

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

*Have a Great Labor Day Weekend and While You're Honoring
the American Worker – Stop by the Taste of Melrose Park!*

Dear Neighbors,

Over the years Labor Day has come to signify the end of summer, even though the official start of fall is Sept. 21, but fortunately for the residents of Melrose Park Labor Day does not have to be just a harbinger for the long cold days ahead, but rather a chance for one last blast of summer fun to be enjoyed at the 36th Annual Taste of Melrose Park, which will be held Sept. 1 through Sept. 3.

Our Taste offers the largest number of food vendors (over 60) of any Illinois food festival, including the Taste of Chicago. Each food booth offers a unique culinary item served up by local residents. We also provide free continuous entertainment on our four stages. The Taste concludes on Sunday evening with a spectacular fireworks show. Visit our website at www.melrosepark.org for a schedule of events.

And let's not forget the real reason Labor Day is celebrated. While most of us look at Labor Day as the last hurrah of summer, we should remember that the holiday began during the late 1800s at the height of the Industrial Revolution when the average American worker, children included (some as young as 5), worked 12-hour days and seven-day work weeks just to eke out a basic living. Working conditions were often unsafe, with little access to fresh air, breaks or sanitary facilities.

As manufacturing grew, labor unions became more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to negotiate better hours and pay. This movement led to long-standing traditions: On Sept. 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

It would be 12 more years before Congress would finally legalize the holiday and only then because of a watershed moment in American labor history. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. In order to break the strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers. In an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday.

This Labor Day take a moment out of your end-of-summer festivities to celebrate the American union labor movement. Though the unions' numbers have dwindled over the past 50 years, it is important to remember that they are responsible for this country enjoying the highest standard of living in the world for all workers, union or non-union.

And let's not forget to salute our small business owners (employ less than 20 workers) who make up almost 90 percent of the businesses in the United States. Thanks to these entrepreneurs, who risk their own finances every day, millions of working men and women are able to provide a better life for their families.

And with that said, let's have a great Labor Day and while you're honoring the American worker, stop by the Taste of Melrose and enjoy the labors of all the volunteers who make this great weekend possible ... Hope to see you there!



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

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

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico



Celebrate the Taste!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND • FRI., SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 1-3, 2017

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

See the Taste of Melrose Park 2017 Ad Book on Pages 27-73.



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 Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsAug. 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 10

Village Hall Holiday ClosingSept. 4, Oct. 9

Senior Club MeetingsOct. 12

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico...

Personally and on behalf of my entire administration, I want to thank you for the wise counsel, valuable time and important resources you and your staff have shared with us dating back to the start of my time in office.

More specifically, I am grateful for and impressed with the support and direction that your Taste of Melrose Park Team –

Peggy DiFazio, Chief Phil Schwartz, Bill Rich and Armando Iannelli – have shared with us as we planned the village's first annual Taste of Bellwood Festival for Aug. 5-6.

While Bellwood has a solid track record in presenting the village's popular Annual Family Day Picnic, transitioning from that successful one-day event to a two-day festival with entertainment and attractions was a significant move.

Your staff was fully engaged in helping us organize the festival, and as a result we expect it to be a huge success with our residents, vendors and guests alike. We are pleased with the insight and suggestions that your staff shared with us and believe we are better prepared because of their guidance.

I am looking forward to continue working cooperatively with Melrose Park as the success of our municipal partnership is a win-win arrangement for both communities.

Bellwood and Melrose Park have worked hand-in-hand on a number of transportation, infrastructure and commercial projects, among others, that have been vital to both of our communities. Our futures are linked and I have high hopes that we will succeed together.

• Sincerely,
Mayor Andre F. Harvey
Village of Bellwood

Dear Mayor Serpico...

On behalf of the Melrose Park Public Library staff and patrons, I would like to express our gratitude for your ongoing support of the Library. The recent Community Health, Safety, and Awareness Day, which took place in the Library parking lot on June 16, was a tremendous success, due, in large part, to your help and the invaluable assistance of the Homeland Security, Police, Fire, Public Works and Electrical departments. Thanks especially to Police Chief Sam Pitassi, Fire Chief Rick Beltrame, Phil Schwartz, Gary Marine, Armando Iannelli, Isidro Vargas and Fernando Chavez for your active participation in the planning, coordination and execution of this event. We could not have done it without you!

• Sincerely,
Cynthia Maiello-Gluecklich
Executive Director
Melrose Park Public Library

Dear Mayor Serpico...

Thank you so much for your donation to the Dominican Literary Center Walk-a-thon!

This will help us to continue providing appropriate learning materials for our students as they learn the English language.

We have often heard of all the wonderful things you do for the people of Melrose Park.

• Most gratefully,
Sr. Judith and Sr. Beverly Jeanne

Dear Mayor Serpico...

Thank you very much for attending my Eagle Ceremony as well as the commendation.

The ceremony was very important to me and I am happy to have shared it with you.

- Sincerely,
Francesco Migliore

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

The 124th Feast of Our Lady has been celebrated and again you have played a key role in another successful celebration.

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

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

Please share our most sincere appreciation with all the employees that are part of the village as well as the Public Works team. We truly appreciate what you do on our behalf!

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

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



Dear Mayor Serpico...

The Neighborfest Committee from St. Paul Lutheran Church want to thank you for your donation for our May 6 celebration.

Your donation to our prize drawings helped to make the day a success. Your support was much appreciated.

God bless.

- Sincerely,
Beverly Lehmann
Neighborfest Committee Member

Dear Mayor Serpico...

Sometimes it's the kindnesses you do for others that means so much.

I am sending you this letter to say "Thank You" to a village employee by the name of Michael LaGioia.

Whenever we have needed assistance throughout the years with our properties, he has always tried to fulfill our request with a smile and willingness to accommodate us.

He is one of the reasons we have chosen to remain in Melrose Park.

We sincerely wish to thank you, mayor, for all you have done with Mikey LaGioia and a special thanks to Gary Marine who has also been there when we needed assistance.

- With gratitude and appreciation,
Sam and Lillian Loconti

Dear Mayor Serpico...

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Mike Carpanzano and his staff from the Sewer and Water Department for the assistance they provided me.

I am grateful for their prompt response to an issue with the sewer near my house.

They were extremely courteous and their willingness to help was a great support to me, especially as a senior citizen.

I appreciate their hard work and dedication.

These men are a great asset to our village!

- Thank you,
Gerard C. Bartuch

Dear Mayor Serpico...

My wife and I are writing you today to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the service you and your office provided our home with your Residential Painting Program for senior citizens 65 years or older.

Because of you, Melrose Park is truly a community that works for its people.

Fernando Chavez and his crew arrived at our home at 7:30 a.m. and went right to work painting our fence.

They were neat, well-organized and did very good work.

I was especially pleased with the attention to detail the young man showed when he removed the gold numbers from my fence gate so as to not slop paint on them as he completed his work.

I also think it shows a lot of class when Mr. Marine, director of Public Works, showed up to make sure we got everything we needed and to make sure the crew got off on the right foot.

Mr. Marine and his people should be commended.

Thanks again for everything.

- Sincerely,
Terry and Linda Nelson
Two loyal supporters – always!

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I want to personally thank you for allowing Juvenile Officer Orlando "Lance" Lascola (#46) to provide an excellent and knowledgeable presentation to our detectives, patrol officers and gang tactical officers on the subject of juvenile law.

Ofc. Lascola's knowledge and unique ability to instruct will greatly improve our officers' field performance in juvenile processing. Ofc. Lascola's professionalism and experiences in the area of juvenile law was impressive and well-received by members of the Cicero Police Department consisting of various ranks and positions.

We appreciate our working relationship with the Melrose Park Police Department and hope we can work together on future projects.

If my department may be of any service to you please do not hesitate to contact my office.

- Sincerely,
Jerry Chlada, Jr.
Superintendent of Police
Cicero Police Department

Walk Your Dog at the Village of Melrose Park Dog Park

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

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

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

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



A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief



Police Department Notice Regarding Weekend Parking and Suspicious Persons

EFFECTIVE NOW 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.

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



**Melrose Park
Police
Department**



Visit the Melrose Park Police Department Website at 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.



Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame

Thank You from the Melrose Park Firefighters' Association



On Friday, June 30, 2017, the Melrose Park Firefighters' Association sponsored its annual golf outing. One hundred golfers participated in a day filled with good natured competition that benefited organizations such as Burn Camp, the Melrose Park Little League and many more charities in the Chicago area. The Melrose Park Firefighters' Association would like to thank all who participated, especially its corporate sponsors.



Firehouse Subs Provides New Equipment to the Melrose Park Fire Department

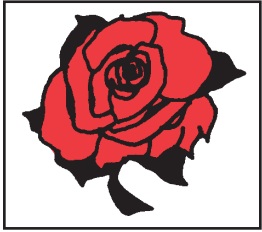


Firehouse Subs area representative Samuel Stanovich and his staff were joined by Illinois state Rep. Kathleen Willis as they presented Asst. Fire Chief James Wrosch, Captain Frank Islami and the firefighters of shift three with new firefighting equipment. Purchase of the equipment was made possible by a grant from Firehouse Subs. The Melrose Park Fire Department would like to thank Firehouse Subs for their continued dedication to the fire service.

