

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

### *Speaking of Sunny, Glorious Days and Baseball!*



*Ronald M. Serpico*  
Mayor

Dear Neighbors,

This is incredible – I am writing this letter with the windows opened in my office and it's February! As I drove around town I saw people in shorts walking or biking! I felt like a bear waking up from his long winter's hibernation to a beautiful spring day, but instead of a glorious day in April the calendar staring this old bear in the face showed Feb. 22 to be the date. We have also broken the 134-year-old record of 64 consecutive days without a measurable amount of fallen snow.

And speaking of sunny days, I am proud to announce that one of my goals as mayor came to fruition on a bright Dec. 22 morning when I helped cut the ribbon for the new 25th Avenue railroad overpass just south of Lake Street and then had the honor of driving the first car over it.

That's right, the days of endless waits are finally over as we can now drive above the 59 Metra trains and 52 freight trains that pass through this location daily. On average, 19,000 vehicles travel this stretch of 25th Avenue each and every day. The overpass will benefit residents by serving as a conduit for economic development, quicker emergency vehicle response times and a safer traffic flow. This is much more than a railroad overpass – this is a bridge to a better quality of life for our entire community.

The village is once again offering the Over 65 Residential Painting Program for seniors who own a single family home and need light painting done around their house's exterior or garage. Look in the Public Works Report section of this *Rose* for the application.

On April 8, our Annual Spring Silver Creek Clean Up will be held. This is a wonderful community event where volunteers clean up debris along the creek's banks – gloves, bags and lunch are provided. Look on our village website for more information.

I want to alert residents that due to construction we will be closing 15th Avenue between North Avenue and LeMoyne Street to vehicular traffic in the very near future. The construction involves replacing the bridge that crosses Silver Creek and will be completed in late 2017. And for our biking enthusiasts, the final phase of the bike path that runs from Riverwoods Drive to Mannheim Road along North Avenue will be completed this year.

I now offer my annual baseball predictions for our Chicago teams. The White Sox, following the Cubs blueprint for success, are in the midst of a major rebuild by drafting and trading for highly touted young players. Unfortunately, just as it was with the Cubs, this strategy will result in fourth or fifth place finishes the next three seasons before glory returns to the Southside. The Cubs, barring major injuries, will repeat as World Series champs!

Last but not least, it is never too early begin your diet in anticipation of Melrose Park's summer events. The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast is July 13 through July 16; the Taste of Melrose Park is Sept. 1 through Sept. 3; and HispanoFest runs Sept. 8 through Sept. 10.

And now, it is time to get back outside and enjoy the rest of this glorious day before the normal seasonal cool weather returns.

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

Sincerely,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico

**Early Voting for the April 4, 2017 – Consolidated Election  
Runs Monday, March 20, thru Monday, April 3, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the  
Village of Melrose Park, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park  
(First Floor Multi-Purpose Room).**



# 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 ...March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24**

**Village Hall Holiday Closing .....April 14**

**Senior Club Meetings .....March 9 and April 13**

# Resident Response

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

I would like to thank you all for the Thanksgiving dinner that was delivered to me. It was God sent, as I do not cook as much anymore.

• Beverly

## *Dear Mayor Serpico...*

On Nov. 26, I heard some strange noises coming from my basement that really scared me. So I decided to call 911. The man on the line was so sweet. He stayed on the line with me until the police arrived. Which by the way was not long at all. Once they arrived, Officer Sullo quickly went to see what or who was making the pounding noises, without any hesitation.

All of the police officers were very professional and very polite. They really made me feel safe at a time when I felt very unsafe. I do not remember all of their names but here are a few I do remember – G. Sullo, Lomeli, Gutierrez and Recinos.

I would also like to tell you that Officer Sullo stayed behind and checked my backyard before he left. I know that everyone would say that “That is their job” and yes it is and they all did their jobs that evening. But to stay and reassure me that I was safe and to check the property before leaving, these are caring officers that Melrose Park should be proud of.

I would like to thank them all for that night.

• Sincerely,  
Jeanmarie Aloiso

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

It has been brought to the attention of the EMS Office of the excellent pre hospital care that was provided by John and Robert Slepicka on Oct. 8, 2016.

A crew was called for the unknown medical. Upon arrival found an approximate 26-year-old female, who may have been struck or pinned under a vehicle, in traumatic arrest.

The crew immediately began resuscitation and rapid transport to the closest appropriate facility. Due to the severity of the patient’s injuries the receiving facility requested assistance of the crew in rapidly transporting the patient to Loyola for further treatment at a Level One trauma center.

The teamwork provided by EMS and the hospital staff during the transport, helped to provide optimal care for this critically injured patient.

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

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

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

On Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, we were driving on 25th Avenue at North Avenue when our car stalled and we pulled off into a vacant lot.

We were assisted by Officer Venute who called a friend to come and assist us. He used his phone and stayed with us until help arrived.

He saved us since my wife and I are 84 years old and we didn’t have a phone and my wife uses a walker.

He was very polite, helpful and a credit to your department as well as an asset to the Melrose Park community – A True Policeman.

• Thank you,  
John and Joan Winter

***Dear Mayor Ronald M. Serpico...***

Veterans Park District would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our 2017 Special Recreation 4th Annual Dinner Dance.

Your commitment to making this wonderful program a success is greatly appreciated.

Veterans Park District is committed to enhancing the quality of life of our residents by offering the best in recreational and leisure services.

Thank you for supporting our mission.

- Sincerely,  
Donna L. Peluso, Executive Director, Veterans Park District

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

This letter serves as a formal "Thank You."

The efforts given from both you and your personnel related to our fire incident (one of your Paramedic Units – Simon and Kray – took in a shooting incident while crews responded to a structure fire) are sincerely appreciated.

Thanks again and please stay safe.

- Respectfully,  
Craig A. Bronaugh Jr., Fire Chief, Maywood Fire Department

***Dear Mayor Serpico...***

Many thanks to you for supporting our annual Blast from the Past fundraiser for Misericordia. Together with your help and generosity we raised \$10,000 for Misericordia. Each year you have graciously donated to us the use of the Senior Center for our event in addition to concert tickets for our raffle.

Once again we want to thank the staff that helps us each year to set up and organize the Senior Center. They cannot do enough for us to make us feel comfortable and at home. We appreciate their time and effort.

We want to thank all the local businesses who donated food and/or gift certificates. Our heartfelt thanks to Vito's Old Italian, Lezza's, Jewel Melrose Park, Liborio's, Papaspiro's Al's, E Ozzies, Anthony B's, Gottlieb Health & Fitness Center, Elmwood Restaurant, Family Palace, Blossom Café, Bertollis Pizzeria, Notolli, Porretta's, DaLuciano's, Russell's and Ebert's Photo Studio.

The children and adults of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center thank you for your love and compassion in supporting our fundraising efforts. Your kindness does not go unnoticed.

May God bless you and yours for being there for us!

- Sincerely,  
Jo, Tom and Matthew Halleran

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

Please accept this letter as a formal "Thank You."

Your personnel played a more than significant role in our mitigating fire incident.

On behalf of the village of Maywood Fire Department, I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation.

- Respectfully,  
Craig A. Bronaugh Jr., Fire Chief, Maywood Fire Department

***Dear Mayor Serpico...***

On behalf of the families, students and staff of Grant Elementary, I would like to once again thank you for your kindness and consideration.

Your generosity is always on time. The parents are so happy with the One Way sign.

This has improved our dismissal procedures immensely. Again, thanks for always being there for us! You are the best!

- Victoria Hansen

# A Gracious Thank You from Mayor Serpico's 19th Annual Toys for Tots Drive



Over the holidays Mayor Serpico hosted his 19th Annual Toys for Tots Drive.

Toys donated from our friends at Winston Plaza/New Mark Merrill, and village of Melrose Park employees and residents were distributed to the US Marine Corps, Catholic Charities, village of Melrose Park needy families, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Food Pantry and the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.

Mayor Serpico and Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio would like to graciously thank everyone who helped support this precious cause.

## FITCH RATINGS Fitch Affirms Melrose Park's Water Revs at A+, Outlook Stable

Fitch Ratings has recently affirmed the rating on the village of Melrose Park's \$6.7 million water bonds series 1998A at A+ with the rating outlook being stable.

The bonds are payable net operating revenues derived from the operation of the village's water supply system. The system revenues are largely derived from a long-term water supply service agreement requiring the village to sell treated water supply to seven neighboring wholesale customers on a take-or-pay basis.

The members are obligated, pursuant to the agreement, to pay the trustee a monthly capacity charge calculated to include 125 percent of each customer's pro rate share of debt service on the bonds. The bonds are also backed by a debt service reserve fund.

The village's water supply system consistently generates strong financial margins that compare favorably to similarly rated peer utilities. However, lower than average liquidity as a consequence of large transfers made annually to Melrose Park's general fund somewhat offsets the system's otherwise robust financial profile. Pursuant to the bond indenture, annual debt service obligations are satisfied before transfers to the general fund are made.





# *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**

New stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall.

Sticker fees are as follows:

Passenger Plates – \$30 for two years.

Senior Citizen – One free per household for two years.

Trucks – Good for one year 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.**



# MAYOR SERPICO

Asks You to Consider Voting for the  
Following Candidates:

## FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 89 BOARD

*For  
Melrose Park  
Residents  
Who Live  
East of  
25th Avenue.*

	PUNCH #
<b>VERONICA BONILLA-LOPEZ .....</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>SALLY ALONDRA CASILLAS .....</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>REGINA RIVERS .....</b>	<b>173</b>

## FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 88 BOARD

*For  
Melrose Park  
Residents  
Who Live  
West of  
25th Avenue.*

	PUNCH #
<b>MARILYN A. THURMAN .....</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>BARBARA CONNER .....</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>KATIE S. ROSS .....</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>DELPHINE POWELL .....</b>	<b>174</b>

## FOR PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 209 BOARD

*For  
Melrose Park  
Residents  
Who Live  
South of  
North Avenue.*

	PUNCH #
<b>DANIEL J. ADAMS .....</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>TERESA D. McKELVY .....</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>JACQUELINE M. WALTON .....</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>BRIAN M. CROSS .....</b>	<b>198</b>

## 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.



## 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.**

# Choose Your Ride.

# DRINK. DRIVE.

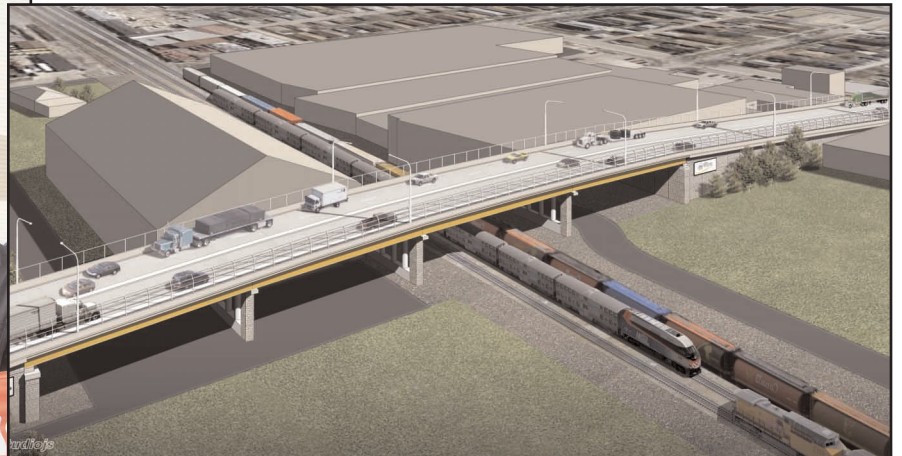
# GO TO JAIL!



## Melrose Park Police Department



# 25 Avenue Overpass Opens, Improving Safety, Travel Times and Quality of Life



*On a beautiful Dec. 22, morning, former Gov. Pat Quinn along with Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico and Bellwood Mayor Frank Pasquale cut a ribbon which opened the long awaited 25th Avenue Railroad Overpass between Lake Street and St. Charles Road. Bellwood Mayor Frank Pasquale claimed it to be the "Miracle on 25th Avenue" because it was built in the face of long odds. Mayor Ron Serpico stated, "This project, will benefit all area residents by serving as a conduit for economic development, quicker emergency vehicle response times and a safer traffic flow. This is much more than a railroad overpass. This is a bridge to a better quality of life for our communities."*

On Dec. 22, the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program partners joined local officials and other stakeholders to open the new 25th Avenue (CREATE Project, GS6) overpass. The \$41 million grade separation project eliminates a conflict point between trains and regular vehicle traffic, reducing congestion, improving safety, ensuring better response times for emergency vehicles and making the area more attractive for economic development.

"This new overpass pays immediate dividends for communities nearby, but its impact will be felt for years throughout the region," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blakenhorn. "This project is what CREATE is all about: All parties coming together to find a solution that benefits everyone."

The overpass accommodates two lanes of traffic in each direction over the railroad tracks. Each day, up to 59 Metra trains and 52 freight trains pass through this location. On average, 19,000 vehicles travel this stretch of 25th Avenue daily, with 3,500 of them getting stopped by trains before the overpass was built, resulting in 28,400 annual hours of motorist delay. The project also included resurfacing Main Street between 25th and 19th avenues.

"Union Pacific is thrilled to commemorate the opening of the 25th Avenue grade separation – an enhancement that benefits motorists, Metra commuters and freight railroads. We commend the involved parties for their collaboration and commitment, and look forward to continued success on future CREATE projects," said Liisa Stark, Union Pacific assistant vice-president.

The railroad overpass project was made possible by a \$22.2 million contribution from IDOT, \$2.4 million from villages of Bellwood and Melrose Park, and \$16.4 million from federal, railroad and other state sources. Construction started in September 2014.

"Now more than ever, it is important to invest in forward-thinking infrastructure projects that increase the safety, efficiency, and reliability of our transportation systems," said Rep. Quigley, who serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development. "I join in celebrating the completion of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation, a project that will help reduce congestion, spur local economic growth and better prepare Chicago's infrastructure to handle the demands of a growing and vibrant city."

"Over the years, CREATE has been a significant beneficiary of federal funding," stated Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3). "As senior Illinois Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I helped write the five-year comprehensive transportation bill known as the FAST Act that was signed into law this Congress. I made sure that this critical legislation included a new \$4.5 billion grant program that can help fund the continuation of CREATE. CREATE is helping to modernize the Chicago area's rail network and has improved the quality of life in the region. I look forward to working with all the relevant stakeholders to forge ahead on completing more CREATE projects, especially ones that directly benefit the public like this grade separation."

The CREATE Program is a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of freight, commuter and intercity rail, while improving the entire transportation network throughout the region. The \$4.4 billion program comprises 70 rail and highway improvements, 27 of which are complete. In addition to IDOT, partners include the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Chicago Department of Transportation as well as the freight and passenger railroads.

