

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

*In place of Mayor Ron Serpico's letter,
the mayor wanted to express a thank you to the residents,
businesses and organizations who donated their time,
money and efforts in helping Melrose Park navigate
its way through the COVID-19 pandemic storm.*

First of all, a big thank you to the men and women of the Melrose Park Police and Fire departments. As most of us stayed home and social distanced when out in public, our police and fire/paramedic officers were placed in situations where the possibility of being exposed to the deadly coronavirus was a reality. This fact was sadly proven true when Melrose Park Police Officer Joseph Cappello died from complications of COVID-19. Again, thank you to our first responders for your dedicated service.

A thank you to our Melrose Park Public Works, Public Safety/Homeland Security, Building, Water, Code Enforcement and front office employees who kept the wheels of government moving during these most trying times.

Thank you to the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, custodians, nursing assistants, office staff and all employees at Gottlieb, Loyola, Elmhurst, Oak Park and West Suburban hospitals for being on the front line in the fight against the invisible enemy – COVID-19.

Thank you to our Melrose Park grocery store managers and employees for their untiring efforts to keep store shelves filled while being exposed to customers who could be coronavirus carriers.

Thank you to the restaurant owners, managers and employees for providing meals by either delivery or curbside pickup. Your efforts are appreciated by everyone who needed a break from preparing home-cooked meals.

A special shout-out to local restaurants and grocers, who so far have provided over 2,000 free meals to first responders and overworked hospital staffs. The roll call of these food benefactors is Scudiero's Italian Bakery, Taverna, Firehouse Subs, Wingstop, Aracely's Bakery, Café 23, Athenian Foods, Los Comales and Jarritos Soft Drink.

Thank you to Chicago businessman, Willie Wilson, who not only donated

10,000 face masks but also stood in the Melrose Park Village Hall parking lot handing these masks out to over 1,500 cars.

Thank you to state Rep. Chris Welch for his dogged determination in getting the shuttered Westlake Hospital to serve as a treatment center for COVID-19 patients. And a thank you to state Rep. Kathleen Willis for her generosity in donating over \$1,000 to help fund Melrose Park COVID-19 relief efforts.

Mayor Serpico secured personal protective equipment like hand sanitizer and face masks that the following volunteers stuffed into 10,000 packets and then delivered to residences throughout Melrose Park: Anthony Abruzzo ... Raul Acala ... Danny Adams ... Jaime Anguiano ... Luis Aguilera ... Jose Aguirre ... Sandy Aguirre ... Diana Alias ... Rosalind Astorga ... Isaac Bazbaz ... Rick Beltrame ... Ricardo Brito ... Pat Camaioni ... Marco Campo ... Micah Carlini ... Barb Cappello ... Michael Carpanzano ... Michael Carpanzano Jr. ... Carl Capra ... Diane Carriglio ... Michael Castellan ... Hector Casillas ... Jim Cernauske ... Rick Cervone ... Felipe Chavez ... Franky Ciano ... Sandy Ciano ... Eddie Coco ... Kathy Coco ... Leticia Correa ... Pablo Cruz ... Ali Del Rio ... Lynn DeStefano ... Priscilla DeWilde ... Peggy DiFazio ... Amanda Efta ... Kathy Efta ... Pete Eleuteri ... Jimmy Giovenco ... Felix Alexander Giron ... Oscar Giron Jr. ... Mario Gonzalez ... Brianna Graziano ... Anthony Greco ... Anthony Greco Jr. ... Stephanie Haskins ... Armando Iannelli ... Kathy Irving ... Fortino Jimenez ... Kathy Klugger ... Gina Marie Kuecker ... Danielle LaGioia ... Joey LaGioia ... Mike LaGioia ... Sandy LaGioia ... Vincent LaGioia ... Lalo Lozano ... Samuel Lozano ... Jesse Macias ... Lindsey Mack ... Salvatore Maldonado ... Gary Marine ... Frank Matarrese ... Maria Matarrese ... Danny Mazzochi ... John Modugno ... Mario Montoya ... Arturo M. Mota ... Arturo Mota ... Nora Mota ... Victoria Mota ... Viviana Mota ... Diane Nardiello ... Geralyn Nocita ... Phil Nocita ... Tom Olson ... Gloria Orozco ... Mary Ann Paolantonio ... Dr. Kathy Papazian ...

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of restrictions since our to-press date, events/essential information, etc., that appear in this issue of The Rose may have changed. We recommend using the Internet as your resource for updates to keep you informed on important details.

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Ben Piekarz ... Blake Piekarz ... Courtney Piekarz ... Joe Piekarz ... Sonny Pirozzoli ... Sam Pitassi ... Ivan Popoca ... Rose Porto ... Josephine Prignano ... Pete Pulkownik ... Marisa Raymond ... Jose Reyes ... Bill Rich ... Debbie Rich ... Aaron Rieger ... Mark Rieger ... Eiffel Rodriguez ... Ray Saylor ... Sid Sanchez ... Sam Scardino ... John Scoba ... Adrianna Serpico ... Dina Serpico ... Giavanna Serpico ... Lucianna Serpico ... Mayor Ronald Serpico ... Terry Serpico ... John Sgobba ... Rick Shawaluck ... Diane Sicuro ... Michael Sicuro ... Luis Silva ... Matt Smarto ... Ashley Stonebraker ... Debbie Stonebraker ... Jack Stonebraker ... Mary Taconi ... Carmen Tapia ... Josh Terrones ... Marlene Terrones ... Jorge Valasquez ... Orlando Velasquez ... Rose Vazquez ... Marianna Woosley ... Phyllis Wurtz.

