A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

A Melrose Park Welcome to Amazon!

Dear Neighbors,

I am both proud and excited to welcome one of America's preeminent businesses to Melrose Park ... AMAZON, who is opening their largest fulfillment center in the Chicagoland area on the site of the old Maywood Park Racetrack. They will occupy all the warehousing space that is nearing completion and will begin operations sometime in the next few months. Amazon will have between 500 and 900

employees working at this site.

Ronald M. Serpico Mayor

This is a real coup for our village. Amazon Fulfillment Centers are a highly sought-after business. Their warehousing jobs pay \$15 per hour which is much higher than the minimum wage. I will inform residents when hiring begins.

The prestige connected with having Amazon located here is immeasurable.

Mayor Ron Serpico Welcomes

amazon

Distribution Center To Melrose Park

Their presence attracts other businesses who want to be associated with this retail giant who is shaping the future of consumer shopping. Amazon employees will be spending money in our stores, restaurants and gas stations which means sales tax dollars that will keep the village's share of your real estate taxes under control. Another benefit, Amazon employees will want to live

near their work and this will certainly help home resale values in our area.

Amazon was interested in the Melrose Park location as soon as they learned of the warehouses being built on the site of the shuttered racetrack. They liked our location near the Proviso Railroad Yard, O'Hare Field and Chicago, with easy access to major tollways and expressways. They were impressed with the availability of a qualified workforce; affordable but quality housing for employees; nearby hospitals; Melrose Park's low water rate; and our village's pro-business attitude. Amazon was so impressed they never considered any other location.

Where once stood an abandoned rat-infested racetrack will now stand an American business that has become the gold standard for how companies must operate in this new technological era.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - 2020 U.S. CENSUS

I want to alert everyone to a mid-March mailing asking what format you wish to use in filling out the 2020 U.S. Census Form. Your choices will include filling out the form online, by phone or by mail. Census takers will start visiting non-compliant residences in mid-May for the purpose of having a person living at that address fill out the form. The every 10-year census is so important that our "Founding Fathers" incorporated it into the *U.S. Constitution*.

The census data dictates where billions in federal and state funds will be allocated for government programs ranging from education and health care to public safety to infrastructure and veterans' programs. It is estimated that our village will lose around \$1,500 per person annually in government funding for every resident who is not counted ... this could result in a loss of revenue in the millions over the next 10 years.

Your census answers are strictly confidential and there will be NO questions regarding one's citizenship status.

In the 2010 Census, less than 75 percent of the residents in Melrose Park completed the census and were not counted. In 2020 let's all get counted ... it is one of the most important things you can do as a resident to help build a better future for Melrose Park.

The village has established resources for any questions regarding the 2020 Census; you can email Census2020@MelrosePark.org or contact Jack Stonebraker at (708) 731-3700.

Sincerely.

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

Mayor Ron Serpico

Early Voting for the March 17, 2020 — Presidential Primary Election
Runs Monday, March 2, thru Monday, March 16 at the
Village of Melrose Park, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park (First Floor Multi-Purpose Room).

March 2-7 and March 14 and 16 — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • March 8 and March 15 — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • March 9-13 — 9 a.m.-7 p.m.



Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk Trustees

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi



To Know

Village Hall(708) 343-4000
Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m5 p.m.
Birth Certificates • First Copy – \$15, additional copies \$4 each.
Death Certificates • First Copy – \$17, additional copies \$6 each.
Water, Tickets, Etc.
Office of the Mayor(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4410
Police Emergency911
Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409
Animal Control(708) 344-8409
Fire Emergency911
Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210
Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000
Library(708) 343-3391
Public Works(708) 343-5128
Building and Code(708) 343-4000
Civic Center(708) 450-0555
Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.
Community Service(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448
Senior Services(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448
Taste of Melrose Park
Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047
Proviso Township Assessor(708) 449-4304
Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board Meetings......March 9 and 23, April 13 and 27
Village Hall Holiday Closings......April 10, May 25
Senior Social Club Meetings.....April 9

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico...

Many thanks to you for supporting our 11th annual Blast from the Past fundraiser for Misericordia. Together with your help and generosity we raised \$10,500 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 that 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, Schwings, Joey's Pizza, Capri, Corner Bakery, Allstate Arena, il Vicolo, Papaspiros and Village Pub.

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 Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota...

Thank you for sending the books Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom!

• With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Sr. Saly Thomas, Sacred Heart School, Melrose Park

Dear Melrose Park Firefighters and Paramedics, Shift 3, Station 2...

Recently, my family was involved in an accident. We were rear-ended at a high rate of speed and you were sent out.

My older son has some sensory issues, so I was really worried about how he was going to react.

I did my best to prepare him and hoped for the best.

In the end, there was nothing to worry about thanks to you.

All of you were amazing. You took a very scary time and made it fun for my boys. All they can talk about was sitting in the fire truck. My older son, who I was concerned about, thinks it was the best night ever.

I'm happy to say that we are all OK. My younger son, who had the bloody wiggly tooth, got a visit from the Tooth Fairy thanks to the accident.

Thank you for keeping my boys calm and being so kind to my family.

• Thank you for everything you did,

The Alberti Family

Tony, Heather, Derek and Brandon

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi...

On Jan. 19, 2020, the Berwyn Police Department experienced the sudden and tragic loss of our fellow officer, Chuck Schauer.

Officer Schauer was a highly respected member of our department and will be greatly missed by all.

We wish to thank you and your department for honoring Officer Schauer with your participation in his funeral procession.

With deepest thanks and gratitude,
 Michael D. Cimaglia, Chief of Police, Berwyn Police Department

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi...

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you and your staff for the show of support your agency provided at the recent funeral services for our son, Officer Charles A. Schauer, of the Berwyn Police Department.

This has been a very difficult time for our family but your agency's participation in the services has helped tremendously in easing the pain of losing him. Chuck loved being a police officer and we'll always be indebted to your agency for the support shown by his fellow police officers.

Again, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the presence of the Melrose Park Police Department at the funeral arrangements.

If I can ever be of assistance to you or your agency, please do not hesitate to contact me.

 Sincerely, Charles A. Schauer, Elmwood Park

2020 Census Information is Coming Soon



In just a couple weeks you will be receiving your 2020 Census Invitation and we need everyone to complete the census as soon as possible to ensure that we have an accurate count of everyone that lives in Melrose Park to ensure that we receive the proper amount of federal funds that are allocated based on census data.

Mark Your Calendar... Important 2020 Census Dates

- March 12-20: Initial invitations to respond online and by phone will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with the invitation to respond online or over the phone.
- March 16-24: Reminder letters will be delivered.
- March 26-April 3: Reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not responded.
- April 8-16: Reminder letters and paper questionnaires will be delivered to remaining households that have not responded.
- April 20-27: Final reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not yet responded before census takers follow up in person.

If a household does not respond to any of the invitations, a census taker will follow up in person sometime between May 13 and July 31.

To learn more about the 2020 Census including getting a preview of the census questionnaire, visit https://2020census.gov.

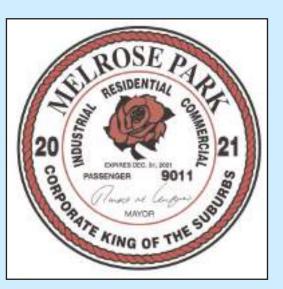
Please complete the 2020 Census for everyone living at your residence as soon as you receive the census questionnaire! Everyone counts and we need to get counted early!







Notice Regarding Melrose Park Vehicle Stickers



Village Vehicle Stickers Expired Dec. 31, 2019.

New Stickers Can be Purchased at the Village Hall.

Sticker Fee for Passenger Vehicles is
\$30 for Two Years (2020-2021).

Truck Fees Vary Based on the Type of Class/Plate and Are Good for One Year Only (2020).

Seniors Over 65 Years of Age are Free.

One free two-year sticker for a passenger vehicle or one free one-year sticker for a B-Truck vehicle registered to a person over 65 years in age.

Limit one free sticker per household.

If there is a second passenger or B-Truck vehicle registered to a senior in the household, a second senior sticker will be sold for half price.

Acceptable proof for a senior sticker is a valid driver's license or state ID card,

For more information, please call (708) 343-4000 or visit www.melrosepark.org.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION IS NEEDED TO PURCHASE STICKERS. NO EXCEPTIONS.



Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Department

A Message from Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame

Islami, Wrosch Visit Rochelle's Little Angels



Captain Islami and
Assistant Chief Wrosch
gave a fire safety talk to
children at Rochelle's
Little Angels Daycare on
Friday, Jan. 17, 2020. A
springtime visit is
planned to show the
children one of Melrose
Park's fire engines.

On behalf of the Melrose Park Fire Department, the Melrose Park Firemen's Association would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our 2019 Raffle Dinner and Commemorative Ad Book a major success, including the following supporters:

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor, Village of Melrose Park **Superior Ambulance Service Guerine and Company, Inc. Mireva's Unisex Restore Disaster Restoration Experts Taverna on Division Street Al Piemonte NISSAN Cerami Construction Company, Ltd. Fire 4 Hire Painting** Cerniglia Co. **Schaumburg Fire Dept. Global Emergency Products** Pan American Bank & Trust J & J Sealcoating **Gottlieb Center for Fitness Air One Equipment** JKS Ventures, Inc. **D & P Construction Co., Inc.** Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc. Mickinzie-Vertuno Memorial F.O.P. Lodge 19 C.P.S. Inc. Elite Electric Co., Inc. **Special T Unlimited**

Meadowcreek Mobile Park, Inc. **Veterans Park District Tony's Charitable Organization Silt Pro Erosion Control Action Painting Company, Inc.** The Mucerino Family **Asst. Fire Chief (Ret.) Joseph A. Casale Carbonara Funeral Home C & O Window Cleaning LLC Carmel Hall Raffle** SJS Real Estate and Development, Inc. Flowers of Italy Club **Tom Olson, President, Triton College Foundation Truck Alignment Specialist Duke of Oil Del Galdo Law Group, LLC** Signco Glenn A. Kushner, M.D. **O'Hare Towing Service Enviro Tech International, Inc. Abruzzo's Division Lounge & Italian Restaurant** Olympia Maintenance, Inc. **Wall Capital Group**

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A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi Director of Police



Visit the Melrose Park Police Department Website at www.melroseparkpd.com

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

The website can be translated to Spanish and Polish.

CRIME TIPS Carjackers Rely on the Element of Surprise

Carjackers rely on the element of surprise to carry out their crime. To be successful, carjackers look for victims who aren't paying attention to their surroundings. Most victims report never seeing the carjacker until they are already being approached and forced from their vehicle.

Carjackings have devastated the lives of many over the years and they continue to do so today. As a result, carjacking survivors are often left with constant fear every time they get behind the wheel. Others refuse to ever drive again.

Carjacking is a very serious crime. To reduce your chances of becoming a carjacking victim, always be on alert whenever you are exiting and entering your car, paying close attention to your surroundings.