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**"This project, many years in the making, will benefit all residents by serving as a conduit for economic development, quicker emergency vehicle response times and a safer traffic flow. This is much more than a railroad overpass. This is a bridge to a better quality of life for our communities."**

**– Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico**

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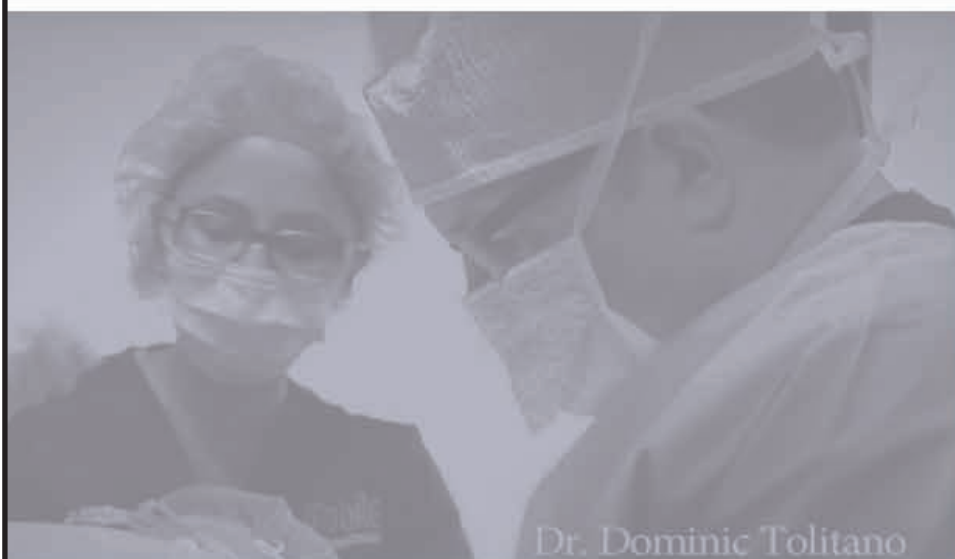


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Dr. Dominic Tolitano

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LOCATIONS:**

WOOD DALE, ILLINOIS  
236 E. Irving Park Road

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
2037 S. Indiana Avenue

MUNSTER, INDIANA  
701 Superior Avenue  
Suite B

HOBART, INDIANA  
1400 S. Lake Park Avenue  
#400

# A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi*  
*Melrose Park Police Chief*



Visit the  
Melrose Park  
Police Department  
Website at  
[www.melroseparkpd.com](http://www.melroseparkpd.com)

- For Melrose Park Police Department General Information
- To Pay Tickets
- To Obtain Police Reports

The website can be  
translated to  
Spanish and Polish.

## Lights in the Mirror – How to Conduct Yourself During a Traffic Stop

### Visit the Link for Details!

In an effort to provide a safer and more informed service to our community and its visitors, the Melrose Park Police Department has partnered with our law enforcement community to provide all drivers in Illinois a safe way to interact with police officers during a traffic stop. A short video has been developed that demonstrates and explains lawful conduct by the officers and occupants of vehicles during traffic stops. The video can be accessed on the Police Department website under Community Awareness or by entering the following link: <http://melroseparkpd.com/welcome-to-the-melrose-park-police-department/community-awareness/>



En un esfuerzo por ofrecer un servicio mejor y más seguro a nuestra comunidad y a sus visitantes el Departamento de Policía de Melrose Park se ha asociado con nuestra comunidad policial para proporcionar a todos los conductores en Illinois una forma segura de interactuar con los agentes de policía durante una parada de tráfico. Hemos desarrollado un corto video que muestra y explica la conducta legal de los oficiales y ocupantes de vehículos durante las paradas de tráfico. El video se puede acceder en nuestra página de internet bajo Community Awareness o ingresando a la siguiente: <http://melroseparkpd.com/welcome-to-the-melrose-park-police-department/community-awareness/>

## Police Department Notice Regarding Weekend Parking and Suspicious Persons

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 THROUGH NOV. 1.

Parking is permitted on both sides of the street (weekends only)

Fridays 6 p.m. through Mondays 9 a.m.

Violators will be ticketed.

Be aware that if anyone comes to your door stating they are from the village of Melrose Park Street or Water Department, they should be wearing either jackets or shirts marked with the village of Melrose Park on them, as well as driving vehicles marked with village of Melrose Park.

If they are not, do not let them in and call 911 to report this to the police.

Report any suspicious person(s) to the Police Department.

You do not have to give your name to the dispatcher.



# **MP Police Department Notice Be Aware of the IRS Telephone Scam**

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

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

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

Other characteristics of this scam include:

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

### **Tips for Avoiding IRS Telephone Scams**

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

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

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

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

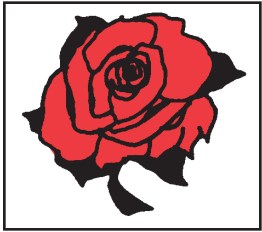
Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

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

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

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





# 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

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 \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 spring season.  
All spring equipment is ready to go at a moment's notice.  
The following are projected projects, ongoing projects and recently completed projects.

## 25th Avenue Overpass

The 25th Avenue Overpass has been open since Dec. 22, 2016. Additional work will be done in April such as guardrails and fencing.  
There will be temporary northbound and southbound lane closing as work is being completed.

## Street Repaving

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

## Feeding Wildlife

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

## 50/50 Sidewalk Program 2017

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

## Village of Melrose Park Dog Park

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

## Tree Planting

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

## TV Pickup

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

Please print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## North Avenue Commuter Bicycle Path

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



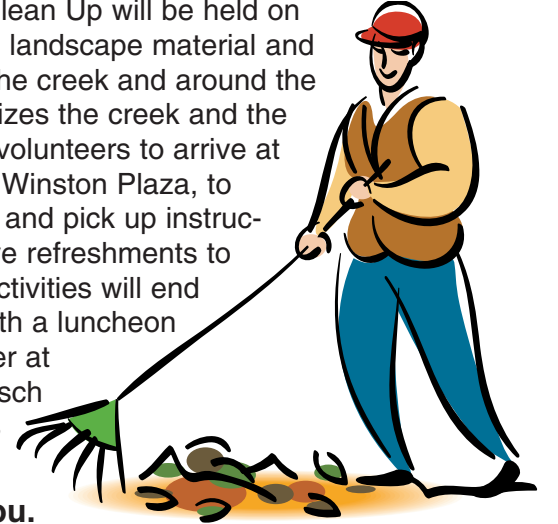
## 15th Avenue Bridge Replacement

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



# Annual Silver Creek Clean Up Set for April 8 – Volunteers Needed –

The Annual Spring Silver Creek Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017. All debris, landscape material and garbage will be cleaned up from the creek and around the creek. This yearly clean up revitalizes the creek and the surrounding area. We are asking volunteers to arrive at 8:30 a.m. behind Meijers Store in Winston Plaza, to select a location to begin cleanup and pick up instructions and gloves. We will also have refreshments to begin your morning. All cleanup activities will end at noon when we will celebrate with a luncheon under the concession stand shelter at Bulger Park, 17th Avenue and Hirsch Street, Melrose Park. Rain date is Saturday, April 15, 2017.



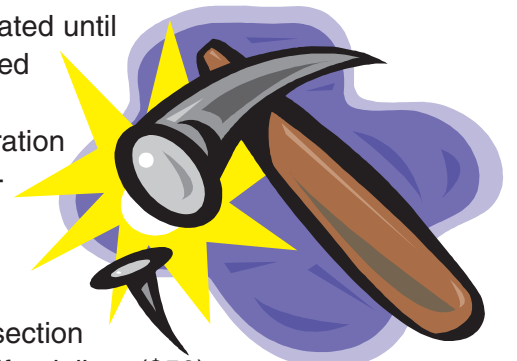
We look forward to seeing you.

**Your ongoing commitment to preserving Silver Creek will continue to strengthen and enhance our community.**

## 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.





# Melrose Park Public Safety News

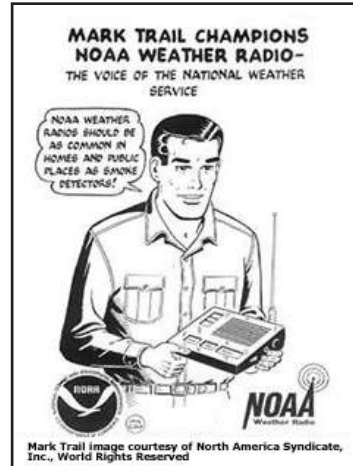
From the Desk of  
Philip C. Schwartz,  
Chief of Public Safety –  
Homeland Security



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

## NOAA Weather (Radio All Hazards)

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



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

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

**162.400    162.425    162.450    162.475    162.500    162.525    162.550**

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

### Public Alert™ Devices and NWR All Hazards Logo

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



### Residential Grade Radios and Features

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

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

# Melrose Park Keeps Citizens Safe with Updated Everbridge Citizen Alerts System

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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





# Melrose Park Public Library

In Person. Online. We Bring You the World.

## Adult Services



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 • 6-7:30 p.m.**

**ENGLISH**  
as a  
SECOND LANGUAGE

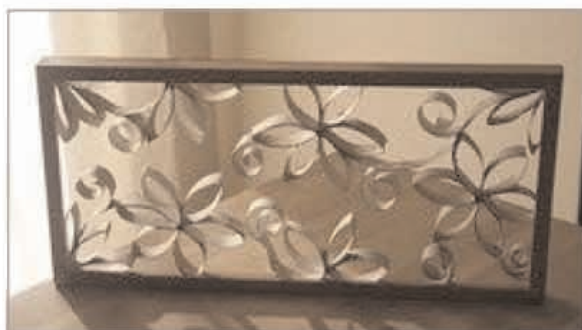


### King-Sized Quilling!

Want to make this beautiful window decoration? You'll never guess what it's made out of! We'll have everything you need to create quilled piece of décor.

**Ages 14  
and up.**

**Tuesday,  
March 14  
4:30-5:30 p.m.**



### Open Board Game Play

Play an old favorite or try something new! Staff will be on hand to make recommendations or teach you how to play.

**Saturday,  
March 11,  
April 8  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.**



**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.

**Wednesday, March 29, April 26 • 2 p.m.**

All dates and times are subject to change without prior notice. Please see the website, or call us at 708.343.3391, for further programming information. All programs at the library are free. Registration is required for all youth programs. To register, or with any further questions, please call 708.343.3391.



**www.MPPLibrary.org**



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

### Library Hours

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





# Melrose Park Public Library

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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 1 - 5

Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30  
April 6, 13, 20 and 27 • 10-11 a.m.

### Lego Club

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

Tuesdays, March 7 and April 4 • 4-5 p.m.



### Ready, Set, Tech!



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

Tuesdays, March 21 and April 18 • 4-5 p.m.

### Tween Scene

Ever feel out of the loop? Come to tween scene and talk about everything from local to worldwide, Trump to Lady Gaga. If it's interesting bring it up. Let's get caught up together! Grades 4 - 8

Wednesdays, March 29 and April 26 • 4-5 p.m.



### 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. Ages 5 and older

Wednesdays, March 8  
and April 5 • 4-5 p.m.

### Make it @ Melrose

Tweens come in and explore! Projects could include everything from sewing to book binding to even gardening! Have fun while learning new skills. Grades 4 - 8.

Wednesdays, March 15  
and April 12 • 4-5 p.m.



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## Walk Your Dog at the Village of Melrose Park Dog Park

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

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

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

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



## Sign Up Today for License Plate Renewal Notification



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

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

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

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

- Go to the Secretary of State's website [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).
- On the right side of page click on the box that says "Email my renewal notice."
- It will then ask for your Registration ID and Pin number. These numbers are on your current License Registration Card. Then click submit.
- It will then take you to a page that shows Owner's Name, License Plate Number, Year and Make of Car. At the bottom of the screen it will ask if these are correct. Assuming correct, check yes.
- It will then ask for your email address. Complete, click, submit.
- It will then ask if you would like to enroll another vehicle. If yes, click on "enroll another license." If no, you are finished.

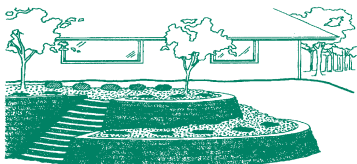
It would not hurt to go back into the site and recheck your work to make sure you're registered.

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

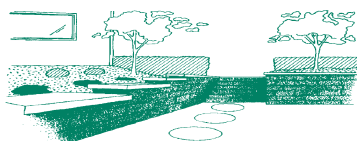
### Seasonal Specials!

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## Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

**It's Time to Early-Bird Register!**

# **MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

# **Summer**

**Register  
Now!  
Space is  
Limited!**

# **Camp Fun**

**For children 4-7 years of age!**

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

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

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

**\$125 per child (Melrose Park residents).**

**Nonresidents Fee – \$450 Per Child**

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



# Bright Lights, Holiday Decor at the Nicotera Home



Over the holidays, the bright lights and sparkling colors of the season were again visible in Melrose Park Village Trustee Sonny Nicotera's home.

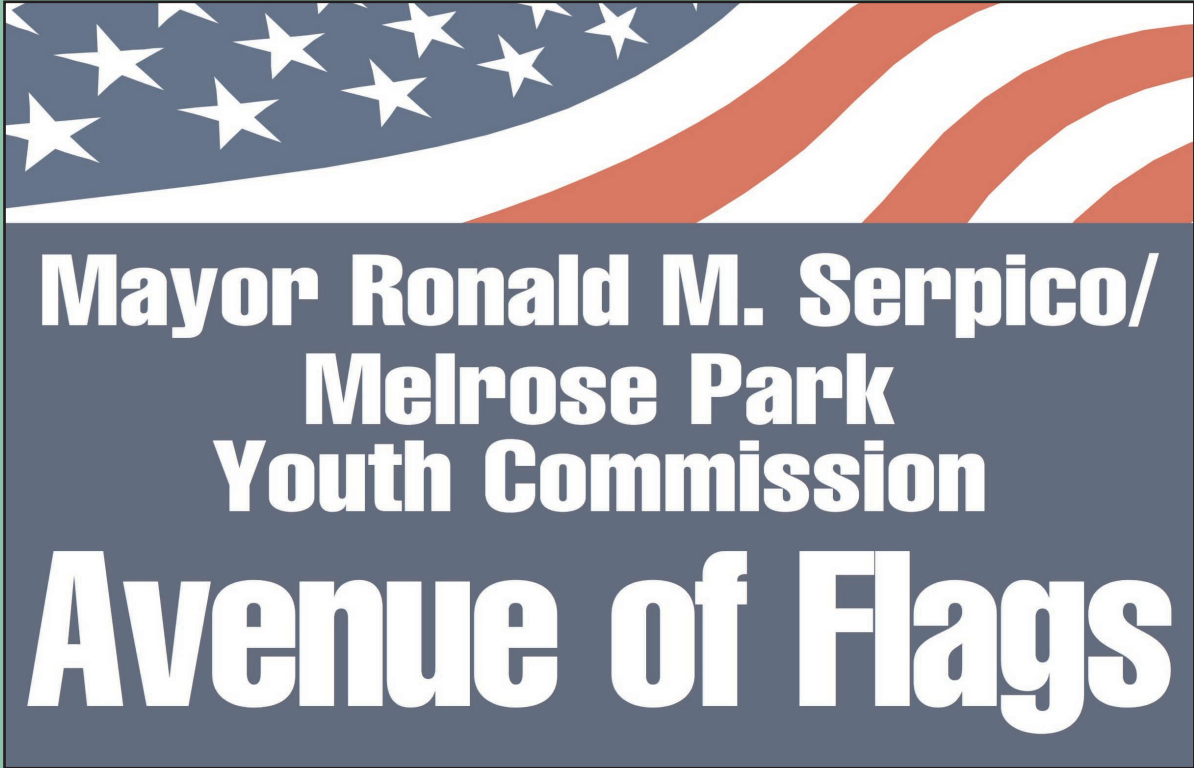
The annual indoor yuletide wonderland prepared by Nicotera and his family was once again remarkably set up for many to enjoy.