Melrose Park Firefighters Surprise Campers at MPYC Camp Fun

Members of the Melrose Park Fire Department introduced campers to fire suppression tools. Campers were given a chance to try the tools and get an idea of the types of equipment firefighters use every day. After the demonstration, the children were given a tour of engine 707 – MPFD's new, state-of-the-art fire engine. Finally, campers were treated to a cool spray from engine 707's water tank.





Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

2041 N. 18th Avenue Parking Lot

Under Mayor Serpico's direction, the village of Melrose Park Public Work's employees demolished the blighted building at 2041 N. 18th Ave.

This property has been developed into a much needed parking lot for area residents. A parking permit is required and applications are available at the village of Melrose Park Village Hall. Parking permits are issued quarterly and the fee is \$100 a quarter. (See photos.)



15th Avenue Closing – Removal and Replacement of 15th Avenue Bridge Project

15th Avenue from North Avenue to LeMoyne is now closed as of May 3, 2017, and will remain closed until October 2017, in order to remove and replace the bridge on 15th Avenue. Detour signs will be posted for the duration of the project. Local traffic will be permitted for the Pan American Bank, Burger King and Brown's Chicken.

17th Avenue will be a two-way street from North Avenue to LeMoyne. All residents of 17th Avenue from North Avenue to LeMoyne will be relocated for parking from the west side of the 1800 block to the east side for the duration of the project. (See photos.)



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

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

Street/Alley Repaving

The following streets have been paved:

Haddon – 22nd Avenue to 25th Avenue

Iowa – 24th Avenue to 23rd Avenue

Cortez – 15th Avenue to 14th Avenue

Cortez – 23rd Avenue to 24th Avenue

Armitage – 15th Avenue to George Street

Hirsch – 19th Avenue to 16th Avenue

Norwood – 19th Avenue to 15th Avenue

LeMoyné – 19th to 25th Avenue

The following streets are currently being repaved:

Division Street – Fifth Avenue to First Avenue

16th Avenue – Main Street to Lake Street

17th Avenue – Main Street to Lake Street

18th Avenue – Main Street to Lake Street

Rice Street – 15th Avenue to 11th Avenue

The following alleys are currently being repaved:

Alley between 24th and 23rd avenues, from Walton St. to Augusta St.

Alley between 18th and 17th avenues, from Thomas St. to Haddon St.

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.

Discarding Grass Clippings/Yard Waste

Attention Residents Along Silver Creek Embankment – Please refrain from throwing grass clippings and any other yard waste in to creek.

50/50 Sidewalk Program 2017

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

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.

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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

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

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

Village of Melrose Park

James M. Vasselli

Office of the Village Attorney

(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4487



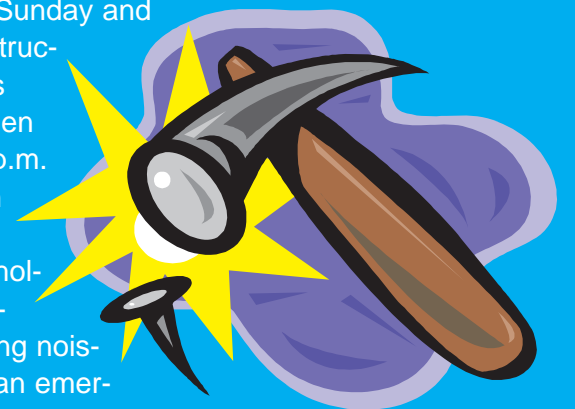
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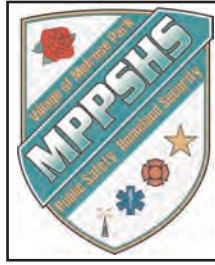
Village of Melrose Park Construction Notice Construction Hours

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

West Nile Virus

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

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

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

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

Five Common Myths About West Nile Virus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Myth #4: Repellents containing DEET are not safe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

West Nile Virus Facts

What is West Nile Virus?

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

What Can I do to Prevent WNV?

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

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

What Are the Symptoms of WNV?

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

How Does West Nile Virus Spread?

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

How Soon Do Infected People Get Sick?

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

How Is WNV Infection Treated?

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

What Should I Do if I Think I Have WNV?

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

What is the Risk of Getting Sick from WNV?

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

What is the CDC Doing About WNV?

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

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

What Else Should I Know?

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

Flooding – What You Need to Know

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Call the Village Hall Today to Reserve a Flag in Their Honor



NEW FOR 2017



In 2014, Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission launched Melrose Park's Avenue of Flags campaign and we're continuing our efforts.

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 have been displayed on lightpoles within the village.

If you know of a veteran or someone currently serving from the community and would like to have a flag displayed on a lightpole near to their home, please call the Melrose Park Village Hall at (708) 343-4000 with details on their U.S. military branch.





**A Special Message
to the
Parents of
Melrose Park
Children
from the
MELROSE PARK
YOUTH
COMMISSION**

Dear Parent,

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

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

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

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

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

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age of Child #1 _____

School Attending _____

Age of Child #2 _____

School Attending _____

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

Registration is Now in Progress!

**MELROSE PARK
YOUTH COMMISSION**

**Fall
Season**

**Night
time**

**Camp
Fun**

For children 4-7 years of age!

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

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

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

Our Night-time Camp Fun runs three nights a week (Mondays-Wednesdays, 6:15-8:30 p.m.) Oct. 10-Nov. 15.

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

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

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

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

**REGISTER NOW!
CAMP BEGINS OCT. 10!**



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Adult Services



Open Board Game Play

We'll have plenty of board games including our current favorites and classics such as Chess, Mastermind, and Othello. We also have a number of word games on hand. It's time to read, learn, and play!

Saturday, September 9th
11:00am—1:00pm

All Ages. Register in person or online.

New Library Hours

Starting September 5th, MPPL will close at 7:00pm Monday - Thursday.

Monday - Thursday 8:00am-7:00pm

Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm

*Closed last Saturday of each month

Sunday Closed

Financial Planning Basics Free Workshop

Siree Sandberg Bakakos of SSB Financial Services, Inc. will share the basics of budgeting, saving, and investing. We'll learn how to set smart goals and create a foundation for a good financial plan.

Thursday, September 21st
6:00pm

Adults(18+). Register in person or online.

www.MPPLibrary.org/financial-planning



All dates and times are subject to change without prior notice. Please see the website, or call us for updated programming information. All programs at the library are free but registration is required unless otherwise noted. MPPL card holders have first priority. 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) 649-7400

New Library Hours start September 5th!

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-7:00pm

Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Closed last Saturday of the month

Sunday, Closed



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Youth Services



Stories & More

Join our interactive playtime for fun with stories, music, puzzles and toys. Ages 1-5.

Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28
10:30am - 11:30am



Master Makers

Join us and build some amazing structures using many unusual materials! Ages 8-12.

Tuesday, September 19
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Kids Care

Join this collaborative project to transform old grocery bags into sleeping mats for those in need. Drop in to help us! Ages 8 and up.

September 11, 25
4:00pm - 6:00pm



Wacky Wednesday

Come and join the crazy fun! We will do something different each month. It could be anything! Ages 7-12.

Wednesday, September 27
4:00pm - 5:00pm



LEGO Club

Calling all Builders! The library will supply the Legos, you bring your imagination. Ages 5 - 12 (ages 3-5 with guardian)

Tuesday, September 12
4:00pm - 5:00pm



I Spy "Banned Books"

Play our giant game of "I Spy!" Pick up a worksheet at the Youth Services desk and spy all of the hidden items. For all ages.

Monday, September 25
1:00pm - 7:00pm



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Summer 2017 - Fabulous Fridays at the library!



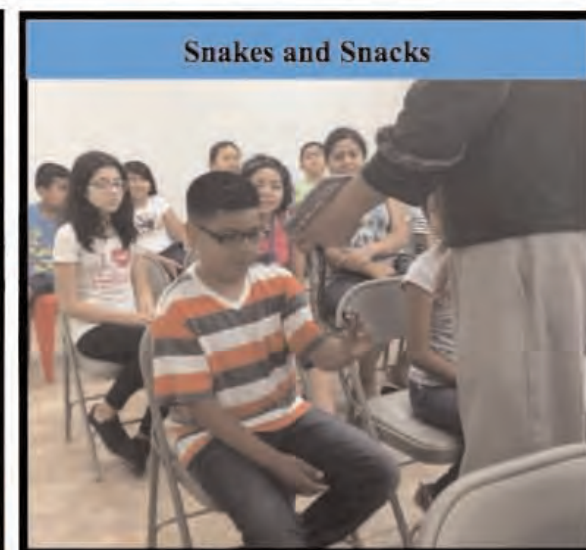
Community, Health, Safety, and Awareness Day



Lego Building Workshop



Games Galore



Snakes and Snacks



Cernan Earth and Space Center



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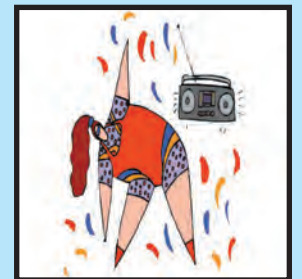
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Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



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

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride for Residents

The Village of Melrose Park Dial a Ride Program was initiated in 2000 to provide residents of our community with a new transportation resource to any location in the Melrose Park boundaries. Residents are encouraged to use the program to do their everyday needs such as grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. We are also handicapped accessible.