To reduce your risk of being a carjacking victim, take heed of the following safety precautions:

- Be suspicious of anyone sitting in a nearby car.
- Don't be afraid to ask for a store security guard to walk you to your car.
- If someone tries to approach you, retreat back into the building from which you came.
- Always be cautious and look around the outside of your car and inside before entering.
- Avoiding parking near walls, bushes, dumpsters and other surroundings that someone can hide behind.
- Be aware of individuals handing out flyers, selling candy or merchandise in and around parking areas.
- If you plan to arrive or leave a place after dark, park in areas that you know will be well lit at night.
- Make sure you are not being followed and always look around as you load shopping bags and other goods into your car.
- Get into the habit of swiftly entering your vehicle, locking your doors, starting your engine, and driving away as quickly and safely as possible.
- Use valet parking whenever possible. Only supply the valet with the vehicle key.
 - Take all other keys with you when exiting the vehicle.
- Always drive with your car doors locked.
- Listen to your instincts. If you sense something is not right, leave the area.
- Do not argue with the perpetrator.
 - Give up your keys and/or other personal items as demanded.
- Avoid driving with your windows down in areas where you have to make frequent stops at lights and intersections.
- If you are carjacked, immediately call the police.
 - Do not try to follow the carjacker!
- When in traffic, if possible, attempt to leave room between your car and the car in front of you so as you can quickly drive away if approached by a criminal.
- If an individual bumps your vehicle from behind with his own car, be suspicious.
 - Wave for him to follow you to a heavily populated area or local police.
- Never willingly get into the car with the carjacker, no matter what he says.
 - Just throw your keys, run and yell for help.
- Record your vehicle identification number and license plate number on a piece of paper and keep it with your driver's license.
 - In the case of a carjacking, the police will require this information.
 - The quicker you can provide it to them, the better.

Community Awareness Bulletin PARKING LAWS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

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

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



Melrose Park Village Hall News

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

Birth Certificates – \$15 each, \$4 per additional certification or copy requested.

We only provide birth certificates if the individual was born in Melrose Park.

Birth certificates can be only be obtained

by the individual themselves, a parent, or legal guardian.

A valid ID is required or in a legal guardian case, the proper documentation is required along with the valid ID.

Death Certificates

Death Certificates (Including Fetal Death) – \$17 each, \$6 per additional certification or copy requested.

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.



E AD RESERVATION FORM

Save the Dates!

Next Issue – April 2020 (Deadline for material March 25, 2020.) Schedule for 2020 April, June, August, October and December

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Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

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

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

Ad Size (Please Circle): Full Page 1/2 Page

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)

Date		TheResE
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City		
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Phone	Fax	

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 17Early Voting Runs Monday, March 2-Monday, March 16.

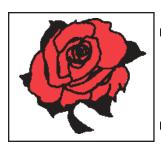
Vote Democratic!

Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

asks that you please consider voting for the following candidates:

FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT JESUS "CHUY" GARCIA	PUNCH 31
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 77TH DISTRICT KATHLEEN WILLIS	PUNCH 111
FOR COMMISSIONER, METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT MICHAEL G. GRACE EIRA L. CORRAL SEPULVEDA PATRICIA THERESA FLYNN	121 127 129
FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY, COOK COUNTY BILL CONWAY	PUNCH 142
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Paid for by Citizens to Elect Ronald M. Serpico, Sr.



Melrose Park Public Library



IN PERSON, ONLINE, WE BRING YOU THE WORLD.

Adult Services

Curious Proviso Program

Join us on Saturday March 14, 2020 when the Melrose Park Public Library hosts local author /historian Robert C. Cox. Come to learn more about the curious past, as well as the present and the future of Proviso East High School.

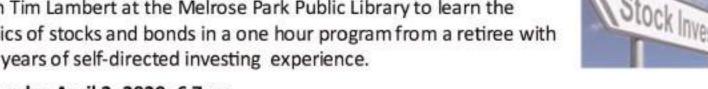
Saturday March 14, 2020: 11:00am



CURIOUS PROVISO ROBERT C. COX

Stock & Bond Investing Program

Join Tim Lambert at the Melrose Park Public Library to learn the basics of stocks and bonds in a one hour program from a retiree with 43 years of self-directed investing experience.



Thursday April 2, 2020: 6-7pm

Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, sponsored by Triton College, will provide



Tax Preparation Assistance for Seniors (60+) from low- to moderate- income households at the Melrose Park Public Library on Monday mornings.

> Appointments are necessary. Please call Triton College at 708.456.0300, Ext. 3895, for information and appointments.

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

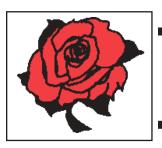


www.MPPLibrary.org

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

NEW Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00am-7:00pm Saturday, 10:00am - 2:00pm Closed last Saturday of the month Memorial Day-Labor Day closed every Saturday Sunday, Closed



Melrose Park Public Library



IN PERSON, ONLINE, WE BRING YOU THE WORLD.

Youth Services

Sing-Along Story-Time

Join our interactive preschool program for great fun hearing stories, singing songs, and socializing! Ages 1-5 with a caregiver.

Wednesday Mornings 10-11 a.m.





Tinker Tuesdays

Drop into the library for fun activities and crafts with all our amazing supplies!

Ages 5 -14.

Every Tuesday 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Challenge Yourself

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

Thursday, March 19 4-5 p.m.



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

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



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

Flags representing the United States of America, the state of Illinois, the village of Melrose Park, the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marines, United States Coast Guard and POW/MIA have been displayed on lightpoles within the village.

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

Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military

Attention Residents

The village of Melrose Park would like to know of any residents who are currently serving in the military. If you have a family member or know of a resident who is, please contact Patti Dindia via email – pd@melrosepark.org or phone – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4410.











It's Time to Early-Bird Register: MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Register Now! Space is Limited. For children 4-7 years of age!

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

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

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

\$125 per child (Melrose Park residents).

Nonresidents Fee - \$450 Per Child

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

Melrose Park Public Safety News







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

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 AlertTM 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 TM required for radios, optional for other devices.)
- External antenna jack: While most receivers come with a whip antenna you usually can extend to improve reception, depending on your location you also may need an external antenna. Some receivers come with an external antenna jack so you can connect to a larger antenna indoors or outdoors. You can often buy these antennas where you bought your receiver or from most stores with an electronics department. NWR broadcasts are in the Public Service VHF frequencies, just above FM radio and between the current TV channels 6 and 7. An antenna designed for analog VHF televisions or FM radios should work.

Melrose Park Keeps Citizens Safe with Updated Everbridge Citizen Alerts System

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors





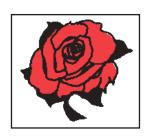




Come Join in the Fun with Instructor Barb Rubright of Rube's Garage! Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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

Registration for 2020 Senior Social Club

We're looking for members to join our Social Club. You must be 55 years or older and a Melrose Park resident.

Yearly membership fee is \$20 pre-paid for all meetings which includes lunches!

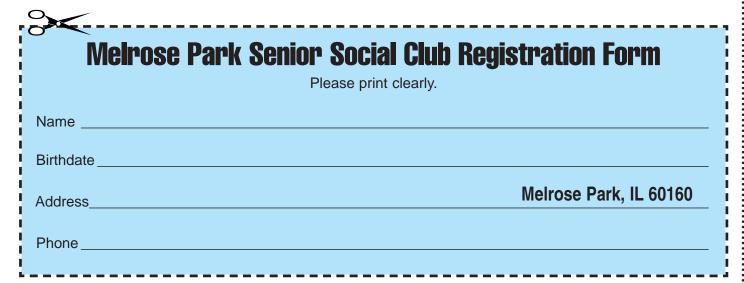
Pre-registration is mandatory one week prior to meeting by calling (708) 531-5330, Ext. 4452.

No refunds.

To register, please complete the

Melrose Park Senior Social Club Registration Form and mail it to:

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





Happy St. Patrick's Day!

2020 Melrose Park Senior Social Club Meeting/Lunch Dates

April 9 • May 14 • June 11 Aug. 13 • Oct. 8 Nov. 12 • Dec. 10

Senior Services

Need help with Medicare, veterans benefits, circuit breakers, etc.?

Need sources for home health care, equipment, etc.?

Have questions you need resources for? We can help.

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

The Melrose Park Senior Center 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.

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

MELROSE PARK
TAEKWONDO
PROGRAM
USNTF 2019
Christmas Tourney
First Place Finishers





Register Now!

Complete, Clip and Mail the MP Taekwondo Program Registration Form Today!

Village of Melrose Park Taekwondo Program Registration Form

Please clip and mail with payment (check made payable to Melrose Park Taekwondo Program) to:

Melrose Park Taekwondo Program • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

Name		Age
Address		
City	State Zip)
Phone	Email	

The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School is offering martial arts classes at the Melrose Park Civic

Center, located at 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park).

All classes are led by a team of instructors and assistants dedicated to teaching the best in form, sparring and discipline.



Classes run five days a week with students ranging in age from 4 and up.

Interested parties are cordially invited to stop by and try one class for free!

WHAT IS TAEKWONDO?

Taekwondo is one of the most systematic and scientific Korean traditional martial arts that teaches more than physical fighting skills. It is a discipline that shows ways of enhancing our spirit and life through training our body and mind. Today it has become a global sport that has gained an international reputation and stands among the official games in the Olympics.



GRANDMASTER
Duk Gun Kwon
Ninth Degree
Black Belt
Oversees the
curriculum for the
taekwondo program.



Se Habla Español.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING

Residents: \$50 per month.

Nonresidents: \$60 per month.

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.

Melrose Park Civic Center

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

Hall Rental Information

Multi-Purpose Room

Anniversaries • Birthdays • Business Meetings • Graduations • Quinceañeras • Weddings • Etc.

150 Maximum Capacity Including Children

Days and Nights Available

Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. • Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-Midnight • Sundays • 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Hall Rentals Include:

Room • Security • Setup of Table and Chairs

Use of Kitchen (Includes Ice Machine, Microwave, Refrigerator and Stove)

Gym Rental for Recreational Purposes

Full Court - Call (708) 450-0555 for Cost and Availability

Football/Soccer Field Rental

Call (708) 450-0555 for Cost and Availability

Melrose Park Senior Center

900 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park

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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.

Come visit our surrounding park. Perfect for taking pictures for all occasions.

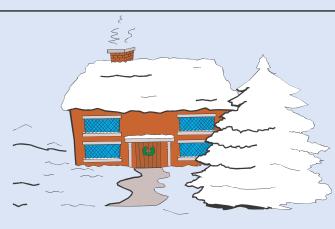
Stop by our front desk and we can answer any questions you may have about your next party or event.

We can accommodate most party requests. For more information, call (708) 450-0555.



Village of Melrose Park

Mayor Serpico's
Snow Removal
Program
for Senior and
Special Needs Residents



RESIDENTS
MUST
PRE-REGISTER
EVERY SEASON.