Sonny's Christmas arrangement has been a family tradition that's continued for more than 30 years.

The Nicotera Christmas village, is a fascinating winter wonderland and a glittering Christmas village like no other.

## 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.



**Mayor Ronald M. Serpico/  
Melrose Park  
Youth Commission  
Avenue of Flags**

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.

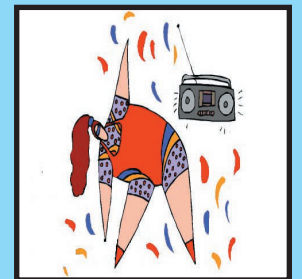
Donations of any amount to support this creative project are appreciated and can be sent to: Village of Melrose Park/Avenue of Flags, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. 60160.

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.**

**★ ★ ★ New for 2017 ★ ★ ★**  
If you would like to sponsor a flag of a specific branch of the military for your block and have it displayed on a lightpole adjacent to your home, please call the Melrose Park Youth Commission at (708) 450-0555 for details.

# 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.

# Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

## *Fitness for All Ages*

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

### AEROBICS

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

### MARTIAL ARTS

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

### BOXING

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

### CYBEX AND NAUTALUS MACHINES

#### Crunching Machines

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

### ROOM RENTALS

#### Multi-purpose Room

Birthdays • Anniversaries • Graduations  
Religious Celebrations  
Weddings • Business Meetings • Etc.

150 Maximum Capacity

Days and Nights Available

Mondays-Saturdays • 9 a.m.-Midnight

Sundays • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Rentals Include:

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

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

Call (708) 450-0555 for info.

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

We can accommodate most party requests.

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

Summer Hours (Memorial Day-Sept. 30)

Weekdays – 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Winter Hours (Oct. 1-Memorial Day)

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





*Village of  
Melrose Park*

# TAEKWONDO PROGRAM

**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*  
Day-to-day classroom  
instruction.

**Se Habla Español.**

### 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  
is located at  
1000 N. 25th Ave.,  
Melrose Park.**

# Melrose Park Little League

## 2017 Registration Information



### Baseball/Softball FEES

T-Ball	Coach Pitch	Minor League	Major League	Junior League	Senior League
4-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16
\$65	\$90	\$105	\$125	\$155	\$175

Fee includes: Uniform and 2 pre-season clinics (Coach pitch & up only)  
 (Dates to be announced & are non-refundable)  
 ONLINE - Open Registration as of December 1<sup>st</sup>  
[www.melroseparklittleleague.org](http://www.melroseparklittleleague.org)

**Late Registration for the 2017 Season Runs Now-March 27!  
 (\$20 Late Fee.)**

**For details, send an email to [melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com).**

Melrose Park Little League  
 1000 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 Melrose Park, IL 60160  
[melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com)  
 Facebook: Melrose Park Little League  
 Twitter: MelroseParkLL

**WANTED: COACHES & MANAGERS**





*Once a proud Little Leaguer himself,  
MAYOR RONALD M. SERPICO  
continues to support  
Little League Baseball in Melrose Park*

## Melrose Park Little League Sponsorship Donation Form

The Melrose Park Little League (501-c3 non-profit organization) is seeking sponsors to support our program financially. As a sponsor, your contribution will be used to purchase equipment; pay for league fees, insurance and other expenses that are necessary in order to provide a fun and safe environment for our children to play in. Over 300 boys and girls are enrolled in our baseball/softball program each year and we are asking for your support.

### *So what's in it for you?*

As a sponsor of the 2017 Melrose Park Little League, you get the benefit of knowing that your donation is being used by a 60+ year organization known for teaching kids the fundamentals of baseball and softball. Through a tax-deductible contribution, you can support our community, while reaching a large base of potential customers.

The following outline describes the levels of sponsorship we offer and what your business can expect in return for your generous sponsorship.

<b><i>Sponsorship levels</i></b>	<b><i>What you receive for your sponsorship</i></b>
Grand Slam \$500	Company Name Displayed on Electronic Marquee at Ruby Street Field – Year Round
Home Run \$350	Company Name on One Teams Jerseys
Base Hit \$250	Company Name on Sponsor Banner Displayed at Ruby Street Field During 2017 Season

In closing, we at Melrose Park Little League truly appreciate you taking the time to read our flyer and hope you can help us. Our program would not thrive without your generosity!

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type of Sponsorship (Please Check): ☐ Grand Slam (\$500) ☐ Home Run (\$350) ☐ Base Hit (\$250)

☐ I am not interested in a sponsorship package, however please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Return To**  
Melrose Park Little League  
1000 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Melrose Park, IL 60160  
708-262-3702

[melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com)  
Facebook & Twitter: MPLittleLeague



# Melrose Park Little League



## Join Us for Our First Annual Pancake Breakfast



**Melrose Park Little League invites you  
to our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Pancake Breakfast  
fundraiser**

**Come meet your coach and have  
some delicious pancakes ... only \$5  
per person!**

**Saturday , March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**9am – 12pm**

**Melrose Park Civic Center**



# Melrose Park Little League



## Melrose Park Little League Invites You to Participate In Our 2017 Cinnabon Fundraiser

**We will be taking orders April 1 through April 30. Call and place your order today!**  
**For questions, please call Cindy at (708) 705-8251**  
**or send an email to [cmunoz1524@hotmail.com](mailto:cmunoz1524@hotmail.com).**

# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### Active Adults

#### Bunko & Pizza

11 a.m.-1 p.m.; George Leoni Complex – March 13, April 10; \$8.

#### Bunko & Bagels in the Morning

10 a.m.-noon; George Leoni Complex – April 3; \$8.

#### Chili-Mac Bingo

What could be better than a nice bowl of chili on a beautiful spring day? It will be served mildly with all the toppings! After chili and cornbread, a special dessert ... then a lot of games of Bingo with spring theme prizes! Thursday, March 30; Noon-2 p.m.; Bulger Park; \$10.

### Travel with VPD

#### My Way at Theatre at the Center

Relive the legendary career of Frank Sinatra, as we watch four actors share 50 of his beloved hits. When asked for the key to his success, Frank Sinatra replied, "Sing good songs." *Fly Me to the Moon*, *Chicago*, *New York*, *The Way You Look Tonight* and *That's Life* are some of those songs showcased in this musical tribute that made him a success.

- Wednesday, March 15; Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m. – Cimbalo Fitness Center/10:45 a.m. – Grant Park; Returns at 5:30 p.m.; \$75.

#### The Gold Pyramid House

Secrets of the past revealed in a home built with more gold than any other. Power, gold, mystery, exotic and impressive. When all those words were put together by Jim and Linda Onan, they ended up creating one of the most awesome works of art ever created. If you are not impressed by the six-story Gold Pyramid and the King Tut Tomb, you will definitely be impressed by the striking amounts of gold used to recreate this exquisite and thrilling exhibit. The Gold Pyramid House 17,000 square foot interior has been lavishly furnished by Mrs. Onan reflecting the elegant, ostentatiousness common only to the wealthy Egyptian Pharaohs. This will be a two-hour tour, following the tour will be lunch at Crackle Barrel!

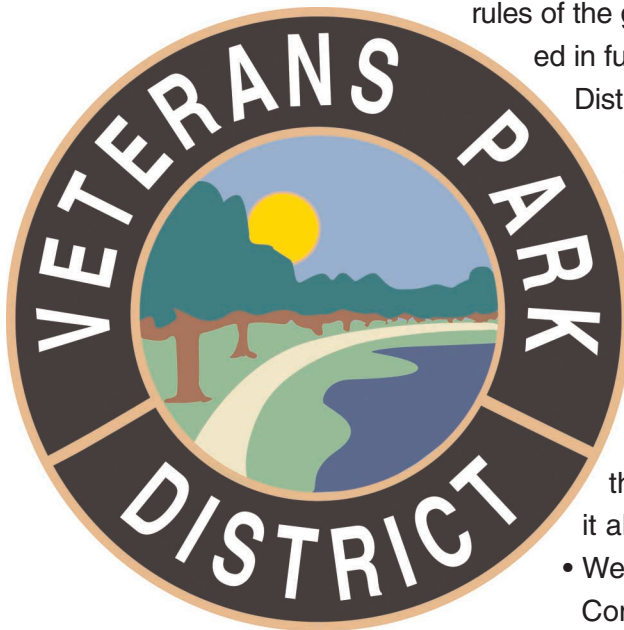
- Wednesday, April 12; Bus leaves 9 a.m. – Cimbalo Fitness Center/9:15 a.m. – Grant Park; Returns at 3 p.m.; \$60.

### Youth Sports – Leoni Programs

#### Lil' Sluggers – Ages 4-6

Batter up! This program is a great introduction for kids to develop baseball/softball skills and have fun. Offense and defense skills, as well as the

rules of the game are taught. Teamwork is taught and is incorporated in fun games. You must provide your own glove. \$45 In District/\$60 Out of District.



#### VPD Hitting and Fielding Class – Ages 7-12

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

- Wednesdays, March 22-April 26; 6-7 p.m.; Leoni Complex Turf; \$35 In District/\$50 Out of District.

#### Lil' Kickers – Ages 3-4

Bring your children out and let them get introduced to the beautiful game of soccer. Participants are taught the basic skills of ball control, passing and shooting! Fun games will also be incorporated in the class. Parent-participation is encouraged!

- Tuesdays, March 21-April 25; 4-5 p.m.; Leoni Complex; \$45 In District/\$60 Out of District.

#### VPD Soccer Beginner Drills and Skills

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

- Fridays, March 24-May 5 (No class on April 14); Ages 5-6 – 4-5 p.m.; Ages 7-9 – 5-6 p.m.; Leoni Complex Turf; \$45 In District/\$60 Out of District.



#### VPD Soccer Advanced Drills and Skills – Ages 9-13

Looking to take your soccer training to the next level? Our very own VPD athletic staff will assist you by running you through specific skills and drills which are designed to give you that extra edge. During the one-hour session you will rotate through stations and play small sided games to



enhance your abilities, all while having a great time.

- Mondays, April 3-May 8; 4-5 p.m.; Leoni Complex Turf; \$40 In District/ \$50 Out of District.

## Early Childhood Classes

### Spring I Spy – Ages 4-8

Join us each week for a series of scavenger hunts including searches for letters, numbers, shapes, colors, animals and more. Win prizes for your finds, including some of the finds themselves!

- Saturday, March 11; Noon-1 p.m.; Grant Park (meet near front desk); \$20 In District/\$28 Out of District.
- Saturdays, April 1 and 8; Noon-1 p.m.; Bataan Park (meet in class-room); \$20 In District/\$28 Out of District.

## After School Programs at George A. Leoni Complex 800 N. 17th Ave. • Melrose Park

### Sports & Fitness – Grades K-8

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.

- Monday-Friday; 3-4:30 p.m./90 minutes (2:30 p.m. on early dismissal days); \$3 per day.

### Time to Chill/Homework Hangout – Grades K-8

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.

- Monday-Friday; 4:30-6 p.m./90 minutes; \$3 per day.

## Gouin Pool

**Get Your Early-Bird Pass**  
**Now-May 31 – \$32 In District.**  
**Regular Season Pass – \$39 In District, \$50 Out of District.**

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

### Season Passes

Come and cool off all summer long with a pool pass. Pass includes unlimited access to:

- Pools.
- 232 ft. twister slide and 207 ft. slide.
- Kiddie area with umbrella waterfall and new kiddie slide.
- Special events hosted at Gouin Pool and much more!

**New Passes! Your Choice of a Key or an ID and Faster Processor**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – 4-6 p.m., and Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. The back pool and slide will be closed due to swim lessons during that time.



### Registering for a Pool Pass

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

- Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park • (708) 716-4822.
- Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake • (708) 343-5270.
- Gouin Pool, 2400 Scott St., Franklin Park • (847) 451-9396 – during open season.

Daily Admission	Special Pricing After 4 p.m.
Ages 2 and Under – Free	Ages 2 and Under – Free
Ages 3-11 – \$6	Ages 3-11 – \$3
Ages 12 and Up – \$7	Ages 12 and Up – \$4

Children under 10 must be supervised by an adult in the water at all times!  
Now offering senior (55+) pricing – \$35 season pass.

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



# Easter Egg Hunts

## Flashlight Candy & Egg Hunt

AGES 6-10

**Thursday, April 6 • 8 p.m.**

**Gouin Park Playground, Franklin Park**

We will scatter the park with eggs and candy. THIS HUNT TAKES PLACE AT NIGHT, SO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT and a basket to collect your eggs and candy. Each hunt will be divided into age groups and start EXACTLY at 8 p.m. rain or shine. Free family event!

## Egg Scrambler

AGES 2-10

**Friday, April 7 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**George A. Leoni Complex Indoor Turf, Melrose Park**

Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission will proudly sponsor an Egg Scrambler at the Leoni Complex in Melrose Park. We will toss out eggs and candy on the field, then the scramble begins. Remember to bring a basket to collect your goodies and a camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Free Family Event!

## Egg & Candy Hunt

AGES 2-10

**Saturday, April 8 • 9:30 a.m.**

**Trumbull Park Playground, River Grove**

Hey, kids! The Easter Bunny will be hiding eggs at Trumbull Park. Bring your baskets to collect your eggs. Parents, bring your cameras! Each hunt will be divided into age groups and start at exactly 9:30 a.m. rain or shine. Free family event!

