



Season's Greetings!

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Ho Ho Ho Melrose Park,

I am replacing my annual holiday letter with a 12-question quiz commemorating the 12 Days of Christmas. Feel free to ask your guests the following questions to help avoid unpleasant Christmas dinner conversations such as Uncle Fred's colonoscopy (answers are on Page 45 of this edition of *The Rose*):

- 1) What is the best selling toy ever?
a) Star Wars figures b) Xbox c) Barbie d) Cabbage Patch Dolls e) Matchbox Cars
- 2) The number one holiday shopping day is Black Friday, but what is the second busiest?
a) Saturday before Christmas b) Sunday before Christmas c) Day after Christmas d) Saturday after Black Friday e) First Saturday in December
- 3) I love Christmas movies, but which one has earned the most money at the box office?
a) *Christmas Vacation* b) *It's A Wonderful Life* c) *Polar Express* d) *Home Alone* e) *Elf*
- 4) *You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch* was sung by Thurl Ravenscroft. For five decades what famous animated character did Thurl provide the voice for?
a) Fred Flintstone b) Jolly Green Giant c) Captain Crunch d) Tony The Tiger e) Elmer Fudd
- 5) The cost of the gifts for the 12 Days of Christmas have increased from \$13,785.63 in 1988 to what dollar amount in 2018?
a) \$98,469.22 b) \$112,233.15 c) \$170,609.46 d) \$152,666.38 e) \$86,467.98
- 6) Who created the legendary character of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?
a) Walt Disney Studios b) Montgomery Ward Department Store c) Mattel Toy Company d) *The New York Times* e) Marshall Field's
- 7) What dollar amount will be spent in the United States during the 2018 holiday season, as estimated by The National Retail Federation?
a) \$900 million b) \$10.5 billion c) \$249 billion d) \$573 billion e) \$720 billion
- 8) Which TV animated special do *USA Today* and many other media outlets rate as the best?
a) *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* b) *A Charlie Brown Christmas* c) *Frosty the Snowman* d) *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* e) *The Little Drummer Boy*
- 9) How many Christmas cards were mailed in the United States in 2017?
a) 900 million b) 2.8 billion c) 4 billion d) 1.5 billion e) 3.1 billion
- 10) Bing Crosby's *White Christmas* is the best selling Christmas song ever, but what is the most downloaded holiday song?
a) *Feliz Navidad* by Jose Feliciano b) *All I Want for Christmas* by Mariah Carey c) *Rockin Around the Christmas Tree* by Brenda Lee d) *Jingle Bell Rock* by Bobby Helms
- 11) What is the favorite Christmas meal in Japan?
a) Green and red dyed sushi b) Teriyaki steak c) Dominoes Pizza d) Saki infused turkey with rice e) Kentucky Fried Chicken
- 12) According to *U.S. News and World Report* what percent of Americans regift some of their Christmas presents?
a) 38 percent b) 53 percent c) 25 percent d) 46 percent e) 72 percent

Final question; who wants to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year?

- a) Village clerk b) Village trustees c) Village employees d) My wife Donna e) Myself

Answer: ALL OF THE ABOVE!!! And most important ... Please make some great holiday memories for your children and grandchildren.



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

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

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

Trustees

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano

Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera

Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi



To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Death Certificates • First Copy – \$14, additional copies \$4 each
Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

Police Emergency.....911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency.....911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsDec. 26, Jan 14 and 28, and Feb. 11

Village Hall Holiday ClosingsDec. 24 (1/2 Day), Dec. 25,

Dec. 31 (1/2 Day), Jan. 1 and Jan. 21

Senior Social Club Meetings.....Feb. 7

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico...

I am grateful for your Thanksgiving Meal Program that you organize each year.

I'm also grateful to all the other special people that work hard to make it a success.

May god bless all of you in a special way this holiday season.

• Sincerely,
Patrick Buckley

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi...

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the Melrose Park Police Department's roll calls on Wednesday, Oct. 17, regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

A big thank you to Lt. Mark Rieger for coordinating this presentation. As the number of people with ASD is on the increase, it is vitally important that the community be aware of this diagnosis and its expansive impact be heightened. As first responders, police officers will encounter situations that involve residents with ASD and hopefully this presentation raised increased awareness and will help support police.

Lt. Rieger and I will be collaborating to develop alerts for first responders if responding to emergencies within the community.

Again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to help support the community.

• Thank you,
Christine Giannola, RISE/PFA Case Manager
Lincoln Elementary School, School District 89

Dear Mayor Serpico and Director of Fire Dept. Beltrame...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following personnel from the Melrose Park Fire Department who came to my rescue when my health was compromised: Lt. Pete Marella and Lt. Jason Cernauske; firefighters Nick Klugger, Frank Urso and Burt Boonma; and paramedics Sean Driscoll and James Cosgrove.

These fine men did an outstanding job, were very professional, and are an asset to your administration and the entire village of Melrose Park.

• With sincere appreciation and gratitude,
Jose R. Aguirre

Dear Mayor Serpico, Armando Iannelli and the Employees of the Melrose Park Electrical Department...

Thank you so much for sending the group out to place the star on our 60-ft backyard tree.

It is beautiful!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

• Jim and Marj Filipello



Happy Holidays

from

Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Village Clerk

Mary Ann Paolantonio

Village Trustees

Anthony N. Abruzzo, Jaime Anguiano,

Arturo J. Mota, Sonny Nicotera,

Anthony J. Prignano,

Mary Ramirez Taconi

and the

Employees of the
Village of Melrose Park

Community Comes Through for Mayor Serpico's Toys for Tots Drive

Thank You to All!

The Melrose Park community once again generously supported Mayor Serpico's Toys for Tots Drive that was held recently.

The US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys each year and distributes the toys to less fortunate children in the area.

Mayor Serpico offers a special thank you to all Melrose Park community members and businesses that donated items for this annual initiative and acknowledges the following companies and their representatives who were responsible for the large selection of bicycles – Gilbane, The Hill Group, Gurtz Electric, Waste Management, Thorne Associates, Inc., US Alliance Fire Protection and Go Services.

On behalf of the village of Melrose Park, thank you for supporting the 2018 Toys for Tots Drive. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many families this holiday season.





Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Department

A Message from Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame



Buried Fire Hydrants Can Pose Danger

Living in the Chicago Metropolitan area, we always expect a snowy winter. However, residents never know for certain how much snow will blanket the area. Hopefully, this winter will not result in the massive snowfall we experienced last year.

Melrose Park residents know only too well the obvious difficulties and hazards that accompany a hard winter. However, many do not realize the dangers and difficulties that can result when fire hydrants are buried in snow. Such conditions make it difficult, if not impossible, for firefighters to locate and uncover hydrants in their efforts to extinguish fires. Fire Chief Rick Beltrame hopes that residents will help firefighters by clearing nearby fire hydrants when they shovel or plow their sidewalks and driveways. The cooperation of all neighbors will go a long way toward keeping Melrose Park's residents safe this winter.

Winter Safety Tips

Please follow these guidelines for a safe winter season:

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

A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Director of Police*



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.

Happy Holidays
From the
Melrose Park Police Department



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

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

SHOP SAFELY:

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

WATCH OUT FOR CON GAMES AND FRAUDS:

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

PROTECT YOUR HOME:

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

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 a.m. to 4 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.

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.



**Village of
Melrose Park**

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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Melrose Park Police Department

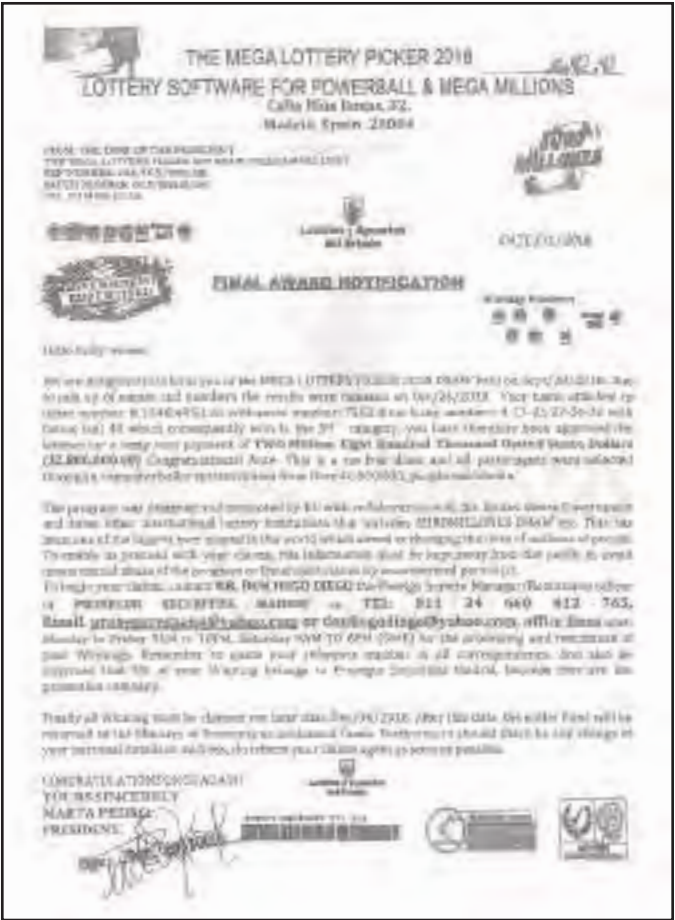
Community Awareness: Be Aware of Lottery Scams

Letters (see photo) are being sent through emails or U.S. Mail claiming that you are a winner of the Powerball or Mega Millions lottery games. These letters are usually sent from foreign countries with fake contact information.

If you receive these letters, please do not respond or take any action as the letter instructs you to.

Notify our Police Department and a report will be taken on the matter. At any time you feel you are being scammed, it most likely is a scam and always remember to use common sense.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, call the Melrose Park Police Department non-emergency number at (708) 344-8409.



MP Hooters Restaurant Honors Police Department

The Hooters in Melrose Park joined the nation by honoring its Police Department on Oct. 28, the National First Responder Appreciation Day.

Heath Lee, general manager, personally joined his staff in making two deliveries of their famous hot wings and more to the different shifts on duty. "I'm so glad to get the chance to do this. We need to support those that always help us out," Heath shared. "It's gratifying to see the smiles it brings to the officers and my staff as well." The food was also shared among fellow first responders, the NORCOMM dispatchers, who are dedicated professionals that serve the community with all its emergencies as well. Pictured with Hooters staff are officers Rossi, DeCarlo, Anzaldi, Jarecki, Skeens and Lt. Urso.

On behalf of the village of Melrose Park, thank you Hooters!



MP Police Officer Ortiz Completes Chicago Marathon

Melrose Park Police Officer Jessica Ortiz has become the first officer to complete the Chicago Marathon held this past October. Officer Ortiz had planned to compete in this event over a year ago with her friend and trainer Danilo Rivera. What began as a fun hobby, became somewhat of an addiction to run farther and farther every week, which turned out to become a year of training. The day of the race was filled with rain and pain, but that didn't stop Ortiz from completing the 26.2 miles in 6 hours and 8 minutes. "The love of Chicago and all of the spectators kept me going," said Ortiz, "I also didn't want to go home without my medal!" Officer Ortiz plans to run the marathon again next year and advises others that want to try, "Don't give up. Start small. Run every day and try to beat your own personal goals."

Pictured is Officer Jessica Ortiz and friend/trainer Danilo Rivera.

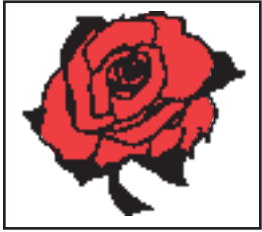


MP Fire Dept. Conducts Search and Rescue Training



Members of the Melrose Park Fire Department conducted search and rescue training recently consisting of breaching cinder block and brick walls in an acquired Melrose Park building.

The training provides firefighters with increased knowledge that assists with their rescue efforts when responding to an emergency.



Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

From the Desk of
Gary Marine,
Director of Public Works

The Public Works employees are prepared for the winter season and have prepared all plows and equipment for the snowfall and the winter months ahead.

2041 N. 18th Ave. Parking Lot

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.

2019 Senior Painting Program Apply Now!

Mayor Serpico's Annual Senior Painting Program has closed for the remainder of the year. Applications are now being accepted for 2019. The mayor's free Senior Painting Program is for individuals 65 years of age and older who reside and own a single family home in Melrose Park. Those who qualify and need light paint work around their homes – fences, garage doors, railings, etc., (no interior painting or no interior or exterior carpentry) – are encouraged to complete the MP Painting Program Request Form (below) and mail it to:

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

Mayor Serpico's MP Painting Program Request Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____

One item to be painted (please circle one only):

Fence Garage Door Railings

Other _____

2019 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2019.

Only one item will be painted per year.

Get your request in early as the list fills fast.

Village of Melrose Park Snow Routes

Please follow all snow route signs throughout the village streets.

Please remove your vehicle from the snow route when 2 inches or more of snow falls. This will help expedite snow removal quickly. You will be issued a citation for violating these signs.

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.

Fall Leaves Pickup

Leaves must be raked and placed in a 30-gallon container with a landscape sticker. Other landscaping, garden waste or additional leaves are to be placed in a container with a sticker or biodegradable bags. Leaves are not to be dumped or raked on the street or alley. Pickup for landscaping waste will be picked up on the second pickup of the week.

Attention Residents Along Silver Creek Embankment

Please refrain from throwing grass clippings and any other yard waste into the creek.

2019 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program

If you would like participate in the 2019 program to request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

Street Paving

The Public Works Department is compiling a list for future streets to be paved in 2019.

Tree Planting for Parkways

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway for 2019, (one tree per household) we are compiling a list for 2019 Fall Tree Planting. To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

Silver Creek Restoration Project – Phase Four

Phase Four of the Silver Creek Restoration Project (area between Fifth Avenue and First Avenue) is in the process of design finalization and will start in late fall or early spring, as weather permits. This restoration project restores the natural balance of the creek by restoring the embankment and bringing back native landscape and shrubbery along with aquatic habitat. This is an invaluable stream system that provides storm-water runoff, flood management and many other benefits for the residents of Melrose Park.

TV Pickup

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

Village of Melrose Park Dog Park

Dog Park Hours – 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week. 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. Open year-round.



The Department of Public Work Employees Wish All Residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!