Thank you to Melrose Park groups and individuals who are pitching in during the pandemic like the following: New Life Community Church for providing healthy snacks to our police and fire departments; District 89 Superintendent Dr. David Negron, Walther Christian Academy Principal Tim Bouman and Dr. Anthony Martino of NorthPark Medical Group for their generosity in donating to our police and fire departments (items like personal protective equipment, hand sanitizers and a scanning thermometer); Triton College's Health Careers and Public Service, Engineering and Technology, Chemistry and Biology, and the Center for Health Professionals programs for donating face masks, protective gloves, safety gowns, shoe covers and hand sanitizer; village employee Mike LaGioia, who used his own money to buy and then deliver face masks to Melrose Park senior citizens; Village Trustee Arturo Mota, who began a GoFundMe page that has raised several thousand dollars to be used for the purchase of food and refreshments to be delivered to local area hospital staff; Melrose Park resident Angie Vargas raised money to make 3D masks for many first responders; village employee Rose Vazquez's daughter, Stephanie Haskins, who is providing food at her expense and collecting food items from family pantries to feed the homeless in our area; Melrose Park's El Verbo De Dios Church's congregation has donated money to feed 75 families in our community; Barb Rubright, who held FaceTime exercise classes for the Melrose Park Senior Exercise Program; Kutchins, Robbins, & Diamond LTD., delivering a free webinar for Melrose Park businesses to help them navigate through the various economic relief opportunities; and MAP of Hope Foundation members collected material to make masks and then sold them for donations as they raised \$3,000 that was split among three local charities.

Thank you to our teachers and school administrators for quickly adapting to a new class routine through the use of technology and social media to educate stay-at-home children. They should also be applauded for their wonderful and innovative ways they recognized the accomplishments of graduates from preschool through high school.

Thank you to the following police, security departments and their supervisors who participated in our Gottlieb Loyola Hospital Healthcare Workers, Doctors and Nurses Appreciation Parade: Melrose Park Police ... Melrose Park Homeland Security ... Bellwood Police ... Berkeley Police ... Broadview Police ... Elmwood Park Police ... Forest Park Police ... Franklin Park Police ... Harwood Heights Police ... Norridge Police ... Northlake Police ... Oak Park Police ... River Forest Police ... River Grove Police ... Schiller Park Police ... Stone Park Police ... Triton College Police. We also want to thank the following police chiefs for their cooperation in putting on this parade: Bellwood Police Chief Jiminez Allen ... Berkeley Police Chief Timothy Lare ... Broadview Police Chief Kevin Eugling ... Elmwood Park Police Chief Frank Fagiano ... Forest Park Police Chief Tom Aftanas ...

Franklin Park Police Director Michael Witz ... Harwood Heights Police Chief John DeVries ... MP Homeland Security Chief Phil Schwartz ... Melrose Park Police Director Sam Pitassi ... Norridge Police Chief Dave Disselhorst ... Northlake Police Chief Norman Nissen, Jr. ... Oak Park Police Chief LaDon Reynolds ... River Forest Police Chief James O'Shea ... River Grove Police Chief Michael Konwinski ... Schiller Park Police Director Thomas Fragakis ... Stone Park Police Chief Christopher Pavini ... Triton College Police Chief Austin Weinstock.

The Melrose Park Police want to give thanks to the following who have donated food or safety supplies to our men and women in blue: Joey Mungola from Racconto Italian Foods, Anthony Abruzzo from Abruzzo's Italian Restaurant, Chickie's Beef, Anthony B's Pizza, Lakeside Bank, the Nicotera family, Greco and Sons, JKS Ventures, Josephine Caira, retired state Sen. James DeLeo, Dartmouth Inc., Glenbard Interiors, Area Towing, Tony's Finer Foods and Supreme Lobster. We also want to thank our Gottlieb Hospital staff for their efforts in battling this hidden enemy, especially Allen Goldberg, Mary Elizabeth Cleary, Dr. Ramish C. Dhingra, Dr. Judith E. Frank, Dr. Sinha S. Chunduri, Dr. Rodney Schainis, Dr. Marc R. Levin, Dr. Brian Proctor, Dr. Brad Anstadt, Dr. Beth Ann Swetland and Mary Anna Woosley.

Our sincere thanks to area businesses like Costco, Menard's, Pan American Bank, D&P Construction, Cerniglia Contractors, Avlon Industries, Skeptic Distillery Company, Windy City Car Wash, Midwest Foods, and Home Depot and Safeway Industries for donating vital supplies such as face masks, wipes and spray.