## Easter "EGG"stravaganza

ALL AGE FAMILY EVENT

**Saturday, April 8 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Grant Park Glick Hall, Northlake**

The Veterans Park District is teaming up with the City of Northlake for another exciting Easter "EGG"stravaganza. There will be crafts, balloon artist and games. Parents, don't forget your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Free family event!



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# Family Indoor Garage Sale & Flea Market

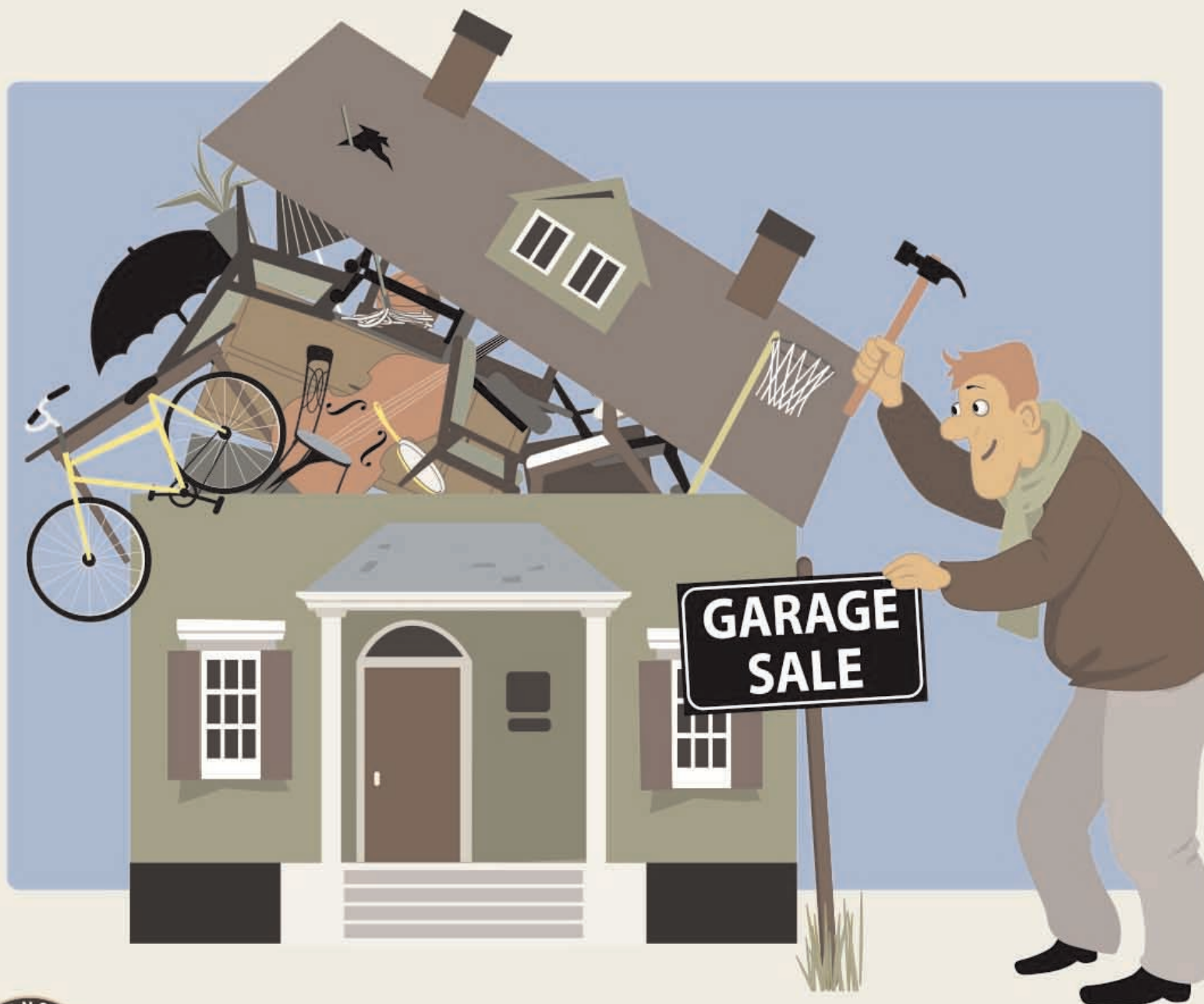


**Saturday, April 29 at Grant Park Gymnasium • 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

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

**Fee:** \$20 In District / \$35 Out of District (10'x10" space, 2 tables, 2 chairs)

***Must register for a space and fill out an application. Deadline is April 22.***



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**Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico**



## **Celebrating Our 36th Year**

**Most Family-Friendly & Affordable  
Food Festival in Illinois**

**September 1st 5 PM-11 PM**

**September 2nd Noon-11 PM**

**September 3rd Noon-10 PM**

**Melrose Park Village Complex  
Near the NW Corner of 25th Ave. and Lake St.**

**Affordable  
Carnival For  
Children 10  
& Under**

**ADMISSION**

**PARKING**

**TROLLEY SERVICE**

**ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES ON 4 STAGES**

**ROCKIN LASER LIGHT SHOW, 10:00 PM, SUNDAY**

**ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS IN GYMNASIUM**

**GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS INFORMATION BOOTHS**

**FREE**

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



# WELCOME TO THE 36TH ANNUAL TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

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No matter where you're from or how you say it, people everywhere savor delicious food, which is why September 1st through September 3rd there will be no better place on earth to feast on scrumptious delicacies than the 36th Annual Taste of Melrose Park.

The Taste is a family-friendly food festival that hosts over 200,000 patrons every year. We are unique to the world of food festivals because the vast majority of our food vendors are local residents who serve up original family recipes; why we even have Sisters from a local convent dishing up their version of heaven in a special desert. In addition to all the culinary delights, we also provide continuous free entertainment on our four stages.

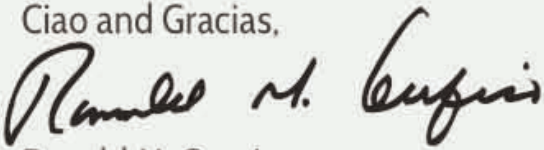
Great food at \$3 or less, wonderful entertainment, a carnival area for the kids, free parking and free trolley service are the ingredients for a blue ribbon recipe that is sure to please the entire family.

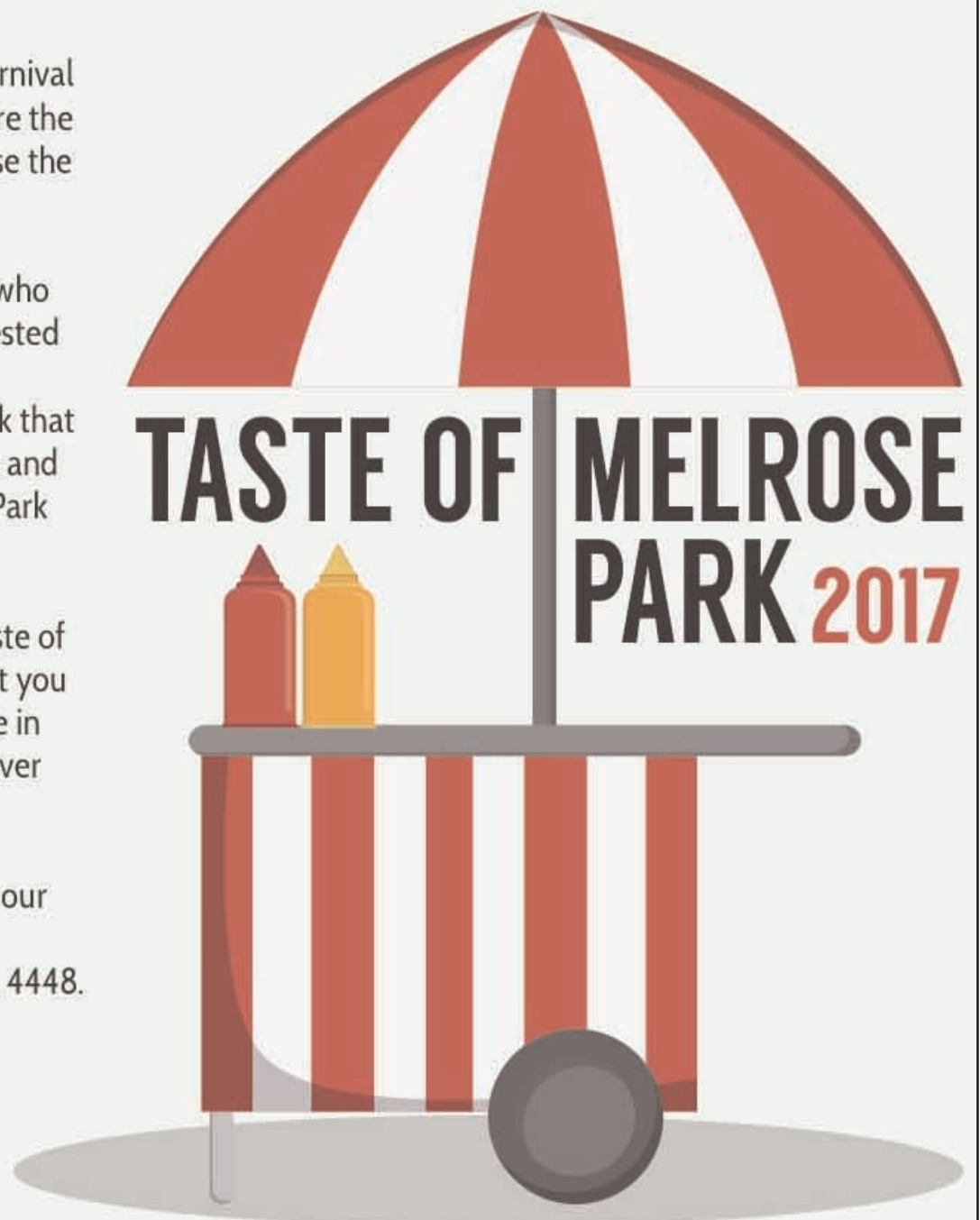
If you are an organization, a business or an individual, who is new to the Taste of Melrose Park and might be interested in underwriting some of the costs associated with this wonderful extravaganza of gastronomical delights, I ask that you read the documents in this folder. It contains news and detailed information about different Taste of Melrose Park sponsorship packages.

And to all of you, who so generously supported the Taste of Melrose in the past, I sincerely thank you and hope that you will kindly consider continuing your financial patronage in 2017; without your magnanimous backing we could never host such an ambitious undertaking.

If anyone has questions, please don't hesitate to email our Taste of Melrose Park Director Peggy DiFazio at: [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org) or call her at: 708-343-4000 ext. 4448.

Ciao and Gracias,

  
Ronald M. Serpico  
Mayor of Melrose Park





Mayor  
**Ronald M. Serpico**

**2017**  
*Taste of Melrose Park*

**Celebrating Our 36th Year**

Continuous  
Free  
Entertainment  
On Our 4 Stages

More Food  
Booths Than  
The Taste  
Of Chicago



What is unique about The Taste of Melrose Park is that most of the food vendors are residents who spend days preparing their gourmet specialties... we even have nuns from a local convent running a food booth.



For 2017 Taste info, e-mail us at [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org) or visit [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org)



# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

## SPONSOR

### \$7,500.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Full Page Color Ad  
10x10 Hospitality Tent  
Main Stage Video Wall  
2-4 x 6 Banners  
1-2 x 4 Billboard  
Public Address System Announcements  
3-VIP Parking Passes  
Entertainment Sponsor

*See Page 37 to  
Reserve Your  
36th Anniversary  
Taste of  
Melrose Park  
Sponsorship!*

If none of these packages meet your needs  
or budget, we will work closely with you  
in designing a sponsorship package that will.

For more information or to answer any questions,  
call Peggy DiFazio at 708-343-4000 ext. 4448  
or email her at [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org)

## PACKAGES

### \$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Full Page Color Ad  
10 x 10 Hospitality Tent  
Main Stage Video Wall  
1-4 x 6 Banner  
Public Address System Announcements  
2-VIP Parking Passes

### \$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Full Page Color Ad  
Main Stage Video Wall  
1-2 x 4 Billboard  
1-3 x 4 Banner  
Public Address System Announcements  
1-VIP Parking Pass

### \$1,500.00 TITANIUM SPONSOR PACKAGE

1-Half Page Color Ad  
1-3 x 4 Banner

### \$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR PACKAGE

Your Company Logo On  
1,000 Volunteer Shirts  
(T-Shirt Space Will Be Limited)

### \$2,500.00 ROCKIN LASER LIGHT SHOW SPONSOR

Main Stage Video Wall

### \$1,000.00 MAIN STAGE VIDEO WALL ADVERTISING PACKAGE

Your Ad Will Scroll On An 8 x 15 Screen  
On The Main Stage From  
6:00 PM - Close Each Night



# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

## **\$750.00 COLOR BANNER**

3 X 4 Color Banner will be displayed throughout the grounds.

## **\$500.00 BILLBOARD**

2 x 4 Color Billboard, which can include your logo.

## **\$300.00 BILLBOARD**

1.5 x 3 Black and White Billboard, which can include your logo.

## **\$395.00 HALF PAGE AD**

9.25" x 5.5" Color Ad

Appears in the Rose Newspaper that is mailed to nearly 10,000 homes and businesses.

## **\$245.00 QUARTER PAGE AD**

4.63" x 5.5" Black and White Ad

Appears in the Rose Newspaper that is mailed to nearly 10,000 homes and businesses.

For additional questions, please do not hesitate to call!  
Peggy Difazio - 708-343-4000 ext. 4448  
Email: [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org)



*See Page 37 to Reserve Your  
36th Anniversary Taste of Melrose Park Sponsorship!*





# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK ORDER FORM

## MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

Please Return This Form With a Check or Money Order to:

### Taste of Melrose Park

c/o Peggy DiFazio  
1000 N. 25th Ave.  
Melrose Park, IL 60160

## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Call Peggy DiFazio at 708-343-4000, ext. 4448 and she will work with your company to develop a sponsorship package that will meet your budget.