This service is available to residents Monday thru Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To make a reservation, please call (708) 343-7047. You can make appointments from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and all major holidays. To book an appointment or make a cancellation, you must call at least 24 hours in advance.

Policies and Procedures

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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

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

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

Call (708) 343-7047 for service.



Village of Melrose Park Senior Club News

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

2017 Meeting Dates

Sept. (Cancelled) • Oct. 12 • Nov. 9 • Dec. 14

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

Registration for New Memberships

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

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

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

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

Senior Services

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

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

**The Melrose Park Senior Club
is currently accepting donations of
canes, wheelchairs, walkers, etc.,
that can be given to those in need.
If you have something you would
like to donate,
please call Peggy DiFazio at
(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.**



Village of Melrose Park

Garage Sale Notice

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

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

The remaining dates for 2017 are Sept. 14-16.

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

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

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

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

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





Melrose Park **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.



*Village of
Melrose Park*

TAEKWONDO PROGRAM

Register Now!



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 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 CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays • 4-7 p.m. • Daily Fee – \$5
Must be 15 years old or older to join program. • Instructor: Mario
For additional information, 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)

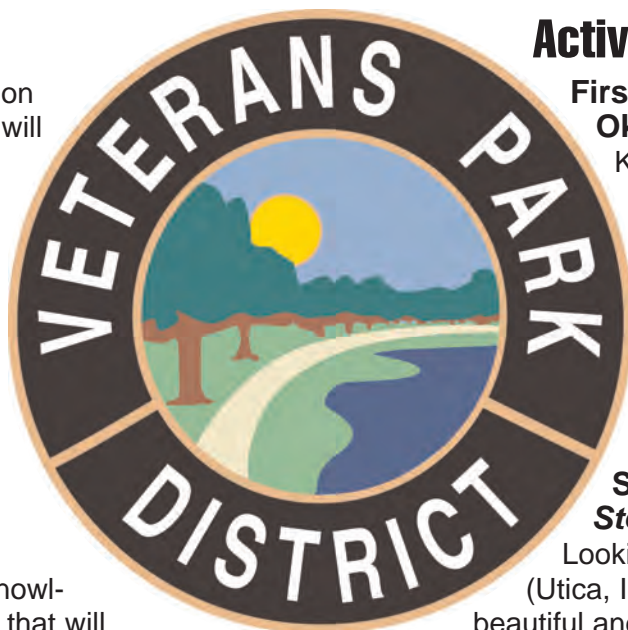
Weekdays – 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Winter Hours (Oct. 1-Memorial Day)

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

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings



Tiny Tot Learn & Play with Parent

The Tiny Tot Learn & Play Program offers socialization opportunities in an early childhood setting. Children will engage in circle time, songs, creative movement, puppetry, story-time, art projects and snack time. A parent must accompany each child. Register for one or two classes per week. Ages 18-36 months.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 19-Nov. 9; 9:30-11 a.m.; Bulger Park Classroom; Tuesdays – \$68 In District/\$83 Out of District; Thursdays – \$68 In District/\$83 Out of District; Tuesdays and Thursdays – \$136 In District/ \$151 Out of District.

Floor Hockey

This eight-week clinic will enhance your skills and knowledge of floor hockey. This is an action-packed class that will emphasize the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship while teaching the basic skills of hockey – passing, shooting and stick handling – before the skates go on. This program will include class scrimmages then leading to tournaments and competitive games. This is a perfect class for kids who love or want to learn how to play hockey.

- Ages 9-13; Wednesdays, Oct. 4-Nov. 22; 6-7 p.m.; Grant Park Recreation Center Gym; \$45 In District/\$60 Out of District.

Flag Football Camp

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

- Ages 6-13; Thursdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 19; 6-7 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex; \$45 In District/\$60 Out of District.

New! – Tumbling

Beginner Tumbling

Beginner tumblers will learn forward rolls, cartwheels, bridges and jumps. Strength and flexibility are also needed to progress into the higher level classes. Children will be evaluated at the end of each session and advised when to move up to the next level.

- Ages: 18-35 months; Saturday, Sept. 9-Oct. 21 (No class Sept. 16); 1-2 p.m.; Cimbalo Fitness Center; \$45 In District/\$60 Out of District.

Intermediate Tumbling

This class is designed to perfect your child's beginner skills and add new skills. Skills to be taught are backbends, handstand forward rolls and round-offs. Children will be evaluated at the end of each session and advised when to move to the next level.

- Ages 4-8; Saturday, Sept. 9-Oct. 21 (No class Sept. 16); 2-3 p.m.; Cimbalo Fitness Center; \$45 In District/\$60 Out of District.

Active Adults

First Annual Themed Dinner Dance – Oktoberfest Dinner

Kick off your weekend and celebrate fall with us at our Oktoberfest Dinner. We will create a traditional German atmosphere where you can enjoy a great German meal and have a cold beer – all while being entertained by a great band known as The Internationals! They will perform traditional German music with two dancers that will entertain and get everyone on the dance floor.

- Friday, Oct. 13; 5:30-8 p.m.; Grant Park; Fee: \$22.

Starved Rock Presents: *Tribute to the Stars-Story of Ritchie Valens – La Bamba 2 Shoes*

Looking to go on a great fall trip? Come to Starved Rock (Utica, Ill.) for a tasty buffet and a great show! The scenery is beautiful and there are several specialty shops that you can visit

before or after the show!

- Tuesday, Sept. 19; Departure: 8:30 a.m., Cimbalo Fitness Center/8:45 a.m., Grant Park; Return: 6:30 p.m.; Fee: \$68.

Fitness – Adults

Challenge Yourself! Biggest Winner Weight Loss Challenge at Cimbalo Fitness Center

Your time is now! Are you confused and overwhelmed by all of the health and fitness information readily available today?

Have you tried various fitness fads and weight loss promises repeatedly?

Are yo-yo dieting, inconsistent exercise patterns, plateaus, label and calorie confusion a part of your past? If so, this challenge is for you! All fitness levels will be accommodated and welcome.

The challenge trainer will guide you in exercise and nutrition guidelines. You will have weekly accountability. Weekly meetings will include a 30-minute workout, weigh-ins and group discussion. (Weekly weigh-ins – you cannot miss more than four. If you need to miss a weekly meeting you can schedule an appointment with Georgia for your weekly weigh-in.)

Surprise challenges throughout the session where prizes will be awarded.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three participants who lose the most amount of weight. Final weight losses will be calculated by percentages.

This program includes a 14-week full membership to Cimbalo Fitness Center where you can work-out during the operation hours of the center.

- Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.; Sept. 9-Dec. 27; \$99 Resident/\$129 Non-Resident.

**For more information on VPD programs,
call (708) 343-5270 or visit
veteransparkdistrict.org.**



Back to School **ABCs**



VETERANS PARK DISTRICT PRESCHOOL

AGES 3-5

Melrose Park & Northlake locations

REGISTER NOW

Full day / Half day

5 days/ 3 days / 2 days

DCFS LICENSED

Illinois Action For Children Accepted.

Call to set up a tour and for information.



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CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER and Museum



***NEW CLASSES
NEW INSTRUCTORS
NEW TIMES***



[708] 343-5270 VETERANSPARKDISTRICT.ORG FOLLOW US ON  

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT BEYOND THE BELL

Great After School Options
for Your Child at the
George A. Leoni Complex



Sports & Fitness

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

Grades: K-8

Day: Monday-Friday

Facility: George A. Leoni Complex

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Time: 3-4:30 p.m. / 90 minutes
(2:30 p.m. on early dismissal days)

Fees: \$4.50 per day

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



Time to Chill/Homework Hangout

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

Grades: K-8

Day: Monday-Friday

Facility: George A. Leoni Complex

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

Fees: \$4.50 per day

Sign up by calling (708) 343-5270 or stop in at one of our facilities. Preregistration is required. Sessions run monthly, payments made in advance. Any students from Melrose Park Elementary School or Scared Heart will be escorted to the Leoni Complex by a VPD staff member each day. Transportation is not provided for these programs at the George A. Leoni Complex.

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



Saturday, October 7
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Gouin Park
2400 Scott Street, Franklin Park

AUTUMN FEST

Bring the whole family for a day of fun! Rain or shine!

CONCESSION STAND
Grilled burgers & hot dogs will be sold.



Free Entertainment • Trackless Train • Corn Maze • Mini Golf
Free Games & Crafts • Free Face Painting • Obstacle Course
Pony Rides & Petting Zoo • Craft Fair/Vendors • Car Show

SOLD AT THE
EVENT:
\$12 WRISTBAND FOR
UNLIMITED USE OR
\$1 PER TICKET PER
ATTRACTION

Pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch (while supplies last).



(708) 343-5270 | VETERANS PARK DISTRICT.ORG | FOLLOW US ON [facebook](#) [twitter](#)

Veterans Park District &
Melrose Park Youth Commission

FRIGHT NIGHT

Friday October 27 • 5-7 p.m.
Bulger Park, Melrose Park

Free Family Event for Grades K-6.
Wear Your Costume!

JUMP HOUSE
CREEPY CRAFTS
GHOULISH GAMES
CHILDREN RECEIVE A HOT DOG AND JUICE
(LIMITED QUANTITIES). HOT DOGS AND
SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE
CONCESSION STAND.

