Dear Neighbors,

The start of 2019 heralds exciting news for Melrose Park!

First, the village board recently hired the firm of Strategic Project Management to handle the widening of 25th Avenue. In conjunction with county, state and federal officials, Melrose Park will vigorously pursue funding to widen 25th from two to four lanes between Lake Street and North Avenue, which has experienced an increased flow of traffic due to the railroad overpass opening.

Strategic Project Management oversaw the construction of the 25th Avenue Railroad Overpass and therefore is very familiar with Melrose Park’s transportation needs and our long-range economic development goals. I will give updates as this project proceeds.

Next, since my first day as mayor, I set my sights on incorporating Maywood Park Racetrack from unincorporated Cook County into the village of Melrose Park. As an older suburb, there is little room for expansion and the 55 acres that the track sits on is the ticket to revitalizing the northern gateway to our village.

When Maywood Park closed in 2015, I made incorporating the track my administration’s top priority. After months of planning and negotiating, the Melrose Park Village Board passed an annexation agreement and the abandoned track structures will be demolished soon.

My major concern was that the Cook County Board would control the future development of the abandoned track property. There was much talk about the county approving a housing development, which I felt would be a drain on our schools and other village resources.

By annexing this property, we, not Cook County, will be beneficiaries of all sales and property tax revenue generated by its development, allowing Melrose Park to continue providing one of the lowest village property taxes in the suburban area.

The project will create around 400 construction jobs and once completed, as many as 700 permanent jobs, many of which will be filled by Melrose Park residents.

The site will contain three industrial buildings and a retail section along North Avenue. Tenants of the buildings will be announced when contracts are finalized.

The industrial project-leasing agent is Cushman and Wakefield, a renowned international firm based in Chicago, formerly involved in the building of the Sears Tower. Ridgeline Property Group, who developed 115 million square feet of space in 30 states, is handling the industrial development. GW Properties is overseeing the retail construction. They recently bought the Oak Brook and Woodfield Macy’s furniture stores for redevelopment.

Visit the Melrose Park website at www.melrosepark.org to download the Cushman and Wakefield brochure describing the project. Updates will be provided in The Rose and on the website as the project progresses.

Lastly, check out our newly designed village website at www.melrosepark.org. We have made the site more “user-friendly.” Over the next few months we will continue to upgrade the site to provide residents and businesses access to even more information.

Until my next letter, have a great St. Patrick’s Day and St. Joseph’s Day.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ron Serpico
**Dear Mayor Serpico and Director of Police Pitassi...**

Kudos to the village Police Department. I phoned the Animal Control Department to report a stray dog in my backyard. I barely hung up the phone when Ofc. John Castellan arrived.

Not only did he rescue the dog, but also rescued me with his assistance with a problem I was having. His caring attitude surely is a part of why senior citizens continue to reside in Melrose Park.

• Sincerely,
  Rochelle Grizaffi

**Dear Mayor Serpico...**

I am writing to thank you for the donation of toys which were given to children participating in The Early Intervention Program during the 2018 holiday season.

As you may be aware, one of the primary goals of The Early Intervention Program is to support families in the promotion of the children's optimal development, as well as to facilitate each child's participation within families and community activities.

Children being served by this program were very grateful for the support provided by your office and the village of Melrose Park.

I truly appreciate the contributions made possible by Melrose Park and sincerely thank you for your time and dedication.

• With very best wishes,
  Luis Miguel Archundia, LCSW
  The Early Intervention Program

**Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi...**

My name is Bobbie Seaberg and I work for Winston Brands in Melrose Park, and I am proud to say your officers have been a huge support to our Distribution Center. I have called on a couple of occasions needing support of just your officers' presence at some of our random searches at all kinds of strange hours and they always are here, if possible, to just stand and watch the process, and give support of just their presence.

I would like to call out a few of your great officers who I have gotten to know just by them supporting the DC in stopping by when we need a little support. Officers Scarpelli, Amabile and last but not least Lt. Reiger. They have been such an asset to our team and it is so appreciated.

These officers are such an asset to the Melrose Park Police force and I am super happy to say that they are so hugely appreciated.

**Dear Police Lt. Rodriguez...**

Home Depot Investigations wanted to recognize your individual contributions as well as the whole Tactical Investigations Team in recognizing the successful arrests and prosecution of Angel Gonzales. Without your attention to detail, follow-through and undying determination in order to see the operation through, this criminal enterprise would still be operating.

Thank you all for being able to work with Home Depot so quickly so that we could help secure charges against the subject. Through this determination we were able to successfully disrupt the business and stop the subjects from further utilizing eBay to fence the stolen Home Depot merchandise. After search warrants granted and served, approximately $22,000 of proprietary Home Depot merchandise has been recovered from the illegitimate business. This speaks volumes to our associates once the stolen product comes back into their stores.
Once again, without the cooperation of your department and the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office as well as your own individual determination to see this case through, we would not have had a successful resolution. It is partnerships like this that drives successful retail theft investigations and recognizing that the retail community can help strengthen an individual case is invaluable.

Thank you officers Bartemio, Pesce, A. Scudiero and Pitassi for the series of late nights and all the hard work.

• Sincerely,
  Investigator Felix Ortiz, LPQ, CORCI
  The Home Depot Investigations Department

Dear Director of Police Pitassi and Deputy Chief Rogowski...

We are writing you this letter to express our sincere gratitude for the hard work, perseverance and partnership provided by members of your department, specifically Lt. Raul Rodriguez and the Melrose Park Police Tactical Team – Lt. Chiapetta and officers Bartemio, Pitassi and Pesce. This team was critical in resolving a significant organized crime ring affecting Target and other retailers across the state of Illinois in 2018.

A member of our team, Griffin Glynn-Market Investigator, brought their outstanding work to our attention. For sometime, Lt. Rodriguez and the Tactical Team worked to build a case that focused on a merchandise theft and fencing operation in the Melrose Park community. Due to the outstanding dedication and investigative work demonstrated by this team, the perpetrators were identified, charged and have plead guilty for their actions. A significant amount of stolen product was recovered and restitution was ordered during sentencing.

We wanted to thank your department, Lt. Rodriguez and the Tactical Unit for their tireless hard work in bringing the perpetrators to justice. While these criminal acts caused a substantial loss to Target and other retailers, organized retail crime’s reach often extends well beyond just the financial impact. These individuals negatively impact our business’ reputation, our customers and our communities. Target Corporation Assets Protection appreciates the outstanding support we received from your department to combat these criminal organizations.

• Sincerely yours,
  Sam Rodriguez, Director, Assets Protection, Target Corporation
  Griffin Glynn, Market Investigator, Target Corporation

Dear Village of Melrose Park...

I’ve not written the village before but thought I should end the year on a good note. I want to say thank you Mayor Serpico for all the services and programs provided for residents, especially seniors. I really appreciate the snow removal.

The real reason I am writing is to commend the Water and Sewer Department. I purchased my home three years ago and had to have a plumber out four times due to clogged pipes. I installed an access pipe as well in the backyard.

I finally called the city and spoke with Chris who came out immediately and discovered I was tied in with my neighbors but my neighbors were not experiencing any backup at all so I needed assistance to figure out what was going on.

Next person involved was Mike Carpanzano. He graciously agreed to come and meet with my plumber so we could discuss and troubleshoot the issues I’d been experiencing.

What a day! They worked tirelessly until they finally found the problem and then they really went to work!

More trucks and more crews pulled up and ended up putting in a new access pipe which will alleviate future problems for me. What a stress reliever!

It’s always been a pleasure when I’ve interacted with Village Hall employees and now I’ve experienced the many department employees that keep the city running efficiently, including the Police and Fire departments as well.

• Thank you,
  Deb Brown, Melrose Park Resident

Dear Director of Fire Department Beltrame...

Your crew was a part of effective and safe operations, including successful communications and logistics support directed towards safely protecting a neighbors home (from the threat of fire) while extinguishing heavy fire in a two and one-half story balloon frame structure.

This dangerous task was complicated by significantly wintry conditions and also the threat of injuries associated with abandoned, unsecured and structurally unstable buildings.

Please pass on to your personnel my sincerest appreciation.

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

Dear Director of Fire Department Beltrame...

On behalf of Children’s Hospital at Loyola University Medical Center, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of toys. We cannot express how thankful we are for your gift. We appreciate you considering our hospital in your donation. Your donations help with our hospital program as well as brighten many children’s faces.

The Child Life Program of Loyola offers diversional and therapeutic activities for the inpatient families each day in the playroom, teen room and also at bedside. Through the Child Life Program, it is our goal to provide opportunities for pleasure and comfort for our patients. We utilize toys and comfort items to help normalize the hospital experience.

Your involvement continues to provide an increase in our patients’ comfort levels. We are grateful for all of your efforts and time towards this special donation.