This service is offered to seniors (65 and older), disabled with special needs and those who have no family or neighbors to help.

AT 6 INCHES OR MORE OF PREDICTED FALLING SNOW, YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE SNOW REMOVAL LIST.

WE WILL DO A PATH FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR TO THE STREET AND A SWIPE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY.

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

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

TO RESERVE SERVICES FROM THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
FOR THE FULL WINTER SEASON, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND MAIL
THE MAYOR SERPICO AND THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK SNOW REMOVAL RESERVATION FORM TO:
Village of Melrose Park, Snow Removal • 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

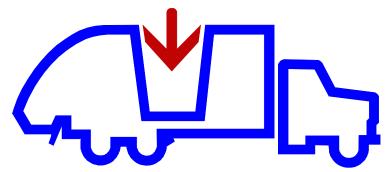
Mayor Serpico and the Village of Melrose Park Snow Removal Reservation Form

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

Name	
Address	
Phone_	Age

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

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Village of Melrose Park Residental Garbage Pickup Information

Republic Services Garbage Schedule for Residential Bi-Weekly Pickup

24th Avenue to 11th Avenue – Tuesday and Friday
Winston Park Area – Tuesday and Friday
West Melrose – Tuesday and Friday
North of North Avenue – Tuesday and Friday
Republic Services is contracted to pick up your regular, everyday garbage and household items, such as couches, tables, mattresses, box springs, desks and chairs, etc.

Yard waste is collected on Friday from April through November and must be placed in a 33 gallon refuse can or biodegradable paper bags. Plastic bags will not be accepted.

All items are to be put out the night before or morning of scheduled garbage pickup.

Winston Park Area and West Melrose – Once garbage has been picked up, garbage container is to be removed from curb line and placed back on resident's property.

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department Garbage Pickup Schedule

24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – North Side from Cortez to North Avenue – Monday 24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – South Side from Cortez to Main Street – Tuesday Winston Park Area – Wednesday West Melrose – Thursday North of North Avenue – Thursday

The village of Melrose Park Public Works Department pickup items includes all household remodeling items (homeowner/self – not contractor) such as kitchen and bathroom cabinets, drywall and cement.

First truck load (one) pickup free – after first truckload a fee will be charged or removed by the homeowner.

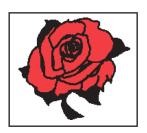
All items are to be put out the night before or before 7 a.m. the morning of scheduled garbage pickup.

Once village trucks have passed and picked up items, the trucks will not pass again.

Any other garbage items are not be left out and are to be put out for the next scheduled pickup.

This service is for Melrose Park residents in single and two-flat buildings only. Commercial and apartment buildings must use a private scavenger company.

Village of Melrose Park Public Works summer hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m. This information is also available at www.melrosepark.org.



Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report From the Desk of Gary Marine, Director of Public Works

TV Pickup

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

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.

2020 50/50 Sidewalk Program

If you would like participate in 2020 - 50/50 Sidewalk Project to request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at 708-343-5128 for more information.

2020 Tree Planting for Parkways

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway for 2020 (one tree per household), we are compiling a list for 2020 Fall Tree Planting. To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

2041 N. 18th Ave. Parking Lot

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department 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 Melrose Park Village Hall. Parking permits are issued quarterly and the fee is \$100 a quarter. Please follow snowfall signs posted.

MP Dog Park

The village of Melrose Park Dog Park hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall. The fenced-in Dog Park

is located at 13th and Main Street. Dog Park licenses are available at



25th Avenue Municipal Lot

Under Mayor Serpico's direction, the lot on 25th Avenue and Augusta has been paved and open for free parking to residents. The lot on the northeast corner of 25th and Augusta has been paved for additional free parking for residents.

The Civic Center's east and west lots have been repaved as well. Please follow snowfall signs posted.

Street Paving

The Public Works Department is compiling a list for future streets to be paved in 2020.

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.

VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED

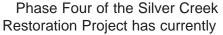
Fall Leaves Pickup

Village of Melrose Park Village Ordinance 864.010-

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

Silver Creek Restoration Project Phase Four

Under the direction of Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, the village of Melrose Park Public Works employees are constructing the Silver Creek Eagle Nest Park. This is a natural preserve that will include a walking path and pavilion/gazebo along with a canoe/kavak launch.



been halted due to the inclement weather. Construction will start back up in the spring.

All are welcome to visit the location and see if they can spot the American bald eagle that frequents the area. The eagle has been spotted perched on trees, flying in the area and fishing for food in the creek.





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.

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.

2020 Senior Painting Program – Apply Now!

Mayor Service announced the Village of Melrose Park will once again offer the free Residential Painting Program for individuals 65 years of age and older who reside and own a single family home in Melrose Park. Those who qualify and need light paint work around their homes – fences, garage doors, railings, etc., (no interior painting or no interior or exterior carpentry) – are encouraged to complete the MP Painting Program Request Form (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

2020 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2020.

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

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.



2020 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 (Friday, Sept. 4-Sunday, Sept. 6).



WELCOME TO THE 39TH ANNUAL TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

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 39th Annual Taste of Melrose Park, which will take place over Labor Day weekend, September 4th, 5th & 6th.

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 2020; 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. 4452 or 4448.

Thank you,

Ronald M. Serpico Mayor of Melrose Park

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

\$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



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

More Sponsorship Opportunities

\$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR

Your Company Logo
Printed On Volunteer Shirts
(T-Shirt Space Will Be Limited)
Must submit by June 1st.

\$2,500.00 OLYMPIC SPONSOR

Helps Underwrite Street Performers, Trolley Rides, and Fireworks Your Ad Will Scroll On An 8 x 15 Screen 6:00 PM - Close Each Night

\$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.

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

Please	Select	One of	
the Fol	lowing	Packages	

\$7,500.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR

\$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Sponsor Name: _____

\$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR

\$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR

Contact Name and Title:

\$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR (Submit by June 1st)

Street Address:

City, State: Zip:

\$2,500.00 OLYMPIC SPONSOR

Phone: _______ \$1,000.00 VIDEO WALL SPONSOR

Email:

\$500.00 2 x 4 COLOR BILLBOARD

\$750.00 3 X 4 COLOR BANNER

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.

\$400.00 9.25 x 5.5 COLOR AD

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 2019 Taste Ad Artwork

Please Use Our Previous 2019 Taste Billboard Artwork

Please Use Our Previous 2019 Taste Banner Artwork

See Page 24 for the 39th Annual Taste of Melrose Park Sponsorship Details!

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



Business Development Breakfast – Tuesday, March 10 Capitalizing on the Enterprise Zone Tax Incentives

As of Jan. 1, 2020, Melrose Park businesses are part of the West Region Enterprise Zone and may qualify for a number of cost savings tax incentives. This seminar will provide specifics and guidance for businesses on how to take advantage of these new incentives, including sales tax exemption on building materials, machinery/equipment sales tax credit, investment tax credit on qualified property and jobs tax credit. A continental breakfast will be served. This program is complimentary. Advanced registration is required.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 • 8:30 a.m.

Melrose Park Civic Center • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, III.

To register for this business development seminar, please visit the events section on our website at www.mpcccd.org.

For additional information, please email the MPCCCD at info@mpcccd.org.

Chamber Membership, Join Today!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce works with, and supports businesses and local organizations to support the development of our community. Businesses and community organizations are encouraged to join the chamber and become part of vibrant economic and business development opportunities. Visit www.mpcccd.org and check out the benefits section offering several levels of memberships. Register online to become a member and take advantage of the opportunities offered through membership. The chamber offices are located at 1708 N. Main Street in Melrose Park. You can reach the chamber team by calling (708) 371-3700 or email at info@mpcccd.org.

Welcome New Chamber Members...

D&P Construction • US Minority Contractors Association • Cement Masons Local 502
Caputo Cheese Market • Sahara Home Care • Elite Electric • Development Services Corporation
Kutchins, Robbins and Dimond • Sprint Corporation • Malone Workforce Solutions

Follow Us on Facebook!

Stay up-to-date on happenings with the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development by following us on Facebook.

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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

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

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





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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 immigración, 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 siguimento 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.

Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

Take notice that the village of Melrose Park, Cook County, III., 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 2020 is: March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27; May 11 and Tuesday, May 26; June 8 and 22; July 13 and 27; Aug. 10 and 24; Sept. 14 and 28; Tuesday, Oct. 13 and 26; Nov. 9 and 23; and Dec. 14 and 28.

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 10, 2020; Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 2020; Independence Day - Friday, July 3, 2020; Labor Day -Monday, Sept. 7, 2020; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 12, 2020; Veterans Day - Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020; Thanksgiving Day -Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 27, 2020; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020; Christmas Day - Friday, Dec. 25, 2020; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) -Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.

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

Programs & Hoppenings

Early Childhood

"Seussational" Birthday Celebrations, Ages 3-5

This class celebrates the month of Dr. Seuss's birthday by playing games, reading stories and creating crafts. Each child will take home fun crafts and learn how to celebrate "Seuss" style!

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-Noon, March 5-19;
 Residents \$29/Nonresidents \$44; Bulger Park
 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

Advanced registration required. Call (708) 343-5270/(708) 716-4822 or visit www.vpdpark.org.

Youth Classes

Watercolor Painting Beginners, Ages 6+

Children who express themselves through painting take part in a fun and fulfilling activity. Through this class, children will become more creative, increase their critical-thinking skills and will gain a lifelong appreciation of art. By teaching your children painting, you're also opening them up to an entire world of artistic expression! All supplies are included and you will finish two to three projects to take home.

 Mondays, 5-6 p.m., March 16-April 20; Residents \$48/Nonresidents \$58; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Tumbling, Ages 4-5 and Ages 6-10

Level is based on child's ability/prior experience/skills. The ages below are merely suggestions. It is intended for children to progress into next level after mastering skills from prior level. Instructor will assess and advise if a different level is more appropriate.

- Level 1: Beginner tumblers will learn forward rolls, cartwheels, bridges and jumps. Strength and flexibility are also needed to progress into the higher-level classes. Parents may stay with young children.
 - Ages 4-5; Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., March 25-May 13; Residents \$45/Nonresidents \$60; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.
- Level 2: This class is designed to perfect your child's beginner skills and add new skills. Skills to be taught are backbends, handstand forward rolls and round-offs.
 - Ages 6-10; Wednesdays, 6:10-7:10 p.m.; March 25-May 13;
 Residents \$45/Nonresidents \$60; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N.
 24th Ave., Melrose Park.
- Level 3: This class is designed to take your child's skills to the next level and also to learn new skills, such as back walk-over and back hand spring. Children must be able to safely execute the following skills before attending this class backbends, handstand, forward rolls and round-offs.
 - Ages 6-10; Wednesdays, 7:20-8:20 p.m., March 25-May 13; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Youth Athletics

Soccer Drills and Skills, Ages 5-10

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

 Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 6-May 13 (Makeup date: May 18); Residents \$45/Nonresidents \$60; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Advanced registration required. Call (708) 343-5270/(708) 716-4822 or visit www.vpdpark.org.