New Vehicles Added to Public Works Fleet

Mayor Serpico has made two new additions to the Melrose Park Public Works fleet.

The dump/plow truck will be an invaluable asset to the Public Works fleet especially during winters storms and will be used for plowing and clearing the streets.

The TV 380 Case Skid Loader has multiple purpose capabilities – snow blower attachment, sweeper attachment and plow attachment. It can be used for all snowstorm needs and throughout the year for multi-purpose tasks.



Village of Melrose Park Construction Notice

Construction Hours

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

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



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MARKET UPDATE FOR MELROSE PARK ZIP CODE 60160 FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO NOVEMBER 25, 2018
33 RESIDENTIAL FAMILY HOMES WERE SOLD AND CLOSED IN YOUR AREA

2049 N 19th Ave	\$66,000	1718 N 20th Ave	\$168,000	1739 Broadway St	\$235,000
134 N 22nd Ave	\$130,000	3120 Division St	\$172,000	1635 N 24th Ave	\$235,000
1534 N 31st Ave	\$135,000	915 N 15th Ave	\$176,500	1415 N 24th Ave	\$240,000
1800 N 22nd Ave	\$135,000	1700 Riverwoods Dr #512	\$188,000	1301 N 12th Ave	\$260,000
1830 N 23rd Ave	\$137,214	1302 N 15th Ave #3N	\$190,000	1402 N 16th Ave	\$285,000
1324 N 33rd Ave	\$140,000	1200 N 17th Ave	\$195,000	280 Silver Ln	\$302,000
104 N 14th Ave	\$145,000	1420 N 32nd Ave	\$199,000	1637 N 18th Ave	\$307,000
1716 N Broadway St	\$149,000	1803 Haddon St	\$199,079	401 Concord Dr	\$310,000
1520 N 21st Ave	\$151,000	1720 Broadway St	\$217,000	1112 N 24th Ave	\$310,000
129 N 15th Ave	\$155,000	906 N 16th Ave	\$229,000	1014 N 24th Ave	\$352,000
1009 N 22nd Ave	\$155,000	140 Braddock Dr	\$232,000	1012 N 17th Ave	\$357,000

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Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

Winter Storms ... The Deceptive Killers

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

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

Know the Difference

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

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

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

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

How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

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

Put Together a Supply Kit

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

Winter's Impact

Storms with Strong Winds

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

Extreme Cold

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

Ice Storms

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

Heavy Snow Storms

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

Winter Precipitation

Snow

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

Sleet

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

Freezing Rain

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

Winter Storm Facts: What Makes a Winter Storm?

Cold Air

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

Moisture

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

Lift

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

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

Melrose Park Public Library

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Adult Services

One Pot Meals



Discover the joy of One Pot Meals as Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates 3 different and delicious one pot meals. All guests will enjoy free samples and leave with recipes for Beef Bourguignon, Rustic Italian Lentil Soup, and Spicy Vegetable Chili!

Mark your calendars and join us at the MPPL on Saturday, March 9, 2019
11am-12:30pm

Reservations required (18+)

Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, sponsored by Triton College, will provide Tax Preparation Assistance for Seniors (60+) from low- to moderate- income households at the Melrose Park Public Library on Monday mornings. **Appointments are necessary.** Please call Triton College (708-456-0300 ext. 3895) for information and appointments.

Monday Mornings: February 4th - April 8th (excluding February 19, President's Day)

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 708.649.7400



www.MPPLibrary.org

801 N Broadway, Melrose Park, IL 60160
mps@mpplibrary.org
(708)649-7400

Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00am-7:00pm
Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed last Saturday of the month
Memorial Day-Labor Day closed every Saturday
Sunday, Closed

Melrose Park Public Library

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Youth Services

ABC Adventures

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

Wednesdays

February 6, 13, 20, 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27

10:00am - 11:00am



Tinker Tuesdays

Starting this February, drop into the library for all kinds of fun activities and crafts. Play with our tech toys, LEGOS, colored pencils for drawing, or even help with our community service project. If you have special group projects for school, this is the day to meet and complete your plans! Ages 5-14.

Every Tuesday starting in February

2:00pm - 5:00pm

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What a Frightfully Fun Night in Melrose Park!



Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission hosted Fright Night 2018 on Friday, Oct. 26 at Bulger Park. This year's Halloween event was an amazingly frightful experience that was a lot of fun for everyone!



The ROSE AD RESERVATION FORM

Save the Dates!

Next Issue – February 2019
(Deadline for material Jan. 25, 2019.)

Schedule for 2019

February, April, June, August, October and December

Dear Community Member,
The Village of Melrose Park publishes *The Rose* (the official newsletter of the Village of Melrose Park) and mails the publication to all Melrose Park residents and businesses. We are offering advertising space and would greatly appreciate your participation.

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

If you are interested in advertising in one or more issues that will be delivered every other month, please complete this form and mail with completed ad to:

The Rose c/o Village of Melrose Park • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, Ill. 60160
or Email to: therose@melrosepark.org w/pdf or jpeg file.

(Checks need to be made to the order of Village of Melrose Park.)



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The ROSE

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MP Youth Commission Spreads Holiday Cheer at Triton's Festival of Trees

Staff and board members from the Melrose Park Youth Commission once again participated in the annual Triton College #DecktheMounds Festival of Trees on Thursday, Dec. 6.

The village of Melrose Park and the Youth Commission reserved a fully lit holiday tree on Triton's campus and MP representatives gathered to decorate and celebrate the season with many other groups that were sponsors for the holly-jolly event.

Festival fun included complimentary hot chocolate, cookies, holiday movies and music as well as seasonal photo opportunities.

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



MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Early-Bird
Registration
is now in
Progress!

New Year Night time Camp Fun

REGISTER NOW! CAMP BEGINS JAN. 16!

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

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

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

Our Night-time Camp Fun runs three nights a week (Mondays-Wednesdays, 6:15-8:30 p.m.) Jan. 16-Feb. 13.

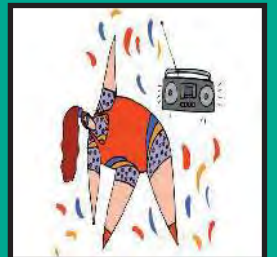
Cost is \$25 per child for Melrose Park residents and \$100 per child for nonresidents

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

Registration can be made at the Youth Commission located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Civic Center, Mondays-Fridays.

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

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



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

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Senior Social Club News

From the Desks of
Peggy DiFazio,
Director of Senior Services,
Special Events and
Taste of Melrose Park
and
Lorena Anguiano
Bi-Lingual Services

NEW!

Registration for New and Renewal 2019 Senior Social Club 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 \$15 per year and includes a picture ID.

Preregistration for meetings is required. It's a good place to make new friends and renew old ones.

For more information, please call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448 or Ext. 4452.

To register for, or renew memberships, please complete the Melrose Park Senior Social Club

2019 Membership Registration Form and mail it with your renewal fee of \$15 to:

Village of Melrose Park • Attn.: Senior Club • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

Please make checks payable to the Melrose Park Senior Club.



Melrose Park Senior Social Club 2019 Membership Registration Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

Birthdate _____



Happy Holidays
from the
Melrose Park
Senior Social
Club

2019 Senior Social Club Meeting Schedule

Feb. 7 – Valentine's Luncheon (Wear Red)

May 9 – Mother's & Father's Day Luncheon

June 13 – Summer Luncheon

Oct. 10 – Halloween Luncheon

Nov. 7 – Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 12 – Christmas Luncheon

Bingo Will Be Played at Most Meetings!

Must be Pre-registered!

Senior Social Club 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 Social Club is currently accepting donations of canes, wheelchairs, walkers, etc., that can be given to those in need.

If you have something you would like to donate, please call Peggy DiFazio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

Melrose Park 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
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Multi-purpose Room

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150 Maximum Capacity

Days and Nights Available
Mondays-Saturdays • 9 a.m.-Midnight
Sundays • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Rentals Include:

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

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

Call (708) 450-0555 for info.

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

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

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

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



Village of Melrose Park

TAEKWONDO PROGRAM

Register Now!

DAY/ DIA	LITTLE TIGERS/ LEONCITOS	BEGINNERS/ PRINCIPIANTES	INTERMEDIATE/ INTERMEDIO	ADVANCED-BLACK BELTS AVANZADO-CINTAS NEGRAS
Monday/Lunes	4-4:50 p.m.	5-5:50 p.m.	6-6:50 p.m.	7-7:50 p.m.
Tuesday/Martes	4-4:50 p.m.	5-5:50 p.m.	6-6:50 p.m.	7-7:50 p.m.
Wednesday/Miércoles	4-4:50 p.m.	5-5:50 p.m.	6-6:50 p.m.	7-7:50 p.m.
Thursday/Jueves	4-4:50 p.m.	5-5:50 p.m.	6-6:50 p.m.	7-7:50 p.m.
Friday/Viernes	4-4:50 p.m.	5-6:30 p.m.	5-6:30 p.m.	5-6:30 p.m.



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 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.



Se Habla Español.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING

Residents: \$50 per month.

Nonresidents: \$60 per month.

First Month – Half Off! One week free trial.

Discount family rates! Referral discount

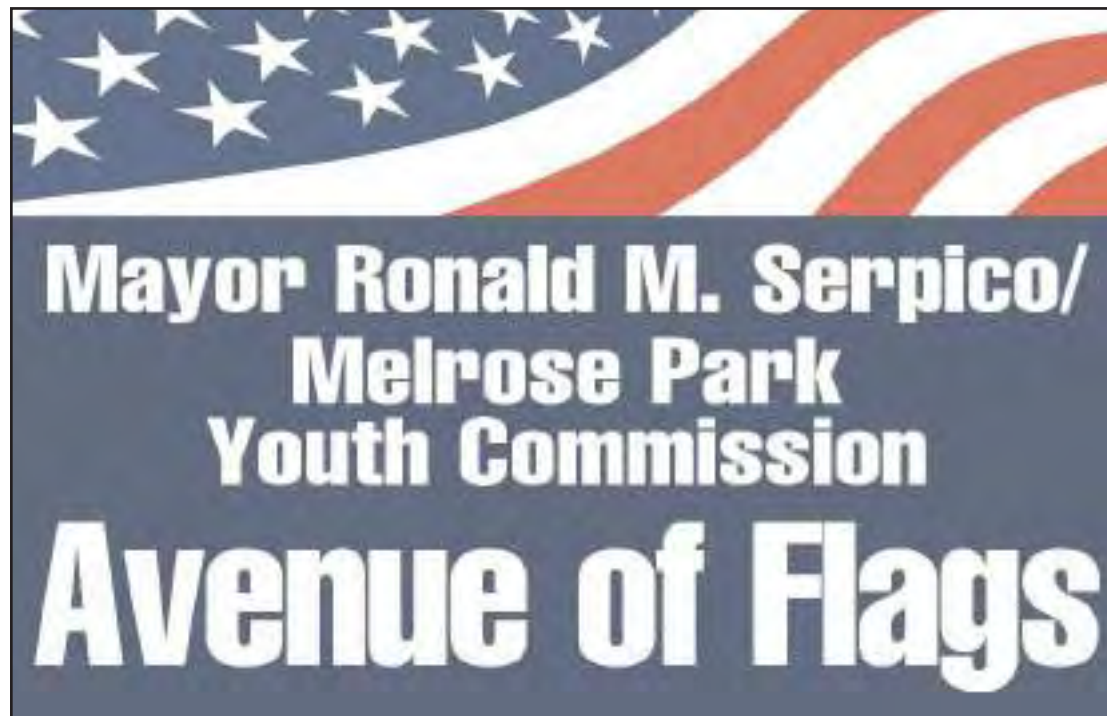
Classes are held Monday-Friday, 4-8 p.m.

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.

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

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



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.

Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

The village of Melrose Park would like to know of any residents who are currently serving in the military. If you have a family member or know of a resident who is, please contact Peggy DiFazio via email – peg@melrosepark.org or phone – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.





Veterans Park District Annual Veterans Day Observance – A Proud Salute to the Courageous Men and Women Who Have Served Our Nation



On Friday, Nov. 9, Veterans Park District held its annual Veterans Day Observance in honor of those who have courageously served our great country.

Community members came together to respectfully show their appreciation for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard and those currently serving.

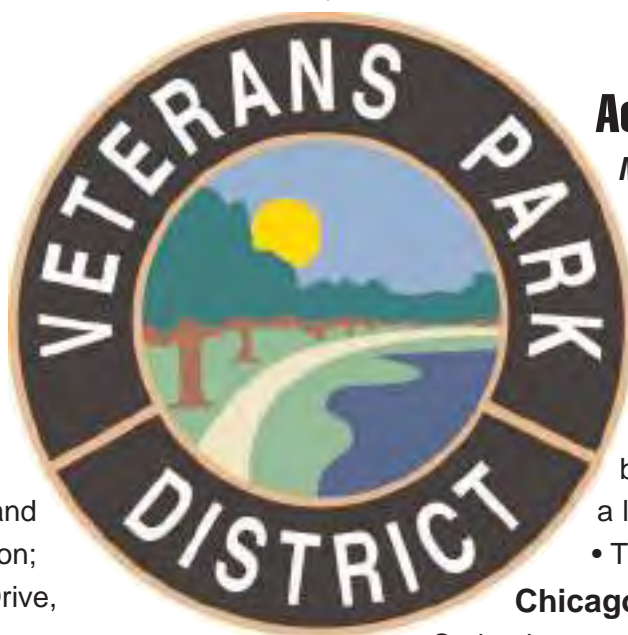
Observance ceremony speakers and participants included American Legion Franklin Park Post #974, Mayor Serpico, VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso, Deacon Ray Behrendt, Korean War Veteran Eugene Piltaver, Gianna Capra Uroni, the VPD Bulger Park Preschool Class and VPD Board President Tom Olson.



*A Salute to Our Veterans ...
We are grateful for your service to our country and
will always embrace you as true and trusted friends,
who proudly stood, and still stand, side by side
with your comrades to keep the
United States of America strong and
the greatest country in the world
to live and raise a family.*

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings



Winter Break Camps

Winter Break Basketball Camp, Ages 6-13

Are you ready for some drills, thrills and skills? No matter what your experience level, we will help you to become a better basketball player and teammate. This camp is for kids who want to work on their basketball skills and work together in an atmosphere of communication, cooperation and teamwork while having fun.