Finally, a big thank you to all the residents for social distancing, wearing masks, watching over their stay-at-home children and checking on their elderly neighbors. By staying apart from each other we stood together in minimizing the effects of this disease.



**You're making a difference.
The Village of Melrose Park
Thanks You for Staying Home,
Social Distancing and
Wearing Masks
to Save Lives!**

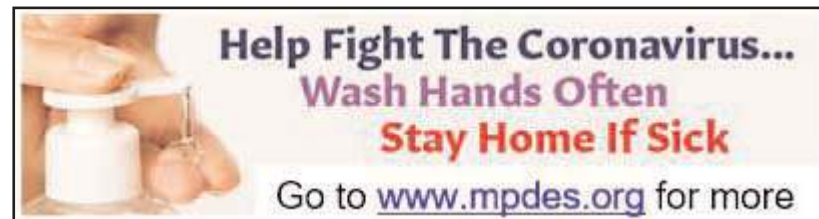
Melrose Park – COVID-19 Update



From the Desk of Chief Phil Schwartz Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety

As we enter into the new phases of dealing with (COVID-19) let's remember some important things:

- Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Please stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Practice social and physical distancing. Do not gather in large groups. Stay out of overcrowded places and avoid mass gatherings. Wear a face mask or face covering when you cannot stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Wash your hands before touching your eyes, nose or mouth because that's how germs enter our bodies. Wash your hands after you have been in a public place and touched an item or surface that may be frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts or electronic cashier registers/screens, etc.



Mayor Ronald M. Serpico wants all Melrose Park residents to be as informed as possible about COVID-19. Listed below is a partial list of web-sites, for more links and information visit the village website at www.melrosepark.org or visit the department's website at www.mpdes.org.

The mayor has also set up a voicemail and email for village questions on the coronavirus. You can send your questions to covid19@melrosepark.org or you can leave a message on our COVID-19 voicemail – (708) 649-8077.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>.

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>.

Cook County: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/information-covid-19>.

The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America:
https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf.

Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU):
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>.

Special Shopping Hours for Seniors & Vulnerable Populations (Statewide): <https://irma.org/covid-19-senior-shopping/>.

Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce & Community Development (Access to Economic Relief Programs for Businesses): <https://mpcccd.org>.

Important Village of Melrose Park Notice Regarding Use of Face Masks ...

On April 27, the village board passed Ordinances 2317 and 2318, which require the use of face masks or other facial coverings at all village facilities and at essential businesses. Village employees and visitors will be required to wear face coverings while at village facilities. Essential businesses, such as grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations, will also require all visitors and employees to wear masks or face coverings while on premises. Other social distancing practices, like maintaining a 6-foot distance between people at these locations, will also be required under the ordinances. The village board took these measures based on CDC recommendations as ways to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Additional information about COVID-19 can be found on the village's website — www.melrosepark.org.



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

Trustees

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano

Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera

Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi

Important

Melrose Park Village Hall Notice ...

Effective as of April 27, 2020,
all Village of Melrose Park employees and visitors
conducting business at the Village Hall will be
required to wear protective masks.



To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 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



Village of Melrose Park

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.
LATE CHARGES MAY APPLY.**

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

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico ...

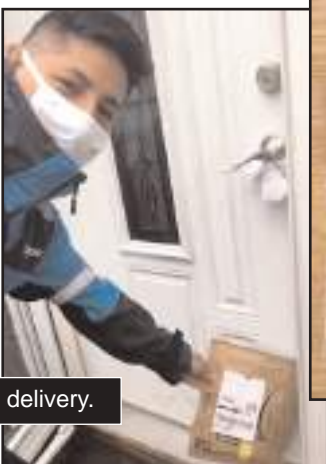
I hope all is well and thanks again for all of your support with our project in Melrose Park. As I'm sure you're aware, we opened DCH8 recently and packages are currently being delivered to our customers in your community. In the current atmosphere of social distancing and safety first, DCH8 is COVID-19 compliant. The leadership team and support partners are committed to excellence while ensuring the safety of our team and customers.

I've attached a few photos from the launch day, which includes our first package on the line (essential item, toilet paper!). Please let me know if there's anything you need from me in the future and we're excited to be a part of the Melrose Park business community.

- Thanks,
Kyle DeGiulio, Amazon
Manager, Economic
Development Policy



First package on the line.



First delivery.



Cookies.

Do You Know Someone Who Could be Melrose Park's Oldest Living Resident, Born and Raised in Our Community and Still Residing Here?

The village of Melrose Park is seeking the name of the oldest living resident who was born and raised here, and continues to live in the village.

If you know someone who may qualify, please complete this form and mail it to: Village of Melrose Park • Attn.: Peggy DiFazio • 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160.

Name of Individual _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Your Name _____ Phone _____

The name of the resident will be announced in the next issue of The Rose.

Dear Mayor Serpico and All the Members of the Staff and Administration of Melrose Park ...

A big thank you for the support you have offered to the seniors during the pandemic.