Active Adults

Day Trip to Shrine of Christ's Passion

Take a journey through the Passion of Christ along this half-mile walking trail in St. John, Ind. The Prayer Trail has 40 life-size bronze sculptures in a tranquil setting. Complete with beautiful music and amazingly sculptured gardens. For lunch we will take a short trip to Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville, Ind. Our entrée Canadian Yellow Lake Perch w/boiled red potatoes/green beans/coleslaw/juice and dessert.

• Friday, March 27; Depart: 8:30 a.m., Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake, or 8:45 a.m., Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park; Return: 4:30 p.m.; \$70 per person.

Advanced registration required. Call (708) 343-5270/(708) 716-4822 or visit www.vpdpark.org.

Stop by the park to pick up the VPD 2020 Winter/Spring Program Guide or log on to www.vpdpark.org to view online.

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

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Ballet and dance classes will be starting in March 2020

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Saturday, March 7

Come see what VPD Preschool has to offer!

Veterans Park District Preschool
112 N Wolf Road
Northlake
11 AM-1 PM

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Bulger Preschool 1601 Hirsch Street Melrose Park 10 AM-12 PM

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Come join our teaching staff at our Open House! You will be able to explore the classroom, learn about our curriculum, take home registration information and ask questions about the upcoming 2020-2021 preschool year.

Please call (708) 731-5290 for more information.

Hope to see you there!

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Programs & Happenings



DAY 1 - Get to know you!

If you don't know your friends at the camp, after today you will! We will be playing games and doing art projects, all to get to know your friends that you will be spending the week with!

DAY 2 - Olympics Day

We will play every sport imaginable today and everyone will be winning the gold! If sports aren't your thing, that's okay. We will have arts and crafts themed from all over the world to have funwith as well.

DAY 3 - Field Trip (TBA)

DAY 4 - Today's Your Birthday!

Even if today isn't your birthday we will be celebrating it with treats, games, and so much more throughout the day. Why can't we have more than one birthday a year?

DAY 5 - Celebrating Spring

We will be tie dying, making our own sidewalk chalk, and having relay races.

Dates: March 30, 31, April 1, 2, 3

Time: 9 AM-4 PM

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center

Fees: R \$140/N \$160 Before Care: 8-9 AM

Fee: R \$30/N \$50 After Eare: 4-5 PM

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Programs & Happenings



FLASHLIGHT CANDY & EGG HUNT

AGES 6-10

Thursday, April 2 • 8 PM Gouin Park Playground, Franklin Park

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

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

EGG & CANDY HUNT

AGES 2-10

Saturday, April 4 • 9:30 AM Trumbull Park Playground, River Grove

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

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

EGG SCRAMBLER

AGES 2-10

Friday, April 3 • 6:30-7:30 PM George A. Leoni Complex Indoor Turf, Melrose Park

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

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA

ALL AGE FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, April 4 • 11 AM-12:30 PM Grant Park Glick Hall, Northlake

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

FREE FAMILY EVENT!





Programs & Hoppenings



FAMILY INDOOR GARAGE SALE

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Saturday, April 25 • 9 AM-2:30 PM Grant Park Gymnasium, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake

Come out and shop at the VPD community garage sale. Time to clean out your attic, closets or garage for items to sell. Time to upsell your baby clothes, toys, games, tools, books or anything else you may have. Tables are available on a first come, first served basis.

Registration is required in order to reserve your space.

Set up time is from 8 to 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 20.



Programs & Happenings

Register early for Summer Day Camp, Special Recreation Camp, Sports Camp and Gouin Pool Early Bird Passes.

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Triton College RSVP Offers Free Tax Assistance

Trained Volunteers Provided Through Internal Revenue Service's Tax Program for the Elderly (TCE)

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, sponsored by Triton College in River Grove, is offering the Internal Revenue Service's Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), a free program for community members age 60 and older from low- to moderate-income households.

Volunteer tax assistors are specially trained to help individuals complete their taxes. The assistance includes helping participants complete federal tax forms, 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040, and state income tax forms. All tax returns are submitted electronically once completed.

"This is a valuable program we offer to the community. Each year we help approximately 900 taxpayers who are 60 and older file their state and federal income tax returns electronically for free," said Kay Frey, RSVP director. "The volunteers can also inform the seniors of tax credits they may qualify for."

Those seeking assistance must make an appointment by calling Triton's RSVP Office at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3895, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. After receiving a scheduled date and time participants should bring W-2 forms from all employers, Form 1099s (interest statements from banks), a copy of last year's tax return and any other relevant tax information to the appointment.

The tax assistance program will be offered now through Tuesday, April 14, at various locations throughout the community. The location schedule is currently as follows:

- Mondays: Melrose Park Public Library.
- Tuesdays: The Elmwood Park Senior Center and the Eisenhower Library in Harwood Heights.
- Wednesdays: The Proviso Township Office in Hillside.
- Thursdays: Leyden Township's Westdale Park in Melrose Park.
- Fridays: The Senior Assistance Center in Norridge.
- Saturdays: Triton College.

Triton College's RSVP has provided this program for more than 25 years in partnership with the IRS. Volunteer tax assistors are specially trained to help people complete their taxes. The volunteer tax assistors are individuals who are college-aged students as well as older adults.

For more information on RSVP and TCE tax assistance, or to schedule an appointment, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3895.

Triton College Seniors Training Academy Recruits (STARS) Program seeking volunteers

Senior Volunteers Will Help Police Recruits Refine Interpersonal Communication Skills

The Cook County Sherriff's Police Training Academy and Triton College's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) are looking for older adults to volunteer for STARS Interview Day, an instructional program for new police recruits. The interactive program helps the police academy recruits

refine their interview and report-writing skills by practicing with the senior volunteers.

"The STARS Program is an excellent opportunity for seniors who would like to volunteer in their community. The Interview Day puts the police recruits in simulated real-life scenarios providing a training experience that better equips them for person-to-person interaction on their neighborhood beats," said Kay Frey, RSVP director.

Volunteer training for the Seniors Training Academy Recruits for Success (STARS) Program is Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m., in the Robert M. Collins Center (R Building), Room R-221, on Triton College's east campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove.

The STARS Interview Day will take place on Thursday, March 26, 11:15 a.m.-4 p.m., also in Room R-221. Refreshments will be served. Each participant will receive a certificate of appreciation upon completion of the STARS Interview Day.

For more information or to volunteer, call Triton's RSVP Office at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3603 or 3835, or email kayfrey@triton.edu.

Early-Bird Register Now! Triton College Foundation 23rd Annual Golf Outing Wednesday, June 17

White Pines Golf Club • Bensenville Individual Golfers — \$135 Foursomes — \$540

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Includes one foursome, hole signage on two courses and name/logo on promotional material for event.

It's that time again! The Triton College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization will host its 23rd annual golf outing on Wednesday, June 17, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. The event, open to novice and skilled golfers alike, will kick off at 10 a.m., with an 18-hole round of golf, golf carts, goodie bags, lunch, dinner and prizes.

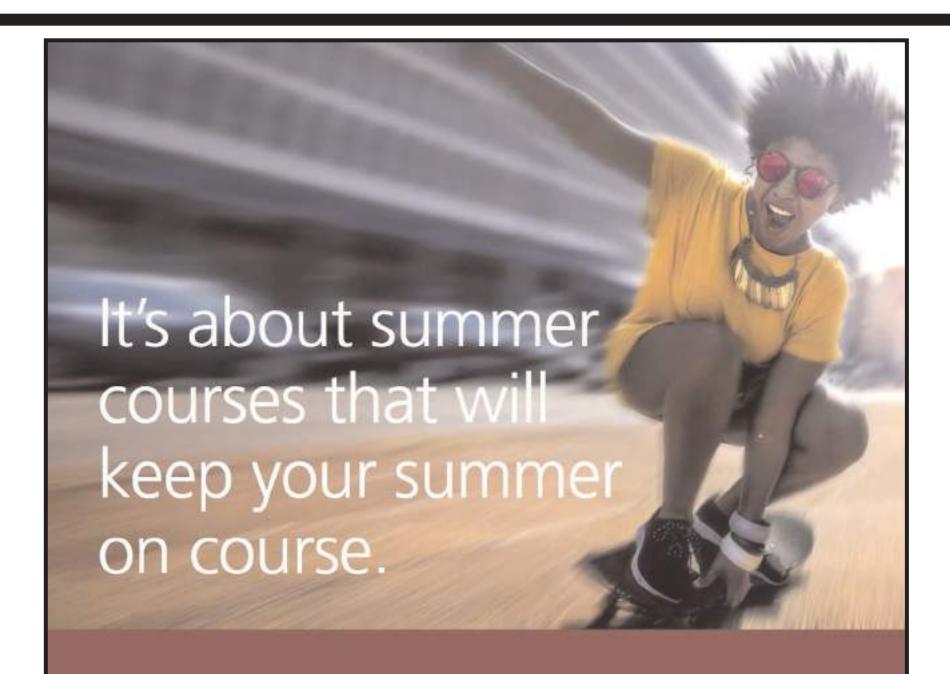
Golfers may register as individuals for \$135 per person or as a foursome for \$540. Exclusive Friend of the



Foundation, corporate, par and hole sponsorships are also available. Sponsorships begin at \$200. The Foundation also is accepting raffle prizes. Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Proceeds from the annual golf outing will benefit Triton College Foundation scholarships.

To register for the event or to become a sponsor, contact the Triton College Foundation for details! Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3758, or send an email to golf@triton.edu.



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SavetheDate!

Students from Irving and Stevenson middle schools, along with Washington Dual Language Academy have begun rehearsing for the D89 Middle School Spring Musical. The performance of *Aladdin Jr.* will take place on April 30 and May 1 at Jane Addams School. Check the website for updates!





LocalAuthor UisitsD89

Author Desiree Fleming visited second and third graders throughout District 89 in the first week of December. Students had the opportunity to listen to her book, *Willow*, and hear Ms. Fleming's message of perseverance. As a graduate of District 89 and Proviso East High School, Desiree Fleming is an inspiration to our students and is a real-life example of how hard work can make dreams come true!









DaretoDream2020

Fifteen Latina sixth-eighth grade students from Irving and Stevenson middle schools along with their mothers, accompanied by teachers Ashley Alanis and Karla Romero, attended the 12th Annual Dare to Dream: Get Educated Atrevete a Sonar Educate! Conference held at the College of DuPage on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020. The conference is sponsored by the DuPage Foundation, AAUW, Montenegro Inc., Edwards Jones, College of DuPage, and private donors, and brought to us through the Office of State Representative Kathleen Willis. This is a one-day conference for Latina middle school girls and their mothers. The focus of the conference is the personal, professional and financial value of education in general and higher education in particular.