- Dec. 26-28, 2018; Two Sessions – 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., \$40 resident/55 non-resident per session; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake.

Winter Break Soccer Camp, Ages 6-13

This camp is for kids who want to work on their soccer skills and work together in an atmosphere of communication, cooperation and teamwork while having fun. No matter what your experience level, we will help you to become a better soccer player and teammate.

- Dec. 26-28, 2018; Two Sessions (no experience necessary, each series works on different skillsets) – 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., \$40 resident/\$55 non-resident per session; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Winter Break Basketball Shooting Camp, Ages 6-13

This is strictly a shooting camp. Participants will come in and work on game speed and situation type shots. We will work on shooting off the dribble, off of screens and spot up shooting. This camp will focus on the players form and proper footwork.

- Jan. 3-4, 2019; Two Sessions – 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., \$25 resident/\$40 non-resident per session; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake.

Winter Break Camp

Have your children join our Winter Break Camp, they will participate in a variety of sports and crafts. Crafts and activities will be holiday-themed. Campers will also participate in a field trip to a movie theater or the bowling alley. Some sports and activities offered are basketball, whiffle ball, dodgeball, volleyball, child-led playtime, and holiday-themed arts and crafts. Please pack a lunch each day.

- Dec. 26, 27 and 28, and Jan. 2, 3 and 4; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$140 resident/\$160 non-resident; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake.

Active Adults

Mamma Mia! At the Drury Lane

The international megahit *Mamma Mia!* uses the greatest songs of ABBA to tell a hilarious story of marriage, family and finding where you belong, proving that in the end the winner takes it all. Come see why more than 54 million people worldwide have laughed and danced to this unforgettable juke-box musical. Before our afternoon show we will enjoy a lunch at Drury Lane.

- Thursday, Feb. 28; \$75 per person.

Chicago Flower & Garden Show

Spring into summer with new ideas to enhance the beauty within your own backyard when the Chicago Flower & Garden Show transforms Navy Pier into a colorful showcase for all things floral. From elegant pergolas, stately decks and lush flower beds to tiny herb gardens and dainty birdhouses, you'll be wowed by the creativity on display. The Chicago Flower & Garden Show is the only show in the world to partner with GrowIt to provide you with free information on every plant. Afterwards we will enjoy Chicago's famous deep-stuffed pizza deep dish at Giordano's on Navy Pier.

- Thursday, March 21; \$75 per person.

Creative Arts

Tap Dancing Class, Ages 6-9

This class is designed to help students develop rhythm and sound. Tap dancing exercises will help to build flexibility in the knees and ankles, improve coordination and self-confidence. As students progress through class levels, the curriculum becomes more complex. Please note: Tap class does not participate in a recital and does not get a recital dress.

- Jan. 28-May 13 (no class Feb 18); Mondays from 6:15-7 p.m.; \$95 resident/\$100 non-resident; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

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



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PER YEAR FOR ADULTS
(UNDER \$14 PER MONTH)**

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44 W. GOLFVIEW DRIVE, NORTHLAKE

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daily exercise.**

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Veterans Park District

Madhouse on Madison

Blackhawks vs Predators



Gear up to watch some great hockey!

Cheer on the
Blackhawks as they
take on the
Nashville Predators
at the
United Center.



Wednesday January 9th

\$101

Departure 4:45pm Cimbalo

Departure 5pm Grant

Return 10:45pm



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FAMILY INDOOR



& FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • 9 AM-2:30 PM

AT GRANT PARK GYMNASIUM • 44 W. GOLFVIEW DR., NORTHLAKE

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

SELL AND/OR SHOP

Fee: R \$20/N \$35 (10'x10' space, 2 tables, 2 chairs)

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



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Triton College NEWS

Apply Now for Triton's New Vascular Technology in Sonography Certificate Program

Triton College's new Vascular Technology Certificate Program will help working sonographers and recent Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program graduates gain new skills and increase job opportunities.

In just two semesters, students will learn imaging technology and other techniques to assist doctors in diagnosing arterial and venous conditions affecting limbs. Program completers will be prepared to sit for the Registered Vascular Technologists exam through the ARDMS.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, vascular technologists earned a median salary of more than \$65,000 in 2017. Job openings for vascular technologists are expected to grow by 17 percent by 2026.

Email vasculartech@triton.edu or visit Triton.edu for more information or to begin your application for the Vascular Technology in Sonography Program.

Students Learn Through Teaching with Triton's Early Childhood Ed. Program

Students enrolled in Triton College's Early Childhood Education Lab School Program begin caring for kids in a real childcare setting almost immediately. That's what sets Triton apart from many other colleges in the area. Very few early childhood education programs offer a lab-school component, especially at the community college level.

"From the first intro classes and throughout the entire program, students are working with children in the NAEYC accredited childcare center on campus" said Mary Ann Olson, chairperson of the Education Department at Triton College.

As one of the institution's longest running programs, Triton has been preparing students to provide nurturing care to young children for decades. Future childcare professionals receive expert instruction from Triton faculty members, all of whom have experience working in the field. Courses focusing on child development, health and safety, creating activities and working with students with disabilities are included in the curriculum, along with many others.

Program completers leave Triton with a Level 4 credential from Gateways to Opportunities – Illinois' early childhood professional development organization. That means they can begin working in a preschool immediately. A number of other credentials are available as well.

"In addition to the Early Childhood Credential, credentialing is available in infant and toddler care as well as to become director qualified," said Early Childhood Education faculty member Ally Miller.

For students wishing to continue their education, Triton has a number of guaranteed transfer agreements in place with nearby four-year colleges and universities. This allows students to seamlessly transfer credits to earn a bachelor's degree and state licensure.

Triton even offers high school students an opportunity to get a head start on their path to becoming early childhood educators. Dual credit agreements are in place for Leyden high schools, Proviso high schools, and Oak Park River Forest High School.

For more information on Triton College's Early Childhood Education Lab School Program, contact Mary Ann Olson at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3762, or maryannolson@triton.edu.

Early Childhood Education Job Prospects

Preschool teacher, projected job growth:

10 percent growth by 2026, faster than average for all occupations.

Childcare center director, projected job growth:

11 percent growth by 2026, faster than average for all occupations.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Triton's Super Saturday Makes Enrollment Fast and Easy

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

From counselors on hand to ensure students enroll in the classes that best fit their goals and schedule, to financial aid specialists who will help craft a plan to pay for school, Super

Saturday will provide current and prospective Triton students everything they need to get ready for the spring semester.

The one-stop registration event is Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Learning Resource Center (A Building) located on the west side of the Triton College Campus, 2000 Fifth Ave. River Grove.

During the event, you can:

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

Students attending the event should bring:

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

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



Triton Unveils 2018 Men's Basketball National Championship Banner

The 2018 Triton College men's basketball team's historic accomplishment was immortalized as their national championship banner was hung from the rafters of the Collins Center Gymnasium on Nov. 28, prior to the Trojans game against Kennedy-King College.

Students, faculty, staff and community members were on hand for the pre-game banner unveiling ceremony. It included a video highlighting the Trojans' run to the NJCAA Division II National Championship, which was capped off by an 89-85 victory of Pima Community College (Ariz.) at Danville Area Community College in late March. Additionally, Trojans head coach Steve Christiansen was awarded the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's Coach of the Year award during the ceremony. He was previously named the NJCAA Division II Coach of the Year.



"Celebrating something that was the culmination of years of hard work was a special moment not only for me but for our players, coaches and the entire Triton College community," said Trojans head coach Steve Christiansen. "It was the perfect way to leave Division II as we start on our new journey toward the top of the Division I ranks."

The national championship was the first in the 50-year history of the men's basketball program. The Trojans finished with an overall record of 33-4 en route to the crown, racking up several individual awards along the way including:

- Deonta Terrell – NJCAA DII Tournament MVP, NJCAA DII All-American First Team and North Central Community College (N4C) Conference Player of the Year.
- Najee Brown-Henderson – NJCAA All-Tournament Team.
- Alondes Williams – NJCAA All-Tournament Team, N4C All-Conference First Team.
- Courtese Cooper – N4C All-Conference First Team.

The powerful Triton squad also produced the program's first two Power Five conference transfers. Cooper, a 6-foot-9-inch power forward, is currently in his first season as a member of the Louisiana State University Tigers. Williams, a 6-foot-5-inch point guard, recently signed to transfer to Oklahoma University where he will join the Sooners next season.

Following their national championship campaign, coach Christiansen and the Trojans are off to a good start in the inaugural season in the Division I ranks.

For more information, visit TritonAthletics.com.

Chef Carolina Diaz Wins 2018 Barilla Pasta World Championship MP Resident Manny Uribe Performs Sous-Chef Duties

From creating dishes inspired by fine art to preparing a new generation of chefs and restaurateurs – Triton College Culinary Department faculty member Carolina Diaz loves to share her passion for cooking, especially pasta.

Her skills and passion helped earn her the title of the 2018 Barilla Pasta International Master of Pasta. In October 2018, Chef Carolina traveled to Milan, Italy, where she competed against top pasta chefs from around the globe. Her signature dish, Spaghetti al Pomodoro, wowed the judges and earned her the crown. Her assistant and sous-chef for the competition was Melrose Park resident Manny Uribe, who is also a faculty member in Triton Culinary Department.

Diaz, who is originally from Northlake, attended Triton College as a student with plans to major in psychology, before changing course to pursue a career in the culinary and hospitality industry. In addition to serving as a faculty member of Triton's Jerome J. Drosos



*2018 Barilla Pasta
International Master of Pasta
Chef Carolina Diaz
Photo Courtesy: Barilla Pasta*



*Triton Faculty Members –
Chef Carolina Diaz and
Chef Manny Uribe*

School of Culinary Arts, she is also the head chef at Terzo Piano Restaurant, located inside of the Art Institute of Chicago. There, the self-described pasta specialist delights guests with Mediterranean cuisine, some of which is inspired by exhibits on display at the museum.

"I started making dumplings, from there I transitioned to pasta and it turned into a passion. Once I figured out I could make the dough myself, I fell in love with it. I enjoy making shapes with my fingers, it's therapeutic," she said.

This fall, she taught Food Prep Essentials, Italian Cooking and Butchery courses to students enrolled in Triton's renowned Culinary Program.

"We take a hands-on approach and take time to individually teach each student. That's what students crave and I believe that is the best way to

help students succeed in their careers," she said.

Triton's Jerome J. Drosos School of Culinary Arts features associate degree programs in Culinary Arts, Baking and Pastry, Hotel/Motel Management and Restaurant Management. For more information or to enroll, contact Jerome J. Drosos School of Culinary Arts Program Coordinator Denise Smith-Gaborit at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3624, email denisesmithgaborit@triton.edu or visit www.triton.edu.

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'Tis the Season for the Nicotera Christmas Village



The tradition of the holidays is rolling along in the home of Melrose Park resident Sonny Nicotera.

He and his nephews, Frank and Nick Fratto, have set up their annual Christmas Village and this year the display is like none other.

The 35-year tradition has caught the attention of local media outlets and has been highlighted in several news segments throughout the years.

It's an amazing, holiday-themed wonderland made up of more than 200 figurines that capture the warmth and togetherness of the season!

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JA First Graders Visit MP Library

Jane Addams first graders visited the Melrose Park Public Library and learned all about the resources available.



Gianolla Presents on Autism to MP Police

On Oct. 17, our lead teacher/case manager, Ms. Christine Gianolla, visited the Melrose Park Police Department to give a presentation on Autism.

Local Author Visits Second Graders in D89

Local alumni of School District 89, Mr. Fleming (Garfield School) and Mrs. Fleming (Lexington School) visited our second graders for an interactive Read-Aloud. Our students sang songs and learned about Willow, a little girl who overcomes bullying.



D89 IMSA After-school Program

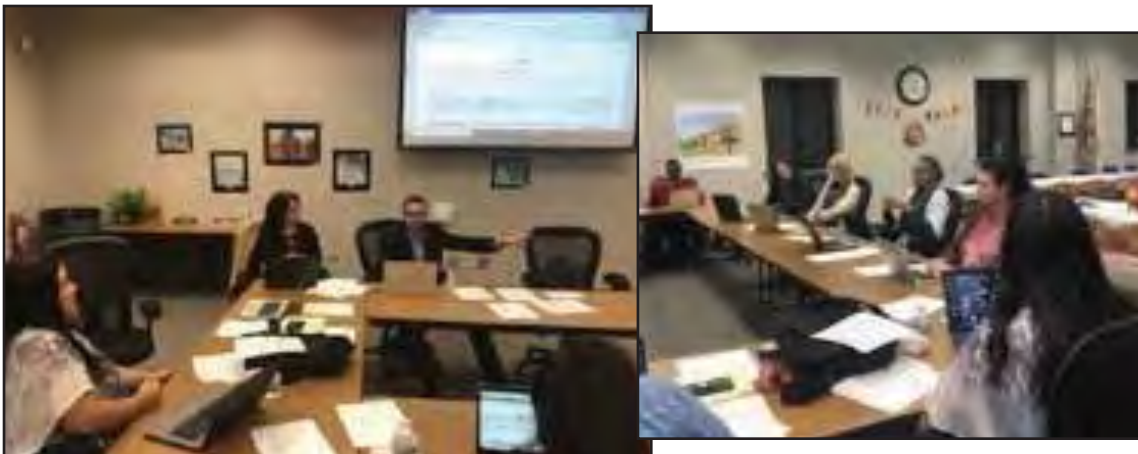
STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) learning continues to grow with the IMSA (Illinois Math and Science Fusion) after-school programs.

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IMSA at Stevenson Middle School

The award-winning, research-based Illinois Math and Science Academy's FUSION afterschool student enrichment programs provide high quality STEM learning to students in fourth-eighth grade. Pictured are students and teachers from Stevenson Middle School preparing to engage in an activity from Copper to Bronze, examining and experimenting with metals.