I am very grateful for the face mask distribution and for the disinfectant lotion/soap and KN 95 face masks I found on my door knob recently.

It is very encouraging to know that we have someone paying attention to our presence in Melrose Park and ready to give us a hand.

Blessings on you all.

- Sincerely,
Elizabeth Jeep

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...

I want to express our thanks for the assistance rendered by Ofc. Verde during a traffic stop which occurred in our city on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Ofc. Verde's experience and knowledge in these types of incidents was very evident during the investigation.

I heard some very positive feedback from our staff.

On behalf of our city, please extend my thank you for the quick and professional response.

- Yours truly,
Norman Nissen, Jr., Chief of Police, City of Northlake

Dear Friends at the Melrose Park Police Department ...

We are just a local family that wished to extend our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Ofc. Joseph Cappello.

Your department and his family are in our many prayers.

May you feel the love, comfort and support of so many that care.

Sending all our love, sympathy and gratitude.

- The Robles Family

Dear Village Attorney James Vasselli and Building Commissioner Ralph Sorce ...

I wanted to reach out to you to thank you for your efforts in getting the fence issue with Ridgeline taken care of.

I don't have any way to reach out to Director of Public Works Gary Marine, who supervised the work, but please thank him for me.

Thanks again. Have a great day.

- Eduardo E. Paneque, EEP, Inc.



MP Police Escort Special Guest Through Village on Easter Sunday

Due to the cancellation of the Melrose Park Police Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast, a decision was made to provide a special escort for the Easter Bunny to travel throughout the village and greet members of the community to wish all a very Happy Easter!

The visit was well-received by everyone – especially the children, who were quite excited to see the bunny as it passed by.



Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Department*

A Message from Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame

Did You Know? A Little Bit of MPFD History

The Melrose Park Fire Department was established on July 11, 1895, as a volunteer fire department. Our present department has deep roots in the community and strong connections to the founding 10-man crew that responded with a two-wheeled, horse-drawn tank and hand-pumped hose cart.

In 1913, the department purchased its first motorized vehicle. In 1932, Anthony Prignano was appointed Melrose Park's first fire chief. Chief Prignano served for 35 years and guided the department's growth from a small, but dedicated, volunteer brigade to a department staffed by equally dedicated, full-time firefighters.

The original Fire Station was located at 706 N. 18th Ave., where it remained until 1994 when the building was demolished in order to accommodate the expansion of Melrose Park School.

In 1958, Station 2 was opened at 15th and Bloomingdale avenues as part of the department's ongoing efforts to provide protection to the expanding industrial park and new residential subdivisions along the North Avenue corridor. Station 2 also housed the Fire Department's administrative offices until 1974 when Station 3 was opened at 3601 W. Lake St. Station 2 remains at its original location but underwent an expansion and renovation in 2003.

Station 3 (3601 W. Lake St.) houses the administrative offices of the fire chief and assistant fire chief as well as the Fire Prevention Bureau and complete training facilities. In addition, the apparatus bay of Station 3 houses the Bronto Skylift aerial ladder that was put into service in 2004. As of 2004, no other fire department in this area had access to firefighting apparatus of this caliber. As such, the commissioning of this state-of-the-art vehicle represents the continuation of Melrose Park's pioneering efforts in firefighting.

On June 13, 1967, Anthony Zito became Melrose Park's second fire chief. Chief Zito served in this capacity until his retirement in April 1972. On April 1, 1972, Fire Captain Alfred Mueller was sworn in as fire chief.

Chief Mueller oversaw the building and opening of Station 3 in 1974. This third station at 36th Avenue and Lake Street enhanced Melrose Park's ability to offer prompt and effective fire and rescue services to residents and businesses on the village's west side. The addition of Station 3 also allowed the village of Melrose Park to realize its goal of increasing its staff of full-time firefighters by one-third.

Upon Chief Mueller's retirement in 1985, Fire Captain John Anderson (the department's first training officer) was sworn in as fire chief.

In 1987, Fire Captain Anthony "Rusty" Maggio, Sr., became fire chief and served the department for another 10 years until his retirement.

In 1997, Fire Captain James Cernauske was sworn in as fire chief and served until his retirement in 2005.

Richard A. Beltrame was sworn in as fire chief in 2005 and is Melrose Park's current director of the Fire Department. Rick was sworn in as a firefighter/EMT in 1981 and rose through the ranks of the Melrose Park Fire Department, serving as lieutenant, captain and assistant chief before assuming his role as fire chief and now director.

Mission Statement

To protect the lives and property of the residents of the Village of Melrose Park by providing a prompt and effective response to all fire, rescue and medical emergencies.

Vision Statement

To become the premiere fire protection and public safety organization in the Chicago Metropolitan area. The Melrose Park Fire Department will realize its vision and remain committed to its unwavering concern for residents through dedication to continuing education for its firefighters and emergency medical technicians and by its ongoing efforts to provide personnel with well-maintained, state-of-the-art equipment.

For additional information, contact our public education officer, Director Rick Beltrame at (708) 344-1210.

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 Collision Repair Fraud Alert

This is not a legitimate service – please don't be a victim!