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2020District89SpellingBee

On Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, District 89 held their annual spelling bee with students from both Irving and Stevenson middle schools. The competition lasted nine rounds. Joshua DeLaCruz (eighth grade, Irving) placed third, and Marilyn Sanchez (eighth grade, Irving) placed second. Champion Jennifer Galvan (eighth grade, Stevenson) won the District 89 Bee with the word 'vexatious.' Jennifer represented District 89 at the 10th Annual West 40 ISC Scripps Spelling Bee on Feb. 3, 2020, at McClure Jr. High School, SD 101 in Western Springs.



D89 Instructional Coaches

On Jan. 22, the D89 Instructional Coaches Professional Learning Community met to plan data analysis meetings for D89 educators. The instructional coaches play an integral role in supporting teaching and learning in the district.



WOZEdAfterschoolCodingClub

WOZ Ed is an afterschool coding club that allows students to learn coding skills to prepare them for their future. Students engage in coding activities by programming a small robot named Ozobot to move through mazes. WOZ Ed allows students to collaborate and engage in problem-solving activities. Pictured are students from Jane Addams School writing code using OzoBlockly, a visual programming editor used to program the Ozobot Bit's movements and behaviors.





Funin Music Class!

Ms. Johnson uses the ukelele in music class for students to learn the fundamentals of music including basics of melody, rhythm and musical notation. Pictured are students from Jane Addams School demonstrating basic chord strumming.

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District89 Constructive Feedback Workshopfor Mentors

On Jan. 15, 2020, Brooke Wozniak of West 40 conducted a training for D89 mentors. This workshop centered around how to give and receive constructive feedback. The D89 mentors are veteran teachers throughout the district who support new teachers to be successful during their first and second year of their teaching careers.



IMSA Fusion Program

In Melrose Park School's IMSA Fusion Program, students are exploring a unit on Organized Sound: STEM in Music. Through these learning activities, students are exploring patterns in both music and language to see how music compares to language. These young scientists will then begin to visually communicate sound changed within a song. This helps to develop the understanding for written communication of sound changes.



MPSchoolCelebratesOne-Year AnniversaryofMelroseParkMural

On Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, Melrose Park School celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Historical Timeline of Melrose Park mural painted by artist Jose Jimenez Hernandez. The mural is a chronological collection of historical events that shaped the village of Melrose Park and will be used as a source of inspiration to learn more about the early settlers, events and traditions that contributed to the formation Melrose Park.

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StudentsAttend Nutcracker Rallet

Melrose Park School commits to preparing lifelong learners for college and career readiness. Over the month of December, the kindergarten and first grade students visited Dominican University and enjoyed a performance of *The Nutcracker* ballet. The fourth and fifth grade students traveled to Northeastern Illinois University to explore the campus and watch a special performance by Ensemble Espanol – Spanish Dance Theater.







NewTeachersNetwork

District 89 new educators meet monthly for New Teachers Network to participate in professional learning to help them succeed as a new educator. This month, Brook Wozniak, an educational specialist from West 40 Regional Office of Education, shared information on how to effectively lesson plan. Teachers reviewed different components of lesson planning and shared common successes and challenges.









StevensonNJHS GivesBack

The Stevenson National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) visits the Hines V.A. every second Thursday of the month. Students engage with our veterans by playing cards, games, checkers, chess or just listening to the stories our veterans share.

Every Friday in the winter months, The Stevenson NJHS honors the Student Safety Patrol by providing hot chocolate.



Multilingual Illinois 2019

D89 educators, Mrs. Alanis and Ms. Fuentes, presented a session on 'SIOP Strategies to use with your English Learners' at the Multilingual Illinois 2019 Conference on Dec. 4, 2019. Attendees learned about SIOP components and strategies. Mrs. Alanis and Ms. Fuentes presented engaging, real-life and hands-on activities that the audience could use inside their classrooms.

Multilingual Illinois 2019 is the 43rd annual statewide conference for teachers serving linguistically and culturally diverse students.

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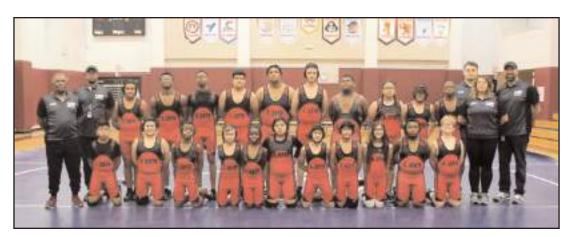


StandardsBasedGrading

Parents learned about Standard's Based Grading (SBG) at two Parent Information Sessions held on Dec. 9, and Jan. 17. Information was presented on how teachers will use SBG to track their students' progress and achievements while focusing on helping students learn and reach their highest potential. It is based on students showing mastery or understanding various standards. Parents will have another chance to join in on an information session presented by D89's Curriculum Department at the March 26 Parent University.

D89Grapplers

For the first time in District 89 history, students from Irving and Stevenson middle schools are competing together as a unified team in interscholastic wrestling. The U89 Grapplers coed wrestling team shows a lot of promise in its inaugural season!





Winter Choral Concert

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, District 89 held their Winter Choral Concert featuring the Irving Middle School Showstoppers and the Stevenson Middle School Choir. The event featured a joint performance of *Give us Hope* by Jim Papoulis.

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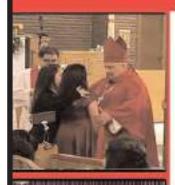
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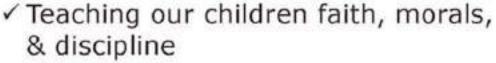
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Major League	11-12	\$125
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Senior League	15-16	\$175

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Congratulations to Melrose Park Resident Araceli Muñoz

As a first-generation college student, Western Illinois University senior law enforcement and justice administration (LEJA) major Araceli Muñoz has

found a reflective outlet through writing.



Araceli Muñoz

A poem the Melrose Park native wrote, called Alienated, about her parents' 20-year experience as immigrants and her college time, has resulted in Muñoz winning the fifth annual national Spanglish Creative Writing Contest. She captured first place in the poem category at the college level.

Muñoz said the award will be presented at a conference in New Mexico.

"My poem is a reflection on the struggles my parents went through being immigrants," said Muñoz. "When I told my parents I had won, they were very proud and emotional. They had not yet read it."

The poem weaves English and Spanish to tell her own story and that of her parents.

Muñoz submitted the poem to the national contest at the request of Associate Professor Munia Cabal-Jimenez. Muñoz had previously been a student in her course, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, intended to encourage Latino students to explore their cultural and linguistic background and identity, and study the use of Spanish in the United States.

"Western Illinois and the Midwest region, in general, are very important cultural and linguistic centers of Spanish in the United States, thus demonstrating the importance and relevance of this class for our students of Latino origin on our campus," said Cabal-Jimenez. "The class seeks to empower the students linguistically and culturally, and welcomes their bicultural and bilingual experience within their academic and creative work."

Cabal-Jimenez first heard Muñoz read Alienated during the WIU Multicultural Center event Define American/Thank Our Immigrants. As she was gathering entries for the competition, she remembered the poem and invited Muñoz to submit it.

"This is not a small accomplishment as the competition was carefully judged by evaluators from multiple universities," Cabal-Jumenez said of Muñoz's win.

Muñoz said she is grateful for the support she has received from the WIU community for her writing.

"I am honored to have been acknowledged in this way, but if it wasn't for my roots, my family, the support of the Casa Latina and Rocio Ayard Ochoa, and Munia Cabal-Jimenez, my writing would not be where it is now," she said. "Thank you all for your support and believing in me."

This is the third year in the last five, that a WIU student has placed in the top three places. In 2017, Jose Gutierrez, a 2018 LEJA alumnus from Chicago, won first place in the same competition. In 2018, WIU senior Spanish education major Gabriela Montoya, of Beardstown, Ill., won third place in the Spanglish Creative Writing Award category.

The competition is part of the seventh annual National Symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language in Albuquerque, N.M.

> For more information about the course, visit herenciawiu.wixsite.com/Spanish.

WIU Senior Wins National Creative Writing Contest Melrose Park Free Methodist Church

Free Fun! **Our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt!**



All are welcome to join us for our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. sharp on Easter morning, Sunday, April 12, 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!

The Melrose Park Free Methodist Church is located directly behind the Target department store.

How Money Works Seminar to be Held at **Melrose Park Free Methodist Church**

The three root causes of the financial problems most families face are failure to plan, being uninformed and misinformation.

The How Money Works informative seminar will discuss the following issues: the rule of 72; debt stacking; revolving debt traps; and how your life insurance policy works.

Understand and apply these principles, and you could change the face of your financial situation.

Seminars are held the last Thursday of every month, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Melrose Park Free Methodist Church, 841 Elsie Dr., Melrose Park.

For more information, call Ken Smith, independent representative of Primerica, at (708) 203-6677, or send an email to

ken@newlifedixon.org. Primerica's local office is

located at 1400 E. Touhy, Suite 170, Des Plaines, III. 60018 (Representing Primerica Life Insurance Company – Executive Office, Duluth, Ga. 30099).

OLMC Parish & Shrine St. Anthony Society Annual Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 27

On Friday, March 27, 2020, 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.



Enzo Scarano and Stella Raimondi

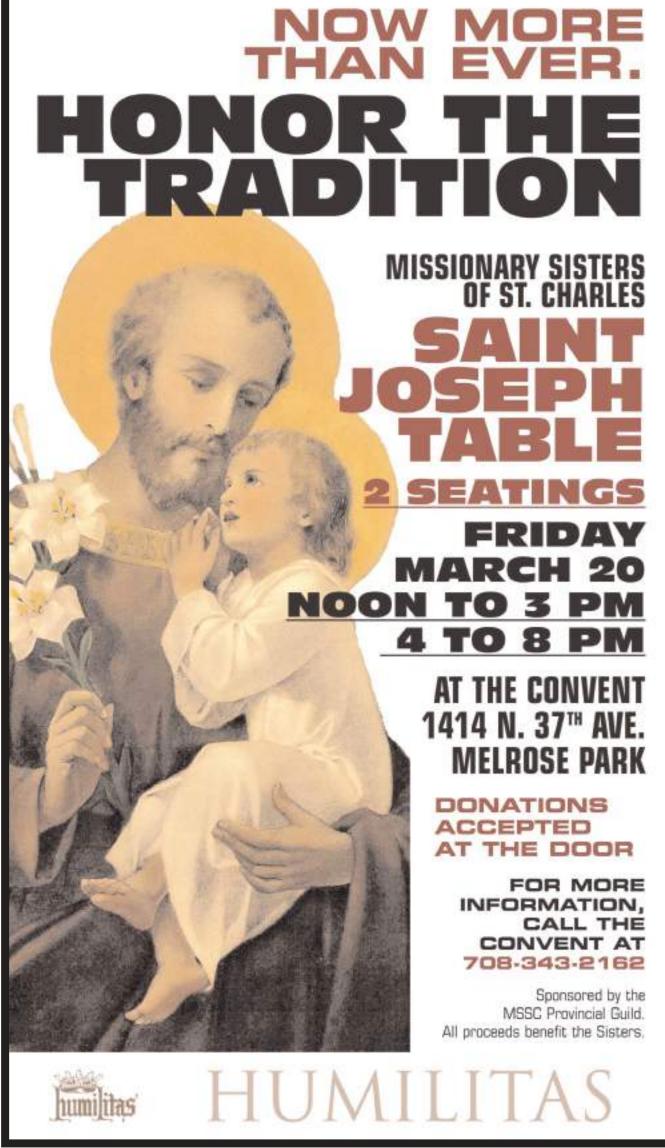
Come join us for an evening of fun, entertainment and good food. Enjoy delicious fish 'n' chips, cole slaw, corn on the cob, coffee, soda, sweets, fruit and more, all for a \$10 donation (\$8 for children under 12).