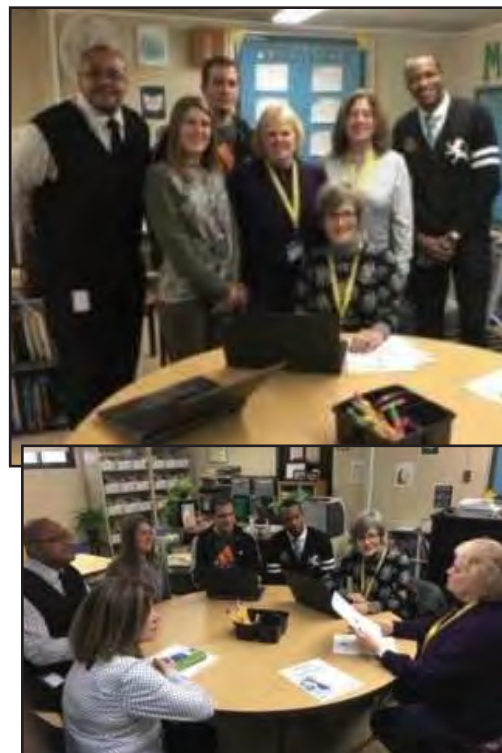
D89 Instructional Planning Committee

Newly formed D89 Instructional Planning Committee met in November with a focus on Professional Learning Communities and technology integration.

Proviso Partners 4 Health & D89

Proviso Partners for Health (PP4H) is a consortium of colleagues from Loyola University Chicago, Loyola Health System/Trinity Health partnering with D89 staff to improve the health and well-being of our students. PP4H sponsors Active Recess and Active Classrooms (Brain Boosters) initiatives funded by a grant from Trinity Health. Members of PP4H also provide health education at District Family Nights, with the most recent being a healthy cooking demonstration at the Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

The Feb. 7 Parent University will present an informative session at Meal of the Day Café on Children's Health by Dr. Mary Jones, Loyola Pediatrician and Medical Director for the Pediatric Mobile Health Unit.



Parent Teacher Conferences at D89

Parent Teacher Conferences were held at all D89 schools on Nov. 20 from noon-7 p.m.

Several parents who attended took The Five Essentials Survey.

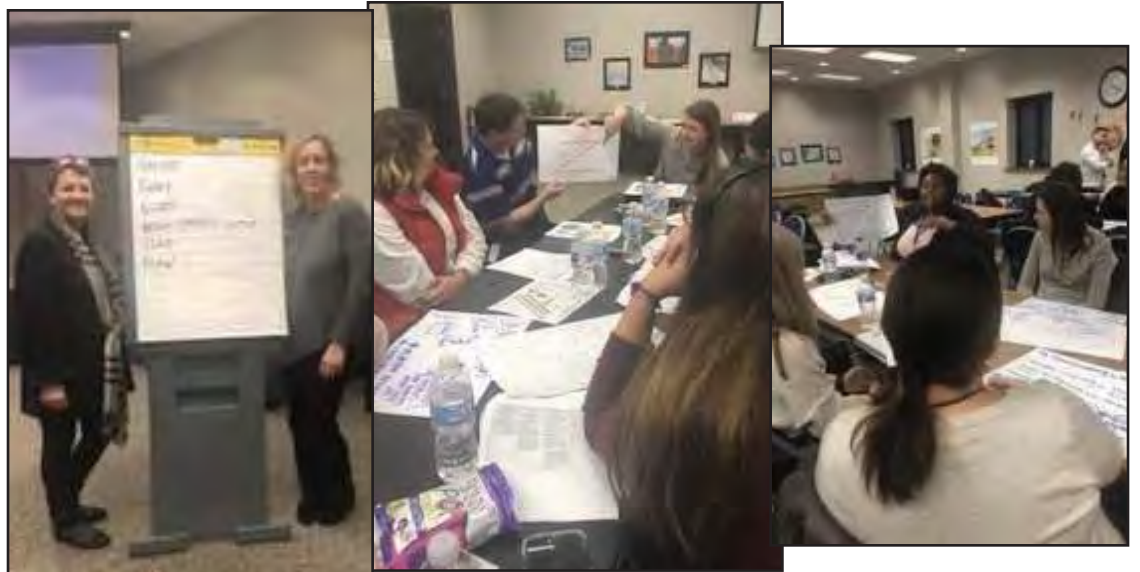
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School ImprovementDay

District 89 teachers participated in a School Improvement Day in November focused on student writing.



NewTeacherNetwork

West 40 presenters Cathy and Brooke met with the New Teacher Network and presented on Communicating with Students and Engaging Students in Learning.



DiFazioPresents to D89PDTeam

Trisha DiFazio, a professor at the University of Southern California and a national presenter for Teacher Created materials returned to District 89 to join the Professional Development team on Institute Day, Nov. 19. The learning continued on Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching and Learning. Professor DiFazio, a former D89 bilingual teacher, presented classroom practices for student success assisting educators in becoming culturally responsive in their practice.

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JaneAddamsFallFest

On Nov. 2, Jane Addams held their very first Fall Fest. Students and their families enjoyed a night of games, prizes, food and fun!

Stevenson HighSchoolNight

On Oct. 15, Stevenson held a High School Night family workshop. Families were given information on how and when to apply for high school.



MysteryReadersatJaneAddams

November is National Family Literacy Month and many activities were held throughout D89 to celebrate. Ms Taylor's first-grade class at Jane Addams had mystery readers all month long. #D89Reads



D89 ParentUniversity

D89's Parent Advisory Council presented their first Parent University of the 2018-2019 school year. On Nov. 13, parents came for an informative session on how to plan and organize to get the most out of Parent Teacher Conferences.

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PLCCA Teen Reach at Stevenson School

PLCCA has partnered with District 89 providing Teen Reach, an after-school program consisting of small class sizes focusing on academics and social-emotional learning activities.



PMSA Math Competition

Stevenson Middle School participated in the Proviso Math and Science Academy Math Competition on Oct. 30. The competition included students from Proviso Township's nine foundation middle schools.

The following list is a list of students who participated along with any individual award that he or she won: Sixth Grade – Isle S., Hiram M. (First Place Joint Competition), Ricardo F. and Christopher S.; Seventh Grade – Vanquan W., Jazmin M., Atziri R. and Angel C; and Eighth Grade – Shantiah W. (Second Place Individual Competition), Trisha T. (First Place Individual Competition), Abigail P. and Deanna D. (Third Place Joint Competition).



2018 PreK Fall Festival of Learning

On the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 14, Emerson School hosted the Annual PreK Fall Fest. Parents had the opportunity to meet with our pre-kindergarten teachers and staff, and learn about some of the activities our students participate in during class.

Thank you to our many community partners for joining us.



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Perfect Attendance Breakfast at Melrose Park School

On Nov. 9, students with perfect attendance during the month of October and the first quarter were honored at a breakfast hosted by Principal Valadez. There were well over 250 students, parents and family members that attended this first-time event! In the month of October, 211 students had perfect attendance and during the first quarter, 315 students had perfect attendance. Congratulations to all Mustangs for a job well-done!



Stranger Danger Safety Visit

Preschool, kindergarten and first-grade students at Melrose Park Elementary School received a visit from officers Guzman and Lascola to discuss personal safety.

Students learned tips on how to deal with encountering a stranger and becoming separated from their parents as well as safety while trick or treating on Halloween.

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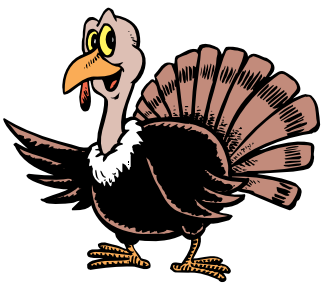
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Thank You to All Melrose Park Thanksgiving Day Meal Delivery Volunteers!



A special thanks to those who volunteered on Thanksgiving Day to assist with Mayor Serpico's Thanksgiving Meal Delivery event. More than 100 meals were delivered to Melrose Park's senior and disabled residents in this community-centered initiative's 21st year.



Happy 96th Birthday, Marge!



Melrose Park resident Marge Cercone recently celebrated her 96th birthday. Mayor Serpico stopped by to wish her a Happy 96th! Happy Birthday, Marge, from the village of Melrose Park.

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News from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine

Christmas Midnight Mass

Come celebrate Christmas with a traditional midnight Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine.

The choir will begin with a concert of Christmas carols at 11:30 p.m. and Mass will begin with a candlelight procession of the infant Jesus at midnight.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the priests will return to the altar for the traditional veneration of the infant Jesus.

There will also be a Mass in English at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and for those who would rather attend Mass on Christmas morning, there will be an Italian Mass at 10:30 a.m. and an English Mass at noon.

For more information, please call the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.

Wishing all a Blessed Christmas!

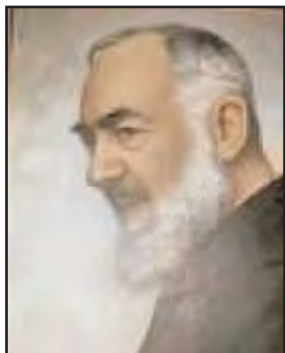
Preghiera a Padre Pio

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine has started a monthly prayer session on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

The prayer group started in October, following the Feast of Padre Pio on Sept. 23. His feast day was celebrated with a Mass in Italian and English, followed by a procession through the streets and a dinner.

The next prayer session is at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

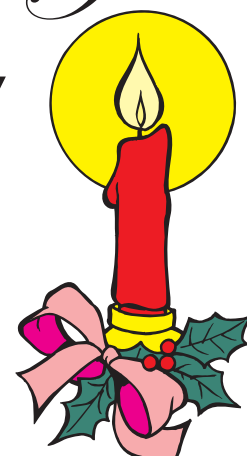
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Celebrate the Season! St. Paul Hosts Special Holiday Events

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An Instrumental Celebration of Christ's Birth

The Flute Choir of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1025 West Lake Street, Melrose Park, presents its annual Christmas concert of the great songs of Christmas especially adapted for flutes and holiday singing on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 3 p.m. The concert includes music by Bach, Liszt, Schubert and the great folk music of the season. This concert is completely free and is followed by a "Sweets Of The Season" reception.

Celebrate the Season with Your Neighbors at St. Paul

Las Posadas – Saturday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. • Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m.

Join us for our weekly services on Sundays.

English at 9 a.m. • Spanish at 11:30 a.m.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Hispanic group will celebrate Christmas Eve the way it is celebrated in some Spanish-speaking countries, with the tradition of "Las Posadas." Mary and



Joseph are looking for a place to stay, going from place to place until they find a "Posada" (an inn). In those countries, it takes place for several days and in different houses, ending on Christmas Eve, when they finally are allowed into an inn. At St. Paul, we will form two groups, the Pilgrims (with Mary and Joseph), and the Innkeepers. Then we will walk through different areas of our building singing the beautiful traditional songs, the Pilgrim's songs asking for a place to stay, the Innkeepers rejecting them, until both groups reach the entrance of the church, where the Innkeepers finally allow Mary and Joseph to stay, and all walk into the Sanctuary to hear the message of Jesus' birth.

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

We hope many people from the community can join us. See you on the 22nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lake Street and 10th Ave., Melrose Park.

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

El Sábado 22 de Diciembre de 2018, a las 6:30 pm, el grupo hispano de la Iglesia San Pablo va a festejar la Nochebuena como se hace en algunos países de habla hispana, con la tradición de "Las Posadas". Maria y José buscan donde hospedarse, yendo de lugar en lugar hasta que encuentran una Posada. En nuestros países de origen, la celebración dura varios días y se lleva a cabo en diferentes casas, finalizando la Nochebuena. En nuestra celebración en San Pablo formamos dos grupos, los peregrinos (con Maria y José), y los posaderos. Caminamos por las distintas partes del edificio entonando las bellas canciones tradicionales, donde los peregrinos piden por una posada, y los posaderos los rechazan, hasta que ambos grupos se unen a la entrada de la iglesia, y allí los posaderos permiten que Maria y José se queden, y todos juntos ingresamos al santuario para oír el mensaje del nacimiento de Jesús.

Posteriormente vamos a la cafeteria y compartimos champurrado y pan dulce, y para los mas pequeños piñata y frutas y golosinas.

Esperamos que mucha gente de la comunidad se pueda unir a nosotros. Los esperamos en la Iglesia Luterana San Pablo, calle Lake y avenida 10, Melrose Park.



Winston Plaza Hosted Dec. 2 Event with Santa and Mrs. Claus Hundreds Awaited Santa's Arrival by Helicopter

On Sunday, Dec. 2, there was quite a crowd in the parking lot at Winston Plaza anxiously awaiting the annual arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus by helicopter.

The children were really excited to see Santa, the jolly old man in the big red suit, and let him know what was on their Christmas list this year.

There was free fun for everyone that included a magic show, face painting, balloon art, kids crafts and more!

A special thank you to Winston Plaza for hosting another well-attended and enjoyable community event.



Melrose Park Senior Social Club Celebrates the Season

On Thursday, Dec. 13, members of the Melrose Park Senior Social Club held their annual Christmas luncheon at Tom's Steak House.

Santa made a special visit to spread some holiday cheer and Mayor Serpico was there to celebrate with the club members!



Proviso Mathematics & Science Academy Ranked #8 in Illinois NIHIL NISI OPTIMUM, Nothing But the Best



The Proviso Math and Science Academy (PMSA) is currently ranked as #8 on the Illinois list of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best High Schools as well as #261 in the publication's national rankings.

PMSA was recognized by the magazine earlier this year and awarded a Gold Medal for their success.

Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools rankings

identify the country's top-performing public high schools. The goal is to provide a clear, unbiased picture of how well public schools serve all of their students – from the highest to lowest achieving – in preparing them to demonstrate proficiency in basic skills as well as readiness for college-level work.

The first list of the *U.S. News* Best High Schools was posted online on Nov. 30, 2007. Subsequent editions were posted online on Dec. 5, 2008; Dec. 10, 2009; May 8, 2012; April 23, 2013; April 22, 2014; May 12, 2015; April 19, 2016; and April 25, 2017. The current 2018 Best High Schools rankings were published online on May 8, 2018.



Since *U.S. News & World Report's* editors believe high schools are among America's most important institutions, adding the Best High Schools to the *U.S. News* rankings was a natural progression. Education drives the country's future. Recognizing schools that are performing well and providing them as models to other schools will inspire educators and communities to do better.

Illinois has many schools ranked in 2018 among the *U.S. News* Best High Schools, including 13 gold medal schools, 54 silver medal schools and 115 bronze medal schools.

Alfanos Visit Wheel of Fortune – Meet with Stars of America's Show



On Halloween 2017, little Anthony Alfano was decked in his Halloween best appearing as a Wheel of Fortune contestant. Alfano's big Halloween celebration came with much recognition.

Anthony and his mother and father (Deanna and Tony) again received national attention appearing on several TV shows.