HAUNTED HOUSE
VPD MAINTENANCE TEAM
PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL
HAUNTED HOUSE ON HIRSCH!
\$2 ADMISSION FEE
OPEN FROM 5 - 8 P.M.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Saturday, October 28 • Bulger Park • 5-8 p.m.

MOVIE / PIZZA

HAUNTED MOVIE NIGHT & HALLOWEEN PARTY

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Senior Companion Program

Corporation for
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Senior Companion Program

Can you be a Senior Companion? Senior Companions are:

- Over 55 years of age and live in suburban Cook County
- Can volunteer at least 15 hours per week
- Have a limited income (in order to receive the stipend)
- Love to help their neighbors and remain active in their community

As a Senior Companion, you will receive:

- A Non-Taxable Hourly Stipend (if income eligible)
- Meal Reimbursement
- Mileage Reimbursement
- Supplemental Accident/Liability Insurance while Volunteering
- Paid Holidays, Vacation, & Sick Days
- Pre-Service and On-Going Training Opportunities

The individuals helped by Senior Companions receive:

- Assistance with important daily tasks
- Encouragement to remain active
- A watchful eye to notice when they need extra care
- A friendship that can last a lifetime

SCP is sponsored by Center of Concern and is a federally funded program

Center  of Concern

SUPPORTING FAMILIES. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY.



**For More Information on
Becoming
A Senior Companion Volunteer**

Contact:

Mary O'Reilly

Senior Companion Program Director

msimpson@centerofconcern.org

847-242-8010-Direct

847-824-8437-Fax

Or

Denise Ginnane

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The Taste of Melrose Park is dedicated to providing a safe and fun atmosphere for kids of all ages, 1 to 100. Most of our food booths are operated by Melrose Park families

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

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

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

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Saturday, Sept. 2

6-7:30 p.m. • Vic Lombardi & Chicago Seven
8-10:30 p.m. • American English

Sunday, Sept. 3

7-8 p.m. • Johnny Maggio
8:30-10 p.m. • Classic Rock Experience

MAIN DRIVE

Saturday, Sept. 2

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Sunday, Sept. 3

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2-3:30 p.m. • Slice Factory "Slice-a-Palooza"
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Mike Riser Band
9-10:30 p.m. • Relativity

Sunday, Sept. 3

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

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Friday, Sept. 1

6-? • Karaoke-Greg Rini
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Saturday, Sept. 2

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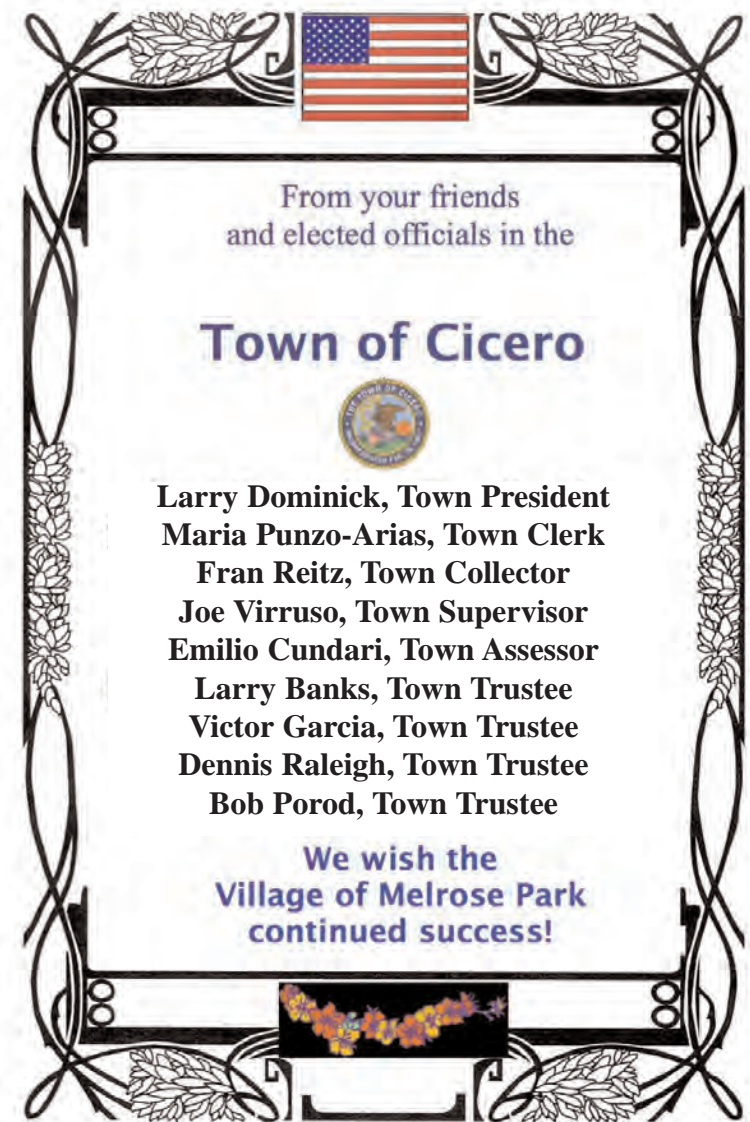
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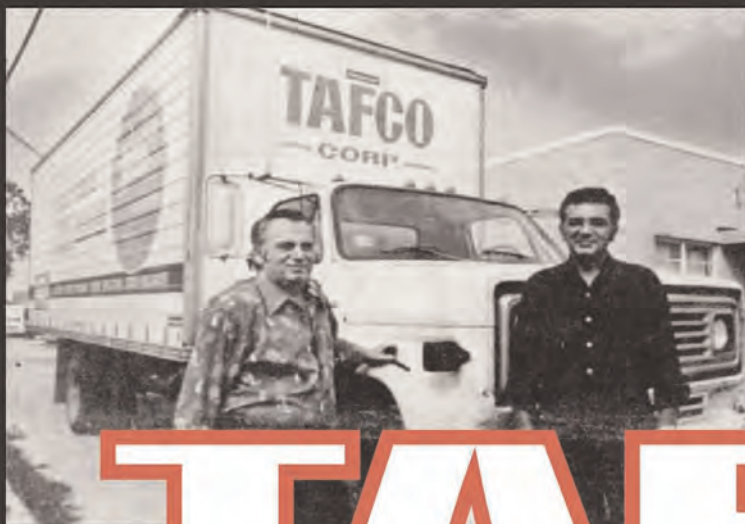
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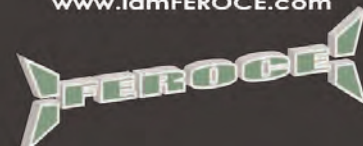
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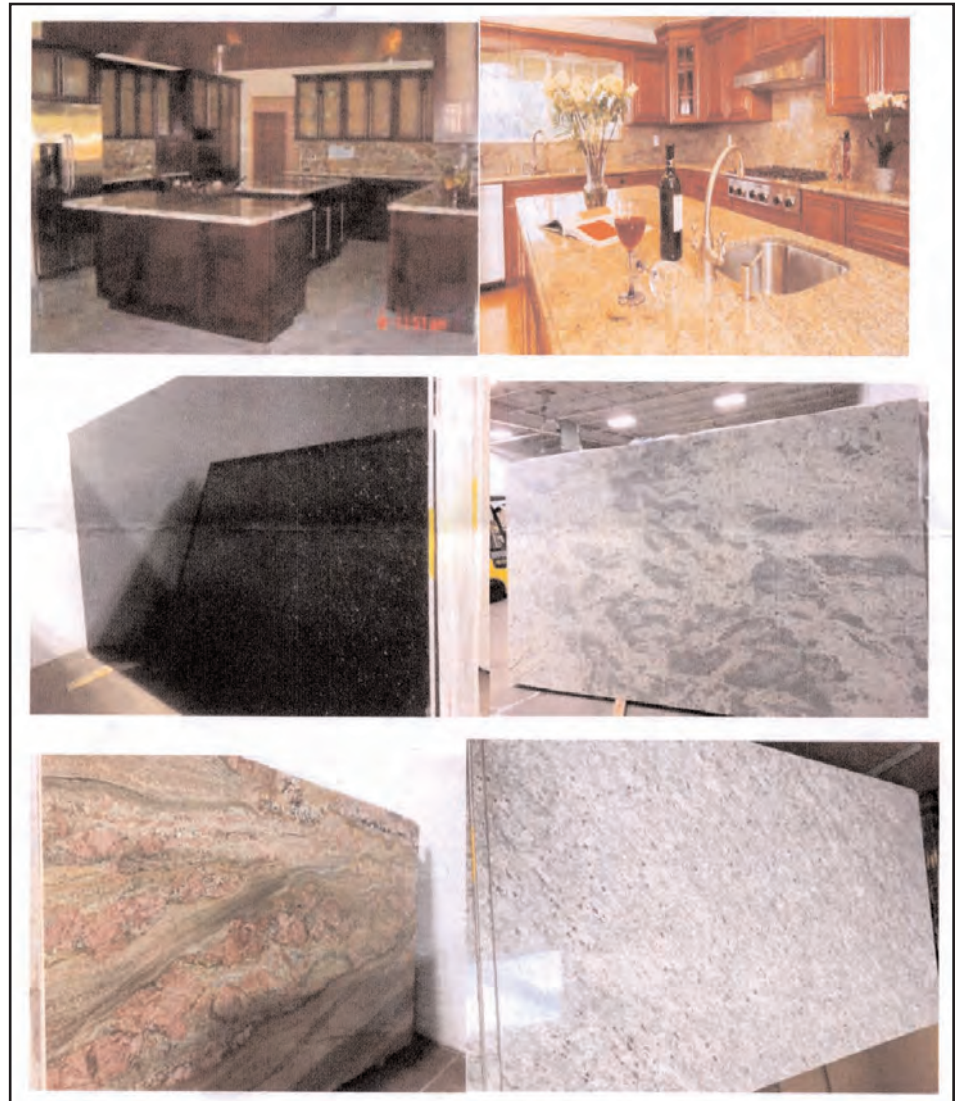
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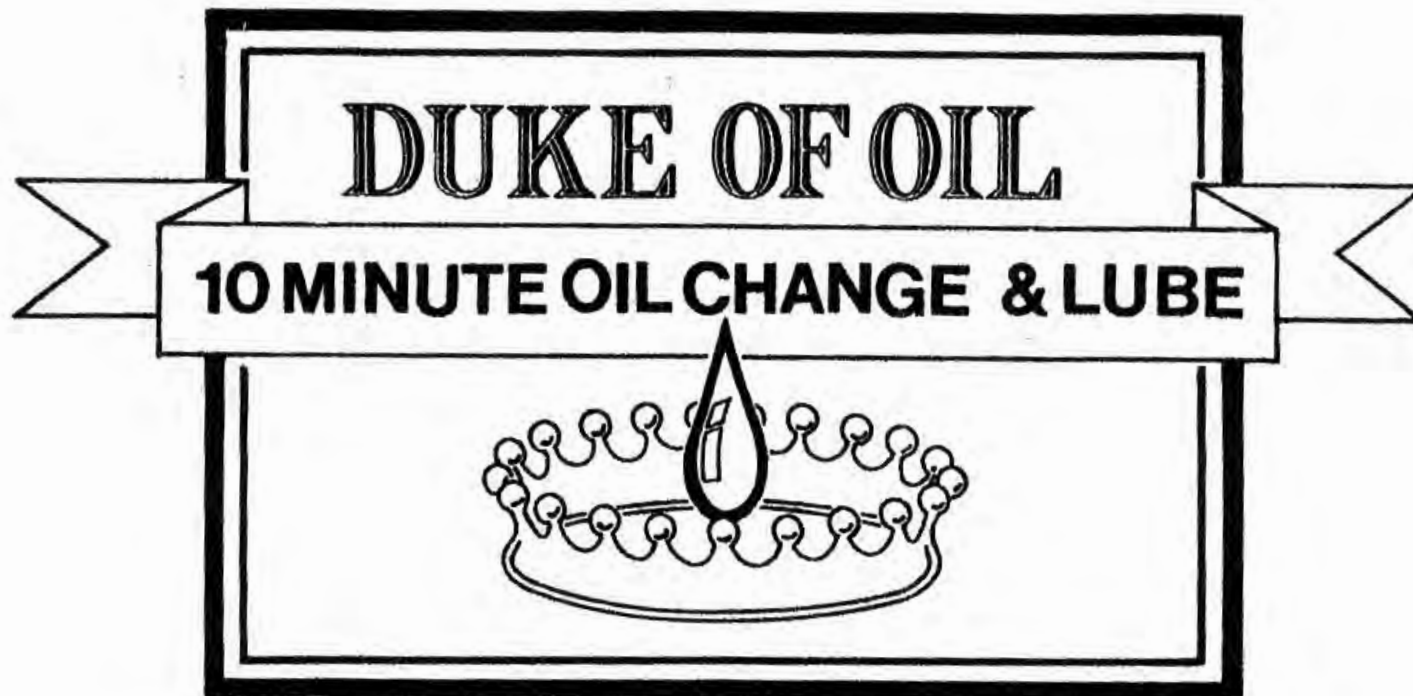