Enjoy the musical sounds of our special entertainment – Stella Raimondi and Enzo Scarano.

Dance the night away, try your luck with a split the pot raffle, shop for St. Anthony items, and if you are over 21, wine is available for an additional donation. Bring your friends and spend the evening with us.

All proceeds. go toward the Feast of St. Anthony, which will be celebrated June 14, at the 10:30 a.m. Italian Mass. Please save the date to join us for Mass, traditional blessing of the bread, veneration of the relic and outdoor procession followed by refreshments.

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









Friday, April 24, 2020 WHEN:

Doors Open at 6:30pm Game Starts at 7:00pm

WHERE: Village of Melrose Park – Civic Center

1000 N 25th Ave Melrose Park, IL 60160

In the Multi-Purpose Room

Tickets:

\$20 in Advance \$25 at the Door

Cash ONLY at Door

Advanced Ticket Reservations Preferred

Includes: Two (2) glasses of Wine, Coffee, Sweet Table Concession Stand will be open for purchase of additional food & beverages

TO RESERVE TICKETS:

Visit our Website: www.mapofhopefoundation.org Go to "OUR PROJECTS/EVENTS" page

Via Mail: Checks Payable to: MAP of Hope Foundation

Send to: 1503 Rice Street

Melrose Park, IL 60160

For Advanced Ticket Reservations, checks must be received by 4/17. Mail or Drop off at address above. There is a mail slot for drop off.

This is a Fundraising Event Organized by and for:



A 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Non-Profit Charitable Organization

For Any Questions, Contact: Fran Montino (708) 890-2078



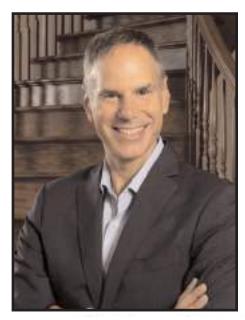
Follow us at: wearemapofhope and MAPofHopeFoundation





Flowers of Italy Club

59th Annual Dinner Dance



Honoring Man of the Year Frank Di Piero

Host of "Keepin' It Real with Frankie D."

Owner of

Jeri's Grill and Ivana Di Piero Hair Studio

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 6:30 p.m.

Villa Brunetti • 9755 W. Grand Ave. • Franklin Park Tickets: \$75 Per Person

Ad Book Options:

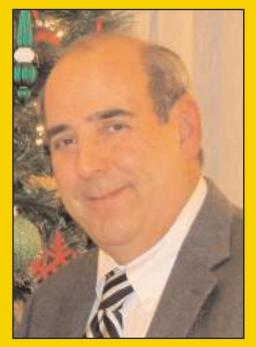
Emerald Framed Full Page Ad — \$500 • Gold Framed Full Page Ad — \$300 • Silver Framed Full Page Ad — \$200 Full Page B & W Ad — \$100

For tickets or ad book information, please call Sandy Ciancio at (630) 688-3153, or send an email to saciancio@gmail.com.

127th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Annual Award Dinner Dance

Saturday, May 2, 2020





Albert Belmonte Man of the Year

Vicente Herrero

Fr. Benjamin Franch Biretta Award

VILLA BRUNETTI

9755 W. Grand Ave. • Franklin Park Cocktails — 6:30 p.m./Awards — 7:30 p.m./Dinner — 8 p.m.

Dinner Music by Sonido Monarca

New this Year - A special raffle will be held with the drawing on Feast Sunday!

Donation: \$65

For tickets contact the Rectory at (708) 344-4140 or send an email to Feast.olmc@gmail.com.



127th Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY Feast Sponsor — \$100

AWARDS DINNER AD BOOK Full Page Ad — \$100 • Half Page Ad — \$50

Please email your ad information to Feast.olmc@gmail.com.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Villa Brunetti • 9755 W. Grand Ave. • Franklin Park

Donation — \$65 per ticket

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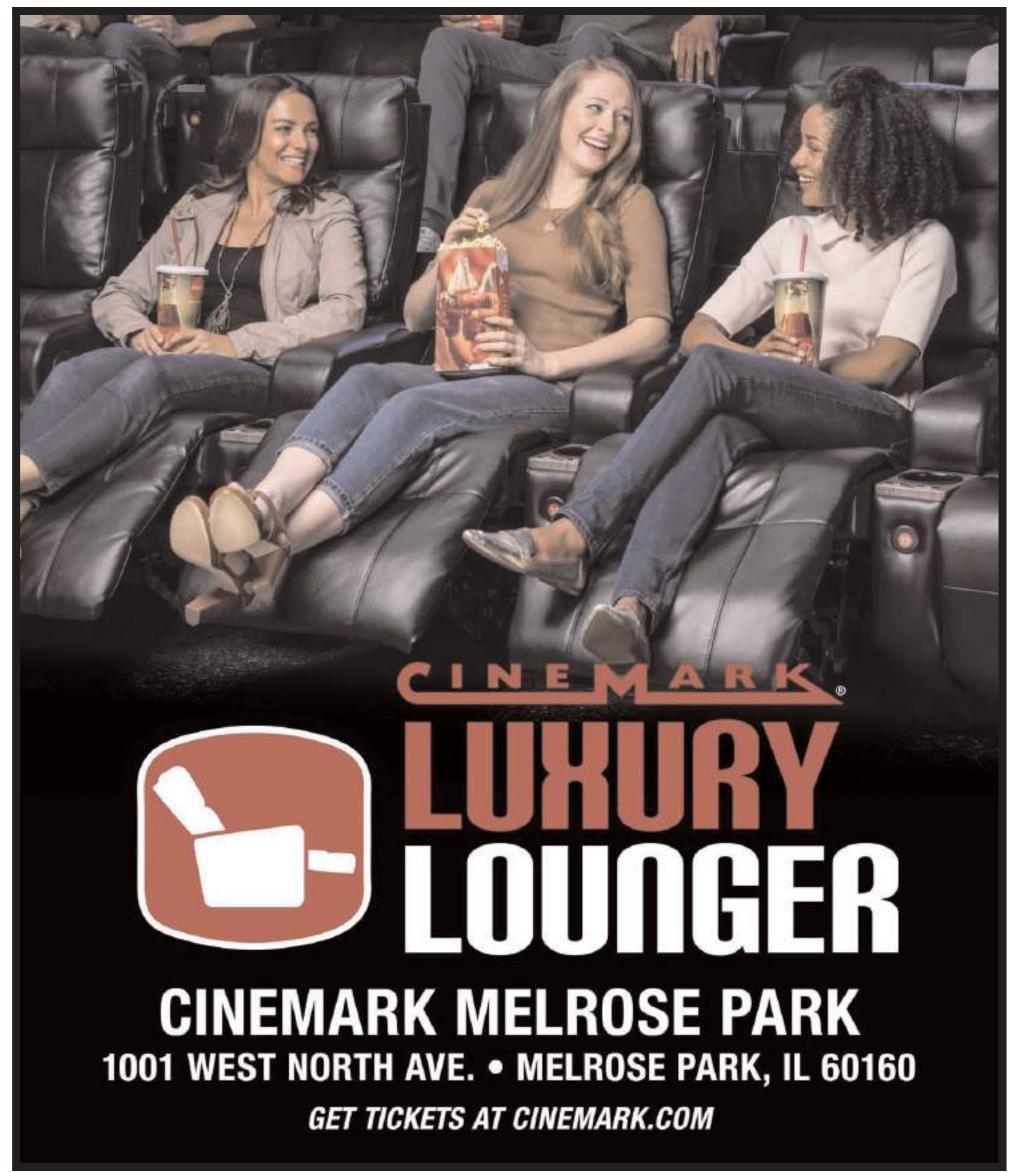
127th Annual Italian Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ave del Carmine — July 10-19
Outdoor Festivities — July 17-19
Music and Italian Food Specialties!

Solemn Mass – Sunday, July 19 at Noon Followed by Procession

For more information, please call (708) 344-4140 or send an email to feast.olmc@gmail.com.

OLMC Feast Committee • 1101 N. 23rd Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160 www.olmcparish.org • www.facebook.com/olmcparish







March, April and May 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.

"Bone" Appétit

Saturday, Feb. 29 and Sundays, March 15 and 29, and April 12 • 1 p.m.

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals. Free.

Nature Story Times

Thursdays, March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 16 • 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 8 and April 5 • 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*

Wednesdays, March 11 and April 8 • 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.

One Earth Film Festival

Saturday, March 14 • 9 a.m.

Join us for free films and activities at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave. Visit oneearthfilmfest.org for details. Free.

Bike in the Preserves

Saturday, March 21 • 1 p.m.

Get your bike ready for spring with tips from Barnard's Schwinn, and information and maps on many Forest Preserves trails. Free.

Morning Bird Walks

Fridays, March 27 and April 24 • 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a casual guided walk to look for birds and bird behavior. All welcome – binoculars available. Free.

Woodcock Walk

Friday, March 27 • 7:15 p.m.

Join the Chicago Audubon Society at Wolf Road Prairie to witness the dramatic spring courtship flights of the woodcock. Free.

Linoleum Block Print Workshop

Saturday, March 28 • 1 p.m.

Enjoy the easy and creative art of carving and printing linoleum block prints of a plant or animal. Instruction, materials provided. Adults and children 9 and up. Free.

Conservation@Home: Natural Lawn

Saturday, April 18 • 10 a.m.

This workshop will focus on environmentally friendly lawn care practices for your home. Presented by the UI Extension Master Gardeners. Free.

Paint a Wildlife Friend Workshop*

Sunday, April 19 • 1 p.m.

Paint an 11 x 14 canvas, pre-sketched with a forest animal. No experience necessary. Led by artist Carol Foster. \$10.