Wheel of Fortune representatives heard about the remarkable costume choice, contacted the Alfanos and invited the family to come to the Los Angeles studio this past October for a taping.

The family had a great time mingling in LA and meeting with the stars of America's show – Pat Sajak and Vanna White.

The Alfanos have a strong commitment to their Halloween tradition, donating past costumes to other families in the area, and they've already started planning for little Anthony's next year's apparel.

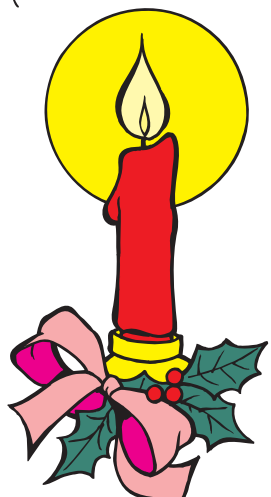
Pictured is Anthony in his Wheel of Fortune costume on stage at the WOF studio with his mom and dad and meeting Vanna White, one of his favorite TV personalities.

The award-winning costume magic continued this year to celebrate the frightfully fun Halloween holiday and little Anthony was dressed as the one-of-a-kind Beetlejuice.

Congratulations to the Alfano family!



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Answers to Mayor Serpico's Holiday Trivia Test

1) C – Barbie is the king, or shall we say queen of toys, with over a billion dolls sold plus accessories, which have earned the Mattel Toy Company several billion dollars since 1959. It is estimated that three Barbie dolls are sold every second throughout the world.

2) A – The 2018 winner, as in most years, is the Saturday before Christmas. Plan your shopping accordingly.

3) D – I love *It's a Wonderful Life* but *Home*

Alone is the box office winner, earning \$285 million and was the No. 1 hit for 12 weeks in a row. It is also the only Christmas movie entirely shot in the Chicago area.

4) D – Your GRRRRREAT, if you answered Kellogg's Frosted Flakes' Tony the Tiger.

5) C – \$170,609.46 ... wow, the eight maids-a-milking and the 10 lords-a-leaping must have gotten themselves some good business agents since 1988.

6) B – Rudolph was originally conceived by the Montgomery Ward Department Store to sell children coloring books. In his inception the little reindeer's schnoz caused quite the controversy because red noses were synonymous with alcoholism and Montgomery Ward did not want their reindeer to resemble a drunkard, but thankfully they were talked into letting Rudolph's red nose lead Santa's sleigh..

7) E – \$720 billion ... to understand how much money this really is, please consider the following, if you were to pile 720 billion single dollar bills on top of each other, the stack would be nearly 49,000 miles high!

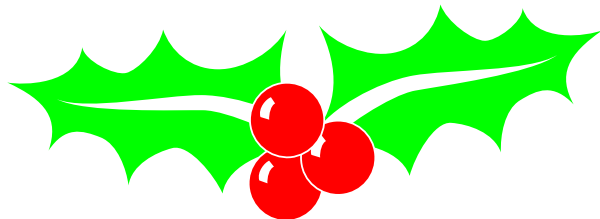
8) B – *A Charlie Brown Christmas* has entertained generations since it was first televised in 1965 and is one of the few Christmas-themed TV shows to win an EMMY.

9) D – 1.5 billion cards, with Hallmark Cards controlling 51 percent of the seasonal business.

10) B – Every song listed in the question is one of the top 10 most downloaded songs, but as the late Casey Kasem would say, "Mariah Carey's, *All I Want for Christmas*, tops the charts."

11) E – KFC is such a popular Christmas dinner in Japan you have to order in advance or face standing in long lines. Some people start lining up Christmas Eve to make sure they get their Christmas KFC.

12) A – 38 percent of all presents end up on the regift circuit. Which is a much better fate than the dark recesses of some dank closet or as the shunned gift at some white elephant exchange. Regifting is so widespread there are now etiquette rules for the propriety of regifting.



MAP of Hope Foundation's Fourth Annual Evening with Food Network's Chopped Star Sr. Alicia Torres – Monday, Jan. 7

On Monday, Jan. 7, members of the MAP of Hope Foundation are proudly hosting another very special occasion for a great cause – The MAP of Hope Foundation's



Epiphany Event with Sr. Alicia Torres (Food Network show *Chopped* champion).

The event will be held at Taverna on Division (1707 Division St., Melrose Park) from 7-9 p.m. Tickets (adults only, \$50 per) are limited and must be purchased in advance by calling Mary Ann at (708) 279-0519 or by visiting www.mapofhopefoundation.org.

Proceeds from the event benefit Our Lady of the Angels Mission. Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Mission food pantry

The MAP of Hope Foundation is a 501(c)3 charity. Take advantage of a year-end tax write-off.

Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

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From the Desk of Kathleen Willis

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I look forward to seeing you soon. Hope you and your family have a Wonderful Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

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THROUGHOUT the WINTER

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam

Make a simple musical instrument with us or bring your own. Play or listen – all are welcome! Held at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave., River Forest. • Sundays, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10, 1 p.m.

Nature Art of Cheryl Rausch

Enjoy the fine art drawings and photography of professional photographer and illustrator Cheryl Rausch.
• Every day.

Nature Story Time

Nature-inspired stories followed by a craft. Ages 3-6 w/adult.
• Thursdays, Jan. 3 and 17, and Feb. 7 and 21, 10:30 a.m.

Bone Appétit

Join us at feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals.
• Saturdays, Dec. 29, Feb. 2 and 23, and Sunday, Jan. 6, 1 p.m.

Nature Tots*

Explore nature and nature play with your tot. We'll go outdoors in nice weather. Ages 2-5 w/adult.
• Wednesdays, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13, 10 a.m.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Winter Solstice Guided Nature Hike

Join us on the first full day of winter as we explore along our trails. • Saturday, Dec. 22 • 1 p.m.

Kids and Birds Mini Camp*

Chicago Audubon and Trailside invite children ages 8-12 to explore the interesting world of birds, indoors and outdoors. \$20/child. • Thursday-Friday, Dec. 27-28, 9-11:30 a.m.

Winter Bonfire & Stories*

Bundle up the family for an outdoor fireside winter story session with storyteller John Elliott, followed by hot chocolate and s'mores. \$2/person. • Friday, Dec. 28 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

JANUARY EVENTS

Raptor Rendezvous

Learn about local owls and hawks, meet a live raptor and more. • Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.

New Year's Resolution Walk

Fulfill your resolution of being more active by taking a long, guided walk with us. • Saturday, Jan. 5, 1 p.m.

Conservation@Home: Winter Pruning*

Pruning your trees and shrubs in winter has many benefits. Join Il. Exten. Master Gardeners to learn tricks of the trade. • Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.

Winter Bird Walk

We'll observe the action at our bird feeders, then head out on the trail. Binoculars available.
• Saturday, Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m.

Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Wildlife Myths Demystified

Do bats get in your hair or earwigs in your ears? Separate the amusing and serious, action and reality of wildlife tales. • Sunday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.

Family Winter Scavenger Hunt and Campfire

Enjoy a winter afternoon on a hunt for signs of animals and plant life, followed with snacks by a campfire. \$2/person. • Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-2:30 p.m.

Introduction to Colored Pencil Workshop*

Learn about working with colored pencil, from textures to blending. Create your own fine art drawing to take home. Taught by illustrator Cheryl Rausch. Ages 14 and up; fee \$5. • Sunday, Jan. 27, 1-3 p.m.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Bird N' Bagel*

Enjoy and learn about birds at the feeder with John Elliott of Chicago Audubon, while sipping hot drinks and noshing on bagels. Optional bird walk to follow. • Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m.

Winter Photography*

Learn to compose and meter for the challenges of winter light and shadow on land, water and snow. Taught by Jack Carlson, Chicago Botanic Garden photography instructor. Register and fee payment at chicagobotanic.org/education or (847) 835-8261. \$47.50/\$59. • Sunday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m.-noon.

Proviso Township Handyman Program



Handyman Program for homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled residents of Proviso Township

- Minor repairs only
- \$5.00 per visit plus the cost of parts, if needed
- Give advice and referrals on a variety of home maintenance issues

Proviso Township Handyman News: Did You Know?

Holiday Update

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go. Are you ready for the holidays? Give us a call and we will help bring out your boxes of decorations! It is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township.

Call us at (708) 547-4001 to register or make an appointment for our Proviso Handyman Program.

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Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

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

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2018 is: Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The schedule for calendar year 2019 is: Jan. 14 and 28; Feb. 11 and 25; March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22; May 13 and Tuesday, May 28; June 10; July 8; Aug. 26; Sept. 9 and 23; Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 28; Tuesday, Nov. 12 and 25; and Dec. 9 and 23.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 24, 2018; Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018; New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 31, 2018; New Year's Day – Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 21, 2019; Presidents Day – Monday, Feb. 18, 2019; Good Friday – Friday, April 19, 2019; Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2019; Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2019; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 2, 2019; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 14, 2019; Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 11, 2019; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 29, 2019; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019; Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019.

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Obituaries

Alvarez

Josefa Alvarez. Dearly beloved wife of Ruben Alvarez; loving mother of Ruben, Heriberto "Eddie", Elizabeth "Vicky", Lourdes and the late Eva; cherished grandmother of Ruben G., Rosa E., Eric M. and Elisabeth "Lissie"; great-grandmother of Giovanni, Ariana, Giancarlo and Baby "Q"; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Edens Cemetery.

Angiolo

Rose Angiolo, nee Galluzzi. Dearly beloved wife of the late Rocco; dear sister of seven; cherished aunt of nine; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Barone

Salvatore M. Barone. Dearly beloved husband of the late Michelina (nee De Meo); loving father of Antonietta "Toni" (Luigi) Manzo, Mary (James) Rizzo, Laura (Anthony) Liace and Tina Barone; cherished grandfather of Christian, Lisa, Frankie, Anthony and Julia; great-grandfather of Amia, Nico and Christian Jr.; dear brother of Angelo "Michele" (Vittoria) Barone, Antonia (Franco) Aliberti, Felicia (Giuseppe) Salomone and the late Aniello (Carolina) Barone; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Catizone

Dolly Catizone. Dearly beloved wife of Anthony; loving mother of Frank (Gina), Darlene (Dennis) Esposito and the late James Reamer; fond grandmother of Ashley, James, Theresa and Germaine; dear sister of seven; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery.

Coor

Norman T. Coor III. Dearly beloved husband of Betty (nee Carpenter); loving father of Christopher (Cassie), Nancy (Rick), Robert (Jodie), Sherry (Thomas), Cherilynn, Norman (Wendy) and Craig (Sheri); cherished grandfather of 16; great-grandfather of six; dear brother of Diane (Louie) Visconti, Michael (Mary Ann) Krajecki and Thomas Krajecki; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Member of Loyal Order of Moose.

Del Marto

Anthony F. Del Marto, veteran of the United States Army. Loving father of Angelo (Judy); cherished grandfather of Michael, Gina Del Marto Mergen and John Del Marto; great-grandfather of Joseph, Frank and Luca; dear brother of the late Madaline, Rose, John and Ralph; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Inurnment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Loyal member of the Accordion Club.

Drozd

Jaroslav Drozd. Loving father of David, Hamil and Filip Drozd; loving brother, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Gartner

Mary Anne Gartner, nee Altobelli, retired teacher for the Addison School District. Dearly beloved wife of the late James, CPD retired; loving mother of Amanda (Bogdan) Batinich; beloved daughter of the late James and Caroline Altobelli; cherished grandmother of Brittany (Jeremy) Jewell, Samantha (Brett) Flower and Rachel Batinich; great-grandmother of Mia Jewell and Adrianna Jewell; dear brother of James Altobelli; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Guadarrama

Victoria Guadarrama, age 7, student at Grant Elementary School. Beloved daughter of Victor and Nancy; dear sister of Diego and Andrea; fond niece, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Ippolito

Carmen Ippolito, proud veteran of the Uniten States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Joyce; loving father of Michelle Caliendo, Carmen, Maria Pauls, Denise Knox, Leonard, Dennis and Roxanne Manos; cherished grandfather of 14; great-grandfather of 17; dear brother of Joseph, the late Mary Zuccaro, the late Sandy Oliva, the late Ross and the late John; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Lonero

Giovanni Lonero. Dearly beloved husband of the late Antoinette (nee Bellisario); loving son of the late Vito and Rosa Lonero; dear brother of Angela (Giovanni) Lorusso, Ninetta (Stefano) Pastore, Rita (Vito) Salatino, Anna (Vito) Spinelli and Antonio (Maria) Lonero; fond brother-in-law of Frank and Ann Marie Berlen, Dominic and Therese Bellisario, Matthew and Eleanor Cannone and Paul Bellisario; dear uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Magnanensi

Dorothy H. Magnanensi. Dearly beloved wife of the late Fred "Tootie"; loving mother of Joseph (Diane), Debra (Bruce) Wesolowski, Vicki (Robert) Larson, Tina (the late Donald) Soristo, Sandra (the late Allan) Love and the late Susan Miller; cherished grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 14; great-great-grandmother of five; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

Moya

Guadalupe Badillo Moya. Beloved wife of Javier; loving mother of Arturo Moya, Teresa Hernandez and the late Juan Hernandez; fond grandmother of Alexa Hernandez, Ivan Velazquez and Miguel Velazquez; dear sister of eight. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Edens Cemetery.