These people are not employees of the dealership!

Anyone that can provide information, photographs of vehicle, license or perpetrators would help prosecute these individuals.

A fraudulent auto repair scam has been reported to us by several people along the North Avenue corridor.

The perpetrators are not current, nor former employees of the dealership where they claim they are employed. The perpetrators are obtaining the information from the rear of your vehicle – either by license plate brackets or dealership stickers – they claim to deliver repair services at a fraction of the cost of conventional collision repairs.

Under no circumstances allow them into your vehicle.

Do not allow them to persuade you to drive them to an ATM machine or persuade you to purchase gift cards for the cost.

Leave the area and contact the Police Department immediately.

This is not a legitimate service – please don't be a victim!

These people are not employees of the dealership!

Anyone that can provide information, photographs of vehicle, license or perpetrators would help prosecute these individuals.

Home Repair Scams and Ruse Entry Burglaries

A few times a year, police officers take reports from homeowners who are victims of home repair frauds and ruse entry burglaries. In the past, we received several such reports in which a con artist showed up at the victim's door saying he was there to investigate the quality of the tap water. If allowed in the home, the offender will then distract the victim while accomplices sneak in and go throughout the house stealing jewelry and cash. The victims in these crimes often don't know that their belongings are missing until after the offenders are long gone.

Identity Misrepresentation

In scams such as these, the offenders will often identify themselves as a village inspector or a utility company worker who is there to conduct some type of emergency work. In another type of ruse, the offender will attempt to trick the victim homeowner with the promise of low-cost home repairs. Seniors are the most common victims of these crimes, mostly because offenders believe that they often live alone and often have small valuables and cash in their homes.

Home Repair Scams

In one of the most common home repair scams, the offenders will drive residential neighborhoods in an unmarked, older pickup truck or work van. They will look for someone alone, outside their home, perhaps tending to the lawn. In or on the vehicle will be some construction equipment such as hand tools, buckets, ladders, etc.

A person from the vehicle will approach the homeowner with an enticing tale, such as that his crew has just completed a job in the neighborhood and he has materials left over from it that are already paid for. Because of that, he can offer to conduct a repair of the driveway, roof, walkway or whatever he sees that looks worn, for just a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. The amount will be considerably less than what the homeowner might normally expect to pay for such work.

The "repairman" will offer to do it immediately as he and his crew have finished the last job ahead of schedule and they have time to do this one right away. The offenders, having performed a less than adequate job that isn't immediately apparent, may leave satisfied with the cash they have scammed from the victim/homeowner.

Home repairs done cheaply, conveniently and immediately often sound too good to be true. This is often because it is! These con artists use inadequate or inferior materials, which won't be apparent until a short time after they are long gone with the victim's money and valuables.

Unsuspecting Theft

The offenders may also use the home repair scam as a means to gain entry to the victim's home to steal valuables or money from within. Often, they will come up with an excuse to get into the home, such as a need for gallons of hot water to complete the repair. While one "repairman" distracts the homeowner for several minutes, noisily filling buckets from a basement or kitchen sink, his accomplices slip inside quietly and separate, looking in all the common hiding places for small valuables, cash and jewelry. Often, the victims of these types of burglaries don't know for hours, days or even longer that their belongings were stolen. By then the thieves are long gone, having left little behind to allow a successful police investigation.

Utility Company Scams

Rather than offer cheap home repairs, the offenders may instead show up at the home unannounced and tell the owner that they are from a utility company and that they are there to check on some serious problem with the gas, electric or water. They may intimidate the owner into allowing them entry immediately or even push their way into the house. Once inside, the crew will separate, while one keeps the homeowner occupied.

Sources: <https://www.cityrm.org/240/Home-Repair-Scams-Ruse-Entry-Burglaries>; <https://ag.state.il.us/consumers/tips.html>.

Melrose Park Elementary Census/Food/PPE Event

Thank you to everyone that attended the Melrose Park Census, Food and PPE Event on June 7, at Melrose Park Elementary School! During this “Drive By” event, we were able to deliver fresh produce, masks and gloves to people from about 350 different households and had 120 households complete the census in one afternoon.

There will be more Census Pop-up events throughout the summer to help every resident get counted and get their questionnaire submitted before the Census Bureau starts sending people door to door to help people get counted.



2020 Census Safety and Security

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are protected by law. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot release any information that identifies you individually. Every Census Bureau employee and contractor is sworn for life to always protect your information. Violating that oath carries stiff penalties for all Census Bureau workers — a fine up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years in prison.

The Census Bureau uses your information for statistical purposes only, such as helping to inform decisions for new hospitals, schools and roads.

Responses to the 2020 Census are secure.

The Census Bureau has a team of cybersecurity experts who monitor and protect all agency technology around the clock. Our cybersecurity meets the highest standards for protecting your information. From the moment we collect your responses, our goal — and legal obligation — is to keep them safe. The Census Bureau's technology is protected by strong authentication and authorization methods and is fully "locked down" so that it can only be accessed by fully vetted individuals who are trained in data and cyber security. These individuals make sure we keep pace with evolving threats and security advancements.