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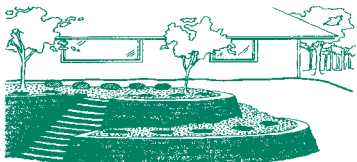
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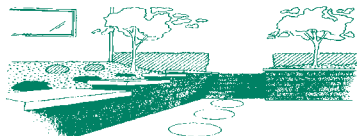
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Whether you prefer free weights, cardio, classes or a combination – the new 6,000 square foot center will feature top of the line equipment along with experienced Fitness Center staff and instructors who will guide you on your path to fitness.

The new Fitness Center is located on the lower level of the R Building, on the east side of the Triton College Campus, 2000 Fifth Ave.

The Fitness Center features: a full line of cardio equipment; treadmills, elliptical trainers, spin bikes, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, row machines, and C5x climbmills; a full series of Matrix strength machines; power platforms and free weights; an indoor walking/running track; three newly designed group fitness rooms; a personal training room with all necessary equipment for students to learn proper technique and instruction; as well as newly renovated locker rooms with individual shower stalls.

Fitness Center hours (as of Aug. 21) are: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday – closed.

How to Join

Register for a class (credit) PED 106 Total Fitness or (noncredit) PED C37 Total Fitness.

Upon registration, you will be enrolled in a class with an experienced fitness instructor and will have access to the facility during any of its regularly scheduled hours. The instructor will guide you on how to use the various machines and equipment, as well as assist you in creating a fitness program to help you reach your individual goals.

For more information or to sign up to use the Fitness Center, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3782, or email katherinederesinski@triton.edu.

Triton College to Hold Auditions for *Waiting for Lefty*

Triton College's Performing Arts Department will hold auditions for the production of *Waiting for Lefty* by Clifford Odets, Aug. 25-27 and Sept. 1-2.

Auditions will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. each day in Room J-108 in Triton College's Fine Arts Building, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. Callbacks will be held Sunday, Sept. 3. Auditions are open to Triton students, faculty, staff and community members.

Director Andrew Gallant is seeking actors of all ages, types and experience levels. Actors will read selections from the play which will be provided at the audition.

Waiting for Lefty, Clifford Odets' visionary play, tells the story of New York cab drivers

on the verge of a strike. Be in the meeting hall as ordinary people fight to wrestle their livelihoods back from the brink of oblivion. Full of humor, passion and fire, *Waiting for Lefty* is a classic play that explores the timeless American question: What happens when we get pushed too far?

The staged production will have six performances: Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-12, 2017. Performance times are 7:30 p.m, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

For audition information and appointments, contact Andrew Gallant, andrewgallant@triton.edu.



Triton's Fall Family Fun Fest Set for Saturday, Sept. 30



Triton College's Fall Family Fun Fest will once again provide an action packed day of fun and activities that the whole family will enjoy. The annual event will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in Triton's Botanical Gardens located on the east side of campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., in River Grove.

The non-stop action includes games, activities and exhibits designed for adults and children of all ages. Enjoy fall favorites including a pumpkin patch, corn maze, horticulture activities and more! At the big event, you can satisfy your sweet tooth at the pastry decorating table and tap into your wild side at the face painting station.

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

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D89 Professional Learning

District 89 administrators participated in Administrator Academies and embraced professional learning during July and August to prepare for the 2017-18 school year. Ready, Set, Learn!



District89 GADGETGirls at Triton College

GADgET (Girls Adventuring in Design, Engineering and Technology) Camp was held at Triton College on July 17-27. The camp introduced District 89 Middle School students to the world of manufacturing through hands-on projects and manufacturing facilities. Through scholarship funding, students participated in an interactive, problem-solving environment where they learned and shared opportunities in the field of manufacturing. Thank you Triton College for our continuing partnership supporting our students and community!



21st Century Learning Resources

Students will enter the 2017-18 school year with updated resources in all curricular areas. Recently purchased resources align to the Common Core State Standards, the Next Generation Science Standards and the C3 (College, Career and CIVICs) Standards.



Camp Can Do Camp Out

Each summer, the ESL Summer School Camp Can Do gathers together to have lessons outside. The children enjoyed a morning of singing camp songs, reading stories and snacking around Jane Addams "campsite."



D89 Welcomes New Principal to Melrose Park School

Leticia Valadez comes to Melrose Park School with over 14 years of experience as an educator and school leader. “My students have been my greatest source of inspiration. They have taught me more about myself than I could have imagined. Through them, I learned the significance of acknowledging, embracing, and celebrating my identity and using my story as a source of inspiration for students to achieve success through education.” Mrs. Valadez states, “It is my belief that educators serve as mirrors of hope and inspiration for all children, and I am committed to working in partnership with the entire Melrose Park School community to ensure that all students take pride in their cultural heritage while being inspired, empowered and actively engaged in their education. My greatest desire is to provide leadership that will facilitate a school environment where students and their teachers thrive.”



D89 Hosted Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

The transition of a child beginning kindergarten is a big one for both parents and kids. To assist with the transition, District 89 held a Kindergarten Readiness Workshop on Tuesday, June 13, in which families had a chance to meet some of the kindergarten teachers, participate in learning games, and receive a backpack, a book and take home activities to help get their children excited for the school year in the fall. For tips on how to help your children to keep learning throughout the summer, follow District89 on Pinterest.