PLEASE SELECT ONE  
OF THE FOLLOWING PACKAGES:

\_\_\_\_ \$7,500.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR

\_\_\_\_ \$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR

\_\_\_\_ \$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR

\_\_\_\_ \$1,500.00 TITANIUM SPONSOR

\_\_\_\_ \$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR

\_\_\_\_ \$2,500.00 ROCKIN LASER SPONSOR

\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.00 VIDEO WALL SPONSOR

\_\_\_\_ \$750.00 3 X 4 COLOR BANNER

\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 2 x 4 COLOR BILLBOARD

\_\_\_\_ \$300.00 1.5 X 3 B/W BILLBOARD

\_\_\_\_ \$395.00 - 9.25" x 5.5" HALF PAGE AD

\_\_\_\_ \$245.00 - 4.63" x 5.5" 1/4 PAGE AD

Important! Please Check Appropriate Box Below:

\_\_\_\_ Emailing Camera Ready Artwork to: [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org)

\_\_\_\_ Please Develop Our Ad (if you have a logo, please include)

\_\_\_\_ Please Use Our Previous 2016 Taste Ad

\_\_\_\_ Please Use Our Previous 2016 Taste Billboard

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## Come One, Come All: What's Happening at Triton College this Semester?

As always, Triton College aims to engage members of our communities and beyond by offering on-campus events that will suit a variety of interests. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Here is a list of events happening at Triton this semester that are open to the community (dates and times subject to change).

### Tech Savvy Conference by AAUW

**(American Association of University Women)**

**March 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Robert M. Collins Center (R Building)**

Tech Savvy is a daylong science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) career conference designed to attract girls in sixth through ninth grade to these fields and to inform mentoring adults about STEM education and careers and how they can support the girls' interest and success in STEM. The cost to participate is \$10 per person (girls and adults), includes lunch. Each attending girl receives a T-shirt to wear at the conference. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-savvy>.

### Triton Troupers Circus

**April 6, 7 p.m. – April 7, 7 p.m. – April 8, 1 and 7 p.m.**

**Robert M. Collins Center Gymnasium (R Building)**

Triton Troupers Circus is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the circus arts and to the local community. Triton Troupers Circus features skilled performers in classic circus specialties such as chairs, clowning, double stunts, globes, gymwheel, juggling, statues, teeterboard, trampoline, trapeze, unicycle, web, wire, feats of strength and more. For more information including how to purchase tickets, visit [TritonTroupersCircus.com](http://TritonTroupersCircus.com).

### RSVP Annual Pancake Breakfast

**April 8, 8 a.m. to Noon**

**Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Center (R Building)**

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties at Triton College is hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast with the opportunity for families to have a day of fun, too. For those families who want to stay for the Triton Troupers Circus at 1 p.m., a Circus Special, a combination of tickets for the circus and the breakfast, can be purchased for a discounted price. All proceeds benefit the RSVP Program and its volunteers. For more information on the RSVP Pancake Breakfast or Circus Special, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3835 or 3603.

### Free Robotics for Youth Program

**April 8, Noon-3 p.m. • Triton College Library, Room A-321**

Children are invited to this exciting event where robots take over and kids learn to build them. Attendees will build a working Lego robot that will move in ways kids never imagined it could. Expert builders from Triton's Engineering Technology Department will be on hand to help. Families are encouraged to arrive at noon to ensure they have a robot to work on. All materials are provided free of charge. No registration is required, but space is limited and will be based on first-come, first served. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3698.

### STEAM Expo – NEW

**April 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Robert M. Collins Center Gymnasium (R Building)**

Students and families are invited to attend Triton College's first ever STEAM Expo where they'll experience all of the real opportunities available to them in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. This free interactive event will feature hands-on activities and demonstrations that will capture students' imagination and inspire them to pursue their goals!

### Engineering, Manufacturing & Robotics Open House

**April 27, 5-7 p.m., T Building**

Learn more about how Triton College's innovative staff and dedicated instructors continue to support the local manufacturing industry by offering degree and certificate programs that prepare students to securing well-paying jobs in the manufacturing industry by helping them acquire and refine the in-demand skills that employers covet. Triton offers associate degrees in mechanical design and mechatronics as well as four engineering technology certificates that help students refine and gain new skills in a short period of time. For more information, email [antigonesharris@triton.edu](mailto:antigonesharris@triton.edu).

## Job Fairs/Career Advancement Events

### Engineering & Manufacturing Job Fair

**April 13, 1-4 p.m., T Building**

Chicagoland companies will be on Triton College's campus recruiting for full-time, part-time and internship opportunities during the Engineering & Manufacturing Job Fair. Job seekers should bring multiple copies of their resume to provide to potential employers. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext 3805, or email [richwilliams@triton.edu](mailto:richwilliams@triton.edu).

### Hospitality Job Fair

**April 26, 10 a.m.-Noon • B-204/210 (B Building, Second Floor)**

Employers from hotels, restaurants and nonprofit organizations will participate in the Hospitality Job Fair. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext 3789, or email [jacquelinegordon@triton.edu](mailto:jacquelinegordon@triton.edu).

## Theatre Performances

### The Tritonysia Play Festival

**By Various Artists, Directed by Sommer Austin**

**May 5-7 and May 12-14, 2017**

**Fridays and Saturdays – 7:30 p.m., Sundays – 2 p.m.**

**Cox Auditorium – Fine Arts Building (J Building, Room J-108)**

**\$10 General Admission/\$5 Students, Faculty/Staff and Seniors**

The Tritonysia is Triton's first annual short play festival, inspired by the ancient Greek festival, the Dionysia, which honored the god Dionysus in many ways, including that of a play contest. The Tritonysia closes out our season with exciting new work, during which you will enjoy world premiere 10-minute pieces written by Triton College students, faculty and artists from the surrounding community. This will be a fun festival for fans of theatre, performance and creativity!

## Art Gallery Exhibits

### Indiana Jen

**Now-March 17 • Public Reception and Discussion: March 15, 6-8 p.m.**

Jennifer Hasso is cool. I'll prove it: "To hold an object in your hand that has been buried for hundreds or thousands of years is a humbling experience. Envisioning who made the object, what it meant to them and how or why they used it, heightens your awareness of the ingenuity and creative ability that closely binds the past to the present. I have immersed myself in diverse cultures, each with their own artifacts, some discontinued, some repurposed, and some adapted to advances in technology and communication. Let's discuss!" Please join us for Jen's presentation during which she will discuss the objects in the show and tell tales of her adventures finding them.



Never Enough Noir

March 27-April 21, 2017

Public Reception for the Artists and Costume Gala – April 19, 6-8 p.m.  
It will be a dark and moody night. Come and view Noir film and graphic novel inspired artwork created as a special project this spring. The show will include both individually and group created artwork specifically designed to add a thrill to the month of April. Why should we not have a Halloween in the spring? You are correct, there is no good reason. Feel free to come costumed as your favorite private eye, hoodlum or femme fatale.

Spring Student Show

April 24-May 15, 2017

Public Reception for the Artists – Monday, May 15, 6-8 p.m.  
Our students work very hard. They create great art. The next thing they have to do is finals, so come help them have fun while they still have the chance! Our traditional end-of-the-school-year event featuring work in all media created by Triton students throughout the academic year. Plan to have fun.

Music Events

Music events listed are free to attend unless otherwise noted.

Faculty Artist Series

March 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center  
(R Building, Room R-218)

In this faculty artist recital, new faculty members Alex Beltran and Chris Sies perform contemporary classical and jazz works for saxophone and percussion. Join us for a reception in the lobby following the event!

Community Band

Local Showcase  
March 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center  
(R Building, Room R-218)

The Triton Community Band features this year's Concerto-Aria Competition winners in an evening featuring the community's finest musicians.

World Music Series

April 5, Noon, Student Center Cafeteria (B Building)  
Eastern Blok and AKGI GuitarDuo – comes up with a unique musical language that melts together his Balkan roots with flamenco and Latin guitar traditions. The Goran Ivanovic Trio includes Matt Ulery on bass and Pete Tashjian on drums.

Triton College Jazz Spectacular

April 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center  
(R Building, Room R-218),  
Admission – \$7 General Admission/\$5 Students/Seniors  
The Jazz Spectacular is always a highlight of our concert season, featuring nationally renowned guest artists as well as the Triton College Big Band. This year we invite the Goran Ivanovic Trio, led by virtuoso guitarist Goran Ivanovic, to our stage to perform alongside the Triton College Big Band led by James Davis. A free masterclass led by the Goran Ivanovic Trio will be held at 4 p.m., also in the Performing Arts Center. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to engage with some of the best musicians in our region!

Faculty Artist Series

April 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center  
(R Building, Room R-218)

Pianist Soo-Yon Choi and soprano Nathalie Colas perform a program of solo and collaborative music from the classical piano and vocal literature. Join us for a reception in the lobby following the event!

World Music Series

University of Chicago South Asian Music Ensemble  
April 18, Noon, Student Center Cafeteria (B Building)  
The University of Chicago's South Asian Music Ensemble (SAME) rehearses weekly to learn and perform song traditions from South India as well as popular, folk and classical songs in Kannada, Tamil, Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Telugu, Marathi, Malayalam and Bangla. SAME performs at the University of Chicago each spring as well as in community events, such as Rockefeller Chapel's celebration of Diwali and commemorations of other events at temples and conventions in the Chicagoland area. Website – arts.uchicago.edu.

Community Choir

Joann Cho, Director  
April 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center  
(R Building, Room R-218)  
In celebration of spring, the Triton Community Choir performs a program of music inspired by the seasons and the theme of renewal. Directed by Joann Cho, guest soloists join the choir in this program for an evening of both energizing and contemplative choral music.

Community Band

Future Leaders, Directors • May 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center  
(R Building, Room R-218)  
The Triton Community Band is proud to welcome the winners of the first-ever essay competition to the podium! Three young musicians from the community will have the opportunity to lead the ensemble and showcase their talents! The concert will also feature faculty pianist Akiko Konishi in an exciting performance of George Gershwin's quintessential work, *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Jazz Ensemble

James Davis, Director  
May 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center  
(R Building, Room R-218)  
As the final jazz concert of the season, the Triton College Jazz Ensemble returns to the Performing Arts Center to perform a concert featuring the music of contemporary jazz legends.

Active Retired Citizens Club (ARCC)  
Meeting Dates

Triton College's Active Retired Citizens Club (ARCC) is a social club that provides activities and networking opportunities to adults who are young at heart and want to expand their social and intellectual life. Meetings include performances and presentations on a wide range of topics as well as luncheons. The group meets from noon to 2 p.m., on the first and third Fridays of each month during the school year. Annual membership dues are \$10. The meetings take place in Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Building (R Building).  
The meetings scheduled for this semester include:  
• March 17 – Weather Safety and Preparedness with Adam Lucio from Illinois Storm Chasers.  
• April 7 – Abraham Lincoln with R. J. Lindsey.  
• April 21 – Movie and Popcorn with Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.  
• May 19 – Spring Luncheon, Cost: \$10 for Members, \$15 for Non-members.

# Learn About Triton's Health Careers Programs at Campus Visit Day March 8

Our upcoming Campus Visit Day is a great opportunity for current and future students to learn more about the many health career programs offered at Triton College.

Join us on Wednesday, March 8, from 6-7:30 p.m., to meet with our dedicated faculty and staff who will help put you on the path to a rewarding career in one of many health care fields.

The event will take place in Room B-204/210 of our Student Center (B Building), located on the west side of Triton's Campus.

To register to attend, visit [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu) and click on the Campus Visit Day banner.

Allied health programs that will be discussed during Campus Visit Day include: Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Nursing, Ophthalmic Technology, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, Continuing Education, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Science and Eye Care Assistant Program.

During the event, you can:

- Tour Triton's campus and visit some of our new health career programs' facilities.
- Become informed on the selective admission process for health career programs.
- Meet with faculty and staff to discuss your educational path.
- Understand prerequisites required for the health career programs.
- Light snacks and refreshments will be served at this event.

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

## Enroll in "The Beatles: A Magical History Tour"

From *Please Please Me* to *Let it Be* and hundreds of classic songs in between, The Beatles are an indelible part of music history. Now, Triton College's School of Continuing Education offers fans of the Fab Four a chance to gain a unique insight into the cultural phenomenon that continues to delight music enthusiasts of all ages.

New this semester, "The Beatles: A Magical History Tour," combines audio and visual content to explore the arc of the Beatles' career from their development in Liverpool, through Beatlemania, into their psychedelic phase and finally their dissolution.

Gary Wenstrup developed the class and says he looks forward to sharing his love of the Beatles with members of the Triton College community.

"The Beatles created the template of what a rock band looks like, and how they progress and mature," said Wenstrup. "Their music is still wonderfully melodic and enjoyable by multiple generations because of the high quality of the music and they make people feel good, be it through the music or sense of humor and their energy. They just bring happiness to people."

In addition to examining the legacy of their music, class participants will also delve into the social impact of the Beatles, including their embrace of eastern religion, political activism and their role in 60s' drug culture.

There will be no homework, tests or singing required during the course – just a desire to have fun and learn more about one of the most iconic musical groups of the 20th century.

"The Beatles: A Magical History Tour," will be offered this semester: Course Number HUM C19 302, April 6-May 11, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3500, or email [askce@triton.edu](mailto:askce@triton.edu).

## Talent Abounds as Triton Troupers Circus Returns to Campus

Prepare to be amazed by the high-flying, gravity-defying and endlessly-entertaining Triton Troupers Circus as it makes its return to campus April 6-8. Clowns, trapeze-artists and other talented performers will be part of the annual show on Triton College's main campus in River Grove.

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

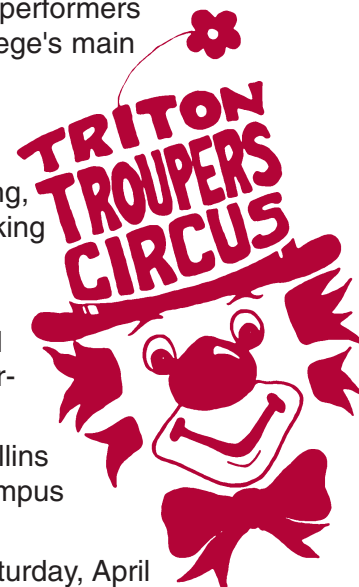
The Triton Troupers are composed of nearly 100 members from Cook, DuPage, Kane and Boone counties who all have a passion for circus arts.

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

Showtimes are: 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, April 6-8; and 1 p.m., Saturday, April 8. Saturday's 1 p.m. show will be interpreted for the hearing impaired by the Triton College Center for Access and Accommodative Services. Doors open an hour before the shows and will include a clown pre-show.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



# Triton Register Now for Summer!

COLLEGE Classes begin May 30, 2017!

## Get Ahead this Summer with Triton College

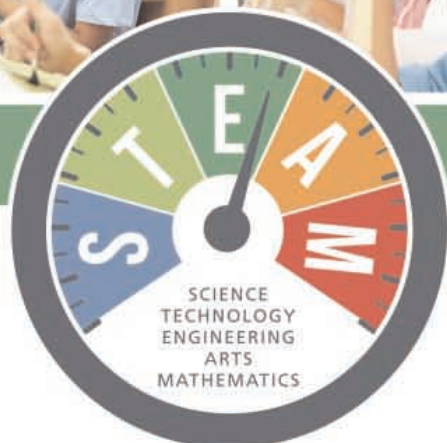
Triton offers a wide range of summer courses with flexible scheduling options, including online courses. There are five- and eight-week sessions available, so there will still be plenty of time to spend some time at the beach, squeeze in a vacation or just relax this summer as well.