No matter how you respond, your information remains protected.

The Census Bureau designed the information collection process with layers of security to keep your information safe and secure.

Whether you respond online, by phone, by mail, or if a census employee comes to your door, your information is collected, transmitted and kept secure throughout the process. When you are on our secure website, you can verify it's safe by making sure the address begins with 'HTTPS' and includes a lock symbol. If you're visited by a census employee, know that the technology they use has the same strong security controls, and is fully compliant with the standards mandated for Federal systems.

The Census Bureau works with the federal intelligence cyber community and industry experts to stay abreast of emerging cyber threats to continuously update protections and safeguards for your information.

Connect with us:

@uscensusbureau

For more information:

2020CENSUS.GOV

Melrose Park
European Community

Shape
your future
START HERE >

United States
Census
2020

The Census Bureau is Hiring! Pay Rates \$26.50 to \$29.50 Per Hour!

The US Census Bureau is hiring and they are specifically looking for people in Melrose Park! Positions that are available are both full-time and part-time with flexible schedules available to meet your availability!

To get more information or to apply, go to <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>. Census employees have the benefit of choosing their own hours, receive weekly pay and are paid for training. To apply, all you need is an email address (we do not ask for a resume or references and we will accept an ITIN number in place of a Social Security number). Applicants must be at least 18 years old and (if they are male) must provide their selective service number or qualified exemption. On the application, we give preference to applicants who are bilingual, have access to a car or who have more work availability.

When selected, the Census Bureau will interview applicants over the phone. Applicants will be informed after the interview the next steps, including when and where they are expected for training. If you've already applied or have already received a phone call, please be patient. We have just reopened our area office and have a smaller staff due to COVID-19. Rest assured that no matter what happens, we will need census takers sometime this year. We are just as eager as you to get back to work!



Now, More Than Ever, is the Time for Melrose Parkers to be Counted!

We are now about three months into the 2020 Census and we have had nearly 54.5 percent of the households in Melrose Park that have completed the brief Census Survey online, by mail and by phone ... Thank You!

For those that have not yet completed the census, please complete it for your residence today. Completing the census has always been important and for everyone that is counted it represents about \$1,500 per year in funding for local communities or about \$15,000 over the 10 years before we will be doing the 2030 Census.

Obviously, every dollar is critical but that statement has never meant more than it means now with all of the emergency dollars that are being distributed related to the coronavirus pandemic, which will undoubtedly have a significant impact on normal funding over the next 10 years.

If you haven't completed your census yet, please review the FAQs below for more information regarding this year's census and most importantly, please take the census today!

You can take the census online at <https://my2020census.gov/login> or via the phone at 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish).

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE DECENNIAL CENSUS?

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs – impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy. It also is used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts, and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

Responding to the census is not only your civic duty, it also affects the amount of funding our community receives, how we plan for the future and our representation in government. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census is used to:

- Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals and fire departments.
- Plan new homes and businesses, and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

WHEN WILL I COMPLETE THE CENSUS?

In March, everyone received notices in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. The census is now open and needs to be completed online, over the phone or by mail. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Census Bureau is temporarily changing how we collect information through our ongoing demographic and economic activity surveys. Instead of visiting you in person, the bureau will likely contact you by phone to participate in one of our surveys if you have not completed it for your address. Later in the summer, census workers may go door-to-door for anyone that has not completed the census, but not before the "social distancing" policy allows it.

Please take it online at <https://my2020census.gov/login> or by phone at 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish). If you have not completed your census questionnaire, please take it today!

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED?

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you should count everyone living in your household on April 1, 2020.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL NOT BE REQUESTED?

The Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Social Security numbers.
- Bank or credit card account numbers.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

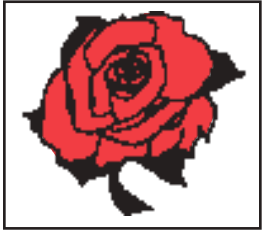
Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI or CIA) can access or use your personal information at anytime. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding our community receives.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

WHERE CAN I GO TO LEARN MORE?

You can learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting <https://www.census.gov>.





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 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 _____

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.

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.

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/kayak launch.

Phase Four of the Silver Creek Restoration Project has currently been halted due to the inclement weather. Construction will start back up in the soon.

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.



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 the Village Hall. Please follow rules posted at the 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.*

Public Works Department Ongoing Street Paving Project

19th Avenue
Division to Frenzel

Cortez Street
19th Avenue to 15th Avenue

Thomas Street
19th Avenue to 15th Avenue

15th Avenue
Armitage to 2200 Block



Alley Project Phase 3

Phase 3
of the Alley Project
has started.

All asphalt will be
replaced to all concrete.



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!