• Much gratitude,
  Megan Gertz, Child Life Specialist
  Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital
  Loyola University Medical Center

Early Voting for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election Runs Monday, March 18-Monday, April 1 at the Village of Melrose Park (First Floor Multi-Purpose Room) 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park Early voting hours are: Monday-Saturday, March 18-March 23 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 24 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, March 25-March 29 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, March 30 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 31 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, April 1 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dear Mayor Ron Serpico...
I want to thank the snow removal crews for assisting with the removing of snow again this year. Your help is much appreciated!

• Thank you,
  Fran Schweinert

Dear Mayor Serpico...
Many thanks to you for supporting our 10th annual Blast from the Past fundraiser for Misericordia. Together with your help and generosity we raised $11,595 for Misericordia. Each year you have graciously donated to us the use of the Senior Center for our event in addition to a generous monetary donation.

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

We want to thank all the local businesses who donated food and/or gift certificates for our event. Our heartfelt thanks to Abruzzo’s, Chickie’s, Jewel Melrose Park, Liborio’s, Ozzies, Anthony B’s, Gottlieb Health and Fitness Center, Family Palace, Blossom Café, Bertolli’s Pizzeria, Porretta, DaLuciano’s, The Great Escape, Taverna, Roberto’s, Sawa’s, Jewel River Forest, Scudiero’s, Amarind’s, Debbie’s Material Possessions, Piccolo Salon, Bartucci Restaurant, Kay’s Candy, Schwings, Joey’s Pizza, Capri, Corner Bakery, Allstate Arena, Mother’s Day Restaurant and Il Vicolo.

The children and adults of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center thank you for the love and compassion in supporting our fundraising efforts.

Misericordia exists because of the good people who share our ministry and support our efforts. Please know you are helping children and adults who are not able to create a good world for themselves. Your kindness does not go unnoticed.

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

• Sincerely,
  Jo, Tom and Matthew Halleran

Dear Director of Fire Department Beltrame...
On behalf of the Schiller Park Fire Department, I would like to thank you and your department members for assisting us on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019, with a water rescue incident and EMS Box Alarm.

A woman decided to go jogging along the Des Plaines River on the path around 5 p.m. Because of flooding along the river, the path soon was covered in water. She thought that she could run through it and the path would clear soon. Unfortunately, the water became deeper and she was in distress around 6:15 p.m.

Members of both fire and police agencies coordinated their efforts to rescue the woman who was in the river clinging to a log. The cooperation and resources that your division provided again show how mutual aid benefits all of personnel by safety operating and those who we are sworn to protect.

Thank you again for providing personnel and resources at our incident.

• Sincerely,
  Peter N. Chiodo, Fire Chief
  Schiller Park Fire Department
Be Aware of Gypsy Scams

Melrose Park Residents,
Be Aware of Gypsy Scams:
• These are individuals who prey on unsuspecting seniors.
• They usually travel in teams of two or three men in a pick-up truck or some type of work van.
• They knock on the door and tell the homeowner that they are employees working for the village or contractors who attempt to convince you that your home needs immediate repair.
• Sometimes one man will hold the attention of the homeowner, while the other is searching your home to take cash or your valuables.

Tips to Remember:
• You should be aware that all village employees wear uniforms that are marked with village of Melrose Park and drive vehicles that have the village of Melrose Park logo on the sides of the vehicle.
• In addition you should never do business with an unknown contractor. Ask them nicely to please leave your property.
• Never let them in your home.
• Always remember to use common sense.

If you have any questions, call the Police Department immediately, dial 911 or (708) 344-8409 for non-emergencies.
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.

The Public Works Employees are always in full force, working to keep the village of Melrose Park clean and well-maintained. If you have a request, please feel free to call Gary M. Marine, director of Public Works, at (708) 343-5128.

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.

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 to 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 the 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) will start in late winter or early spring. 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.

2019 Senior Painting Program Apply Now!
Applications are now being accepted for Mayor Serpico’s 2019 Senior Painting Program. 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 (right) and mail it to:

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

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 _______________________________________

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Recent Snow Removal Efforts Make Things Safe and Easy for MP Residents

The Melrose Park Public Works Department was out in full force during the recent snowstorms. The heavy snow was cleared throughout the village by the hardworking Public Works employees as well as at more than 225 homes by the team that represents Mayor Serpico’s Senior and Special Needs Snow Removal Program.

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 that 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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Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

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

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

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

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

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

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

162.400 162.425 162.450 162.475 162.500 162.525 162.550

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

Public Alert™ Devices and NWR All Hazards Logo

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

Residential Grade Radios and Features

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mobile Printing is now available via the Melrose Park Public Library from:
A Laptop Desktop--A Tablet--A Smartphone--Your Email

-To print from your laptop or desktop visit mpplibrary.org and click on the wireless printing button
-To print from a tablet or smartphone app install and launch the PrinterOn App on your device
-Forward directly from your email to mppl-bw@printspots.com

Mobile Printing is now Available!

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!

Registration Required (18+)
Mark your calendars and join us at the MPPL on Saturday, March 9, 2019: 11am-12:30pm

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
Youth Services

ABC Adventures
Join our interactive playtime for fun with stories, music, puzzles and toys.
Ages 1-5.
Wednesday
March 6, 13, 20
April 10, 17, 24
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 6-14.

Every Tuesday
2:00pm - 5:00pm

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Village Hall Hours – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Birth Certificates
Birth Certificates – $12 for first copy, $2 each additional copy.
We only provide birth certificates if the individual was born at Westlake Hospital or Gottlieb Hospital in Melrose Park. Birth certificates can only be obtained by the individual themselves, a parent, or legal guardian.
A valid ID is required or in a legal guardian case, the proper documentation is required along with the valid ID.

Death Certificates
Death Certificates – $17 for the first copy, $5 each additional copy.

Vehicle Sticker Information
New stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall. Pricing varies based on type of vehicle.

For additional information, please call the Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.

Save the Dates!
Next Issue – April 2019
(Deadline for material March 25, 2019.)
April, June, August, October and December

Rates – Full Color Ads
Full Page $400 per issue (9 x 10 1/2)
Half Page $200 per issue (9 x 5 1/4)
1/4 Page $100 per issue (4 1/2 x 5 1/4)
1/8 Page $50 per issue (4 1/2 x 2 5/8)
It’s Time to Early-Bird Register!

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

Summer Camp Fun

Register Now! Space is Limited!

Camp runs Mon., Wed. & Fri., Mid June-Mid August • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Registration can be made at the Youth Commission – Evenings From 6-8 p.m.
(The Youth Commission is located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club.)
$125 per child (Melrose Park residents).
Nonresidents Fee – $450 Per Child

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

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**Melrose Park Senior Social Club**

2019 Senior Social Club Meeting Schedule

- 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!**

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**Melrose Park Senior Social Club 2019 Membership Registration Form**

Please print clearly.

- Name ________________________________
- Address ________________________________________________________
- City, State, ZIP ________________________________________________
- Phone ____________________________________________
- Birthdate ________________________________

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**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.**
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.
One week free trial.

Classes are held Monday-Friday, 6-8 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.

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 ______________________________________
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.
Thank You for Your Service

In 2014, Mayor Serpico launched Melrose Park’s Avenue of Flags and the initiative has expanded throughout the village.

The beautiful flags of every United States military branch are displayed on lightpoles adjacent to the homes of the courageous individuals who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. military.

Included on these pages are photographs and brief bios for some of the brave patriots who are respectfully recognized for their efforts with a flag representing their branch of service flying proudly on a lightpole near their home.

Joseph C. Montino
US Army

Joseph Montino was drafted into the United States Army, January 30, 1943. Montino was a private first class, 331st Infantry, 83rd Division, radar operator. Joe was stationed overseas in Germany under General George Patton. He received an honorable discharge on April 8, 1946.

William R. Galvin
US Marine

Sgt. William R. Galvin enlisted in 1964 and served two tours in Vietnam. After his discharge from the Corps in 1968, he was employed by Gottlieb Hospital for 30 years.

Hank Akimori
US Army

Hank Akimori (1946–2014) joined the Army in September 1966 at the age of 18. Akimori was stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. Akimori did two tours of Vietnam and was discharged on Sept. 12, 1969.

John Fitzgerald
US Army

John Fitzgerald was a private first class in the Korean War. Fitzgerald’s military service started on Feb. 26, 1953, and he was honorably discharged on Jan. 3, 1955. John received the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal for Korea and the Korean Service Medal.

Elijah R. Chinn
US Army

Elijah Robert “Bob” Chinn was drafted into the Army on Sept. 10, 1964, and did his basic training and AIT at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Chinn was a radio telegraph operator in Schweinfurt, Germany, with the 3rd Infantry Division from February 1965 to September 1966 and received a National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and an Expert (Rifle) Medal.

He was discharged with a rank of E 4 in September 1966.

Bob worked for Commonwealth Edison for 35 years in the Underground Department and was a member of IBEW Local 1 Union.

Chinn enjoys traveling and was an amateur radio operator for 40 years achieving the extra class.