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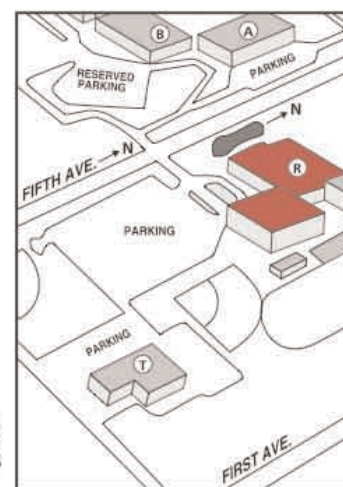
## TRITON COLLEGE STEAM Expo

**April 22, 2017  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

## Full Steam Ahead!

Students and families are invited to attend Triton College's first ever STEAM Expo where they'll experience all of the REAL OPPORTUNITIES available to them in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. This **FREE interactive event is open to the community**, and will feature hands-on activities and demonstrations that will capture students' imagination and inspire them to pursue their goals!

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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

## MissionStatement

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.

## VisionStatement

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.



## StevensonStudentsSweepthe2017District89SpellingBee!

On Monday, Jan. 23, District 89 held its annual Spelling Bee. A total of 18 Irving and Stevenson Middle School students in grades sixth through eighth competed in this academic competition. Students advanced to the district competition with hopes of moving on to the Area Spelling Bee. We are proud to announce our winners, all of which attend Stevenson Middle School. Isaiah K. won the competition with Shantiah W. coming in second and Vanessa F. in third place. Isaiah advanced to the Area Spelling Bee winning second place and will be competing at the Regional ISC Scripps Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to each of our winners and all of our participants on a job well-done!



## PositiveBehavior InterventionsSystem

PBIS internal coaches support positive behavior implementation in District 89 schools. It is a system of support that includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments.

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





## Dominican University Expo

The District 89 Curriculum Department participated in the Dominican University Community-Based Learning EXPO on Jan. 18. The CBL EXPO provided an opportunity for the district to share their mission and outreach to students interested in volunteering service hours in classrooms and after-school programs.

We value our partnership with Dominican University and their dedicated service to District 89. Pictured are Mary Kramer (top, left) from Dominican University and Madonna Thelen, Community Based Learning director (top, right), along with District 89's Curriculum Team.

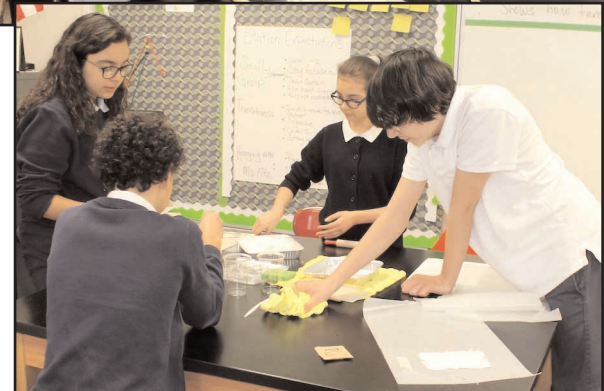


## New Teacher Network

The New Teacher Network is a mentoring and professional development program that meets monthly with District 89 first and second year teachers.

December focus topic was Strategies for English Language Learners presented by Dr. Simeon Stumme from Concordia University.

January focus was on District Data and was presented by Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Barbara Dahly.



## IMSA Fusion

IMSA (Illinois Math and Science) Fusion is a STEM enrichment program for Illinois students who are talented, interested and motivated in mathematics and science. District 89 proudly presents IMSA at all District 89 schools. Featured are students at Stevenson Middle School working on a unit of study learning to make paper.

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# StevensonMiddleSchool2017WinterEncoreExpo[E2]

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 4:30-6 p.m., the Stevenson Middle School Encore Team, held the 2017 Winter Encore Expo titled E2. This event featured some of the creative work and activities that Stevenson students have submitted during the first and second quarter of the 2016/2017 school year. At this event students, parents and community members had the opportunity to:

- View over 200 pieces of student paintings, drawings and sculptures from their art classes.
- Hear student compositions from Stevenson's music theory classes.
- Be interviewed by a journalism student.
- Get a sneak peek of our drama students as they rehearse selections from *The Lion King, Jr.*, this year's featured spring musical.
- Check out prosthetic hands, rollercoasters and therapeutic toys built by students in STEM classes.
- View collages, brochures and political cartoons focused on social and political issues on local, global and national levels in Stevenson's Global Awareness classes.

The event also highlighted some of the many clubs and activities that are an active part of the Stevenson Middle School, including Chess Club, IMSA, Anime Club, Safety Patrol, Coding Club, Book Club, Sea Perch, Orchestra, Concert Band, Photography Club, Girls on the Run and more!

The focus of the Encore team's classes at Stevenson Middle School is to foster our students' emotional awareness, self-expression, problem-solving abilities, imagination, global awareness, visual literacy and so much more.





# D89Family Night

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, 2017, over 200 students and family members attended District 89's Family Night – Climate & Culture/PBIS hosted by Emerson Elementary School.

Parents and students from all schools in the district learned about Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Programs (PBIS). PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture, and needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success.

A special thank you to our community partners for participating in this event – Triton College, Westlake Hospital, Proviso Partners for Health, and the Maywood Library.

District 89 is dedicated to making education fun for all students and is passionate about bringing the community together as an additional resource for learning.

Great work Emerson staff as well as the staff of all our districtwide schools in creating a space where our families had the chance to learn and grow together!

## District 89 Save the Dates!

The Middle School Spring Musical, Disney's The Lion King Jr. will be performed on May 4 and 5, 2017, at Jane Addams Elementary School.

Band/Orchestra/Choir Spring Concert  
May 10, 2017, at  
Jane Addams Elementary School.

Semester Two E2 – May 17, 2017, at  
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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**

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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.



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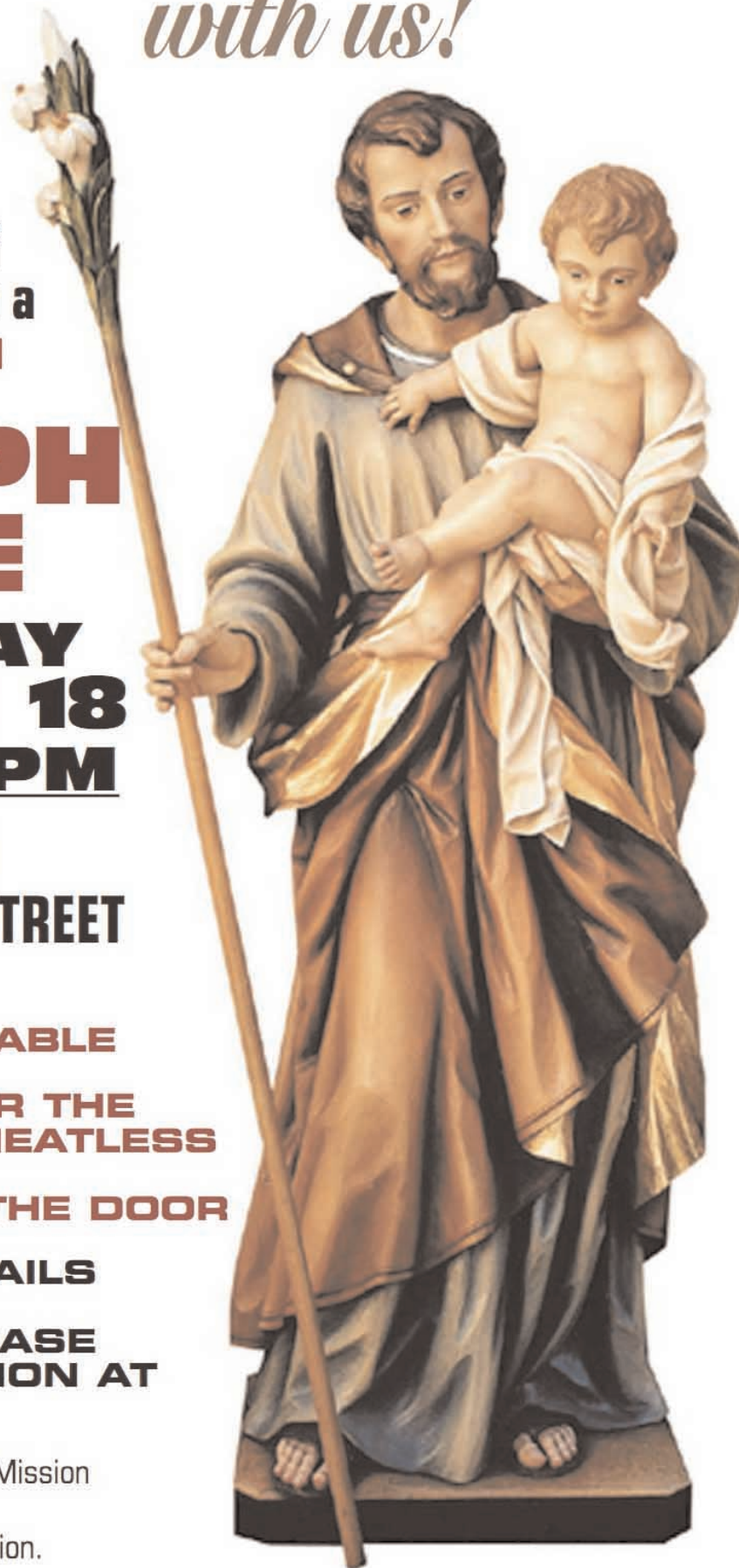
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# Flowers of Italy Club

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# INCS Hosts Teacher Job Fair

The Illinois Network of Charter Schools (INCS) will host their 12th annual Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at ASPIRA Business & Finance Campus, 2989 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

Representatives from the state's charter schools will be on hand to recruit hundreds of teachers, social workers, counselors, nurses and other administrators. INCS seeks highly qualified candidates who are excited to work in a mission-drive environment and to TEACH, LEAD, and SUCCEED.

Candidates have the opportunity to:

- Meet recruiters from over 50 public charter schools representing over 120 campuses.
- Post their resume in the INCS Online Resume Bank, where charter schools look for candidates for various positions year-round.
- Interview on-site with schools looking to hire great teachers and administrators.
- Participate in the INCS raffle (*New This Year!*) for one iPad and five \$100 gift cards! Instructions for the raffle will be given at the registration desk.



Schools have the opportunity to:

- Meet with hundreds of educators.
- View candidates' resumes and credentials ahead of time using the INCS Online Resume Bank.
- Invite candidates for on-site interviews following the meet and greet portion of the event.

Attention teacher preparation programs and schools of education: INCS is seeking recruitment partners to support our outreach efforts. Please consider sharing our site with highly qualified candidates – <https://www.incschools.org>.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a 2017 Teacher Job Fair flyer, please contact Stephanie Arias, INCS Charter Support manager, at [SArias@incschools.org](mailto:SArias@incschools.org).

# Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine Altar & Rosary Lenten Evening of Recollection

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine Altar & Rosary will be sponsoring their annual Lenten Evening of Recollection on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with Mass, followed by dinner and lecture in the school gym on the corner of Cortez and 22nd Avenue in Melrose Park.

Guest celebrant and speaker will be Friar Johnpaul Cafiero. A Franciscan priest of the Sacred Heart Province of Chicago/St. Louis, Friar Johnpaul, the oldest in an Italian/Polish Catholic family from the New York Metro area, is a former police officer who has worked as a counselor and chaplain at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago. Friar Johnpaul has lectured, preached and conducted pilgrimages throughout the United States and internationally.

Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling the rectory at (708) 344-4140.

## Need a Place to Meet?

Does your organization, church or club, etc., need a place to meet? We are located at 841 Elsie in Melrose Park (with a large basement, a working kitchen, etc.) and have an opening on Sunday evenings (6 p.m. until?).

If you are interested, contact Jim Pagani at (708) 715-2715. Rent is very affordable!

## Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

In the exercise of its power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare, it is declared to be the public policy of the village to assure fair housing and freedom from discrimination throughout the community, to protect the community from the effects of residential segregation by race, color, religion, sex, physical or mental handicap, familial status or national origin, and to secure to its citizens the economic, social, and professional benefits of living in an integrated and stable society.

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

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



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**Friday, March 24, 2017 • 6-9 p.m.**

**New location ... to make it more convenient for everyone, the Fish Fry will be held in the gym (next door to the school) on the corner of Cortez & 22nd in Melrose Park.**

Bring your friends and spend the evening with us. We have entertainment, raffles, split the pot, St. Anthony related items for sale, and if you are over 21, we have wine available for a small donation. All proceeds go toward the Feast of St. Anthony, which will be celebrated on June 11, at the 10:30 a.m. Italian Mass. Please save the date to join us for Mass, blessing of the bread and outdoor procession followed by refreshments.

**For tickets or more information, call (312) 860-2530,  
(708) 372-1432 or the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.**

# Visit the New Melrose Park Hardee's for Delicious Food to Fit Your Lifestyle

A new Hardee's, where food is prepared fast and service is great, recently opened at 2037 Mannheim Road in Melrose Park. The fast-food chain serves



fried chicken, big burgers, made-from-scratch breakfast biscuits and more.

Wilber Hardee opened his first namesake restaurant in Greenville, N.C., in 1960. Five months later he had his first franchisee and over the years his burger chain has spread to become a favorite throughout the Midwestern and Southeastern United States, and now in Melrose Park.

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Today, Hardee's® forges ahead with a taste for edgy, memorable ads and delicious food-creating a fast-food experience that can't be topped this side of the Mississippi.

Visit [www.hardees.com](http://www.hardees.com) to check out the full menu, to sign up for emails (so you don't miss out on exclusive offers and free stuff), and stop by the Melrose Park Hardee's today for delicious food to fit your lifestyle. For store hours, call (708) 345-2859.

## Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: 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.  
For more information, call the Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.

## 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 schedule for calendar year 2017 is: 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.

# 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.



# 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!



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**Awards: 7:30 p.m.**

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## Mental Illness Did Not Cause Florida Shooting Stigma Damages Communities and Prevents People from Seeking Help

The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission (PTMHC) is urging individuals to continue seeking treatment for behavioral and substance abuse issues as many people seek to explain the actions of a gunman who opened fire at the Ft. Lauderdale airport in Florida recently as a direct result of his mental health.