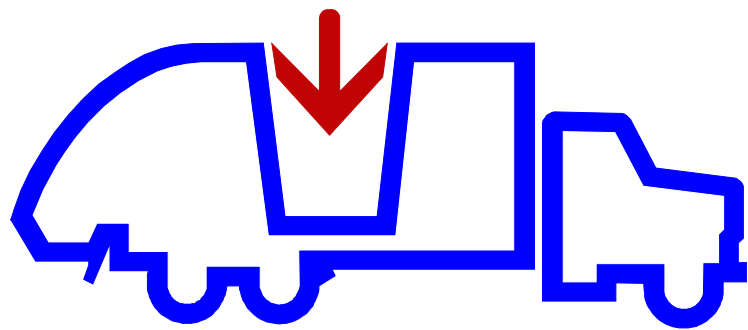
Only two appointments a week can be made for miscellaneous use such as grocery shopping etc. Anyone using the van for doctor appointments, etc., may use the van up to three times a week.

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.





Village of Melrose Park Residential 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***

COMMUNITY NOTICE



All Melrose Park Garage Sales and Block Parties are Cancelled Until Further Notice.

As of March 30, Bulk Pickup and Yard Waste Pickup is Temporarily Suspended – Regular Trash Day and Recycling Collection Will Continue

Bulk pickup and yard waste pickup is temporarily suspended due to the demands being placed on trash collection companies during this difficult time.

Regular trash-day collection will continue on your scheduled days.

You will be notified when bulk and yard waste pickup is once again operational.

Thank you for your understanding.

Lend a Helping Hand ... Donate to Help Those Impacted by the Coronavirus

Want to help others in our community?

Please consider making a charitable contribution to your church, your favorite charity or the Melrose Park Sports & Family Benefit Fund at 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160, to assist those less fortunate and impacted by the COVID-19 disease.

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

Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

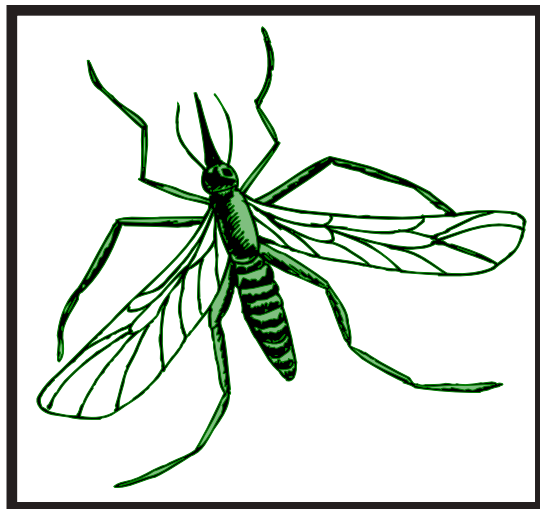
West Nile Virus

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

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

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

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



Five Common Myths About West Nile Virus

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

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

- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent with DEET when outdoors. Spray repellent on exposed skin and clothing. Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.
- You can reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home. Mosquitoes breed in standing water, so check your yard once a week: get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths and maintain clean gutters.

- Make sure window and door screens are in good condition. Have an older neighbor or family member? See if they need help installing or repairing screens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Myth #4: Repellents containing DEET are not safe.

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

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

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

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

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

West Nile Virus Facts

What is West Nile Virus?

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

What Can I do to Prevent WNV?

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

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

What Are the Symptoms of WNV?

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

How Does West Nile Virus Spread?

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

How Soon Do Infected People Get Sick?

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

How Is WNV Infection Treated?

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

What Should I Do if I Think I Have WNV?

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

What is the Risk of Getting Sick from WNV?

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

What is the CDC Doing About WNV?

- CDC is working with state and local health departments, the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies, as well as private industry, to prepare for and prevent new cases of WNV. Some things CDC is doing include:
- Coordinating a nationwide electronic database where states share information about WNV.
 - Helping states develop and carry out improved mosquito prevention and control programs.
 - Developing better, faster tests to detect and diagnose WNV.
 - Creating new education tools and programs for the media, the public, and health professionals.
 - Opening new testing laboratories for WNV.
 - Working with partners to develop vaccines.

What Else Should I Know?

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

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

Know Your Risk When Severe Weather Occurs

Being prepared means learning about summer weather and water hazards such as hurricanes, heat, lightning, rip currents, air quality, tsunamis and wildfires.

Here's what you need to know:

- Since 2003, 43 states within the continental United States have come under a tornado watch; 49 states have come under severe thunderstorm watches; and lightning strikes occur in every state.
- Heat waves are common across the country during the summer. They are dangerous because the human body cannot cool itself properly when exposed to an extreme combination of heat and humidity.
- In 2015, there were 26 lightning fatalities.
- Flash flooding is the number one killer associated with severe weather.
- Air pollution can make it harder for people with asthma and other respiratory diseases to breathe. Children and teens may be more sensitive than adults to the health effects caused by air pollution. According to the EPA, poor air quality is responsible in the U.S. for an estimated 60,000 premature deaths each year.