If you are or know of an individual that has a flag displayed in their honor near their home and would like to feature a picture along with their bio in an upcoming issue of The Rose, please send an email with their story and a digital photo to therose@melrosepark.org or send hard copies of each to:

The Rose Avenue of Flags c/o the Village of Melrose Park • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160.
An introduction of those who have served or are currently serving our great country ... The United States of America.

Jerry Mraz
US Army

Jerry Mraz Enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from high school. Mraz took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on Sept. 11,1967, went through eight weeks of basic training and then volunteered for Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After graduating, Jerry served with the 82nd Airborne Division Fort Bragg from 1968-1971. Mraz says, “It has been an honor to have served my country – God bless America. To sum it all up, I thank my lucky stars to be living here today ’cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can’t take that away. I’m proud to be an American where at least I know I’m free and I won’t forget the men who died who gave that right to me and I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today ’cause there ain’t no doubt I love this land, God bless the USA (Lee Greenwood).”

Pedro Montoya
US Navy

Pedro “Peter” Montoya, a native son of Melrose Park, enlisted in the United States Navy in August of 1999. After completion of basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station, seaman Montoya was assigned to warship USS Thorn DD- 988, homeport Norfolk, Va. On board USS Thorn, seaman Montoya was assigned to the highly skilled Navigation Team, receiving various naval qualifications and rising to the rank of petty officer third class E-4 (PO3).

PO3 Montoya deployed April of 2001 overseas to the 5th and 6th fleets to conduct maritime, security and joint coalition training/operations. After the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, PO3 Montoya’s unit was reassigned to an undisclosed location providing support and security to coalition forces as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2002, PO3 Montoya was selected and received new orders to attend specialized training at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Virginia, in security/sentry operations, small weapons/explosives, close quarters combat training (CQT), evasive driving, diplomatic escorting and small craft/boats. PO3 Montoya was also temporarily assigned to Blackwater USA, North Carolina, for further training.

Upon completion of training, PO3 Montoya was promoted to petty officer second Class E-5 (PO2) and was reassigned to NAS Oceana/Dam Neck Naval Base, Virginia Beach, in support of base operations to include, air operations, special warfare operations and Riverine/Amphibious operations. During his time assigned there, PO2 Montoya was promoted once again to petty officer first class E-6 (PO1) and received a letter of commendation.

A few of PO1 Montoya’s awards and citations include Good Conduct Medal (two), National Defense Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service/Expeditionary Medal, Junior Sailor of the Quarter and Sharpshooter Weapons Ribbon. After several tours/deployments around the world, PO1 was honorably discharged from active duty in 2007. PO1 Montoya now continues to serve our community as a patrol officer with the Melrose Park Police Department.

John V. Modugno
US Army

John V. Modugno was drafted in April of 1968 to the United States Army. He went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training, Modugno then went to Fort Lee, Virginia, for training in small arms repair. He was stationed in West Germany for 18 months at 693ENGR CO and 18th General Supply Company. His rank was SP4. Modugno was discharged in April of 1970.

John retired from UPS with 32 years of service and was a member of Local Teamsters 705. Modugno has volunteered for 12 years at Hines as a driver for D.A.V. He’s been a member of the American Legion for 18 years and serves as a member of the Melrose Park Youth Commission Board of Directors.

Jose A. Romero
US Marines

Jose A. Romero was in the base of San Diego, Calif., that lies between San Diego Bay and the interstate to San Diego International Airport and the formal Naval Training Center San Diego.

MCRD San Diego is known as the Marine Corps Recruit Depot of the west coast boot camp for enlisted Marines.

Jose began his journey as a Marine in 2011, starting off with 12 weeks of training. Serving four active years, he was deployed twice.

The first deployment was to the eastern side of the world. He was based in Japan, South Korea and Thailand. The second deployment was to Kuwait, where he resided on both land and sea.

Throughout his years in the military, he worked for the amphibious warfare, where he became very knowledgeable.
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
Birthdays • Anniversaries • Graduations
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Weddings • Business Meetings • Etc.
150 Maximum Capacity
Days and Nights Available
Mondays-Saturdays • 9 a.m.-Midnight
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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.

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Weekdays – 7 a.m.-10 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Let me show you how we do more!

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E-mail: realtor@dserpico.com
www.DSerpico.com

Oak Park
101 N. OAK PARK AVE.
OAK PARK, IL 60301
2019 Taste of Melrose Park
Celebrating Our 38th Year
August 30th 6 PM-11 PM
August 31st Noon-11 PM
September 1st Noon-10 PM
Melrose Park Campus
Near the NW Corner of 25th Ave. and Lake St.
Family Affordable Carnival
FREE!
Admission
Entertainment
Parking
Trolley Service
Fireworks Extravaganza, 10:00 PM, Sunday
All Food Items Cost $3 or Less!!!
For 2019 Taste info, e-mail us at taste@melrosepark.org or visit www.melrosepark.org
Dear Friends,

I am sending this letter in the hope that you will once again, or for the first time, financially participate as a sponsor of the 38th Annual Taste of Melrose Park, which will take place over Labor Day weekend, August 30th through September 1st.

The Taste is a family-friendly food festival that hosts over 200,000 patrons every year. We are unique to the world of food festivals because the vast majority of our food vendors are local residents who serve up ethnic family recipes at $3 or less. In addition to the culinary delights, we also provide continuous free entertainment on our four stages.

If you are new to the Taste of Melrose Park and might be interested in underwriting some of the costs associated with our wonderful celebration of gastronomical delights, please read through this newsletter. It contains information about different Taste of Melrose Park sponsorship packages.

To those who generously supported the Taste of Melrose in the past, I sincerely hope that you will kindly consider continuing your financial patronage in 2019; without your magnanimous patronage we could never host such an ambitious undertaking.

If you need more information or have questions, please don’t hesitate to email our Taste of Melrose Park Director Peggy DiFazio or Lorena Anguiano at: taste@melrosepark.org or call them at: 708-343-4000 ext. 4448.

Thank you,

Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor of Melrose Park
$7,500.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR PACKAGE
1-Full Page Color Ad
10 x 10 Hospitality Tent
Main Stage Video Wall
1-4 x 6 Banner
1-2 x 4 Billboard
Public Address System Announcements
3-VIP Parking Passes

$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR PACKAGE
1-Full Page Color Ad
10 x 10 Hospitality Tent
Main Stage Video Wall
1-4 x 6 Banner
Public Address System Announcements
2-VIP Parking Passes

$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR PACKAGE
1-Full Page Color Ad
Main Stage Video Wall
1-2 x 4 Billboard
Public Address System Announcements

$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR PACKAGE
1-9.25 x 5.5 Color Ad
1-3 x 4 Banner
Public Address System Announcements

$1,000.00 MAIN STAGE VIDEO WALL
ADVERTISING PACKAGE
Your Ad Will Scroll On An 8 x 15 Screen
6:00 PM - Close Each Night

More Sponsorship Opportunities

$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR
Your Company Logo
Printed On Volunteer Shirts
(T-Shirt Space Will Be Limited)

$2,500.00 FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA
PA Announcements

$750.00 COLOR BANNER
3 X 4 Color Banner will be displayed throughout the grounds.

$500.00 COLOR BILLBOARD
2 x 4 Color Billboards, which can include your logo. Displayed the month of August facing 25th Avenue.

$400.00 COLOR AD
9.25 x 5.5 Color Ad
Appears in the Rose Newspaper that is mailed to nearly 10,000 homes and businesses.

If none of these packages meet your needs or budget, we will work closely with you to design a sponsorship package that will.
# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK ORDER FORM

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**
**TASTE OF MELROSE PARK**

Please Return This Form With A Check Or Money Order To:
Taste Of Melrose Park
1000 N. 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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

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**Important! Please Check Appropriate Box Below:**

- [ ] Emailing Camera Ready Artwork to: taste@melrosepark.org
- [ ] Please Develop Our Ad (if you have a logo, please include)
- [ ] Please Use Our Previous 2018 Taste Ad Artwork
- [ ] Please Use Our Previous 2018 Taste Billboard Artwork
- [ ] Please Use Our Previous 2018 Taste Banner Artwork

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For more information or if you have a question please call Peggy DiFazio or Lorena Anguiano at 708-343-4000, ext. 4448 or email them at taste@melrosepark.org

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**PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PACKAGES:**

- $7,500.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR
- $5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR
- $3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR
- $1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR
- $3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR
- $2,500.00 FIREWORKS SPONSOR
- $1,000.00 VIDEO WALL SPONSOR
- $750.00 3 X 4 COLOR BANNER
- $500.00 2 x 4 COLOR BILLBOARD
- $400.00 9.25 x 5.5 COLOR AD

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See Page 26 for the 38th Annual Taste of Melrose Park Sponsorship Details!
The Taste of Melrose Park recently released a partial list of free entertainment that’ll be performing at this year’s festival.

Check out this incredible group of performers and bands scheduled to appear on one of our four stages!

