; Mary (Robert) Holbomb of Orland Hills, Ill.; Donald (Kelly) Strzezewski of Franklin Park, Ill.; Joseph Strzezewski and partner (Lynn) DeStefano of Melrose Park, Ill.; and James (Claudine) Strzezewski of Hillside, Ill. He was predeceased by his parents and his siblings, John, William, Gerald and Kathleen. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. He touched many lives and will be dearly missed by all who had the good fortune to meet him. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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