"The vast majority of individuals with mental illness do not commit violent acts of this magnitude," said PTMHC Executive Director Jesse Rosas. "The public needs to understand this so that people in our communities who need mental health services are not afraid to come forward for help."

A person struggling with mental health is no different than someone struggling with physical health. Both people need treatment options to be available and they need to be able to receive treatment without fear of being stigmatized or ostracized in their communities.

"There is a real stigma attached to people with mental illness, that they have a propensity toward violence," said Rosas. "Not only is this incorrect, but it can have a negative impact on communities by discouraging individuals from seeking treatment."

Left untreated, mental illness can lead to substance abuse, homelessness, physical health problems and a host of other issues that communities have to confront. According to the National Institutes for Mental Health, while more people are seeking treatment for mental illness, over 40 percent of people with mental illness still do not seek treatment.

If you or someone you know needs mental health support, please contact the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission at (708) 449-5508 to speak with a service navigator who will help you through the process.

The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission is invested in supporting programs and services aimed at keeping residents safe and healthy.

[www.PTMHC.org](http://www.PTMHC.org)  
[www.facebook.com/PTMHC](https://www.facebook.com/PTMHC)  
Twitter: @ProvisoMH

## More Comprehensive Health Care Options for Proviso

## Services for Elderly Added to Network of Care

The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission (PTMHC) is proud to announce the addition of Solutions for Care to the Proviso Network of Care. Solutions for Care provides a wide range of services for the elderly.

"Proviso Township has had a working relationship with Solutions for Care for many years," said PTMHC Board President Michael Corrigan. "We are very excited formalize our partnership to provide better care for seniors in the Proviso community."

For years, Solutions for Care has provided services to older adults within Proviso Township and the surrounding communities. The agency's Adult Protective Services investigates claims of elder abuse and neglect, and their Community Care Program offers in-home help for seniors in need. The agency is also home to the Aging & Disability Resource Network which connects clients to an array of state and federal programs, provides up to date information and quality referrals to community resources.

"I am so excited to become a part of this network that exemplifies our own agency mission which is to preserve the independence and dignity of all older adults and their families," said Sarah Saenz, executive director of Solutions for Care. "We recognize that changing life factors sometimes create situations where outside help is needed. Being a part of the Proviso Network of Care will allow the Solutions for Care staff to help families transition to finding and accepting services that can help relieve and improve the quality of life for older adults and disabled individuals."

By bringing Solutions for Care into the Proviso Network of Care, community members in Proviso Township will have a more comprehensive safety net of services available. Other health care providers in the Network of Care will also benefit by having another agency that they can refer patients to.

"Solutions for Care's services fill a gap that was previously empty in terms of programs available to older adults within Proviso Township," mentioned Kate Minella, a service navigator.

Anyone needing services can contact a Proviso Township Mental Health Commission service navigator by calling (708) 449-5508 or by visiting [www.PTMHC.org](http://www.PTMHC.org).

Watch this video to learn more about the services provided by Solutions For Care: <https://youtu.be/OAvLVwljMyM>.

[www.facebook.com/PTMHC](https://www.facebook.com/PTMHC)  
Twitter: @ProvisoMH

# Is a Reverse Mortgage Right for You?

Inland Home Mortgage will be hosting a "Reverse Mortgage" seminar  
at **Proviso Town Hall**, 4565 Harrison, Hillside IL 60162.

**Thursday, March 9th from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.**

For many home owners 62 and older, a reverse mortgage may be a great way to safely tap the equity in their home and make their lives easier.

This workshop is designed to provide information you'll need to decide if a Reverse Mortgage is right for you.

A Reverse Mortgage can help you:

- Pay off your first mortgage
- Pay your annual property tax taxes
- Supplement your monthly income
- Upgrade your home and more.



For more information or to RSVP call (708) 449-4307.  
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Light appetizers will be served.

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# Dreaming of a Home of Your Own?

Inland Home Mortgage will be hosting a “HOME BUYER” seminar  
at Proviso Town Hall, 4565 Harrison, Hillside IL 60162.

**Thursday, March 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.**

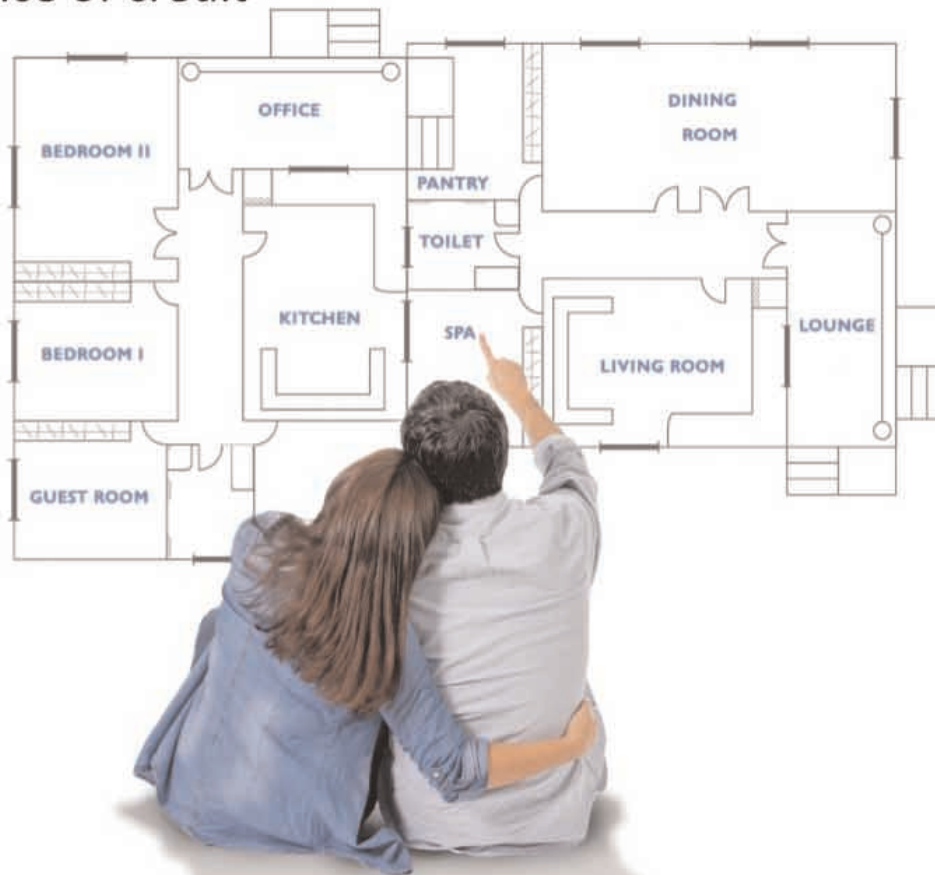
Whether preparing to buy your first home or if you are entering back into the market, it's important to plan ahead so you can effectively manage your finances and be a successful homeowner.

## YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT:

- Preparing for homeownership
- Understanding the importance of credit
- Qualifying for a mortgage
- The Pre-Approval Process
- Available down payment and closing cost programs

This is a great way to learn about the home financing process from experienced mortgage professionals.

You'll have an opportunity to have all your questions answered!



For more information or to RSVP call  
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# A Message from Kathleen Willis

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## Willis Backs Bill to Lower Fees on Small Businesses

Individuals looking to create a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) would get some financial relief with lowered filing costs under a new bill being backed by state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison.

“In Illinois, we need to be doing all we can to help attract jobs to our state, and to support those who are already here and want to open up a small business,” said Willis. “This bill will make it easier for regular people to pursue their dreams of starting a business and create new jobs.”

House Bill 387 would decrease the filing fees for LLC’s in Illinois by bringing them into alignment with what is currently charged to corporations. Willis is teaming up with the Small Business Advocacy Council in promoting this bill, which advocates say will create a friendlier environment in Illinois for small business and entrepreneurs. Though some argue less revenue from the filing fees would make it more difficult for an already cash-strapped state, Willis states that helping people open businesses will create jobs and help the overall economy.

“We need to be in the business of helping small businesses,” said Willis. “This bill is a commonsense solution and creates a level playing field for those who want to open a business and help to grow our economy here in Illinois.”

## Free Online Grant Training Workshop

Whether you rely heavily on grants for your organization, or apply once or twice per year, grant writing can be a daunting task. That is why I wanted to inform you about a free, online, grant training workshop offered by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS).

The three-part grant training series will show you how to effectively write and acquire federal, state, local, non-governmental and private sector grants. Specifically, the IDHS’ training will help you and your colleagues better understand the elements of a grant proposal, research and find available grants, plan and organize a grant proposal, and write each portion of the grant from the problem statement through the supplemental documents.

The training will take place this fall but due to high demand, registration is now open. To sign up:

1. Visit [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us).
2. Search “Grant Writing Training Registration Form” in the search box in the top right corner.
3. Click on the only search result (Grant Writing Training Registration Form).
4. Fill out the requested information. You will be notified by email as to the dates and times of your training.

If interested, you should sign up as soon as possible, as I do expect this training to fill up quickly.

For questions about the grant training, please contact the IDHS Office of Grants Administration at (312) 793-3599 or [Denise.Eligan@illinois.gov](mailto:Denise.Eligan@illinois.gov). If I can ever be of assistance to you on other state or local issues, please contact my constituent service office at (708) 562-6970 or [repwillis77@gmail.com](mailto:repwillis77@gmail.com).

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



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# Rep. Willis Opposes Cuts to Elder-Care Program That Will Hurt Seniors, End Care for 40,000

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, is standing with senior advocates to speak out against the Rauner Administration's new rules that will strip care from 40,000 elderly residents, remove criminal background check requirements for caregivers and create new costly bureaucracy, all while reducing the overall quality of care for seniors.

"Rauner's proposal would deprive thousands of seniors of the care they need to live comfortably in their own homes. Our aging family members and elderly neighbors deserve the dignity of making their own choices about where they want to live. The governor should not be making that decision for them. I am appalled that this administration would consider putting the safety and health of our seniors at risk by making these drastic cuts."

Willis is opposing a plan announced by Rauner's Department on Aging to unilaterally cut 40,000 seniors currently receiving homecare through the Community Care Program, and place them in a new and untested program called the Community Reinvestment Program (CRP). Senior advocates including AARP and the Illinois Association of Community Care Program Homecare Providers have expressed concern that CRP lacks the standards and requirements that are critical to seniors' health and security, while creating new layers of government bureaucracy.

The administration's draft rules for CRP also remove regulations that currently require caregivers to undergo criminal background checks. Under the Community Care Program, companies are carefully screened to confirm they do not have a history of scams or fraud, and that all employees in contact with seniors do not have criminal or sexual convictions. This critical safeguard is removed under CRP.

Rauner's Department on Aging is using an administrative rulemaking process to advance their plan without getting approval or input from the Legislature. Willis is urging residents to call the Department on Aging at 800-252-8966 and speak out against the proposed cuts.

"The Department on Aging's proposed Community Reinvestment Program is a cost cutting, political tactic at the expense of over 40,000 of Illinois most vulnerable senior citizens and their loved ones," said Ryan Gruenenfelder, AARP Illinois director of Advocacy. "The proposed program hinges on service availability by geographic regions, on the continuation of budget appropriations, and the sole authority of the department to amend eligibility standards with zero legislative oversight. The proposed program is a catalyst for seniors to face premature nursing home placement. Our state can implement common sense, compassionate and cost-effective reforms to maintain our state's current Community Care Program without jeopardizing the lives and well-being of thousands of Illinois' greatest generation."



## Check Out These Special Activities at Westlake Hospital

### LEARNING CAFÉ: UNDERSTANDING DIABETES

Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. Yet, so many of us do not know or understand the basic facts about this disease that affects so many of our friends and family members. Diabetes can cause serious health complications including heart disease, blindness, kidney failure and lower-extremity amputations. Please join Saba Irshad, M.D., for a discussion about the various types of diabetes, risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis and management of diabetes.

- Friday, March 17, Noon-1 p.m. • Westlake Hospital Conference Rooms A-D, 1225 W. Lake St., Melrose Park  
Free of Charge • Lunch will be Provided – Reserve Your Spot Today!

### WESTLAKE HOSPITAL PRESENTATION: PHYSICAL BARRIERS TO INTIMACY

Sharing physical intimacy with a loved one is an important part of any relationship. Yet, many individuals suffer needlessly due to physical problems. Join Alan Sadah, M.D., urologist, in a discussion to explore potential solutions to overcoming medical barriers in relationships.

- Wednesday, March 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Westlake Hospital Conference Rooms A-D, 1225 W. Lake St., Melrose Park  
Free of Charge • Refreshments will be Provided

**Please call 1-866-938-7256 to register for each program.**

# First Baby of 2017 Welcomed at Westlake Hospital



*Kee Kim, MD, OB/GYN (right) presents a special basket of gifts to Antonio Hernandez and Nicole Breitenbucher, parents of Anthony Alexander Hernandez, the first baby born at Westlake Hospital in 2017.*

Anthony Alexander Hernandez was born on New Year's Day at 6:18 a.m., to Nicole Breitenbucher, 20, and her fiancé, Antonio Hernandez, 26, of Willow Springs.

Anthony was the first baby to be born at Westlake Hospital in 2017. The healthy baby boy weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and he was 19 inches long. This is the first child for the couple.

"Anthony was due Jan. 24, so this took us totally by surprise. That he is the first baby of the new year makes him even more special and his birth even more exciting," Ms. Breitenbucher said. "Anthony's birth is a terrific way to start the new year." She works with her fiancé at Tony's Family Restaurant in Brookfield, which is owned by his family.

Joseph Furlin, MD, is Ms. Breitenbucher's obstetrician/gynecologist (OB/GYN) and Nabil Saleh, MD, is Anthony's pediatrician.

Kee Kim, MD, OB/GYN, and James Gomez, MD, OB/GYN, helped deliver the baby in the early hours of New Year's Day.

"The nurses, doctors and entire staff at Westlake were so welcoming and made us feel so comfortable," said Mr. Hernandez.

"My son and fiancée are healthy and doing really well and I am really grateful."

The Family Birthplace of Westlake Hospital is dedicated to providing the safest and most satisfying birth experience possible. The Family Birthplace blends the comfort and intimacy of a home delivery with the resources of a modern hospital. Westlake's partnership with Lurie Children's Hospital offers patients direct access to the most advanced care for premature and critically ill infants.

## First Baby of 2017 Welcomed at West Suburban Medical Center

Jack Darnall was born on New Year's Day at 6:21 a.m., to Anna Darnall, 34, and her husband, Matt, 29, of Avondale.

He was the first baby to be born at Oak Park's West Suburban Medical Center in 2017. The healthy baby boy weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and he was 19 1/2 inches long. This is the first child for the couple.