16 Candles
Shark Entertainment presents Italian Night featuring
The Jersey Girls and Tony Ocean

The 4 C Notes
Lake Effect
R-Gang
Explosive Sounds
The Other Three Tenors
Dominic the DJ
DeJaVu

Celebrate the Taste of Melrose Park!
Labor Day Weekend • Friday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1
2019 Taste of Melrose Park is Seeking Volunteers ...
We Need Help from Your Group or Organization

The Taste of Melrose Park is looking for community members who would like to give us a hand in making this year’s festival our best ever. Volunteers are needed to assist in the beverage (21 and older) and tickets booths.

If you are a member of a church group, booster club, sports organization, school district staff, local business, etc., or just an individual who would like to help, please call Lorena at (708) 531-5330 to register your group or individually. Each available shift is four to five hours long. Shifts are made up of eight individuals.

The Taste of Melrose Park will be held Labor Day weekend (Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1).

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.

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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**Paula’s Café**

Paula Dote the Creator and Chef of Danny’s Deli on 15th and Division is Now Operating the Full Service Café at Al Piemonte Ford

(25th and North Ave. in Melrose Park)

Open Monday-Saturday

Breakfast and Lunch

• Full Breakfast Menu • Homemade Soups
• Grilled Cheese • Burgers • Fresh Cut Fries
• Italian Beef & Sausage
• Italian Breaded Steak and

Paula’s Famous Fried Meatball Sandwich

Catering 24/7

Call Paula – (708) 345-9300, Ext. 303!

Find Us on Facebook: Paula’s Café & Catering
Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Camp, Ages 6-13
Looking for something fun to do this spring break? Come hang out with friends at Grant Park Recreation Center. Throughout the week campers participate in a variety of activities in our gymnasium, after-school program room and playground (weather permitting). Everyday campers are encouraged to participate or help lead challenges with staff to promote teamwork and communication skills. The kids are sure to enjoy a field trip where lunch will be provided for them, we also provide the kids with a daily snack.

• District 83 – March 25-April 1/District 89 – April 22-26; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; $140 Resident/$160 Nonresident per session; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake.

Athletics – Children/Youth

Spring Volleyball Skills Clinic, Ages 6-9 and 10-15
This fun and instructional program prepares players to succeed in volleyball. Players will improve their serving, bumping, setting and spiking skills. Games are played throughout the program and prizes will be awarded to the top performers.

• April 4-May 9; 5:45-6:45 p.m./6:45-7:45 p.m.; $35 Resident/$50 Nonresident per session; Grant Park Recreation Center Gym, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Hitting & Fielding Class, Ages 6-12
Calling all baseball and softball players! Individual players can sign up for this program and show us their stuff in this instructor-led class. Participants will improve their fielding and batting skills while also improving their knowledge of the game. Drills are facilitated at a fast pace in the cage and on the field to improve your skills. We will have our batting cages set up and tees lined up for you. Participants must bring their own bat and glove.

• March 1-April 5; 6-7 p.m.; $40 Resident/$55 Nonresident; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Early Childhood

Baskets, Bunnies and More!, Ages 2-5
Come join us to create a bunny craft, color eggs and decorate a basket. Kids might get messy, so please bring a smock or old shirt. (Parents may stay with children under 3.)

• Tuesday, April 16; 4:30-5:30 p.m.; $10 Resident/$15 Nonresident; Bulger Preschool Classroom, 1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park.

Tumbling

Beginner Tumbling, Ages 18-35 Months
Beginner tumblers learn forward rolls, cartwheels, bridges and jumps. Strength and flexibility are also needed to progress into the higher-level classes. Children are evaluated at the end of each session and advised when to move to the next level.

• March 25-May 13/March 27-May 15; 5-6 p.m.; Resident $45/Nonresident $60 per session.

Intermediate Tumbling, Ages 4-8
This class is designed to master your child’s beginner skills and introduce new skills. Intermediate skills include backbends, handstand forward rolls and round-offs. Children are evaluated at the end of each session and advised when to move to the next level.

• March 25-May 13/March 27-May 15; 6-7 p.m.; Resident $45/Nonresident $60 per session.

Advanced Tumbling, Ages 8-12
This class is designed to take your child’s skills to the next level and have them learn new skills. Children must be able to safely execute the following skills before attending this class: backbends, handstand forward rolls and round-offs. Children will be evaluated at the end of each session.

• March 25-May 13/March 27-May 15; 7-8 p.m.; $45 Resident/$60 Nonresident per session.

All Tumbling classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays. Classes are held at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Active Adults & Seniors

Shamrock Charm Luncheon
Always a favorite, VPD’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration Luncheon catered by Harrington’s. Entertainment by favorites Don and Susan Reitsma.

• Thursday, March 14; Noon-2 p.m.; $25 per person; Bulger Hall, 1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park.

Travel with VPD

Chicago Garden and Flower Show
Spring into summer with new ideas to enhance the beauty within your own backyard when the Chicago Garden and Flower 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 Garden and Flower 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 dish stuffed pizza at Giordano’s at Navy Pier.

• Thursday, March 21; $75 per person.
Garden Beds
Organic garden vegetable beds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. 4’ x 8’ garden beds are rented out to residents, civic organizations and schools. There is a limited quantity. All gardeners are required to complete an application/contract. Our gardens are located at Bataan Park in Melrose Park and Gouin Park in Franklin Park.

• 2019 Season – May-October;
  $25 Resident/$50 Nonresident seasonal rental fee.

Adult Softball Leagues
Summer 16” Men’s Softball League, Ages 18+, Tuesday and Thursday League
• Captain’s Meeting – Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.;
  Season starts May 7;
  Game Times – 7, 8 and 9 p.m.;
  Entry Fee – $1,500 per team;
  Registration Deadline – April 8;
  Location – Bulger Park Fields,
  1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park.

Summer Coed Mushball Softball League, Ages 18+, Friday League
• Captain’s Meeting – Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m.;
  Season starts May 10; Game Times – 7, 8 and 9 p.m.;
  Entry Fee – $600 per team;
  Registration Deadline – April 8;
  Location – Bulger Park Fields,
  1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park.

Entry fees are required to be paid in full on or before the deadline.
Payments can be made over the phone with a credit card by calling (708) 343-5270
or in person at Grant Park Recreation Center in Northlake
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For more information, visit our Adult Leagues and Tournaments page at www.quickscores.com/vpd.
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Saturday, March 9 • 10 AM-12 PM

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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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Saturday, April 27 • 11 AM-2 PM
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Learn and Play Summer Preschool,
Special Recreation Camp, Sports Camp
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**VPD ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

**MEN’S 16” & CO-ED 14”**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

Veterans Park District will host its Annual Softball Tournament at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

We are looking for Men’s 16” and Co-ed 14” softball teams to participate in each tournament. Team spots fill up fast for this yearly event so register your team now and don’t miss this action-packed weekend of softball, food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

- A deposit is required to hold your spot or you can pay the fee in full.
- Registration will be taken throughout the spring and early summer.
- Monetary prizes and trophies will be awarded to all winning teams of each tournament. Game times to be announced.

Captains Meeting:
Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park
Men’s: Tuesday, July 16
Co-ed: Tuesday, July 16

Non Refundable Deposit:
$100 (applied towards balance).

**FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED**

**Fee:** $200 (Must be in by date of captain’s meeting)
**Late Fee:** $50 will be assessed to any team that has not paid the full tournament fee by the Captain’s Meeting on July 16. Any team incurring a late fee must pay the entire tournament fee (including the late fee) by 10 PM on Thursday, July 25.

For more information or to register, contact Carter Patton at (708) 716-4822.

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**BOCCCE BALL TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

Join Veterans Park District as we celebrate the tradition of Bocce Ball, a game that can be enjoyed by all ages. Sign up your team for the 2019 Tournament now! There must be two players on a team. Court times will be assigned the day of the tournament. Start time is at noon, match times to be announced. Preregistration required. We average over 12 teams each year!
Come One, Come All: What’s Happening at Triton College this Semester?

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

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

One Earth Film Fest Film Screening: Dirt Rich
- Saturday, March 9, 2 p.m.
  Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center (R Building, Room R-218)

Dirt Rich will be screened at Triton as part of the annual One Earth Film Fest, the Midwest’s premier environmental film festival, which takes place at venues throughout the Chicagoland area now-March 10. In its Chicagoland premier, Dirt Rich shifts the focus from greenhouse gas emissions to carbon drawdown, a viable solution for reversing the effects of runaway global warming in a timely manner. Visit www.oneearthfilmfest.org/ for more information.