Special Event – Spring Festival

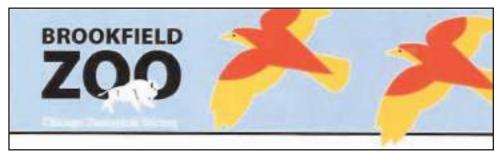
Sunday, May 3 • 11 a.m.

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, seed planting, building a bird house to take home and more! Free.

Upcoming Events at the Zoo

Zoo Goes Blue for Autism • Saturday, April 4

Brookfield Zoo is collaborating with Autism Speaks to take part in the annual Zoo Goes Blue campaign. The event takes place at select Association of Zoos and Aquariums accredited facilities across North America during April, which is 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, visit CZS.org/ZooGoesBlue or call (708) 688-8000.



Breakfast with the Bunny • Sunday, April 5 and Saturday, April 11

Hop on over to Brookfield Zoo for its annual Breakfast with the Bunny held at the zoo's Discovery Center. There will be 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. Two seatings offered each day. Seatings are limited and reservations are required. For further information, including pricing and to make reservations, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8355.

Easter Brunch • Sunday, April 12

Bring the family to Brookfield Zoo's Discovery Center for a delectable Easter brunch that is sure to satisfy even the largest of appetites. The 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. Two seatings offered and reservations are required. For further information, including pricing and to purchase tickets, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8355.

Ape Awareness Weekend • Saturday, April 11-Sunday, April 12

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 gibbons. 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.

Party for the Planet • Saturday, April 18

Looking for an "out of this world" celebration? Head over to Brookfield Zoo for its annual Party for the Planet celebration, presented by the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency 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 a tree and discover interesting facts about the animals at special Zoo Chats. In addition, representatives from several recycling organizations will be onsite collecting items from zoogoers. For more information and a full list of recyclable items, visit CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8000.



Chicago Zoological Society's Whirl • Saturday, April 25

The Women's Board and Board of Trustees of the Chicago Zoological Society are hosting the 39th Annual Whirl Gala. For the first time in the black-tie fundraiser's history, it will be held downtown Chicago. The evening, which takes place in the Sheraton Grand Chicago Ballroom, begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour featuring opportunities for up-close experiences with Brookfield Zoo's animal ambassadors. Dinner and dancing in the Sheraton Ballroom 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. For additional information or to make reservations, visit pjhchicago.com/zoo or call (312) 553-2000.

World Penguin Day • Saturday, April 25

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 4 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Admission to Brookfield Zoo is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15.

For more details or a complete listing of the fun, family activities happening at Brookfield Zoo, check out www.brookfieldzoo.org or call (708) 688-8800.

Proviso Township Handyman Program



Handyman Program for Homeowners
Over the Age of 60 and/or
Disabled Residents of
Proviso Township

- Minor Repairs Only
- \$5 Per Visit Plus the Cost of Parts, If Needed
 - Provide Referrals on a Variety of Home Maintenance Issues
 - Appointments are 45 Minutes or Less

Proviso Township Handyman March News

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.

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





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WE DO	WE DO	
Blinds/Curtain Rods - Install/Repair	Mailboxes - Install, Repair, Replace	
Boxes (50 lb limit)	Outdoor Furniture Put Away/Take Out	
Carpentry-Minor repairs ie: Replace loose/rotten boards	Outdoor Lighting-Repair, Replace High Limit of 10 ft.	
Caulking - Minor interior only - No removal of existing caulk	Outdoor Water Spigot - Shut Off/Turn On	
Ceiling Fans-Repair Switches Only.	Picture - Hang Only	
Decks - Minor Repairs Only	Referrals for Tradesperson - Referrals Only Not Recommendations.	
Door Bells - Repair/Replace Buttons	Screens - Put In/Take Out (Limit 10ft)	
Door Locks - Repair/Replace	Shower Heads - Repair, Replace, Install	
Door Sweeps - Repair/Replace/Install	Shower Wands - Repair, Replace, Install	
Doors - Plane, Repair/Replace Hinges	Sink Drains Pipes & Stoppers Repair or Replace	
Electrical Outlets & Switches - Replace	Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors - Install, Replace Batteries	
Electrical GFCI Outlets Replace & Install	Storm Doors - Repair (No Installations)	
Faucets - Repair or Replace (No Bathroom)	Storm Windows - Put In/Take Out Limit 10 feet	
Furniture Assembly	Supply Vales - Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only	
Furniture Moving - 50lb Limit	Threshold - Repairs & Replacement	
Furniture Repair - Minor Only	Toilets - Minor Repairs - No Roding	
Grab Bars - Install or Replace	TV/TV Converter Box - Install & Program	
Hand Rails - Install or Replace	Weather Stripping - Doors & Windows	
Light Bulbs - Change	Window Air Conditioner - Install & Remove	
Light Fixtures Repair or Replace	Window Fan - Install & Removal	
We Don't (Height not over 10 feet)	We Don't (Height not over 10 feet)	
Attic Work	HVAC Repairs	
Appliance Repairs	Landscaping or Lawn Care	
Cleaning - Housekeeping	New Plumbing	
Doors - Hang or Install	Overhead Garage Doors	
Drains - Roding	Painting or Decorating	
Electrical Service Panel Work or Electrical Wiring	Roof Repairs Rubbish or Trash Removal	
Exhaust Fans	Security Systems	
Gas Appliance Hook-ups	Snow Removal	
Glass - No repairs of broken glass	Storm Doors - Minor Repairs Only	
Gutter Cleaning Hauling	Toilet Repairs - Removing Tank or Bowl i.e. Wax Ring or Flush Valve	





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October 1, 2020.

You NEED a REAL ID if:

- You do not have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; AND
- You use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
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- You visit secure federal facilities.



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If you have a valid U.S. passport, you are NOT required to have a REAL ID to travel.

For additional information:

REAL**ID**.ilsos.gov



Obituaries

Aristodemo

Domitilla Aristodemo, nee Conforti, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, while surrounded by her loving family in the tranquility of her own home at the Golden Age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Giovanni A. for a loving 62 years; devoted mother of Iolanda (Edward) Castellan and Delia (Thomas) Abruzzo; loving daughter of the late Annunziato and the late Maria Conforti; loving nonna of Giovanni (Michelle) and Edward III, Anthony (Nicole) and Carla (Adam); loving great-nonna to Giovanni, Giuliana and Nicholas, Giada and Eleni; dear sister of Francesco (Nunzia) Conforti, Inez (the late Frank) Cosentino and the late Zita (the late Francesco) Cerasi; dear aunt and great-aunt to many. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ The King Garden Mausoleum.

Ayala

Deatriz Ayala. Beloved wife of Samuel Ayala; loving mother of Oscar, Samuel Jr. and Sandy; dear sister of Berta Alicia (Florencio) Urbina, Eladio (Maria), Valdemar (Lilia), Maricela (Jose) Diaz, Jesus and Efren (Alma); fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Resurrection in Justice, III.

Baffa

Richard F. Baffa, veteran of the United States Air Force. Beloved husband of Gail (nee Murphy); loving father of Tim (Ellen) and Cheryl Baffa; cherished grandpa of Erica, Christi and Derek; dear brother of Donald (the late Myrna) and Robert (the late Anna) Baffa; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many; cherished Doggie Daddy of Honey and Baby. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Rarone

Angelo "Michele" Barone. Dearly beloved husband of Vittoria; loving father of Nello, Anthony (Lisa) and Michael (Dominique); beloved son of the late Sabato and Luigia Barone; fond nonno of Analisa, Silvana, Angelo and Luciana; dear brother of Antonia (Franco) Aliberti, Felicia (Giuseppe) Salomone, the late Aniello (Carolina) and the late Salvatore (the late Michelina); loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Proud member of the Flowers of Italy.

Bello

Osvaldo Balbuena Bello. Dearly beloved husband of Juana (nee Pena); loving father of Angel, Erick and Alind; cherished grandfather of Mason; dear brother of Margarita, Raul, Hilda, Angel, Nahomi and the late Noel; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Carbonara

Fred L. Carbonara. Beloved husband of Sandy; loving father of Marcia (Robert) Troy, Anthony and Joey (Pam) Neal; cherished grandfather of Michael, Kevin, Samantha, Britney and Jessica; beloved son of the late Antoinette and the late Mike Carbonara; dear brother of the late Alex (the late Rose), the late Pat (Antonette) and the late Michael (the late Velma) Carbonara; fond uncle, brother-in-law and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Carbonara

Velma R. Carbonara. Born in Arkansas to Joseph and Thelma Hicks, Velma was one of seven children. After losing her mother at a young age, Velma developed an unbreakable bond with her siblings. After graduating high school, Velma moved to Chicago where she met her husband, Mike Carbonara. They married in 1960, built their own home and raised three children. Velma loved Marguette Manor Baptist Church in Downers Grove,

where she was a faithful member for over 40 years. A meticulously clean housekeeper, she enjoyed reading, walking, jigsaw puzzles, all things yellow, sweets, Diet Dr. Pepper and Lou Malnati pizza. Velma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Mike; five of her siblings and youngest granddaughter, Alana Bianca Carbonara. She is survived by her sister, Ruby; daughter, Donna (Randy) Mueller; son, Michael (Deanna) Carbonara; son, Scott (Jocelyn) Carbonara; and grandchildren, James, David, Erika, Stephen, Michael, Chrissy, Jack and Lauren; step-grandchildren, Sascha and Sierra; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Also, her loving brothers- and sisters-in-law, Fred (Sandy) Carbonara, the late Alex and Rose Carbonara, and the late Pat (Antoinette) Carbonara, Velma learned the forgiveness of the Lord Jesus as a young adult and her faith motivated all she did. Heartfelt thanks to the amazing Heritage Homes' staff in Watertown, Wis., where she was lovingly cared for. She will be missed by all who knew her. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery.