Extended Learning Summer School Celebrations

During the final week of June, the Extended Learning Summer School Program held a Celebration of Learning at Jane Addams School and Irving Middle School. Students from kindergarten through third grade performed for their families. The children recited poetry, sang songs, and showcased what they learned throughout the session. Students entering fifth through eighth grade presented various projects they have been working on throughout the month.

Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend. You are appreciated!

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17 Students Presented Scholarships from Gottlieb Auxiliary and Medical Staff

The auxiliary and medical staff of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital have awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 graduating high school seniors and five college students who plan to pursue a career in medicine. Two additional scholarships were awarded by Dilip Patel, MD, and his wife, Krishna Patel, MD, who both practice medicine at Gottlieb.

The scholarships were presented to the students at a Gottlieb Auxiliary Board meeting on Thursday, July 20. The organization, in conjunction with the Gottlieb medical staff, have been awarding scholarships for more than 25 years to incoming or current college students.

"The Gottlieb Auxiliary Committee and medical staff are pleased to be able to continue a tradition of supporting future medical professionals," Gottlieb Auxiliary President Jan Morgan said. "We had another excellent group of recipients this year."



The winning scholarship students are:

High School Scholarships

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 Natalia Skop, Fenton High School (Nursing)
 Rosmund Lin, Proviso East High School (Nursing)
 Katarzyna Skwiot, Elmwood Park High School (Nursing)
 Lessly Salas, West Leyden High School (Nursing)
 Savannah Martinez, Trinity High School (Human Physiology)
 Dgyona Raphy, Proviso West High School (Biomedical Engineering)
 Alexa Adams, Fenwick High School (Nursing)
 Conor Johnson, Oak Park-River Forest High School (Biological Sciences)

Patel Scholarship

Riya Desai, East Leyden High School (Biomedical Engineering)
 Mahmooda Ali, Proviso West High School (Biomedical Engineering)

College Scholarships

Angelica Charukiewicz, Benedictine University (Nursing RN-BSN)
 Kyle Zielinski, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Pre-Med)
 Angelica Michalak, Dominican University (Nursing)
 Jasmine Dobbs, Northern Illinois University (Nursing)
 Claribel Delatorre, Benedictine University (Nursing RN-BSN)
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Operation Care Package ... Support the Cause! Register Now for the Proviso Public Partnership/ Proviso Township Mental Health Commission Fifth Annual Golf Outing – Tuesday, Aug. 29

As many of you are now familiar with, the Proviso Public Partnership Golf Outing has become a yearly event for Proviso Township.

This year the Proviso Mental Health Commission and the Proviso Public Partnership has teamed up with Operation Care Package, a not for profit dedicated to making sure that no deployed hero goes without receiving mail or a sponsored care package. We have come together to help support our women and men in the military who bravely answer the call to protect our nation's freedom.



Everyone knows someone who has served or is currently serving our military. Whether in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, our show of support is what motivates them to complete their missions every day. For the past three years we have been fortunate enough to partner with wonderful people across Proviso Township collecting donations for Operation Care Package. Last year OCP sent over 9,182 packages to our troops serving overseas. These packages included items such as personal hygiene supplies, protein bars, batteries and holiday items. We assisted OCP by putting together a true community-developed event that included partnerships with schools, businesses, local government and volunteers.

Children across Proviso Township wrote letters of admiration and support to our military men and women.

On average OCP needs \$143,000 per year for postage, because our US mail does not provide assistance for these efforts. Therefore, they are left to find funding elsewhere. This year's P.P.P. Golf Outing is honored to support our men and women serving overseas and we're asking for your help. This year's proceeds will go towards ensuring that OCP continues to send those packages to our military so that they all know they are remembered and that all of them are heroes.

This year's golf outing is set for Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Please join us as we support our troops – send a donation, purchase a foursome or make a sponsorship. Any assistance you provide will be appreciated.

This year we will "Let No Hero Be Forgotten."

Sponsorship options range from \$500 to \$2000. Also available are exclusive packages including: foursome, dinner and hole sign – \$750; foursome and dinner – \$650; golf and dinner – \$175; hole sign – \$150; and dinner only – \$60.

For additional information, please call Kate Minella at (708) 240-4435, send an email to kminella@pppnfp.org or visit pppnfp.org.

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

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If you are interested, contact Jim Pagani at (708) 343-2386 or (708) 715-2715. Rent is very affordable!

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 and we'll keep you up-to-date.



Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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

2017 Walther Christian Academy Homecoming – Saturday, Sept. 23

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 23. In celebration of Walther Christian Academy's Homecoming, a variety of alumni activities will be offered during the day including the Erin Stanley Memorial Softball Game, building tours, lunch and the football game. Walther Lutheran High School reunion parties are planned for that weekend.

Visit Walther.com/alumni for more details or call (708) 344-0404.



Walther Christian Academy Tee Up for Student Scholarships – Monday, Oct. 9

Royal Fox Country Club in St. Charles

Join Walther alumni and friends for a great day of golf on Monday, Oct. 9, at Royal Fox Country Club in St. Charles, to raise funds for Walther Christian Academy student scholarships.

Four out of every five students rely on some form of discount, scholarship or financial aid grant. Funds raised from the golf outing make it possible for high school students to receive the advantage of a Walther education.

Not a golfer? Join others that day for a special outing and then have dinner with the golfers.

To register either as a golfer or outing/dinner guest, visit Walther.com/golf.

Can't make it on Oct. 9? Event sponsors are also needed. Contact Catherine_Hegarty@walther.com or call (708) 344-0404, Ext. 225, to learn more about these opportunities.



St. Paul Lutheran Church to Host 5K Run, Oct. 7

St. Paul Lutheran Church is holding an Anniversary 5K Run/Walk/Roll on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, at 10 a.m.

The 5K race is part of St. Paul's 125th Anniversary celebration and continues their Health Ministry efforts in the community which are funded through a grant from the Westlake Health Foundation. The 5K event will be professionally timed for the seasoned runner but is especially targeted at the 'average person.'

A 5K event equals 3.2 miles and most people are surprised at how manageable that distance is. Many runners will complete the distance in less than half an hour. But, even a slow-paced walker will be done in less than two hours – an afternoon walk for your health! You can do it! We will even have some people rolling in wheelchairs for part of the distance and some may bring young children in strollers. (No bicycles please.)

Registration fee is \$30 which covers the professional timing, a race T-shirt and the rest will support two charities: 1. Be the Match (a global leader in bone marrow transplantation); and 2. Proviso Pantry (part of Chicagoland Food Pantry system – focused locally in Proviso Township).

Online registration opens soon at www.stpaulmp.org or contact Mark Schoepp for more info at health@stpaulmp.org.



Visit the Trailside Museum for These Late-Summer Events!



The Trailside Museum of Natural History, located at 738 Thatcher Ave., in River Forest, is offering some exciting activities for everyone to enjoy.

Check out these upcoming options and consider participating in one or more of our exclusive, nature-related events!

Birds at the End of Summer

As days grow shorter, nature begins the dramatic change from summer to fall. Some birds are already migrating. Many more will soon join them on their journey south. Chicago Audubon's John Elliott will help you find migrants and learn more. Binoculars available. Registration requested. – **Saturday, Aug. 26 • 7:30 a.m.**

Bats – Night Stalkers

Learn about these mysterious flying mammals, and see and hear live bats flitting about outside using special equipment. For adults and children, 10 and up. Register by two days prior. – **Thursday, Aug. 31 • 7:30-9 p.m.**

Trailside Museum hours (now-October) are as follows: Building – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Fridays; Grounds – 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

**For more information or to register for programs,
please call (708) 366-6530.**

State Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch's Healthy Lives Matter Event Set for Sept. 16

Members of the community are invited to join 7th District Illinois state Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch for a free monthly Healthy Lives Matter fitness class on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, at the Stevenson Center, 3105 Washington Blvd., Bellwood.

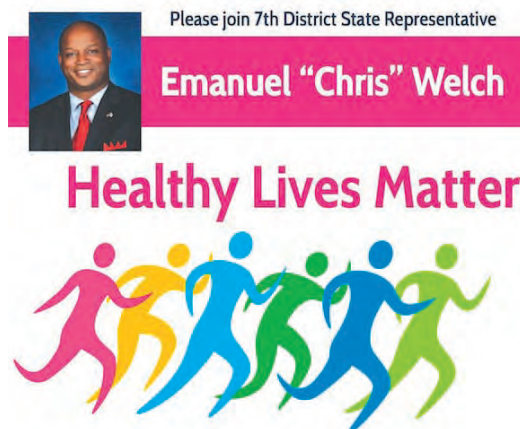
The Healthy Lives Matter class runs from 10 a.m.-noon, and health screenings and/or wellness sessions will be offered as well.

Healthy Lives Matter is sponsored by state Rep. Welch, Westlake Hospital, Trainer Charles Robinson, Agent Larry Williams and State Farm Insurance.

Additional classes will be held throughout the year. The schedule is as follows: Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 – Westchester Park District, 10201 Bond St., Westchester

For more information or to RSVP, please contact state Rep. Welch's constituent service office at (708) 450-1000 or send an email to repwelch@emanuelchriswelch.com.

Feel free to share this, as this event is open to all seeking to live a healthy lifestyle.