Triton Troupers Circus
- Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m./Friday, April 12, 7 p.m./Saturday, April 13, 1 and 7 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center Gymnasium (R Building)

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

RSVP Annual Pancake Breakfast
- Saturday, April 13, 8 a.m.-Noon
  Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Center (R Building)

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

The Tritonysia Play Festival
- April 26-28 and May 3-5
  Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.
  Cox Auditorium, Fine Arts Building, Room J-108

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

The Tritonysia is Triton’s third annual short play festival inspired by the ancient Greek festival, the Dionysia, which honored the god Dionysus in many ways, including that of a play contest. The Tritonysia closes out our season with exciting new work, during which you will enjoy world premiere 10-minute pieces written and presented by Triton College students, faculty, staff and artists from the surrounding communities.

Blood Drive/Bone Marrow & Organ Donor Registry
- Wednesday, May 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
  Student Center Cafeteria (B Building)

Become a hero by participating in Triton College’s Health Services Blood Drive, hosted by the Heartland Blood Center. Your single blood donation can save the lives of up to three people. Walk-ins are welcome. You will need one of the following items with your name and photo as a form of identification: student ID, work ID, state ID, driver’s license or passport. Prior to donating blood, it’s important to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water. At the event, you can also register for the ‘Be the Match Marrow Registry,’ as well as register to be an organ and tissue donor. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3051.

Open Houses/Campus Program Information Events

Joanne & Marian Mota Sonography Day
- Saturday, March 2, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center (R Building) Auditorium

Sonographers and physicians as well as current and prospective students are invited to attend this educational event presented by various sonography experts. The event will allow participants to collaborate with their peers by sharing their knowledge and skills regarding the most current sonography techniques, as well as formulate a better understanding of the topics presented and apply that knowledge into their everyday practice. There is no charge for the program. Visit triton.edu/dmsday/ to register. For more information, call Katie Leonardo at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3709.

Campus Visit Day: Health Careers
- Wednesday, March 6, Room B-204/210

Current and prospective students can tour Triton’s Health Career Building, meet with faculty and staff, and learn about prerequisite requirements and the selective admission process for health career programs. Additionally, admission and financial aid topics will be addressed and campus tours will be available.

Open House
- Wednesday, April 17, 5-7 p.m.
  Student Center Cafeteria (B Building)

A collaborative, interdepartmental event on Triton’s campus to inform prospective students about admission, financial aid, student life, student services, and career, adult and continuing education programs.

Campus Visit Day: Adult Learners
- Tuesday, May 7, 6-7 p.m.
  Room B-102

An information session for prospective students at which admission and financial aid topics are addressed. Campus tours are provided for those who are interested in seeing our facilities and the resources available at Triton. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet faculty during the event as well. Reservations for Campus Visit Day are recommended. Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, to register or register online at www.triton.edu/campusvisit.
Art Gallery Exhibits

All exhibits take place in the Triton College Art Gallery (Room J-108) and are presented without charge. Please visit frequently. For more information, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/entertainment.

Photography at Triton

• Now-Sunday, March 17
  Public Reception and Discussion – Friday, March 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  The art and craft of photography is alive and doing very well at Triton College. As part of our Visual Communication Program, our faculty train young photographers to develop a high level of professionalism in commercial photography. The works are diverse and eye-catching. Come see what our camera men and women have been doing.

Everybody’s Bees-ness

• Monday, March 25-Thursday, April 18
  Public Reception for the Artists – Thursday, April 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  Bees are really important. So much so that enduring the occasional sting should be worth it.
  They pollinate flowers, including those belonging to our food crops. So, if you like to eat, you should love bees. Come on by for art inspired by bees and all they do for us. Be sure to bring your honey!

Spring Student Show

• Wednesday, April 24-Monday, May 13
  Public Reception for the Artists – Monday, May 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  Our traditional end of the school year event featuring work in all media created by Triton students throughout the academic year.

Music Events

Music events listed are free to attend unless otherwise noted.

Triton Community Band – Americana/Dana Legg, Director

• Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center Auditorium
  The Triton Community Band explores the music of our rich and adventurous history in this program.

Faculty Artist Series

Nathalie Colas, Soprano, and Soo-Yon Choi, Piano

• Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center Auditorium
  Faculty members Nathalie Colas, soprano, and Soo-Yon Choi, piano, explore the versatility of melody as they perform a joint recital of classical voice and piano works. Join the artist for a reception in the lobby following the concert!

Faculty Artist Series

Jeremy Ward, Cello

• Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center Auditorium
  Cellist Jeremy Ward performs a beautiful standard program of early and classical cello works. Join the artist for a reception in the lobby following the concert!

Triton Jazz Series – Jazz Spectacular

• Saturday, April 6 – 4 p.m., Masterclass/7:30 p.m., Concert
  Robert M. Collins Center Auditorium
  In the past few years, the popular Jazz Spectacular has featured the James Davis Quartet, Goran Ivanovic Trio, Juan Pastor’s Chinchano, The Nick Mazzarella Quintet, The Ian Torres Big Band and many other internationally recognized groups in conjunction with the Triton Big Band. A free masterclass led by the guest artist will be held at 4 p.m., also in the Performing Arts Center. General admission $10, students and seniors $5 (includes both the masterclass and the concert).

World Music Series –

University of Chicago South Asian Music Ensemble

• Wednesday, April 17, Noon
  Student Center Cafeteria
  The University of Chicago’s South-Asian Music Ensemble (SAME) rehearses weekly to learn and perform song traditions from South India as well as popular, folk and classical songs in Kannada, Tamil, Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Telugu, Marathi, Malayalam and Bangla. SAME performs at the University of Chicago each spring as well as in community events, such as Rockefeller Chapel’s celebration of Diwali and commemorations of other events at temples and conventions in the Chicagoland area.
  Website: arts.uchicago.edu.

Triton Community Choir/Nathalie Colas, Director

• Tuesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center Auditorium
  The Triton Choir presents Vivaldi’s beloved Gloria. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear this masterpiece for choir and guest soloists!

Triton Community Band – Road Trip/Dana Legg, Director

• Monday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center Auditorium
  Wake the bags and pack the kids ‘cause we’re taking a virtual vacation across the United States.

Triton Jazz Series – Spring Jazz Concert

• Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.
  Robert M. Collins Center Auditorium
  The Triton College Big Band returns to the Performing Arts Center to perform a concert featuring the music of historical and contemporary jazz legends.

Active Retired Citizens Club (ARCC)

Meeting Dates

Triton College’s Active Retired Citizens Club (ARCC) is a social club that provides activities and networking opportunities to adults who are young at heart and want to expand their social and intellectual life. Meetings include performances and presentations on a wide range of topics as well as luncheons. The group meets from noon to 2 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month during the school year. Annual membership dues are $10. The meetings take place in Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Center (R Building).

The meetings scheduled for this semester include:

• Friday, March 15 – Winston Churchill: A Life Well-lived with Daniel Myers.
• Friday, May 3 – Financial Planning for the End of Life with Joe Perino.
• Friday, May 17 – Spring Luncheon – $10 for members, $15 for non-members.

For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3603, email kayfrey@triton.edu or visit https://www.triton.edu/rsvp/.

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## Melrose Park Little League
### Spring/Summer 2019 Registration

### Baseball/Softball FEES

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Fee includes: Uniform and 2 pre-season clinics (Coach pitch & up only)
(Dates to be announced & are non-refundable)

ONLINE - Open registration as of December 3rd
[www.melroseparklittleleague.org](http://www.melroseparklittleleague.org)

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**Registration Sign-Up Date**
**Saturday, March 2 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**
**Melrose Park Civic Center**

Late registrations after March 2 through March 25 – $20 late fee.

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Melrose Park Little League
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Melrose Park, IL 60160
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WANTED: COACHES & MANAGERS
Stevenson and Sacred Heart schools attended the 11th Annual Atrévete a Soñar Edúcate! Conference (Dare to Dream) on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, at the College of DuPage. The conference focuses on the value of education in general and higher education in particular. The goal is to expose the girls to positive role models and to talk about the importance of setting high goals and staying in school to fulfill their goals.

Students at Jane Addams have been learning about designing and animation while using Scratch JR in Coding Club.

On Jan. 7, 2019, Kimberly Bartolomucci from The Oral Health Forum spoke with our third grade Mustangs on the importance of keeping their teeth healthy. All third grade students received a health kit containing a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss. On Jan. 18, the Illinois Department of Public Health returned to give students an oral screening. This is all part of the IDPH Healthy Smiles Healthy Growth assessment program.
On Jan. 25, Melrose Park School held a Mural Inauguration event celebrating the history of Melrose Park. During the event, students had a chance to work with artist Jose Jimenez Hernandez to learn about printmaking. Attendees enjoyed viewing self-portraits created by students, and a ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the completion of the new mural.