Nowak

Alfred Nowak, proud Army veteran of WWII. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Cyganowski); loving father of Martina (Rich Smith) Nowak; Philip (Sandie) Nowak, Deborah (Frank III) Schmidt, Gregory Nowak; loving grandfather of seven; loving great-grandfather of four; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Palermo

Mario Palermo. Beloved husband of Giosina; loving father of Eugenia (Silvio) Lio, Francesca (the late Vince) Frassinone, the late Francesco (Victoria); fond grandfather of Gabriele, Marcello, Silvia, Tony, Mike, Marie, Mario and Frank; fond great-grandfather of 18; fond great-great-grandfather of four. dear brother of Francesca, Guiseppe, Carmelina, Eugenia, the late Raffaella, the late Teresina, the late Italo, the late Antonio and the late Maria. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Parren

James W. Parren, veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of Gerry (nee Cosentino); loving father of James A. (Susan) and Julie Parren (Chad Wynes); cherished grandfather of Kristina; dear brother, brother-in-law and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Parrinello

Mirella Parrinello. Beloved wife of the late Eugenio; loving mother of Francesca Savaglio, Ivana Senafe and the late Raffaella Maiello; fond grandmother of Diana Maiello, Nunzio Maiello, Cindy Glueklich, Phil Savaglio, Denise Savaglio, Cristina Senafe and Giovanni Senafe; fond great-grandmother of Sebastian and Miles Senafe; dear sister of five; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Pazerunas

Eugenia Pazerunas of Melrose Park passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 96 on Nov. 14, 2018. She was born on Oct. 18, 1922, in rural Silale, Lithuania. She met her late husband Joseph Pazerunas in Taurage, Lithuania. Her family fled the Russian occupation by carriage, traveled by night through dangerous forests into Germany and finally immigrated to the U.S. in 1950. The family eventually settled in Melrose Park where Joseph built their home, raised three children and finished out their lives. Eugenia, faithful wife of departed Joseph Pazerunas, cherished mother of Danguole (Anthony) Pototsky, late Arunas (Ellen) Pazerunas, and Remigijus (Sandy) Pazerunas; loving grandmother of Joseph (Stefanie) Pazerunas, Lisa (Greg) Dicosola, Jillian (Mike) Pazerunas, Andrew (Jessica) Pazerunas, Thomas Pazerunas, Anthony Pototsky, Lindsey Pazerunas and Patrick Pazerunas; dearest great-grandmother of Olivia Pazerunas, Sam Pazerunas, Maia Dicosola, Nicolette Mazzocchi and Max Dicosola; beloved sister of the late Elena Jablonskis, late Antanas Lingis, Aureilia (Kestutis) Kriauciunas and Lucia (Algis) Tirva. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Perez

Maria E. Perez. Dearly beloved wife of Eliborio Escobedo; loving father of Diana Escobedo, Gustavo Escobedo, Sandra Escobedo, Cesar Escobedo and Eric Escobedo; fond grandmother of Gustavo Jr. Escobedo and Aaron Escobedo; dear sister of Claudia Guerrero and Karina Perez. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Pienkos

Anthony J. Pienkos, veteran of United States Navy. Dearly beloved husband of June (nee Kralj); loving son of the late Bruno and Dorothy Pienkos; dear brother of Roseann (Patrick) Pitello and Robert (Bonnie); loving brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Member of Loyal Order of Moose.

Riccio

Donna Riccio. Beloved life partner of the late Joanne Zelten; loving daughter of the late Nicholas Jr. and Susan Riccio; dear sister of Nicholas III (Rosemary), Denise, Victoria, Michael (Nicole); fond aunt of Tina, Jackie, Susie and Mikey; fond great-aunt of baby Mikey, Francesca, Aria, Mia and Giulia; survived by her loving animals Torrey, Christmas, Tinker and Gus. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Sanchez

Antonia Sanchez. Dearly beloved mother of Heidi Sanchez and Jazmin Chavez; loving daughter of Ignacia Sanchez-Meraz and the late Florencio Sanchez; cherished grandmother of Antonio Evans, Juliana Evans and Julian Evans; dear sister of Maria Sanchez, Gustavo (Amy) Sanchez, Raul (Yanira) Sanchez, Norma (Ruben) Arias, Florencio (Natalie) Sanchez, Leonor Sanchez and Charlie Sanchez; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Teresi

Mary Teresi, nee Bruzzino. Beloved wife of Sam of 70 years; loving mother of William, Debra, the late Jack (Gail) and the late Dennis; fond grandmother of Kristy (Jeff), Kelly, Ashley, Paul, James, Sabrina (Leif) and Ryne; fond great-grandmother of Madison, Matteo, Cam and Jade; dear sister of Joseph (Judy) Bruzzino, the late Ralph (Edna), the late Frank (the late Ida), the late William (Mary), the late Grace (late Stanley) and the late Theresa (late Alfred); loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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'Tis the Season for the Nicotera Christmas Village



The tradition of the holidays is rolling along in the home of Melrose Park resident Sonny Nicotera.

He and his nephews, Frank and Nick Fratto, have set up their annual Christmas Village and this year the display is like none other.

The 35-year tradition has caught the attention of local media outlets and has been highlighted in several news segments throughout the years.

It's an amazing, holiday-themed wonderland made up of more than 200 figurines that capture the warmth and togetherness of the season!

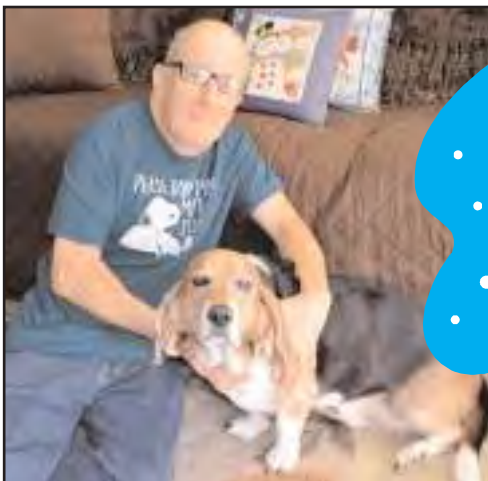
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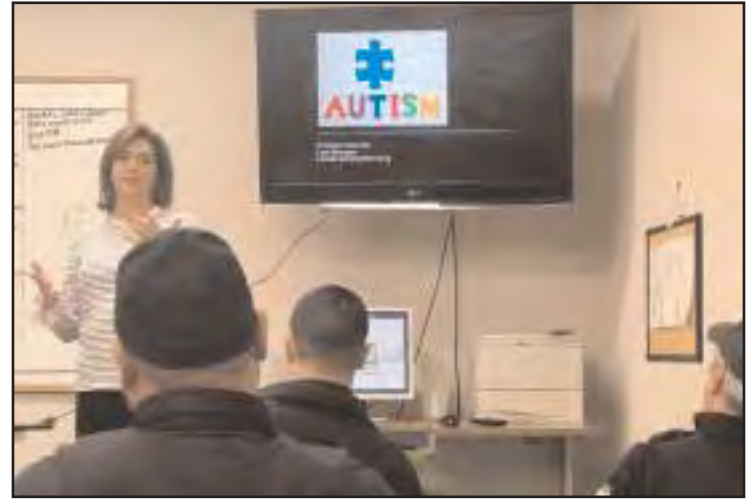


NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



JA First Graders Visit MP Library

Jane Addams first graders visited the Melrose Park Public Library and learned all about the resources available.



Gianolla Presents on Autism to MP Police

On Oct. 17, our lead teacher/case manager, Ms. Christine Gianolla, visited the Melrose Park Police Department to give a presentation on Autism.

Local Author Visits Second Graders in D89

Local alumni of School District 89, Mr. Fleming (Garfield School) and Mrs. Fleming (Lexington School) visited our second graders for an interactive Read-Aloud. Our students sang songs and learned about Willow, a little girl who overcomes bullying.



D89 IMSA After-school Program

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) learning continues to grow with the IMSA (Illinois Math and Science Fusion) after-school programs.

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IMSA at Stevenson Middle School

The award-winning, research-based Illinois Math and Science Academy's FUSION afterschool student enrichment programs provide high quality STEM learning to students in fourth-eighth grade. Pictured are students and teachers from Stevenson Middle School preparing to engage in an activity from Copper to Bronze, examining and experimenting with metals.



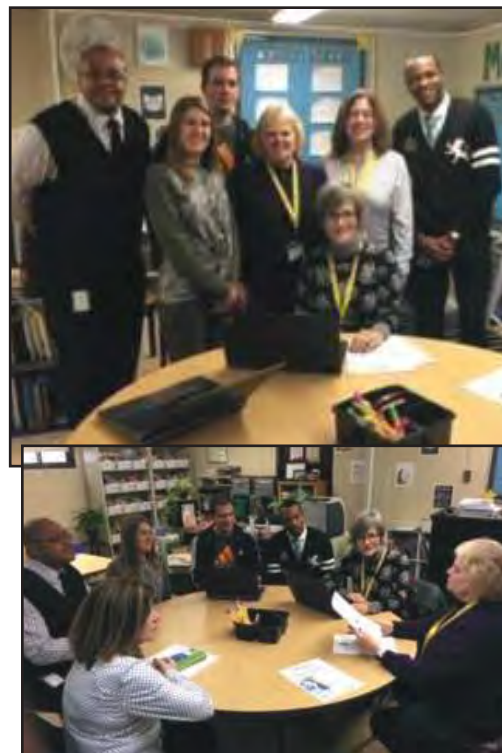
D89 Instructional Planning Committee

Newly formed D89 Instructional Planning Committee met in November with a focus on Professional Learning Communities and technology integration.

Proviso Partners 4 Health & D89

Proviso Partners for Health (PP4H) is a consortium of colleagues from Loyola University Chicago, Loyola Health System/Trinity Health partnering with D89 staff to improve the health and well-being of our students. PP4H sponsors Active Recess and Active Classrooms (Brain Boosters) initiatives funded by a grant from Trinity Health. Members of PP4H also provide health education at District Family Nights, with the most recent being a healthy cooking demonstration at the Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

The Feb. 7 Parent University will present an informative session at Meal of the Day Café on Children's Health by Dr. Mary Jones, Loyola Pediatrician and Medical Director for the Pediatric Mobile Health Unit.



Parent Teacher Conferences at D89

Parent Teacher Conferences were held at all D89 schools on Nov. 20 from noon-7 p.m.

Several parents who attended took The Five Essentials Survey.



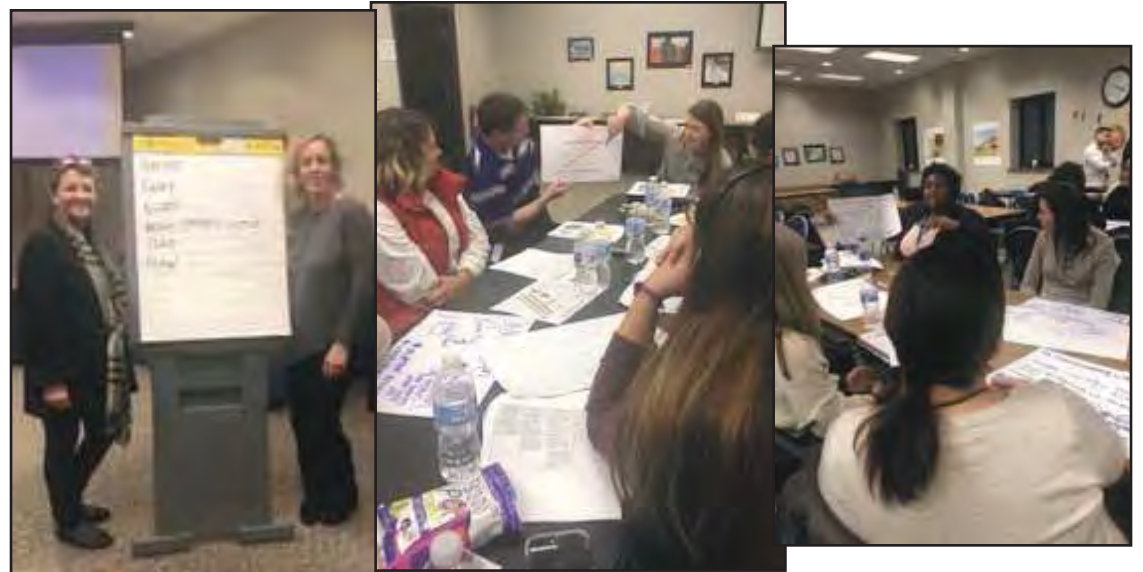
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School ImprovementDay

District 89 teachers participated in a School Improvement Day in November focused on student writing.



NewTeacherNetwork

West 40 presenters Cathy and Brooke met with the New Teacher Network and presented on Communicating with Students and Engaging Students in Learning.



DiFazioPresents to D89PDTeam

Trisha DiFazio, a professor at the University of Southern California and a national presenter for Teacher Created materials returned to District 89 to join the Professional Development team on Institute Day, Nov. 19. The learning continued on Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching and Learning. Professor DiFazio, a former D89 bilingual teacher, presented classroom practices for student success assisting educators in becoming culturally responsive in their practice.

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Jane Addams Fall Fest

On Nov. 2, Jane Addams held their very first Fall Fest. Students and their families enjoyed a night of games, prizes, food and fun!

Stevenson High School Night

On Oct. 15, Stevenson held a High School Night family workshop. Families were given information on how and when to apply for high school.



D89 Parent University

D89's Parent Advisory Council presented their first Parent University of the 2018-2019 school year. On Nov. 13, parents came for an informative session on how to plan and organize to get the most out of Parent Teacher Conferences.

Mystery Readers at Jane Addams

November is National Family Literacy Month and many activities were held throughout D89 to celebrate. Ms Taylor's first-grade class at Jane Addams had mystery readers all month long. #D89Reads

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PLCCA Teen Reach at Stevenson School

PLCCA has partnered with District 89 providing Teen Reach, an after-school program consisting of small class sizes focusing on academics and social-emotional learning activities.



PMSA Math Competition

Stevenson Middle School participated in the Proviso Math and Science Academy Math Competition on Oct. 30. The competition included students from Proviso Township's nine foundation middle schools.

The following list is a list of students who participated along with any individual award that he or she won: Sixth Grade – Isle S., Hiram M. (First Place Joint Competition), Ricardo F. and Christopher S.; Seventh Grade – Vanquan W., Jazmin M., Atziri R. and Angel C; and Eighth Grade – Shantiah W. (Second Place Individual Competition), Trisha T. (First Place Individual Competition), Abigail P. and Deanna D. (Third Place Joint Competition).



2018 PreK Fall Festival of Learning

On the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 14, Emerson School hosted the Annual PreK Fall Fest. Parents had the opportunity to meet with our pre-kindergarten teachers and staff, and learn about some of the activities our students participate in during class.