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 franciscanresourcecenterfp@gmail.com.

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Chicago Wolves Promote Melrose Park Native Bob Nardella to Assistant Coach



Bob Nardella



The Chicago Wolves announced recently that Bob Nardella has been hired as an assistant coach after serving the last two years as the team's skills development coach and the last three as a part-time assistant.

The 49-year-old Nardella has been an integral part of the Wolves organization since the team was founded in 1994. The Melrose Park native played six full seasons and parts of three others from 1994 to 2006.

Nardella ranks as the highest-scoring defenseman in franchise history with 298 points. Overall, he stands second in Wolves annals in games played (476), fifth in assists (239) and sixth in points. Nardella played a primary role when Chicago captured the International Hockey League's Turner Cup in 1998 and 2000 and the American Hockey League's Calder Cup in 2002.

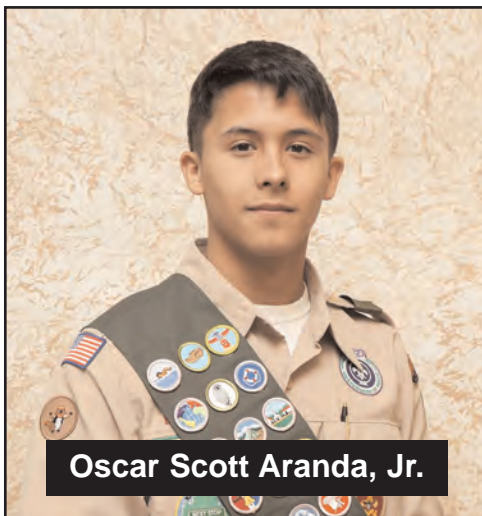
"This means everything to me," Nardella said. "I feel like such a part of the organization because, except for a few years, I've been here since the beginning. I care about the Wolves organization deeply. It has defined me over the last 20 years. I take a lot of pride in it."

Nardella completes the Wolves coaching staff for 2017-18. He joins new head coach Rocky Thompson, who competed against Nardella in AHL play during the mid-2000s, and new assistant coach Chris Dennis.

"It was time for Bob to move into the full-time position," said Wolves General Manager Wendell Young, who was teammates with Nardella for five seasons. "He's been coaching here for a few years and he knows the way we work as an organization. He'll be a big help with Rocky's and Chris' transitions, but what's more important is his hockey knowledge. He's going to be a big asset."

The Wolves have unveiled their 2017-18 schedule and the home slate features 17 Saturday night and 10 Sunday afternoon games at Allstate Arena. To set up a specially priced ticket package or group outing, visit ChicagoWolves.com or call 1-800-THE-WOLVES.

Aranda, Migliore Achieve Eagle Scout Status ... Recognized by Mayor Serpico, State Rep. Willis



Oscar Scott Aranda, Jr.



Francesco A. Migliore



Eagle Scouts Francesco Migliore and Oscar Aranda are pictured with members of their family and Mayor Serpico.



Eagle Scout Aranda is pictured accepting a special acknowledgement from state Rep. Willis (right).

Two Melrose Park Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout this past spring.

Oscar Scott Aranda, Jr., and Francesco A. Migliore were recently recognized as Eagle Scouts, an admirable achievement and the highest recognition offered by the Scouts organization, for their dedication and hard work.

A special ceremony was held in their honor and each of the newly installed Eagle Scouts received a special mayoral commendation from Mayor Serpico as well as meritorious acknowledgement from state Rep. Kathleen Willis.

Oscar Scott Aranda, Jr.

Oscar Scott Aranda, Jr., was born and raised in Melrose Park. Aranda attended and graduated from eighth grade in 2013 from Stevenson Elementary School. He attended Proviso East High School and following in the family's tradition, will be serving his country in the Air Force.

Oscar joined Melrose Park Boy Scout Troop 112 in the sixth grade.

Shortly after joining, he found being a scout fostered his imagination and interest in outdoor life. As he continued in the troop, he discovered a passion for all things related to the Boy Scouts and now has achieved one of the greatest honors of all – Eagle Scout.

Francesco A. Migliore

Francesco A. Migliore has been a member of Troop 112 in Melrose Park for the past eight years, recently achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the Scout's highest rank.

Migliore's Eagle Scout project was to build three wooden picnic tables. He calculated the cost of materials, raised funds to purchase the materials, researched construction plans and executed the project resulting in three heavy-duty picnic tables. The tables, donated to the village of Melrose Park, are placed in various locations within the town making them enjoyable and accessible to the community.

Francesco's persistence through each rank to achieve the prestigious award is a testament to his determination to prepare himself for an outstanding future, and meaningful and productive role in society.

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Congratulations and Happy Retirement to MP Post Office Letter Carrier Mr. Garland Gralow!

Congratulations to Mr. Garland Gralow, a letter carrier at the Melrose Park Post Office.

Gralow, pictured, will be retiring on Aug. 29, 2017, with 62 years of meritorious government service. Mr. Gralow, a United States Army veteran, spent two years in the military and 60 years with the United States Postal Service.

Gralow, who started with the U.S. Postal Service in 1957, has been on the same Melrose Park postal route for 60 years.

Garland has been married since 1958.

Community members are invited to stop by the Melrose Park Post Office (located at 1824 N. 25th Ave.) on Tuesday, Aug. 29, to wish Garland a happy retirement.

The Post Office will be hanging Gralow's retirement banner on the wall inside the facility.



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Police Suicide – By Dr. Ron Rufo

Police suicide is a problem, and in my opinion, a possible epidemic. Police suicide is a topic that is rarely brought up by law enforcement management, supervisors or the rank and file officer. Police suicide affects everyone. An officer who commits suicide creates a ripple effect, not only among his/her family, but among their police family, dispatchers who send out a squad to the scene, officers taking the report, to the paramedics taking the body away. It will have a lasting effect on everyone, something they will always remember, especially if they were on scene.

Police culture, in my opinion, is the ultimate culprit major factor and common denominator in most police suicides. Police culture becomes a way of life for a majority of officers. The stress of the job will eventually take its toll on the officers whether they want to admit that or not. For some it is the beginning of the end, with the officer taking their life.

Examples of police stress and burnout:

- Police are never off duty, they often have a hard time relaxing, even at dinner most police officers survey the restaurant and often the door, always keeping a watchful eye on everyone who enters.
- They learn to always be in control. Never letting their guard down.
- Stress of working the street and never knowing what they may encounter.
- A good possibility they may be hurt or killed in the field.
- Stress from management, bosses and the politics within the police department.
- The family stress from not being home, missing dinner, family gatherings, parties, graduations and weddings.
- They work long hours, dealing with undesirable people most of the time, handling accidents, death, violence, domestics, misery, heartache, negativity and frustration on a daily basis. It is a thankless job.
- Criticism and scrutiny from the media and the community they serve.
- Side jobs, may work through their family vacation, no rest, and no time to relax or time to unwind.
- Sleep deprivation, fatigue, weight gain, low morale and truly unhappy, pessimistic and cynical.
- Mandatory court appearances.
- Going back to school with the chance of getting promoted.
- Lack of career opportunities and promotions.
- Beginning to hang around police friends, misery loves company.
- Shift change, working midnights, days off cancelled, little free time.
- Being reprimanded, suspended or fired for complaints against the officer.

Men and women entering law enforcement start their career as well rounded individuals. They start the police academy and are taught early on not to trust anyone. They join the police academy to become a “helper” and in a short time they become a “hunter” looking for individuals and offenders to arrest, especially if they want to go to a special unit, make the tactical team (plain clothes detail) or get promoted. Their entire persona will eventually change and stress will become their constant companion.

Stress can be harmful physically, mentally and emotionally. Any officer seeking help will often be considered weak. Gossip about an officer seeking counseling will often circulate within the officer’s district and sometimes throughout the department. Often officers will interject their own thoughts and feelings about the entire counseling system. If a police officer seeks psychological assistance (at a mental hospital or calls 911 indicating they have suicidal thoughts (it is now on record), they will automatically have the FOID (Firearms Owners Identification) card taken away. Without a FOID card that officer will not be able to carry a firearm, therefore that officer will not be able to work in law enforcement, and most likely not be able to work

in law enforcement ever again. Now the same officer already in despair and having suicidal thoughts, who needs help and reaches out for help, just made his/her situation worse than it already was. Now, with nowhere to turn, and no light at the end of the tunnel, the disheartened officer’s only alternative is to end the misery, often with his/her own service weapon.

Depression and anxiety can be cured. We need to support any officer requesting help without punishing them by taking their job or career away in law enforcement. An officer’s law enforcement position may be their only source of income for their family. An officer should not have to deal with the emotional trauma from stress of the job, stress from family life and stress from management.

Police suicide is rarely discussed by members of law enforcement. Management does not want to talk about police suicide because first – they do not want to admit there is a problem within their department, and secondly – it becomes a liability issue. If management concedes their officers have emotional problems, it will look bad for their department. Police supervisors and patrolman rarely discuss the subject, not wanting to talk about the obvious elephant in the room that everyone knows is there. They are reluctant to discuss reasons why their fellow officer has committed suicide and the obvious dilemma associated with dying by their own hand. An officer may hear in the locker room, “Did you hear about Larry, he took his life yesterday. I heard he used his own gun, killed himself in the garage. I heard he never got over trying to get those kids out of the car from that deadly car accident. He always blamed himself. I hear it affected his marriage and he was going through a divorce. Larry couldn’t cope with the emotional pain. He rarely spoke to anyone about it. He always kept it to himself.”