This school year, the National Junior Honor Society has volunteered monthly at Hines VA, raised $1,000 for the Guitars for Veterans, raked leaves for nearby residents in the fall, made hot cocoa for the Safety Patrol during the winter and volunteered their time at Feed My Starving Children.
Over winter break, District 89 challenged all PreK-fifth grade students to use the Dreambox Math Learning App for a minimum of 90 minutes. The three students that used it for the most amount of time and completed lessons were awarded with a special prize. First place went to Elaina V. from Jane Addams, second place to Andrea V. from Lincoln, and third place was a tie between Jashua T. of Emerson and Heidy H. from Washington Dual Language Academy. Congratulations students!
Congratulations to the D89 Special Olympics Basketball Team on their first place win on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019. Teams competed for medals and a chance to continue on to the State Finals. Julian C., Donna A., Alexander M., Saniell C., Angel A., Trinity B., Semaj G., Casey B. and Marlo F. dominated the court, stealing the ball from the other teams, passing and guarding, and sinking baskets. D89 was focused, played their best, and demonstrated excellent teamwork during their games on Sunday playing first against the Wilmette Stars and then against the Hester Wildcats. We are so proud of our students! With dedication and hard work, good sportsmanship and their amazing abilities to never give up, they won the gold medal and will advance to state finals in March!

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Tickets: $75 Per Person

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Saturday, April 27, 2019

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Woman of the Year

Victor Nicodemo
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On Friday, March 22, 2019, The St. Anthony Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine will hold their annual Lenten Fish Fry from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish gym, on the corner of 22nd and Cortez, in Melrose Park.

Come join us for an evening of fun, entertainment and good food. Enjoy delicious fish ‘n’ chips, cole slaw, corn on the cob, coffee, soda, sweet table, fruit and more, all for a $10 donation ($8 for children under 12).

Bring your friends and spend the evening with us. All proceeds go toward the Feast of St. Anthony.

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

Fr. Burke Masters was born and raised in Joliet. He converted to Catholicism at the age of 18 before going to Mississippi State University on a baseball scholarship. Although his major league dream did not materialize, he worked in the minor leagues for four years before he felt the call to the priesthood. He attended Mundelein Seminary and was ordained in 2001. He has served as vocation director for the Diocese of Joliet. Last year he was appointed secretary for Evangelization and Catechesis and director of Lay Formation for the Diocese in addition to conducting speaking engagements which book over a year in advance. Since 2013, Fr. Masters has served as the Catholic Chaplain for the Chicago Cubs.

For tickets or more information, see an Altar & Rosary member or call the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.
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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 schedule for calendar year 2019 is: 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: 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.
A Message from
Kathleen Willis
Illinois State Representative • 77th District
Willis Begins New Term
Optimistic About Illinois’ Future

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, released the following statement after being sworn into office in January to begin serving in the 101st General Assembly.

“Today marks the beginning of an opportunity to move beyond the failures of the Rauner Administration and to put Illinois back on track. I am committed to making the tough decisions necessary to ensure a prosperous future for Illinois.”

“I understand that challenges lie ahead and that the people of Illinois are frustrated with the direction our state has been going. As I go door-to-door and talk with the people of my district, I hear concerns regarding high property taxes, access to affordable healthcare, funding for education, and the need for common-sense gun reform to help keep our schools and communities safe.”

“It remains a top priority for me to proactively address the threat of gun violence. We simply cannot wait for the next tragedy to happen before we take action to protect our schools, public places and neighborhoods.”

“It is an honor to again have the privilege to serve the people of the 77th District and I am optimistic that we will be able to work on an effective bipartisan level to address the needs of the people we represent.”

Willis to Work with Pritzker to Move Illinois Forward with this Year’s Budget Plans

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, issued the following statement detailing her commitment to working with him and putting Illinois’ families first after Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s first annual budget address.

“Illinois faces a number of challenges as we dig out from four years of crisis. Not only must we work to put Illinois on sound financial footing, we need to control our spending while also making sure we provide needed funding for lifesaving services.”

“Among the important human services programs that we need to strengthen is raising the eligibility threshold to the Child Care Assistance Program so that it will extend benefits to nearly 10,000 more children and work to hire more direct service staff at the Department of Children and Family Services to help protect more children.”

“I look forward to being a part of the new negotiations on the proposals that will cross my desk, and I will fight to ensure that families are prioritized and actually benefit from these ideas.”

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11th Annual Dare to Dream Conference Empowers Latina Girls

Our 11th Annual Dare to Dream Conference, geared towards preparing young Latinas to further their education, was held at the McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, in Glen Ellyn, on Jan. 26, 2019. Despite the bitter cold, we had 278 girls and 232 mothers/parents/mentors in attendance from schools representing DuPage County, Suburban Cook County and one from Iowa. The students heard Latina role models speak of their careers and how they dealt with obstacles to achieve their dream of a better life through higher education. They also attended student life panels where they heard from Latina high school panelists and college panelists on their challenges and achievements as well as moments of perseverance. There was also a separate program for moms.

Schools in attendance were Algonquin Middle School, Blackhawk Middle School, Chippewa Middle School, Churchville Middle School, Evans Middle School, Glenside Middle School, Glenn Westlake Middle School, Gurrie Middle School, Hannah Beardsley Middle School, Hester Junior High, Hubble Middle School, Indian Trail Junior High, Iroquois West Middle School, Jackson Middle School, Jefferson Middle School, Mannheim Middle School, Marquardt Middle School, Northlake Middle School, School District 89, Spring Wood Middle School, West Oak Middle School, Wood Dale Junior High and School District U-46.

Melrose Park Free Methodist Church

Free Fun! Our 20th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt!

All children ages 2-12 are welcome to join us for our 20th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. sharp on Easter morning, Sunday, April 21, at 841 Elsie (corner of Ninth and Elsie, Melrose Park)! This is a ready, set, go hunt, so please arrive early!

This event is sponsored by the Melrose Park Free Methodist Church working with our local community. We are bilingual and all are welcome! For more information, call (708) 343-2386. Happy Easter!

Free ESL Classes

Are you interested in learning the basics of English as a second language? We are offering free ESL classes beginning on Sunday, May 5, and these classes will be taught through Sunday, June 23. Classes will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and will be held at the Melrose Park Free Methodist Church, 841 Elsie, Melrose Park. For more information or to register, call (708) 343-2386. All are welcome. We are bilingual.

Need a Place to Meet?

Does your group, club, organization or church need a place to meet? We have an opening on Sunday evenings for groups to meet. Time slots are estimated from 6 p.m. and on into the evening. The rent is very affordable! We offer access to a large meeting room, working kitchen, small classrooms, tables and chairs, etc. We are located at 841 Elsie (corner of Ninth and Elsie in Melrose Park).

If you are interested, contact Jim Pagani at (708) 343-2386. No lease required.
2019 Bronco Benefit a Smashing Success

Thanks to the support of many generous individuals and businesses, more than $50,000 was raised at this year’s Bronco Benefit Dinner. This annual event brings together alumni, parents, community partners and other friends of Walther to support Walther Christian Academy by funding scholarships and financial aid awards. In addition, this year, donations were generously provided to fund the purchase and installation of an electronic sign.

Alumni, Roger Krue1’74 and Jasmine Dela Luna  ’12 shared stories and favorite teacher memories, and gave credit to Walther for providing them with a strong Christian foundation and for the skills that prepared them for future success. Senior Jordan Holliday ’19 expressed appreciation for being able to attend Walther and for all the opportunities it has provided. “Without Walther, I most likely wouldn’t have the passion for music I have now.” He also thanked the Walther faculty for their dedication to their students.

This evening would not be possible without the support of our event sponsors, the committee that planned the event (including Sower Award winner Carrie Louthan ’79 Jaruseski), volunteers who contributed their time and talents, and numerous businesses who donated items and experiences for our auction.

Thank you also to our student musicians, led by Darryl Holliday, Lori Boyer and Samantha Rose ’01, who presented a number of solos and a piece from last spring’s musical Godspell. We were also blessed to have alumni, Jeremy Zimmer ’13 and Aniello Barone ’14, share their musical talents with our guests.

Walther Sower Award Winner Carrie (Louthan) Jaruseski ’79

One of Christ’s parables is the story of the Sower. Jesus paints the picture of a man working in a field. He puts seeds out and trusts in the Spirit to bring growth. For more than 60 years, Walther has reaped the benefits of seeds sown by many dedicated volunteers. The Sower Award is designed to recognize someone who has, over the long term, season after season, planted the seeds that bears fruit in Walther’s ministry.

Carrie (Louthan) Jaruseski ’79 (pictured with Principal Paul Goffron) is a tireless promoter of Walther and of Lutheran education. While her children attended Walther, Carrie volunteered with Walther’s Music and Drama programs, and the Walther Boosters. She has been a speaker at Career Day and has served on the Where Blessings Abound Capital Campaign Committee, the Bronco Benefit Dinner Committee, as a delegate from St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lombard and has been instrumental in planning her Walther class reunions. Carrie is the wife of Joe and mother of three Walther alumni, Kate ’09, Betsy ’12 and Joey ‘17. Walther is blessed to have Carrie as a volunteer, promoter, and supporter of our students and our school.