"Just overall, it's really exciting to have a baby but that he is the first baby born at West Suburban Medical Center in 2017 makes the experience even more special," Mrs. Darnall said. "I had wonderful care at West Suburban. The nurses are amazing." She works as a theatrical designer and hairstylist in Chicago.

Monique Brotman, DO, and Cynthia Mason, RN, certified midwife, helped deliver the baby in the early hours of New Year's Day.

"The due date was Jan. 7, but when my wife went into early labor I was hoping for that 2016 tax break," joked Mr. Darnall, an art director at a post-production and visual effects company. "Jack's healthy and really cute and that's all that matters. Being a new dad is pretty cool."

West Suburban Medical Center's Alternative Birthing Center is one of the most progressive in Illinois. The certified nurse-midwives are accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and offer a wide range of gynecologic care and birthing options. The center offers women a variety of choices to manage their delivery, including laboring in water and utilizing birthing balls. The center is one of the first in Illinois to offer the use of nitrous oxide for pain relief. West Suburban Medical Center provides comprehensive obstetrical care supported by additional neonatal expertise from Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.



## River Forest Medical Center Nurses and Cancer Caretakers Presented with Gift Cards in Memory of a Cancer Patient

When Sue Lynn Boyce was battling breast cancer, she made a point of showing her appreciation to her medical care givers by slipping them gift cards to local coffee shops and restaurants. Ms. Boyce passed away two years ago, but her family continues the tradition at the holidays to honor her memory. On Thursday, Jan. 5, Pam Reynolds brought gift cards to the women's health oncology team at West Suburban Medical Center and Westlake Hospital's River Forest Medical Center in remembrance of her sister.

"My sister battled cancer for 16 years and she became very close to the nurses, medical technicians and other members of the team who cared for her," said Ms. Reynolds, who works in Oak Park as a billing and credentialing manager at Romano Orthopaedics in the professional building at West Suburban Medical Center. "Treating them to a cup of coffee or snack by giving them a small gift card was just a token to show them how much she appreciated their strong work ethic, caring nature and selfless giving to others in need."

For the past two years, Reynolds and other family members have personally handed out hundreds of dollars worth of gift cards to cancer care teams in many states, including Maine, Texas, Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois. "What a lovely tribute to a very brave woman," said Mary Jo Tsokolas, director, Outpatient & Specialty Services at River Forest Medical Center campus. "River Forest Medical Center is so honored to be part of this family tradition of remembering Sue Lynn Boyce."

Ms. Reynolds presented cancer team members with a special commemorative card featuring a photo of her sister with her husband and children. "Sue Lynn Boyce was our mom, wife, sister, aunt and daughter. She was also a breast cancer survivor of 16 years. She did it all and never let cancer define her," the cards says in part. "As we carry on her tradition, thank you for all you do. The care you give to your patients, the smiles you share, and the time you take to listen does not go unnoticed. You are amazing and appreciated. Love, the Boyce, Vlosak and Holloway families."

The card also included a very special poem. "Hope is ... living for today and looking forward to tomorrow. Seeing the good in everyone and everything. Knowing that life's challenges contain important lessons. A gift you can give to yourself and others everyday. Having supportive family and friends. Feeling God in your life. Sue Lynn Boyce December 2005."



*Barbara Morrissey, RN, Oak Park; Barbara Kinast, RN, Chicago; Pam Reynolds, Orland Park; and Linda Hennis, RN, Oak Park; (pictured from left) honor the memory of a cancer patient at West Suburban Medical Center and Westlake Hospital's River Forest Medical Center.*



# EMERGENCY CONTACT DATABASE



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

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- You may select one or two people as emergency contacts. Emergency contacts do not need to reside in Illinois. It is your responsibility to notify the individuals you have listed as emergency contacts.
- You may add, modify or delete information at any time at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Any modifications or deletions will overwrite all previously entered information. For privacy and security purposes, previously entered information is not displayed.
- Only law enforcement may access this information and use it only in the case of an emergency when you are unable to communicate with them directly.



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# Obituaries

## ***Becerra***

Santos Becerra Sr. Dearly beloved husband of Maria (nee Tejeda); loving father of Maria (Adrian) Garcia, Maria R. (Jesus) Rodriguez, Daniel, Teresa (Jose) Cabada, Santos Jr., Rev. Esequiel (Rev. Suri) Becerra and Juan Becerra; cherished grandfather of 14; great-grandfather of five; loving brother, uncle and friend of many. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Caprini***

Aurel Caprini, proud member of the United States Marines. Dearly beloved husband of the late Anne; loving father of Robert (Frances); cherished grandpa of Emily (Sean) Hargadon, Jennifer (Joshua) Vernoski, and Kathryn (Thomas) Krefft; great-grandfather of nine; dear brother of Rita Caprini and the late Marie (late John) Casazza, the late PFC Severino Caprini; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Saint Joseph Cemetery. Worked many great years at Marshall Field's.

## ***Ciotti***

Jewel Ciotti, nee Spadoni. Dearly beloved wife of the late Nicholas John; loving mother of Patricia (the late Thomas) Eboli and the late Nicholas (Daryle) Ciotti; cherished grandmother of Thomas (Laura) Eboli III, Julie (Matthew Hernandez) Ciotti, Nicholas (Antonia) Eboli, Jamie (Tracy) Eboli, Dino Ciotti and the late Nicholas Ciotti; great-grandmother of Thomas Eboli, Nicholas Blackburn, Elizabeth Eboli, Lauren Eboli, Jesse Hernandez, Isabella Eboli, Sofia Eboli, Olivia Eboli, Thomas James Eboli and Charles Eugene Eboli; dear sister of the late Virginia Caliendo; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Crucifixion Garden Mausoleum.

## ***Conti***

Mary Conti. Dearly beloved wife of Sylvio; loving mother of the late Elizabeth Ann (Stephen) Yourek; beloved daughter of the late Francis and Elizabeth Beverly; cherished grandmother of Gregory (Adrienne), Christine (Tim) Birns and Kenneth (Allison) Yourek; dear great-grandmother of Austin, Ephraim, Jianna, Delila and Joseph; fond sister of Barbara Strahl. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Conti***

Sylvio Conti. Dearly beloved husband of the late Mary Conti; loving father of the late Elizabeth Ann (Stephen); cherished grandfather of Gregory (Adrienne), Christine (Tim) Birns and Kenneth (Allison) Yourek; dear great-grandfather of Austin, Ephraim, Jianna, Delila and Joseph. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Dolce***

Bernadette R. "Bernie" Dolce. Travel agent and seasoned traveler. Dearly beloved mother of Michael (Krista); loving daughter of Mike T. and Louise (nee Carpino) Dolce; cherished grandmother of Nina Louise, Michael, Nicolas and Ariana Rose Dolce; fond cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Past president of the Chicago Travel Women's Club.

## ***Donatelli***

Rose Donatelli. Beloved wife of the late Anthony Donatelli; loving mother of Genevieve (Ray) LaVere, Joseph (Arlene), Louis (Lisa), Annette (the late Andrew) Elia; beloved daughter of the late Louis and Jennie Antonucci; loving grandmother of Renee, Brandon, Michael, Joseph, Michael, Lauren and Anthony; loving great-grandmother of nine; dear sister of six; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

## ***Duval***

Mario Robert Duval, age 75, passed away Jan. 22, retired sgt. Melrose Park Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety. Mario joined the department on Sept. 2, 2004, and retired in December 2011. A memorial service was held on Feb. 7, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

## ***Falco***

Eda Falco. Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Melrose Park.

## ***Guzman***

Gilberto H. Guzman, passed away peacefully on Feb. 4, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Odila (nee Garcia); devoted father of Rosa E. Guzman, Javier (Sulenna) Guzman, Gil Guzman, Matilde (Jose Manuel) Figueroa, Veronica (Miguel) Lopez, Andres (Erica) Guzman, Daniel (Carolina) Guzman, Eduardo Guzman and Franky (Maria) Guzman; loving son of the late Matilde and the Late Manuela (nee Herrera) Guzman; fond grandfather of Emiliano, Diego, Sergio, Mateo, Joaquin, Jehan, Adilene, Victoria, Sabrina, Miguel, Santiago, Celeste, Jason, Jacob, Esai, Liyan, Iliana, Daniel, Jordan, Savannah, Ariaah and Liam; dear brother of Hester (late Manuel Osorio) Guzman Herrera, Gumecindo (Luz Maria) Guzman, Manuel (Emma Guadalupe) Guzman and the late Jesus Guzman, late Alfredo Guzman, late Francisco Guzman, late Andres Guzman, late Alfredo Guzman and late Consuelo Guzman; dear uncle of many. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Hudson***

Anthony Hudson. Beloved son of Carmella (nee Vella) and Louis Bertocchini; dear brother of Vincent Bertocchini, Julie Rice and Tess Hamre; loving nephew of Anthony (Kathleen) Vella. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

## ***Knowski***

Nancy Knowski, born Feb. 16, 1955, and passed away Jan. 22, 2017. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## ***Kunz***

Anna M. Kunz, nee Manzo. Dearly beloved wife of the late Daniel; loving mother of Linda (Bernard) Hoffmann and Cynthia (John) Santoro; cherished grandmother of Jonathon Daniel; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum.

## ***Lussier***

Pauline Lussier. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. James Cemetery, Lincoln, R.I.

## ***Mariani***

Roger Mariani. Beloved husband of Joanne (nee Vivacqua); loving father of Roger (Angela), Julie (Rocco) Cosentino; loving grandfather of Rocco and Dominic Cosentino; beloved son of the late Ruggiero and the late Mary Mariani; dear brother of Domenica Ross; loving brother-in-law, cousin, uncle of many nieces and nephews, and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Mc Chrystal***

Marcella Mc Chrystal, nee Swingler. Dearly beloved wife of the late James; loving mother of James; dearest friend of Bonnie Velazquez; dear sister of Leora (Edward) Sisti and the late Donald (Phylis) Swingler, and the late Norma Jean (Neil) Kohler; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral services were private.

## ***McKinney***

Blondina G. McKinney, nee Hartwig. Dearly beloved wife of the late Robert A.; loving mother of Carol Ann Cuculich, Richard B. (the late Joy) and the late Robert (Laura) McKinney; cherished grandmother of Dr. Phillip (Dr. Jennifer Wambach) Cuculich, Justin (Molly) Cuculich, Derek (Lee) Cuculich, Eric, Jacquelyn (Patrick) Lynch and Robert (Natalie) McKinney; great-grandmother of nine; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Oppedisano***

Mr. Ronald Oppedisano, former mayor of Norridge and 25-year owner of Disano Appraisal Consultants. Dearly beloved husband of Linda (nee Valentino); loving father of Tena (Brian) Mc Cullough, Lisa (James) Gannon



and Vincent Oppedisano; beloved son of the late August Oppedisano and the late Norma (late Larry Battisti); cherished papa of Lia, Jack, Joseph and Lyla; fond son-in-law of Rita and the late Richard Valentino; dear brother-in-law of Anthony (Gail) and Michele Valentino; fond nephew, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Saint Joseph Cemetery.

#### ***Orona-Moctezuma***

April Orona-Moctezuma. Dearly beloved wife of Alex; loving mother of Evan Orona, Anthony and Michael Moctezuma; beloved daughter of Debra (John) and Randy (Laura); dear sister of Randy, Philip (Kathy), Alex (Beth), and Yvette Rodriguez; dear titi of seven; loving niece and cousin to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

#### ***Pecora***

Anna Pecora. Dearly beloved wife of the late Vincent; loving mother of Vincent (Deanne), Thomas and Mark; cherished grandmother of Vincent and Anthony; dear sister, aunt and beloved friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

#### ***Roeder***

Robert W. Roeder. Dearly beloved, wonderful husband and very best friend of Janice (nee Duller); loving and devoted father of Robert C. Roeder, Valerie Roeder (Thomas Fafinski), Heather (Thomas) Harrington, Hillary (John) Cali and James (Jennifer) Saad; cherished and proud papa of Ariel and Matthew Saad, Sylvan Roeder, Grace and Lyric Fafinski, and Austin Harrington; loving paw-paw to pups Memphis and Lucy Cali; dear son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law and uncle to many. Avid fan of all things Disney, Harley-Davidson, the Chicago Bears and White Sox. Bob touched countless lives and was a great friend to many people. His wife, children and grandchildren were his whole world and he was theirs. He was deeply loved and will be forever missed. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

#### ***Rodriguez***

Gloria Medina Rodriguez. Dearly beloved wife of the late Hector Medina Rodriguez; loving mother of Kenneth (Elizabeth) and Antonio (Nancy); cherished grandmother of Kenneth Jr., Christopher, Bianca, and Antonio David; great-grandmother of Hector Esteban; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

#### ***Spata***

Robert A. Spata. Dearly beloved husband of Linda (nee Stockard); loving father of Robert (Deza) and Kimberly Spata; cherished grandfather of Gianni; dear brother of Billy (Chris), Phyllis (the late John) Frias, Ronald (Lisa) and Joseph (Dawn) Spata; fond brother-in-law of Joan (the late Bob) Garcia, and the late William and Alberta Stockard; dear uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Oak Ridge Cemetery.

#### ***Stellato***

Anthony Stellato. Policeman for 31 years in the village of Melrose Park. Beloved husband of June (nee Sperando); loving father of Joseph "Pepe" and Kerry-Jo Stellato; beloved son of the late Anthony and Delphine; cherished papa of Joseph and Anthony; dear brother of Angie (late Carmen) Fiorvanti, late Richard (Patricia) Stellato; dear son-in-law of the late Joseph and Josephine Sperando; fond brother-in-law of Dolly Sperando and Jerry Sperando, and the late Francis Sperando. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment with military honors at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Proud member of the Melrose Park FOP.

#### ***Torina***

Philip Torina, police sergeant for the village of Melrose Park. Dearly beloved husband of Cathleen (nee Impastato); loving father of Sara (David) Rodriguez; cherished papa of Leah; dear brother of Mario Torina, Patricia (Harold) Price; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private. Member of Melrose Park FOP. Coach and best friend to Philly's Foxes.

#### ***Wojcicki***

John Wojcicki, age 90. A member of the greatest generation, honorably served his country during World War II in the US Army Air Force. Beloved husband of 67 years to his Isabella (nee Affarano); loving father of Linda (Thomas) and the late Robert; dearest grandpa of Lindsay (Joe the Plumber); dear brother of Richard (Barbara), Lilian (the late Joe) and the late Joseph. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment MaryHill Cemetery.

#### ***Zielinska***

Urszula Zielinska. Dearly beloved wife of Stanislaw for 47 years; loving father of Katarzina Debska and Anna (Savino) Izzi; cherished babacia and baba of Rafal and Enzo; dear sister of Jerzy and Romus; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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