Ask any officer if there has been a few incidents that have bothered him/her throughout their career. I guarantee that officers can name every traumatic incident within seconds of the question. Many officers see the worst possible incidents, situations, accidents, suicides and deaths throughout their career. Many just keep it all pent up inside, rarely sharing how they really feel with anyone, not even their spouse or significant other. What an officer sees on a daily basis is similar to what military personnel experience. Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome is just as prevalent and common among law enforcement officers as it is among our military personnel. Officers who experience PTSD have a difficult time sleeping and always keep these tragic and traumatic incidents in the back of their mind. The Chicago Police Department has an excellent Employee Assistance Program (EAP), that deals with officers that may be experiencing emotional difficulties either personal or issues related to the job. The only problem with the Chicago EAP Unit is that it is understaffed. There are only three full-time clinicians for 13,500 officers. In Los Angeles there are 12 full-time clinicians for 10,000 officers. It is time for police suicide to be discussed openly and candidly without fear of repercussion. Depression, PTSD, addictions, police stress, family problems and frustration are all formidable causes of why a dedicated officer takes his/her own life. Awareness and counseling is the key to help eliminate this serious problem.

Dr. Ron Rufo has written a book on police suicide: *Police Suicide is Police Culture Killing Our Officers*. Ron has retired after 22 years of dedicated service with the Chicago Police Department. He was a Peer Support Team Leader for most of his career. Ron attained his doctorate degree in organizational leadership from Argosy University in Chicago in 2007, and he is the author of two other books – *Sexual Predators Amongst Us* and *Police and Profiling in the United States: Applying Theory to Criminal Investigations*.



A Message from Kathleen Willis

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Anthony P. Coconate. Dearly beloved husband of the late Mary Jo "Babe"; loving father of Denise Gelsomino and Michael Coconate; cherished grandfather of Tina (Mark) Ziolek, Anthony, Gina (Paul) Bartel, Michael and Lisa; great-grandfather of Evan, Dominic, Anthony, Caroline, Michael and Nicholas; dear brother of Grace Coconate and the late Gabriel (Jane), and the late Dolores and Jerry Palmer; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment with military honors at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

De Carlo

Rocco P. De Carlo. Dearly beloved husband of Michele "Shelly" (nee Di Tola); loving father of Alexxa; beloved son of the late Rocco and Gloria De Carlo; dear brother of Yvonne De Carlo, Denise (the late Larry) Aiardo and the late Thomas (Jean) De Carlo; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Member of the Stone Park F.O.P and the Illinois Police Association.

Fowlie

Lisa Fowlie. Dearly beloved daughter of Geraldine "Gerri" Puccio and the late Linden Fowlie; dear sister of David J. (Lane) Fowlie; fond aunt of Grace Fowlie and Mary Kaelin; cherished niece of James (Gaye) Puccio, Mark (Julie) Puccio; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Service at Salerno Rosedale Chapel. Entombment Chapel Hill West Mausoleum.

Geller-Ballou

Deidre Dawn Geller-Ballou. Dearly beloved wife of Jason Geller; loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services were private.

George

Leslie M. George, veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Marilyn (nee Nielsen); loving father of Leslie (Dave) Bartlett, Gwendelyn (Steve) Petitte and Gail (Anthony) Valentino; cherished grandfather of Angela (Troy) Cunningham, Lauren (Jason) Ryan, Joanne, Joseph, Jeremy, Joshua, Jennifer and the Late Mandy Ireland; great-grandfather of Anthony, Gabriella, Gina, Destiny, Adrianna, Mya, Brooklyn, Ashlyn, Aja, Kristin, Allison and Steven; dear brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services at Rago Brothers Funeral Home. Interment with military honors at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Kielek

Catherine Kielek, nee Rizzo. Dearly beloved wife of the late Chester; loving mother of Sharon Nolte and Linda Faleni; cherished grandmother of Lauren and Sarah; great-grandmother of Riley; dear twin sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Lullo

Frank A. Lullo, "Duke", age 85, lifelong resident of Melrose Park. Beloved husband of the late Ramona and the late Marcella; dear father of Diane (Gary) Hendricks and Frank Lullo Jr.; loving grandfather of Deana (Shawn) Bond, Todd (Krystyna) Hendricks and Maggie (Pete) Gaines; cherished great-grandfather of Breanna, Payton and Anthony; fond brother of John (Antoinette) Lullo; uncle and friend of many. President and chief umpire of Melrose Park Little League for many years. Proudly served in the U.S. Air Force Korean Conflict. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

May

Eugene E. May. Beloved father of Elois (Douglas), Eugenia (Ez Jr.), Carmella (Gerald Jr.) and Carleen; loving son of the late Eugene A. and Elois May; cherished grandfather/pa of Doug Jr., Joshua, Demetrios, Alexzandra, Nicholas, Sophia, Salvatore, Cassidy and GiaBella; great-grandfather/pa of Jacob; dear brother of Starla, the late Jerrius, Kenneth, Glenice, LaDawn, Linda and Norman; fond uncle and friend of many. Honorable U.S.M.C. 1967-1973, U.S.M.C. Vietnam veteran 1967-1971, U.S Air Force 1981-1996, Army National Guard 1981-1983 and a retired Great Lakes police officer who served 20 plus years. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West.

Novak

Donna "Dee" Novak, nee Sabbia, former owner of Grand-Image Hair Salon in Elmwood Park. Dearly beloved partner of Gilbert Cokinis; loving mother of Lori (Michael) Cimino, Steve Novak and the late Alan Mandel; cherished grandmother of Anthony and Michael Cimino, Stephanie (Moe) Salah, Samantha (Leo) Botero, and Nicolette and Alexandra Mandel; great-grandmother of Vanessa and Layla; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Panico

Diane Panico, nee Tripoli. Dearly beloved wife of Joseph Panico; loving mother of Carla (Anna) and Danielle (Carmine) Iannelli; sister-in-law of Louis Panico, Nancy Ann Lorenzo and Francine Tindall; loving daughter-in-law of Madelene Panico; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Polizzotto

Frank Polizzotto, proud veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of Anna Marie (nee Norscia); loving father of Jennie and Dominic (Beth Henning); fond grandfather of Francesca and Isabella; dear brother of Rosetta and Sal (Eileen); loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Scafidi

Beverly J. Scafidi, nee Greely, of Norridge. Dearly beloved wife of the late Henry; cherished sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum.

Scigliuolo

Angela Scigliuolo, nee Bavaro. Dearly beloved wife of the late Alfonso; loving mother of Nicola (Alma) and Luigi; cherished grandmother of Emily, Nicole, Jessica and Gianna; loving sister of Pasquale (Angela) Bavaro, the late Nardena (the late Rocco) Scovio, the late Michelina (the late Matteo) Sportelli and the late Vito Bavaro; dearest aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment. St. Michael the Archangel Mausoleum.

Snyder

Phyllis Snyder, age 106, lifelong resident of Melrose Park, passed away July 19. Beloved wife of the late Leonard Swanson and the late Benjamin Snyder; dearest mother of the late Donald Swanson and the late Marlene (Frank) Carramusa; loving stepmother of Marion Harbison, James (Linda), Donald (the late Peggy) and Carolyn Vallo; loving grandmother of 13; great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of many; fond sister of the late Nicholas (Dorothy) Orrico, the late Lida Larson, the late Charlie Orrico and the late Frank Orrico; also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home.

Villa

Anna Marie Villa, nee Caliendo. Dearly beloved wife of Robert L.; loving mother of Robert (Cathy) and Joseph Villa; beloved daughter of the late Raffaele and Theresa Caliendo; cherished grandmother of Rosanna (Elio) De Santis and Silvana (Jay) Del Rosario; great-grandmother of Elianna, Milana, Emina and Jay; dear sister of Tony, Filomena Sepka and the late Mario, Mary Nicosia, Phillip, Jenny Taconi and Katherine Torchia; dear sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Villanueva

Maria Elena Villanueva, age 55, of Melrose Park, passed away May 16, surrounded by her family. Cherished daughter of Catalina Trujillo and Pedro Cruz of Guadalajara, Jalisco; beloved wife of 38 years to Jose Villanueva; affectionate mother of Lilliana, Jessica, Victor and Christine Villanueva; loving grandmother who left behind granddaughter Natalie (Liliana) and expected grandson "Baby" Ruvalcaba (Christine). She was an inspiration to those that knew her dearly and she will forever be in our hearts. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home.

White

Martha White. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services were private.

Zimmerman

Arthur H. Zimmerman. Dearly beloved father of Frank (Jennifer); beloved son of the late Frank and Selma; cherished grandfather of Vincenzo, Anasophia and Niccolo; dear brother of Ann Zimmerman Vicari and Harriet Zimmerman Gail; fond uncle of Robert (Shanon, nee Thomas) Stacy Gail, Shari Gail Himel and Frank Himel; dear great-uncle of many nieces and nephews, and friends. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Art was the president of the Residence at Northshore Alden where he lived, although residents and staff called him the "mayor."



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