Generous Donors Fund New Exterior Sign for Walther

Thanks to the generosity of many donors and a matching grant from the Christopher Family Foundation, Walther will break ground on a new electronic sign to be installed at the intersection of Ninth and Chicago avenues. This sign will provide a forum for announcing events and promoting the accomplishments of our students, and will help build awareness of Melrose Park’s best kept secret.

Congratulations to...

Senior Jordan Holliday ’19 (pictured, top-photo, right), who was awarded the Presidential Scholarship for Concordia University Chicago where he will study Parish Music and Education. President of the University, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gard, presented Jordan with the prestigious award.

Senior Daniel Johnson ’19 (pictured, bottom photo, second from left, with fellow Wind Ensemble members), was chosen to participate in the Illinois State Honors Band, the top band in the state for high school students. He is planning on studying music education after graduation.

Bronco Athletic Update

Congratulations to the Lady Broncos junior varsity basketball team on winning the Chicagoland Prep Conference Tournament championship.

Congratulations to our Lady Broncos varsity basketball team who won the regional championship and finished their season with a 28-1 overall record.

Congrats to Walther’s Bronco Basketball boys for taking third place in the Chicagoland Prep Conference Tournament championship.

Congratulations to Bronco wrestlers, Aaron Rieger and Julio Padilla, State Tournament participants along with team members, Tyler Schuld and Darryl Norwood (alternates).
Career Day ’19
Friday, March 22

Close to 40 Bronco graduates will return to Walther to participate in Career Day on Friday, March 22. Additional alumni are needed, especially those who represent new or unusual careers. If you are interested in learning more about Career Day, contact Catherine_Hegarty@walther.com.

Jawaune Johnson ’15 traveled to Senegal, Africa, with Carthage College during January term. Read more about his experience, at https://www.carthage.edu/january-term/blog/studytours/.

Simeon Cornwell ’10 is currently serving as a vicar at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Terre Haute, Ind. In July, he will return to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., to complete his training to become a pastor.

Walther Painting Party with
Art Teacher Jeff Carnehl
Thursday, March 24

Join alumni and friends of Walther at a Painting Party hosted by Walther art teacher Jeff Carnehl. A limited number of spaces are available for Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m., or Sunday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. The cost is $30 per person. Drinks and appetizers are provided. All funds raised will go to support student scholarships.

Contact Catherine_Hegarty@walther.com to sign up.
March-April Events at Trailside Museum of Natural History

The Trailside Museum of Natural History is located at 738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest.

For more information on programs, please call (708) 366-6530.

*Registration required for events with asterisk.

Nature Story Times
Thursdays, March 7 and 21, and April 4 and 18 • 10:30 a.m.
Nature-inspired stories, followed by a craft and snack. Children 3-6 w/adult. Free

Makin’ Music Bluegrass Jam
Sundays, March 10 and April 14 • 1 p.m.
Come out to a round-robin style jam. Bring a song to play with the group or just come to listen. Kids can make a simple musical instrument, and then join in the jam! Bring your fiddles, mandolins, guitars and banjos, too. All are welcome to jam or listen. Free.

Nature Tots*
Wednesday, March 13 • 10 a.m.
Join your tot in exploring nature! Come play with us and explore a different theme each month. Registration required – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.

Seed Weaving and Seed Museums*
Saturdays, March 16 and April 6 • 1 p.m.
Create a nature art piece with local artist Shilin Hora (www.shilinhora.com). Learn the basics of plants and trees through seed weaving and installation of an outdoor art piece. Registration required – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.

Bird the Preserves – Morning Bird Walks
Fridays, March 22 and April 26 • 9:30 a.m.
Enjoy a casual guided walk to look for birds and bird behavior. All welcome — binoculars available. Free.

"Bone" Appérit
Saturdays, March 23 and 30, and April 20 • 1 p.m.
Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals. Free.

Go Fly a Kite Workshop*
Sunday, March 24 • 1 p.m.
Learn about the spring wind and weather, then we'll harness the wind's energy by making and flying kites! Ages 6-12 w/adult. $5 materials fee per child. Registration required by March 22 – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.

Are Birds Dinosaurs?
Sunday, March 31 • 1 p.m.
Yes! See how descent from dinosaurs shaped the birds of today with Chicago Audubon’s John Elliott. Free.

Escape (Room) from Trailside*
Sunday, April 7 • 1 p.m.

Nature Tots*
Wednesday, April 10 • 10 a.m.
Join your tot in exploring nature! Come play with us and explore a different theme each month. Registration required – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.

Improv in the Woods*
Saturday, April 13 • 2 p.m.
Let our feet be the metronomes for this musical improv hike as we start with a lesson then find inspiration in nature. All hike-able instruments are welcome. Registration required – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.

Earth Day Des Plaines River Cleanup in Thatcher Woods*
Saturday, April 27 • 8-10 a.m.
Join our partner, the River Forest Park District, in removing trash. A great service project for families, schools and scout groups! All materials provided. Contact www.rfparks.com for details and to sign up. Registration required – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.
April 2019 Happenings at Brookfield Zoo

Zoo Goes Blue for Autism • Saturday, April 6
Brookfield Zoo is collaborating with Autism Speaks to take part in the annual Zoos Goes Blue campaign. The event takes place at select Association of Zoos and Aquariums accredited facilities across North America during World Autism Awareness Month. To commemorate the day, the zoo’s iconic lion statues will be clothed in blue scarves and blue flags will decorate the park’s grounds. Throughout the day, special Zoo Goes Blue activities will be taking place for families with children on the autism spectrum, including a quiet hour on the Carousel, a sensory-friendly Dolphins in Action presentation, and special animal Zoo Chats. For more information, call (708) 688-8000.

Ape Awareness Weekend • Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7
Quit monkeying around and swing over to Brookfield Zoo to hang out with the apes that live in the zoo’s Tropic World – orangutans, western lowland gorillas and white-cheeked gibbon. The event will feature special Zoo Chats about each of the species, as well as ape-related activities that are more fun than a barrel of monkeys. Everyone can make a difference for apes in the wild and zoogoers will hear firsthand how they can help. For more information, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8000.

Breakfast with the Bunny • Saturdays and Sunday, April 13-14 and April 20
Hop to it and join family and friends at Brookfield Zoo for its annual Breakfast with the Bunny. An all-you-can-eat buffet, held in the zoo’s Discovery Center, will feature a special appearance from costumed characters Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, who will be available for photo opportunities. In addition, there will be live musical entertainment. Seatings are offered at 9 and 11 a.m. Pricing is $29.95 for adults and $21.95 for children ages 3 to 11. Children 2 and under eat for free. Seatings are limited and reservations are required. For further information or to purchase tickets, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8355.

Party for the Planet • Sunday, April 14
Looking for some “down-to-earth” fun? Head over to Brookfield Zoo for its annual Party for the Planet celebration, presented by energySMART, a Nicor Gas program. Learn about the different ways you can make Earth-friendly choices such as conserving energy, riding a bike or recycling, all of which can have a positive impact on the planet. During this fun-filled family event, participate in green-themed craft activities, help staff plant flowers and a tree, visit with representatives at the Eco Expo and find out about the animals at special Zoo Chats. In addition, representatives from several recycling organizations will be on-site collecting items from zoogoers. For more information and a full list of recyclable items, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8000.

Easter Brunch • Sunday, April 21
Bring the family to Brookfield Zoo for a delectable all-you-can-eat Easter brunch that is sure to satisfy even the largest of appetites. The buffet menu features a wide variety of items, including omelets, carving stations with accompaniments, seafood, a delectable sweet table and much more. Joining in the festivities will be costumed characters Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, who will be on hand for photo opportunities, as well as live musical entertainment. Brunch seatings are offered at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and reservations are required. The cost is $42.95 for adults and $32.95 for children ages 3 to 11. Children 2 and under eat for free. For further information or to purchase tickets, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8355.

The Whirl • Saturday, April 27
The Women’s Board and Board of Trustees of the Chicago Zoological Society are hosting the 38th annual Whirl fund-raising gala at Brookfield Zoo. This year’s black-tie event will highlight the 100th anniversary of the land donation to the Forest Preserves of Cook County for the express purpose of creating a modern zoo. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour featuring opportunities for up-close experiences with the zoo’s animal ambassadors. Dinner and dancing will follow. The evening also features a raffle, live auction, and paddle raise. Proceeds support the animals at Brookfield Zoo, as well as the society’s conservation, education and research programs. Tickets are $700 per person; tables of 10 also are available. For reservations and further information, visit pjchicago.com/event/whirl or call (312) 553-2000 or (708) 688-8393.

World Penguin Day • Saturday, April 27
Waddle over to Brookfield Zoo and celebrate World Penguin Day. The fun-filled event will feature activities for the entire family between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at The Living Coast. Zoogoers can attend special Zoo Chats to learn about the zoo’s Humboldt penguin colonies, partake in penguin-themed activities and crafts, and meet a few of the fine-feathered birds up close. For further information, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8000.