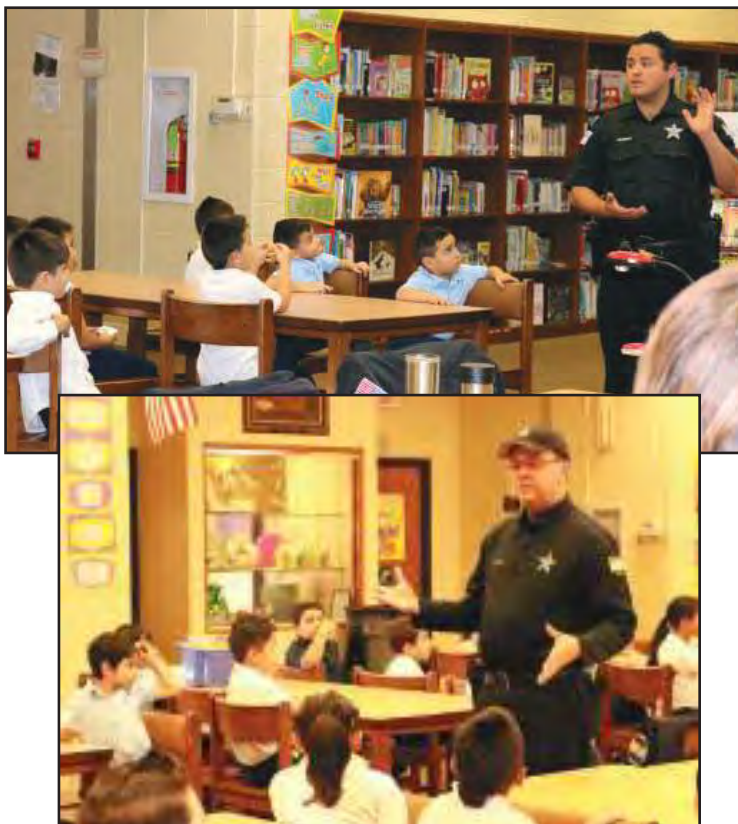
Thank you to our many community partners for joining us.

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Perfect Attendance Breakfast at Melrose Park School

On Nov. 9, students with perfect attendance during the month of October and the first quarter were honored at a breakfast hosted by Principal Valadez. There were well over 250 students, parents and family members that attended this first-time event! In the month of October, 211 students had perfect attendance and during the first quarter, 315 students had perfect attendance. Congratulations to all Mustangs for a job well-done!



Stranger Danger Safety Visit

Preschool, kindergarten and first-grade students at Melrose Park Elementary School received a visit from officers Guzman and Lascola to discuss personal safety.

Students learned tips on how to deal with encountering a stranger and becoming separated from their parents as well as safety while trick or treating on Halloween.

The students were excited to receive an honorary police badge.

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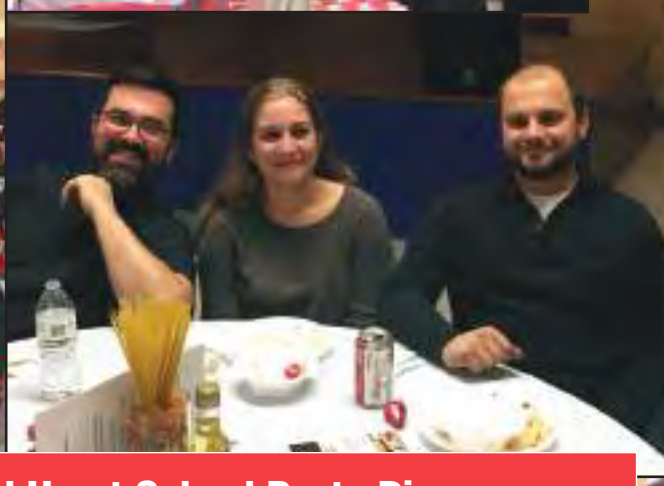


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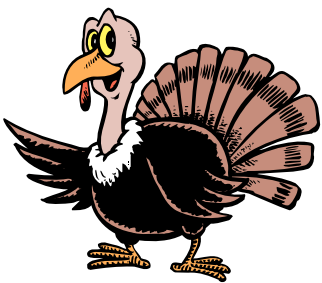
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Thank You to All Melrose Park Thanksgiving Day Meal Delivery Volunteers!



A special thanks to those who volunteered on Thanksgiving Day to assist with Mayor Serpico's Thanksgiving Meal Delivery event. More than 100 meals were delivered to Melrose Park's senior and disabled residents in this community-centered initiative's 21st year.



Happy 96th Birthday, Marge!



Melrose Park resident Marge Cercone recently celebrated her 96th birthday. Mayor Serpico stopped by to wish her a Happy 96th! Happy Birthday, Marge, from the village of Melrose Park.

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News from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine

Christmas Midnight Mass

Come celebrate Christmas with a traditional midnight Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine.

The choir will begin with a concert of Christmas carols at 11:30 p.m. and Mass will begin with a candlelight procession of the infant Jesus at midnight.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the priests will return to the altar for the traditional veneration of the infant Jesus.

There will also be a Mass in English at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and for those who would rather attend Mass on Christmas morning, there will be an Italian Mass at 10:30 a.m. and an English Mass at noon.

For more information, please call the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.

Wishing all a Blessed Christmas!

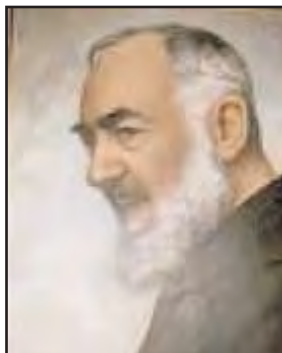
Preghiera a Padre Pio

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine has started a monthly prayer session on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

The prayer group started in October, following the Feast of Padre Pio on Sept. 23. His feast day was celebrated with a Mass in Italian and English, followed by a procession through the streets and a dinner.

The next prayer session is at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

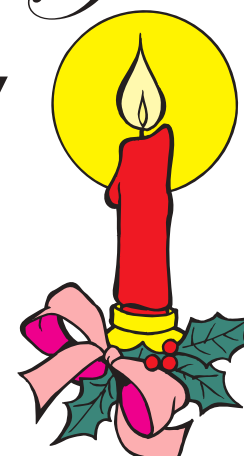
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Celebrate the Season! St. Paul Hosts Special Holiday Events

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

An Instrumental Celebration of Christ's Birth

The Flute Choir of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1025 West Lake Street, Melrose Park, presents its annual Christmas concert of the great songs of Christmas especially adapted for flutes and holiday singing on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 3 p.m. The concert includes music by Bach, Liszt, Schubert and the great folk music of the season. This concert is completely free and is followed by a "Sweets Of The Season" reception.

Celebrate the Season with Your Neighbors at St. Paul

Las Posadas – Saturday, Dec. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

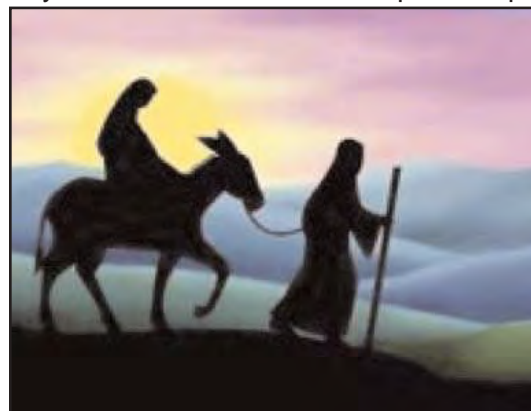
Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. • Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m.

Join us for our weekly services on Sundays.

English at 9 a.m. • Spanish at 11:30 a.m.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Hispanic group will celebrate Christmas Eve the way it is celebrated in some Spanish-speaking countries, with the tradition of "Las Posadas." Mary and



Joseph are looking for a place to stay, going from place to place until they find a "Posada" (an inn). In those countries, it takes place for several days and in different houses, ending on Christmas Eve, when they finally are allowed into an inn. At St. Paul, we will form two groups, the Pilgrims (with Mary and Joseph), and the Innkeepers. Then we will walk through different areas of our building singing the beautiful traditional songs, the Pilgrim's songs asking for a place to stay, the Innkeepers rejecting them, until both groups reach the entrance of the church, where the Innkeepers finally allow Mary and Joseph to stay, and all walk into the Sanctuary to hear the message of Jesus' birth.

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

We hope many people from the community can join us. See you on the 22nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lake Street and 10th Ave., Melrose Park.

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

El Sábado 22 de Diciembre de 2018, a las 6:30 pm, el grupo hispano de la Iglesia San Pablo va a festejar la Nochebuena como se hace en algunos países de habla hispana, con la tradición de "Las Posadas". Maria y José buscan donde hospedarse, yendo de lugar en lugar hasta que encuentran una Posada. En nuestros países de origen, la celebración dura varios días y se lleva a cabo en diferentes casas, finalizando la Nochebuena. En nuestra celebración en San Pablo formamos dos grupos, los peregrinos (con Maria y José), y los posaderos. Caminamos por las distintas partes del edificio entonando las bellas canciones tradicionales, donde los peregrinos piden por una posada, y los posaderos los rechazan, hasta que ambos grupos se unen a la entrada de la iglesia, y allí los posaderos permiten que Maria y José se queden, y todos juntos ingresamos al santuario para oír el mensaje del nacimiento de Jesús.

Posteriormente vamos a la cafeteria y compartimos champurrado y pan dulce, y para los mas pequeños piñata y frutas y golosinas.

Esperamos que mucha gente de la comunidad se pueda unir a nosotros. Los esperamos en la Iglesia Luterana San Pablo, calle Lake y avenida 10, Melrose Park.



Winston Plaza Hosted Dec. 2 Event with Santa and Mrs. Claus Hundreds Awaited Santa's Arrival by Helicopter

On Sunday, Dec. 2, there was quite a crowd in the parking lot at Winston Plaza anxiously awaiting the annual arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus by helicopter.

The children were really excited to see Santa, the jolly old man in the big red suit, and let him know what was on their Christmas list this year.

There was free fun for everyone that included a magic show, face painting, balloon art, kids crafts and more!

A special thank you to Winston Plaza for hosting another well-attended and enjoyable community event.



Melrose Park Senior Social Club Celebrates the Season

On Thursday, Dec. 13, members of the Melrose Park Senior Social Club held their annual Christmas luncheon at Tom's Steak House.

Santa made a special visit to spread some holiday cheer and Mayor Serpico was there to celebrate with the club members!



Proviso Mathematics & Science Academy Ranked #8 in Illinois NIHIL NISI OPTIMUM, Nothing But the Best



The Proviso Math and Science Academy (PMSA) is currently ranked as #8 on the Illinois list of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best High Schools as well as #261 in the publication's national rankings.

PMSA was recognized by the magazine earlier this year and awarded a Gold Medal for their success.

Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools rankings

identify the country's top-performing public high schools. The goal is to provide a clear, unbiased picture of how well public schools serve all of their students – from the highest to lowest achieving – in preparing them to demonstrate proficiency in basic skills as well as readiness for college-level work.

The first list of the *U.S. News* Best High Schools was posted online on Nov. 30, 2007. Subsequent editions were posted online on Dec. 5, 2008; Dec. 10, 2009; May 8, 2012; April 23, 2013; April 22, 2014; May 12, 2015; April 19, 2016; and April 25, 2017. The current 2018 Best High Schools rankings were published online on May 8, 2018.

Since *U.S. News & World Report's* editors believe high schools are among America's most important institutions, adding the Best High Schools to the *U.S. News* rankings was a natural progression. Education drives the country's future. Recognizing schools that are performing well and providing them as models to other schools will inspire educators and communities to do better.

Illinois has many schools ranked in 2018 among the *U.S. News* Best High Schools, including 13 gold medal schools, 54 silver medal schools and 115 bronze medal schools.



Alfanos Visit Wheel of Fortune – Meet with Stars of America's Show



On Halloween 2017, little Anthony Alfano was decked in his Halloween best appearing as a Wheel of Fortune contestant. Alfano's big Halloween celebration came with much recognition.

Anthony and his mother and father (Deanna and Tony) again received national attention appearing on several TV shows.

Wheel of Fortune representatives heard about the remarkable costume choice, contacted the Alfanos and invited the family to come to the Los Angeles studio this past October for a taping.

The family had a great time mingling in LA and meeting with the stars of America's show – Pat Sajak and Vanna White.

The Alfanos have a strong commitment to their Halloween tradition, donating past costumes to other families in the area, and they've already started planning for little Anthony's next year's apparel.

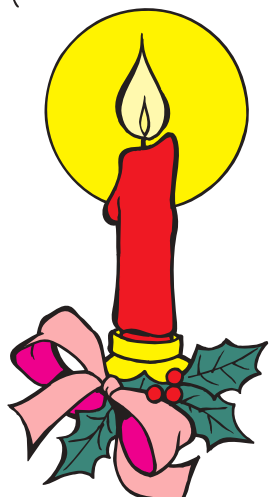
Pictured is Anthony in his Wheel of Fortune costume on stage at the WOF studio with his mom and dad and meeting Vanna White, one of his favorite TV personalities.

The award-winning costume magic continued this year to celebrate the frightfully fun Halloween holiday and little Anthony was dressed as the one-of-a-kind Beetlejuice.

Congratulations to the Alfano family!



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Answers to Mayor Serpico's Holiday Trivia Test

1) C – Barbie is the king, or shall we say queen of toys, with over a billion dolls sold plus accessories, which have earned the Mattel Toy Company several billion dollars since 1959. It is estimated that three Barbie dolls are sold every second throughout the world.

2) A – The 2018 winner, as in most years, is the Saturday before Christmas. Plan your shopping accordingly.

3) D – I love *It's a Wonderful Life* but *Home*

Alone is the box office winner, earning \$285 million and was the No. 1 hit for 12 weeks in a row. It is also the only Christmas movie entirely shot in the Chicago area.

4) D – Your GRRRRREAT, if you answered Kellogg's Frosted Flakes' Tony the Tiger.

5) C – \$170,609.46 ... wow, the eight maids-a-milking and the 10 lords-a-leaping must have gotten themselves some good business agents since 1988.

6) B – Rudolph was originally conceived by the Montgomery Ward Department Store to sell children coloring books. In his inception the little reindeer's schnoz caused quite the controversy because red noses were synonymous with alcoholism and Montgomery Ward did not want their reindeer to resemble a drunkard, but thankfully they were talked into letting Rudolph's red nose lead Santa's sleigh..

7) E – \$720 billion ... to understand how much money this really is, please consider the following, if you were to pile 720 billion single dollar bills on top of each other, the stack would be nearly 49,000 miles high!

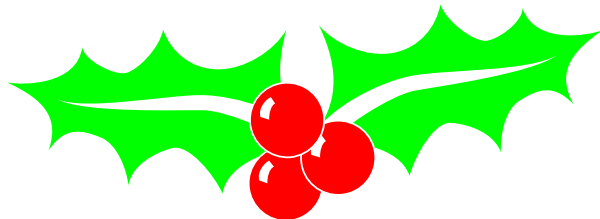
8) B – *A Charlie Brown Christmas* has entertained generations since it was first televised in 1965 and is one of the few Christmas-themed TV shows to win an EMMY.