Carlino

Richard Carlino. Beloved son of Richard and Luella Carlino; dear brother of Joseph Carlino and Rick Carlino; Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Catizone

Mary Catizone, nee Gallo. Dearly beloved wife of the late Peter; loving mother of Gail (William) Farnsworth, Denise (the late Michael) Miletta and Peter (Ginger); beloved daughter of the late Carmen and Benedetta; fond grandmother of Nick (Jena), Joe, Natalie (John), John Peter (Kara), Nicolette, Alyssa and Peter; great-grandmother of Nolan, Mila, Sam, Nora, John Christos and Ella; dear sister of Jean, the late John, the late Carmen, the late Sam, the late Dominick and the late Madeline; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Cercone

Margaret Mary Cercone, 97-year resident of Melrose Park. Dearly beloved wife of the late Nicholas; loving mother of David (Kathleen); beloved daughter of the late Frank and Mary McKenzie; fond grandmother of Melissa, Lindsey (Jack) and Benjamin (Kristi); great-grandmother of Emerson, Mackenzie and Cameron; loving sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Cicero

John J. Cicero, a member of Local 17 Heat & Frost Insulators Union and the ultimate Mr. "Fix-It," passed away on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2019, at the age of 68. It has been noted that Christmas angels were seen carrying him - toolbox in hand to the heavens. John was born in Chicago on July 31, 1951. He became a master craftsman who worked as a Union Local 17 heat and frost insulator for 41 years. He retired at the age of 60 in 2011. On July 31, 1975, he married Nancy Barciszewski. When asked why he picked Nancy to be his wife out of all the women in the world, John stated, "It was as if my guardian angel came down and told me 'this is the one." They have been married for 44 years. On Oct. 18, 1977, Feb. 26, 1979, and Jan. 5, 1983, respectively, he welcomed his three beautiful children, who were the most important part of his life. John was a devoted father, the ultimate handyman, a jack of all trades and a post-it note connoisseur. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, his wife and his kids. Loved by all, John has lifelong friendships that have stood the test of time. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him. John is survived by his wife, Nancy Cicero; his children, John (Teresa Cesario) Cicero, Matt (Amy Seidel) Cicero and Maria (Justin Lindberg); and his grandchildren, Jack, Violet, Olivia, Winnie and Braden; his mother, Constance; his

siblings, James (Nancy), Joseph (Linda), Rose (Donita) and many nieces and nephews; proceeded in death by Steven (Anne), June (Rich) and his father John Cicero. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Collins

Na'kia Collins. Beloved family member and good friend to many, many people. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Dalpiaz

Rev. Gino M. Dalpiaz, C.S., age 93 years, died peacefully on Dec. 27, 2019, in Chicago, III. He was born the first child of the late Firmino and Gelinda (Rauzi) Dalpiaz in Melrose Park, III. on Dec. 2, 1926. Ordained as a Scalabrinian Missionary priest in Rome, Italy, in 1951; beloved brother to the late Mary (late Robert) Baroni, Rev. Alex Dalpiaz, C.S., the late Julius (Lorraine) Dalpiaz, Angeline (Erminio) Ruffolo, Therese (the late Richard) Dvorak, Gemma (Ronald) Winters, Rose (William) Scalise, Joseph (Carolyn) Dalpiaz and Ann (George) Hicks; a devoted uncle to 47 nieces and nephews, and 89 great-nieces and great-nephews. All those who were touched by Fr. Gino will miss him, a gentle, caring, giving missionary priest with a deep devotion to God and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. During his priesthood, he had many roles including being a pastor, associate pastor, professor, novice master, spiritual director for seminarians and executive director of the Italian Cultural Center. He served in several locations in New York, the Chicago area and in Rome, Italy. The last 10 years he has been an associate pastor at Santa Maria Addolorata Church in Chicago, III. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Dragotta

Joseph Dragotta. Dearly beloved husband of Angelina (nee Sylvester); loving father of JoAnne and Mark; cherished grandfather of Kirsten, Katarina, Kara, Mark, Nico, Shelby and Joshua; dear brother of Giovanni, Tanina, Giovanna, Maria Concetta and Melchiore; fond cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Fioravanti

Angeline M. Fioravanti. Dearly beloved wife of the late Carmen; loving mother of Cathleen (John) Menolascino, Cheryl (Peter) Karahalios, Diane (Fred) Gianneschi and Nancy Cossident; beloved daughter of the late Anthony and Delphine Stellato; cherished grandmother of Christine (Nicholas) Palkovic, Michael (Ashley) Italia, Peter and Anthony Karahalios, Alfred (Tori) McDonald, Nicholas (Stephanie) McDonald and Rosalina Cordova; great-grandmother of Charlie McDonald, Emily McDonald, Aubrey McDonald and Luca Italia; dear sister of the late Anthony (June) and the late Richard (Patricia) Stellato; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Flyke

Jeanne Elizabeth Flyke, 94, of Melrose Park, III., entered peacefully into eternal life on Jan. 11, 2020. Jeanne was the cherished mother to her three children, Marikaye Long, Daniel and Martin (Jane); and adored grandmother to Kathleen Orasco, Scott and Katie Long, and Ian (Maddie), Meghan, Bridget and Caroline Flyke; great-grandmother of eight and great-great-grandmother of two; she was the proud aunt to many nieces and nephews. Jeanne was born on May 29, 1925, in Chicago, III., to Gerald and Dorothy (Wahl) Garvey. She graduated with a degree in mathematics from Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Wis., and a few weeks later married her beloved husband of 63 years, Milton Flyke, on June 8,1946, in Chicago. Jeanne most enjoyed traveling the world with her husband, creating wonderful memories with her children and grandchildren, volunteering and actively participating in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Melrose Park for over 60 years, Jeanne received the Christifideles Award bestowed by Cardinal George, the archbishop of Chicago, on Nov. 4, 2012, for her dedi-

cation to the church and its ministries. Jeanne was preceded in death by Milton, in October 2009, and her sister, Geraldine Dite, in November 2018. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Franz

Karin Franz. Loving mother of Amber Franz, Erik (Dena) Bigham and the late Cassie Bigham; proud stepmother of Julie Webie and Patrick (Erin) Webie. cherished grandmother of Isabella, Maximus and Gwendolyn; beloved daughter of Horst Franz and Renate Sasse; dear sister of Ronald (Janice), Volker (Jeannie), Renee, Jurgen and the late Erika; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Gralow

Bernice Gralow. Dearly beloved wife of Garland; loving mother of Linda, James and Elayne; fond grandmother of Garland Stephen Bellicini; dear sister of the late Stanley Wozniak; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Bernice was born in Chicago and grew up in the "Polish Downtown." When she lived in Chicago she would go out dancing most weekends or go to hockey games. She moved to the suburbs near Northlake in 1958. She was a long-time parishioner of St. Gertrude Church. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery.

Inchingolo

Antonio F. Inchingolo. Dearly beloved husband of the late Olive Mae; beloved son of the late Francisco and Angelina Inchingolo; dear brother of Dena (the late Sam) Lentini, Josephine (the late Joseph) Vazzana, Sister Toni Ann Palermo OSF and Mary Ann (Frank) Dentman. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Arizona.

Lopez

Candido Estrada Lopez. Dearly beloved husband of Eribeth; loving father of Brian and Jose Luis; dear son of Esiquio and Odilia; cherished brother of Zerafin (Yeseny), Leticia (Julio), Beti (Jose), Rocio (Noe) and Esiquio; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Cacahuananche, Mexico.

Lopez

Gregorio Lopez Sr. Dearly beloved husband of Ernestina; loving father of Jessica (David) Corral, Priscilla (Javier) Herrera and Gregorio Lopez Jr.; beloved son of Santiago and Maria Lopez; fond grandfather of Adrian, Ashley, Delilah, Jocelyn and Julian; dear brother of 11; loving uncle, cousin and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Manzanares

Blanca Manzanares. Dearly beloved wife of Omar; loving mother of Anthony (Celeste Rodriguez), Jazmin Manzanares and Blanca Figueroa; beloved daughter of Felipe and the late Martina Ocampo Landa; fond grandmother of Christopher Jimenez and Ava Figueroa; dear sister of Francisco "Paco" Ocampo, Rafael Ocampo, Felipe Ocampo, Griselda Ocampo, Veronica Vicario and Lucia Begien; loving dog mother of Effie and Coco; cheirshed aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

Messa

Vittoria Messa. Beloved wife of Vito; loving mother of Paolo (Svenja), Carlo, Lucrezia (Filippo) Rizzi and Giuseppe "Joe" (Desirae) Messa; beloved grandma of Jonathan Messa, Daniele Messa, Michael Rizzi, Fabio Messa, Felipe Messa and Emma Messa; dear sister of Francesco Bertolli, Joe (Diane) Bertolli, John (Sharon) Bertolli, Giulia Addante and Teresa (Cory) Helfand; loving aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery.

Miemczewski

Debbie Miemczewski. Beloved wife of Russ; loving mother of Samantha; cherished companion of Copper; beloved daughter of Joe and the late Janet Taylor; dear sister of Kathy, Marty, Kristy, Timmy, Robbie, the late Mike and the late Joey; loving aunt, cousin and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven.

Mormino

Vincent Mormino. Veteran of the United States Air Force. Beloved son of the late Joseph and Mary Mormino; dear brother of the late Eugene, Nancy Assisse, Phyllis, Mary and Rosemary; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Paterno

Theresa S. Paterno, nee Salerno. Beloved wife of the late Frank P.; devoted mother of Frank A. (Jenene) and Joseph M. (Katherine) Paterno; loving daughter of the late Joseph and Ella (nee Cataldo) Salerno; adored grandmother of Joelle (Christopher) Cleary, Giana, Francesca, Michael and Elizabeth; special gram of Joey, Prairie and Ceridwen Sass; dear sister of Rosaria and JoAnn (the late Phil) Serpico; dear aunt and cousin of many; Theresa was very proud of her Italian heritage, and she was active in many social and charitable organizations; Arrangements by Salerno's Galewood Chapels. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Pirvu

Stefan Pirvu. Dearly beloved husband of Anna (nee Pappadopoli); devoted son of George and Oprina Pirvu. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Ramos

Juan Ramos. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery

Ranieri

Giuseppe "Joe" Ranieri. Dearly beloved husband of Ida (nee Guzzo); loving father of Paolino (RenaMarie), Francesco and Michael (Anna); proud and loving nonno of Maria, Joseph and Alyssa; beloved son of the late

Luigi and Angelina Ranieri; beloved son-in-law of the late Bruno and Filomena Guzzo; loving brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Proud member of the Flowers of Italy. Strong devotee to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Rodriguez

Josefina Rodriguez. Dearly beloved wife of the late Efrain; loving mother of Ricardo, Dora (Ed) Suane, Efrain (Lupe) and Yolanda (Jesus) Martinez; cherished grandmother of 17; dear sister of Antonia Garcia and Rosalina Barrios; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mexico.

Teresi

Samuel Teresi. Proud veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Mary Teresi; loving father of William, Debra, the late Jack (Gail) and the late Dennis; fond grandfather of Kristy (Jeff), Kelly, Ashley, Paul, James, Sabrina and Ryne; great-grandfather of Madison, Matteo, Cam and Jade; dear brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Proud member of the American Legion.

Velasco

Pedro Velasco. Dearly beloved husband of Elvira; loving father of Pedro, Mireya and Alfredo; beloved son of Esperanza and the late Pedro; dear brother of Maria Del Carmen, Luis, Estela, Martin, Cecilia, Samuel, Pepe, Veronica, Rosa Maria, Rafael and Ana Maria; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Assumption Mausoleum.

Walsh

Ruby E. Walsh, nee Hicks. Dearly beloved mother of Deborah (Richard) Glosson; loving daughter of the late Joseph and Thelma Hicks; cherished grandmother of Anthony, Blake and Rachel; dear sister of the late Louise, Mildred, Wesley, Reatha, Velma and Clfford; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Private entombment at Baxter Cemetery in Mountain Home, Ark.





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