Establishing a New Endangered Mexican Wolf Pack
Meet Apache and Ela, New Wolf Pair at Brookfield Zoo
With the start of a new year comes a new alpha wolf pair at Brookfield Zoo. Last month, a 7-year-old male Mexican wolf, named Apache, arrived from Albuquerque Bio Park in New Mexico. Animal care staff is hopeful that he and 2-year-old Ela will have a successful breeding season this winter and produce a litter of puppies this spring. Coincidentally, Ela’s name means earth in the Apache Native American language.

“While this is Ela’s first experience meeting a male outside of her natal pack, she is a confident wolf and we expect her to bond well with Apache,” said Joan Daniels, curator of mammals. “Ela’s familiarity with the successful den sites in the habitat at Brookfield Zoo and observations of her mother Zana rearing a litter in 2017 makes her the perfect partner for Apache.”

Due to Brookfield Zoo’s breeding success in the past, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ (AZA) Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan requested the zoo establish this new breeding pair as well as participate in ongoing reproduction studies for the species. As part of its continued partnership in the multi-agency Mexican Wolf Recovery Program led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Chicago Zoological Society has contributed to the program. Over the years, CZS has collaborated on two cross-fosterings of pups born at the zoo, the release of one of its adult females to the wild (who subsequently had a litter of pups) and took part in population-wide fertility studies evaluating methods to improve pregnancy rates.

As one of the world’s rarest species, breeding in protective care amongst Mexican wolves is critical for the species’ survival. Currently, there are about 114 Mexican wolves living in the wild in the U.S. and approximately 31 in Mexico. The necessity of this transfer for the survival of this species makes the services provided by LightHawk even more crucial. LightHawk is a nonprofit organization that partners pilots with conservation organizations to help transfer endangered species to new homes. Pilot Chuck Yanke and Julie Trombley, his co-pilot, volunteered to fly Apache to Illinois.

“We are extremely grateful to Chuck and Julie for donating their time and services to help in the conservation efforts for the Mexican wolf,” added Daniels.

Back in October, all the wolves at Brookfield Zoo, with the exception of Ela, were placed at other facilities based on recommendations from the Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan.
March is the time to check the caulk around your tub and sinks! Leaky sinks mean higher water bills! Replace your furnace filter for a better air flow.

Give the Proviso Handyman Office a call to schedule an appointment or to register for our program – (708) 547-4001.

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

Aceves
Hugo Aceves. Dearly beloved husband of Nelly Martinez; loving father of Hugo Aceves and Andrea Daniela Aceves; beloved son of Jose De Jesus Aceves and Martha Alicia Aceves; dear brother of Jesus Aceves, Susy Aceves and Lupita Aceves. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Acey
Alfred Acey. Proud veteran of the United States Navy. Retired lieutenant of the Melrose Park Fire Department. Dearly beloved husband of the late Irene; loving father of Ken (Evan) and Karen (Ray) Medina; fond grandfather of Jessica, Cindy, Kenny and Gerard; dear brother of the late Dorothy Ebert; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery. Proud member of the VFW Post 2193.

Adducie
Danielle Marie Adducie, age 47, passed away Dec. 15, 2018. Beloved mother of Joey and Tony; cherished daughter of Marianne and the late Dennis; loving grandmother of Neela; dearest sister of Amy, April, Jimmy and Phillip; fond aunt of Ben, Jacob and Ascher. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment private.

Anthony
Romuald R. Anthony Sr., age 86, of Melrose Park, passed away Dec. 26, 2018. Beloved husband of Dorothy; loving father of Rich; dearest son of the late Roscoe and Pearl Anthony. Rom proudly served his country, earning his way through the ranks to become a sergeant in the Army during the Korean War, where he was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citizen Badge and Combat Infantryman Badge. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Bermejo
Filadelfo Bermejo. Dearly beloved husband of Estela; loving father of Leticia, Jose Luis, Lilia, Delia, Alberto, Yolanda, Victor, Maricela, Patricia and Elizabeth; loving grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Brunetti
Filippo Brunetti. Dearly beloved husband of Kelly (nee Bronk); cherished father of Charlotte and Brennan; beloved son of Vito and Clara Brunetti; dear son-in-law of Diane and William Riordan and the late James Bronk; loving brother of Antonio (Michelle) and Flora Brunetti; fond brother-in-law, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Buerger
Maria “Mary” Buerger, nee Petrella. Beloved wife of the late Herbert H. Buerger, passed away peacefully at her home on Dec. 14, 2018, at the age of 87. Loving mother of Laura (Pat) LaMontagna and Andrea (Bryan) Rhodes; cherished grandmother of Ashley (Vincent) Selsker, Patrick LaMontagna, Jessica Rhodes and Dylan Rhodes; devoted sister to Dora (late Charles) Felella and Joseph (Raeanne) Petrella; caring aunt and friend to many. She is preceded in death by her sister Viola (the late Frank) Mazzucca and her brother Vincent (Rose) Petrella. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West.

Caal
Carlos Caal. Dearly beloved husband of Olga; loving father of Dinora, Sandra, Alma, Jorge and Carlos; fond grandfather of Wilson, Edgar, Kevin, Jorge, Christopher, Jordan, Ajay, Jason, Yasmine, Karyna, Miriam and Jornelly; great-grandfather of Olivia, Bella, Alma and Edgar; dear brother of Marcos, Mario, Teresa, Marilza, Walter, the late Rolando and the late Rene. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.
Ramirez
Tomas "Tom" Ramirez. Dearly beloved husband of the late Eleanor Ramirez; loving father of Julia (Jerry) Rosales, Tomas G. Ramirez and Gina Leanor Ramirez; cherished grandfather of Kristen Rosales, Lilli Rosales, Camila Julietta Ramirez, Mateo Tomas Ramirez and Golden Geezus Noel Esparaza; dear brother of four; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Raspa
Saverio Raspa. Dearly beloved husband of Elisabetta (nee Celia); devoted father to Anna, Silvana (John) Peconio, Adriana (Joe) Delpino, Gabriella, Saverio (Jennifer Pacheco) and Mario (Mark) Tortortiello; loving nonno to Talia (Ted) Delpino Otte, Joseph Delpino, Gary Nocco, Nina and Nunzio Peconio, and Saverio Jr.; cherished brother of deceased siblings, Raffaellina David, Vincenzo and Giuseppe; respected uncle, cousin and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Rivera

Sabatino
Rosemary Sabatino, nee Guarino. Dearly beloved wife of Russell; loving mother of Russell (Victoria), Joseph (Ann) and John (Ann); cherished grandmother of Steven, Michael (Melissa), Tricia (Brian) Schroeder, John (Anne), Deanna (fiancee Matt Boyes), Nicolette (Kerry) Anderson and Joseph; cherished great-grandmother of Tyler and Milo; dear sister of Phyllis (the late Daniel) Huizinga, and the late Frank, the late Donna (Richard) Dziadosz; loving sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Salerno
Daniel Salerno, passed away in November 2018. Daniel was a resident of Illinois at the time of passing. Arrangements by Salerno’s Funeral Homes.

Scardino
James "Jim" Scardino. Beloved husband of Roslyn Scardino; loving father of Annamarie Bardill, Dorice Scardino and Michele Scardino; fond grandfather of Christina, Michael, Rosemary, Erica, Kevin, Anthony, Melissa and Danielle; fond great-grandfather of Sean, Lilliana, Analisa, Isiah, Olivia and Aiden; loving brother of Sam, Roger, Wayne (Mary Lou), John (Gabriel) and Janet; loving brother-in-law to Wally (Michele) and Chuck (Tammy); loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Scatchell
Jean "Bunny" Scatchell, nee Verba, age 85. Beloved wife of the late Silvio A. "Scatch"; beloved mother of Thomas (Lynn), James (Madeline) and John (Laura); mother-in-law of the late Sandra; fond grandmother of TJ (Alyssa), Jimmy (Christy), David (Rosie), Gia, Nicole, John Jr., Jackie (Tony) and Eddie; great-grandmother of Jimmy, Mia, Juliette, Gia, Silvio and Santino; dear sister of John (Barbara) Verba and Maisey (the late Joseph) Galloni. Arrangements by Cumberland Chapels. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

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Osman Suleymanov. Beloved husband of Anna (nee Lagioia); loving father of Brian and Mark (Shannon); fond grandfather of Brianna, Camden, Brayden and Bennett. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Trombatore
Biaggio "Joe" Trombatore, veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of Linda (nee Toriani); loving father of Lori (Rob) Rosengarten and Michael (Gabriela); cherished grandfather of Bobby, Nikolette, Danny and Mia; dear brother of Rosalie Nasca; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Proud Member of Ciaco.

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Donna Wilson. Beloved wife of the late George Wilson; loving mother of Melissa, Christopher and Christina; beloved mother-like figure to Melissa Kortas; dear sister to Robert (Susan) Hughes, Jacklyn (Mark) Haakonson and Doreen (Dennis) Brady; loving aunt, cousin and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

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