9) D – 1.5 billion cards, with Hallmark Cards controlling 51 percent of the seasonal business.

10) B – Every song listed in the question is one of the top 10 most downloaded songs, but as the late Casey Kasem would say, "Mariah Carey's, *All I Want for Christmas*, tops the charts."

11) E – KFC is such a popular Christmas dinner in Japan you have to order in advance or face standing in long lines. Some people start lining up Christmas Eve to make sure they get their Christmas KFC.

12) A – 38 percent of all presents end up on the regift circuit. Which is a much better fate than the dark recesses of some dank closet or as the shunned gift at some white elephant exchange. Regifting is so widespread there are now etiquette rules for the propriety of regifting.



MAP of Hope Foundation's Fourth Annual Evening with Food Network's *Chopped* Star Sr. Alicia Torres – Monday, Jan. 7

On Monday, Jan. 7, members of the MAP of Hope Foundation are proudly hosting another very special occasion for a great cause – The MAP of Hope Foundation's



Epiphany Event with Sr. Alicia Torres (Food Network show *Chopped* champion).

The event will be held at Taverna on Division (1707 Division St., Melrose Park) from 7-9 p.m. Tickets (adults only, \$50 per) are limited and must be purchased in advance by calling Mary Ann at (708) 279-0519 or by visiting www.mapofhopefoundation.org.

Proceeds from the event benefit Our Lady of the Angels Mission. Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Mission food pantry

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Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

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I look forward to seeing you soon. Hope you and your family have a Wonderful Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

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


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DECEMBER EVENTS

Winter Solstice Guided Nature Hike

Join us on the first full day of winter as we explore along our trails. • Saturday, Dec. 22 • 1 p.m.

Kids and Birds Mini Camp*

Chicago Audubon and Trailside invite children ages 8-12 to explore the interesting world of birds, indoors and outdoors. \$20/child. • Thursday-Friday, Dec. 27-28, 9-11:30 a.m.

Winter Bonfire & Stories*

Bundle up the family for an outdoor fireside winter story session with storyteller John Elliott, followed by hot chocolate and s'mores. \$2/person. • Friday, Dec. 28 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

JANUARY EVENTS

Raptor Rendezvous

Learn about local owls and hawks, meet a live raptor and more. • Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.

New Year's Resolution Walk

Fulfill your resolution of being more active by taking a long, guided walk with us. • Saturday, Jan. 5, 1 p.m.

Conservation@Home: Winter Pruning*

Pruning your trees and shrubs in winter has many benefits. Join Il. Exten. Master Gardeners to learn tricks of the trade. • Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.

Winter Bird Walk

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• Saturday, Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m.

Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Wildlife Myths Demystified

Do bats get in your hair or earwigs in your ears? Separate the amusing and serious, action and reality of wildlife tales. • Sunday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.

Family Winter Scavenger Hunt and Campfire

Enjoy a winter afternoon on a hunt for signs of animals and plant life, followed with snacks by a campfire. \$2/person. • Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-2:30 p.m.

Introduction to Colored Pencil Workshop*

Learn about working with colored pencil, from textures to blending. Create your own fine art drawing to take home. Taught by illustrator Cheryl Rausch. Ages 14 and up; fee \$5. • Sunday, Jan. 27, 1-3 p.m.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Bird N' Bagel*

Enjoy and learn about birds at the feeder with John Elliott of Chicago Audubon, while sipping hot drinks and noshing on bagels. Optional bird walk to follow. • Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m.

Winter Photography*

Learn to compose and meter for the challenges of winter light and shadow on land, water and snow. Taught by Jack Carlson, Chicago Botanic Garden photography instructor. Register and fee payment at chicagobotanic.org/education or (847) 835-8261. \$47.50/\$59. • Sunday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m.-noon.

Proviso Township Handyman Program



Handyman Program for homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled residents of Proviso Township

- Minor repairs only
- \$5.00 per visit plus the cost of parts, if needed
- Give advice and referrals on a variety of home maintenance issues

Proviso Township Handyman News: Did You Know?

Holiday Update

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go. Are you ready for the holidays? Give us a call and we will help bring out your boxes of decorations! It is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township.

Call us at (708) 547-4001 to register or make an appointment for our Proviso Handyman Program.

Please call us if you have any questions and to schedule your appointment at (708) 547-4001.



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Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

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

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2018 is: Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The schedule for calendar year 2019 is: Jan. 14 and 28; Feb. 11 and 25; March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22; May 13 and Tuesday, May 28; June 10; July 8; Aug. 26; Sept. 9 and 23; Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 28; Tuesday, Nov. 12 and 25; and Dec. 9 and 23.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 24, 2018; Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018; New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Monday, Dec. 31, 2018; New Year's Day – Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 21, 2019; Presidents Day – Monday, Feb. 18, 2019; Good Friday – Friday, April 19, 2019; Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2019; Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2019; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 2, 2019; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 14, 2019; Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 11, 2019; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 29, 2019; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019; Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019.

Residents are asked to make note of the dates listed.
For more information, call the Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.



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Obituaries

Alvarez

Josefa Alvarez. Dearly beloved wife of Ruben Alvarez; loving mother of Ruben, Heriberto "Eddie", Elizabeth "Vicky", Lourdes and the late Eva; cherished grandmother of Ruben G., Rosa E., Eric M. and Elisabeth "Lissie"; great-grandmother of Giovanni, Ariana, Giancarlo and Baby "Q"; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Edens Cemetery.

Angiolo

Rose Angiolo, nee Galluzzi. Dearly beloved wife of the late Rocco; dear sister of seven; cherished aunt of nine; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Barone

Salvatore M. Barone. Dearly beloved husband of the late Michelina (nee De Meo); loving father of Antonietta "Toni" (Luigi) Manzo, Mary (James) Rizzo, Laura (Anthony) Liace and Tina Barone; cherished grandfather of Christian, Lisa, Frankie, Anthony and Julia; great-grandfather of Amia, Nico and Christian Jr.; dear brother of Angelo "Michele" (Vittoria) Barone, Antonia (Franco) Aliberti, Felicia (Giuseppe) Salomone and the late Aniello (Carolina) Barone; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Catizone

Dolly Catizone. Dearly beloved wife of Anthony; loving mother of Frank (Gina), Darlene (Dennis) Esposito and the late James Reamer; fond grandmother of Ashley, James, Theresa and Germaine; dear sister of seven; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery.

Coor

Norman T. Coor III. Dearly beloved husband of Betty (nee Carpenter); loving father of Christopher (Cassie), Nancy (Rick), Robert (Jodie), Sherry (Thomas), Cherilynn, Norman (Wendy) and Craig (Sheri); cherished grandfather of 16; great-grandfather of six; dear brother of Diane (Louie) Visconti, Michael (Mary Ann) Krajecki and Thomas Krajecki; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Member of Loyal Order of Moose.

Del Marto

Anthony F. Del Marto, veteran of the United States Army. Loving father of Angelo (Judy); cherished grandfather of Michael, Gina Del Marto Mergen and John Del Marto; great-grandfather of Joseph, Frank and Luca; dear brother of the late Madaline, Rose, John and Ralph; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Inurnment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Loyal member of the Accordion Club.

Drozd

Jaroslav Drozd. Loving father of David, Hamil and Filip Drozd; loving brother, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Gartner

Mary Anne Gartner, nee Altobelli, retired teacher for the Addison School District. Dearly beloved wife of the late James, CPD retired; loving mother of Amanda (Bogdan) Batinich; beloved daughter of the late James and Caroline Altobelli; cherished grandmother of Brittany (Jeremy) Jewell, Samantha (Brett) Flower and Rachel Batinich; great-grandmother of Mia Jewell and Adrianna Jewell; dear brother of James Altobelli; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Guadarrama

Victoria Guadarrama, age 7, student at Grant Elementary School. Beloved daughter of Victor and Nancy; dear sister of Diego and Andrea; fond niece, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Ippolito

Carmen Ippolito, proud veteran of the Uniten States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Joyce; loving father of Michelle Caliendo, Carmen, Maria Pauls, Denise Knox, Leonard, Dennis and Roxanne Manos; cherished grandfather of 14; great-grandfather of 17; dear brother of Joseph, the late Mary Zuccaro, the late Sandy Oliva, the late Ross and the late John; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Lonero

Giovanni Lonero. Dearly beloved husband of the late Antoinette (nee Bellisario); loving son of the late Vito and Rosa Lonero; dear brother of Angela (Giovanni) Lorusso, Ninetta (Stefano) Pastore, Rita (Vito) Salatino, Anna (Vito) Spinelli and Antonio (Maria) Lonero; fond brother-in-law of Frank and Ann Marie Berlen, Dominic and Therese Bellisario, Matthew and Eleanor Cannone and Paul Bellisario; dear uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Magnanensi

Dorothy H. Magnanensi. Dearly beloved wife of the late Fred "Tootie"; loving mother of Joseph (Diane), Debra (Bruce) Wesolowski, Vicki (Robert) Larson, Tina (the late Donald) Soristo, Sandra (the late Allan) Love and the late Susan Miller; cherished grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 14; great-great-grandmother of five; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

Moya

Guadalupe Badillo Moya. Beloved wife of Javier; loving mother of Arturo Moya, Teresa Hernandez and the late Juan Hernandez; fond grandmother of Alexa Hernandez, Ivan Velazquez and Miguel Velazquez; dear sister of eight. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Edens Cemetery.

Nowak

Alfred Nowak, proud Army veteran of WWII. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Cyganowski); loving father of Martina (Rich Smith) Nowak; Philip (Sandie) Nowak, Deborah (Frank III) Schmidt, Gregory Nowak; loving grandfather of seven; loving great-grandfather of four; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Palermo

Mario Palermo. Beloved husband of Giosina; loving father of Eugenia (Silvio) Lio, Francesca (the late Vince) Frassinone, the late Francesco (Victoria); fond grandfather of Gabriele, Marcello, Silvia, Tony, Mike, Marie, Mario and Frank; fond great-grandfather of 18; fond great-great-grandfather of four. dear brother of Francesca, Guiseppe, Carmelina, Eugenia, the late Raffaella, the late Teresina, the late Italo, the late Antonio and the late Maria. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Parren

James W. Parren, veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of Gerry (nee Cosentino); loving father of James A. (Susan) and Julie Parren (Chad Wynes); cherished grandfather of Kristina; dear brother, brother-in-law and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Parrinello

Mirella Parrinello. Beloved wife of the late Eugenio; loving mother of Francesca Savaglio, Ivana Senafe and the late Raffaella Maiello; fond grandmother of Diana Maiello, Nunzio Maiello, Cindy Glueklich, Phil Savaglio, Denise Savaglio, Cristina Senafe and Giovanni Senafe; fond great-grandmother of Sebastian and Miles Senafe; dear sister of five; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Pazerunas

Eugenia Pazerunas of Melrose Park passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 96 on Nov. 14, 2018. She was born on Oct. 18, 1922, in rural Silale, Lithuania. She met her late husband Joseph Pazerunas in Taurage, Lithuania. Her family fled the Russian occupation by carriage, traveled by night through dangerous forests into Germany and finally immigrated to the U.S. in 1950. The family eventually settled in Melrose Park where Joseph built their home, raised three children and finished out their lives. Eugenia, faithful wife of departed Joseph Pazerunas, cherished mother of Danguole (Anthony) Pototsky, late Arunas (Ellen) Pazerunas, and Remigijus (Sandy) Pazerunas; loving grandmother of Joseph (Stefanie) Pazerunas, Lisa (Greg) Dicosola, Jillian (Mike) Pazerunas, Andrew (Jessica) Pazerunas, Thomas Pazerunas, Anthony Pototsky, Lindsey Pazerunas and Patrick Pazerunas; dearest great-grandmother of Olivia Pazerunas, Sam Pazerunas, Maia Dicosola, Nicolette Mazzocchi and Max Dicosola; beloved sister of the late Elena Jablonskis, late Antanas Lingis, Aureilia (Kestutis) Kriauciunas and Lucia (Algis) Tirva. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Perez

Maria E. Perez. Dearly beloved wife of Eliborio Escobedo; loving father of Diana Escobedo, Gustavo Escobedo, Sandra Escobedo, Cesar Escobedo and Eric Escobedo; fond grandmother of Gustavo Jr. Escobedo and Aaron Escobedo; dear sister of Claudia Guerrero and Karina Perez. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Pienkos

Anthony J. Pienkos, veteran of United States Navy. Dearly beloved husband of June (nee Kralj); loving son of the late Bruno and Dorothy Pienkos; dear brother of Roseann (Patrick) Pitello and Robert (Bonnie); loving brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Member of Loyal Order of Moose.

Riccio

Donna Riccio. Beloved life partner of the late Joanne Zelten; loving daughter of the late Nicholas Jr. and Susan Riccio; dear sister of Nicholas III (Rosemary), Denise, Victoria, Michael (Nicole); fond aunt of Tina, Jackie, Susie and Mikey; fond great-aunt of baby Mikey, Francesca, Aria, Mia and Giulia; survived by her loving animals Torrey, Christmas, Tinker and Gus. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Sanchez

Antonia Sanchez. Dearly beloved mother of Heidi Sanchez and Jazmin Chavez; loving daughter of Ignacia Sanchez-Meraz and the late Florencio Sanchez; cherished grandmother of Antonio Evans, Juliana Evans and Julian Evans; dear sister of Maria Sanchez, Gustavo (Amy) Sanchez, Raul (Yanira) Sanchez, Norma (Ruben) Arias, Florencio (Natalie) Sanchez, Leonor Sanchez and Charlie Sanchez; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Teresi

Mary Teresi, nee Bruzzino. Beloved wife of Sam of 70 years; loving mother of William, Debra, the late Jack (Gail) and the late Dennis; fond grandmother of Kristy (Jeff), Kelly, Ashley, Paul, James, Sabrina (Leif) and Ryne; fond great-grandmother of Madison, Matteo, Cam and Jade; dear sister of Joseph (Judy) Bruzzino, the late Ralph (Edna), the late Frank (the late Ida), the late William (Mary), the late Grace (late Stanley) and the late Theresa (late Alfred); loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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