Take Action

While the weather may be wild, you are not powerless. This summer, prepare for hazards with these simple steps:

- You may have only minutes to find shelter before a tornado strikes. Practice a family tornado drill at least once a year.
- Protect yourself from extreme heat by rescheduling outdoor activities to earlier in the day.
- There is no safe place outside when lightning is in the area. If you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance of the storm. Just remember, When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.
- Whether on foot or in a car, if you encounter flood waters, Turn Around Don't Drown!
- Make sure to check the Air Quality Index for your area at <http://airnow.gov>. If the air quality is poor, avoid prolonged or extreme exertion outdoors.

Be a Force of Nature

Your action can inspire others. Be a force of nature and share how you're working to stay safe from weather and water hazards this summer.

- Write a post on Facebook. Share with your friends and family the preparedness steps you're taking to stay safe this summer.
- Tweet that you're prepared with #SummerSafety. Tell us what you're doing to be prepared for summer hazards.
- Create a Family Communication Plan so that your loved ones know how to get in touch during an emergency. And let your friends know that they should create a plan also.
- Look for ways to help your town prepare, such as volunteering. Register for America's PrepareAthon! to learn how to stay safe during disasters.

With these steps, you'll be doing more than just protecting yourself – you'll help NOAA build a Weather-Ready Nation.

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Take advantage of our low listing fee

3.5%

Or \$3,500 Minimum Fee
Restrictions Apply



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The Taste of Melrose Park is Cancelled, But You Can Still Get a Keepsake 2020 Taste T-shirt!



The Taste of Melrose Park is offering Taste lovers an opportunity to purchase keepsake Taste of Melrose Park 2020 T-shirts during this nonevent year.

Shirts will be white with the Taste of Melrose Park 2020 logo printed across the front.

Available sizes and costs are as follows:

- Medium-XL – \$5 per shirt.
- 2XL-4XL – \$7 per shirt.

To order your keepsake, complete the Taste of Melrose Park T-shirt order form and mail it with a check or money order made payable to the Taste of Melrose Park
1000 N. 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160.

All orders must be received on or before Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

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

Taste of Melrose Park 2020 T-shirt Order Form

Complete, clip and mail with payment as indicated.
Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please accept my order as follows:

- ☐ M Qty. _____ @ \$5 per = _____
- ☐ L Qty. _____ @ \$5 per = _____
- ☐ XL Qty. _____ @ \$5 per = _____
- ☐ 2XL Qty. _____ @ \$7 per = _____
- ☐ 3XL Qty. _____ @ \$7 per = _____
- ☐ 4XL Qty. _____ @ \$7 per = _____

Total = _____



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

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.

The AD RESERVATION FORM

Save the Dates!

Next Issue – August 2020

(Deadline for material July 25, 2020.)

Schedule for 2020

August, October and December

Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

The Rose c/o Village of Melrose Park • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, Ill. 60160

or Email to: therose@melrosepark.org w/pdf or jpeg file.

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

Rates – Full Color Ads

Full Page

\$400 per issue (9 x 10 1/2)

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\$200 per issue (9 x 5 1/4)

1/4 Page

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Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



- Outdoors
- Social Distanced
- Masks Required

***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 Pavilion
900 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park**

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



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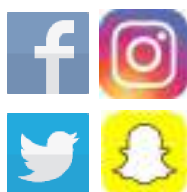
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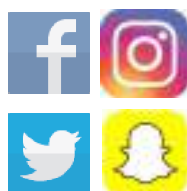
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Computer use by **appointment only** is available for Melrose Park residents (60160 zip-code) over the age of 16 the Melrose Park Public Library. You must prove residency with either a Melrose Park Public Library card or a valid picture ID (Illinois state driver's license or Illinois state ID) Appointments must be made in advance by calling 708-649-7485 . For more details visit MPPLibrary.org Appointments are for one-hour only.



Join us for our NEW Summer Reading Challenge 2020! Dates: June 15 through July 31, 2020
We are excited to be using a new online service called Beanstack to record all you reading this summer. Go to our website for more details and the link to register today. Create your account, log your reading, redeem all your badges and claim your completion prize! All ages can join in!



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Sector-driven internships
for young adults
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▶ **More than 33,000** young adults between the ages of 16-24 are disconnected from both work and school in suburban Cook County. At the same time, many employers report a shortage of skilled workers.

▶ **Opportunity Works** places young adults in subsidized internships, exposes them to viable careers, expands their skill sets and connects them to the training and resources they need to achieve long-term employment in growing industries.

Program Offerings

- ▶ Subsidized Internships
- ▶ Career Exploration
- ▶ Foundational Skills Training
- ▶ Job Placement and Retention Support
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Wraparound Services

How do I know if I'm eligible?

Are you 16 – 24 years old?

Do you live in suburban Cook County?

Are you currently unemployed?

If you answered yes, then you may be eligible to apply!

More eligibility information can be found on our website at workforceboard.org/opportunityworks

Apply Now!

- ▶ Online:
<http://bit.ly/OppWorksApp>
- ▶ Text OppWorks to 77453 to receive info by SMS.

For More Information

PLCCA, Inc. 411 W. Madison St. Maywood
Contact: Shavonna Cross
Phone: 708-236-5177
Email: scross@plcca.org
**Indicate PLCCA on the application as community or service organization.
REGISTER NOW! Cohort starting soon!

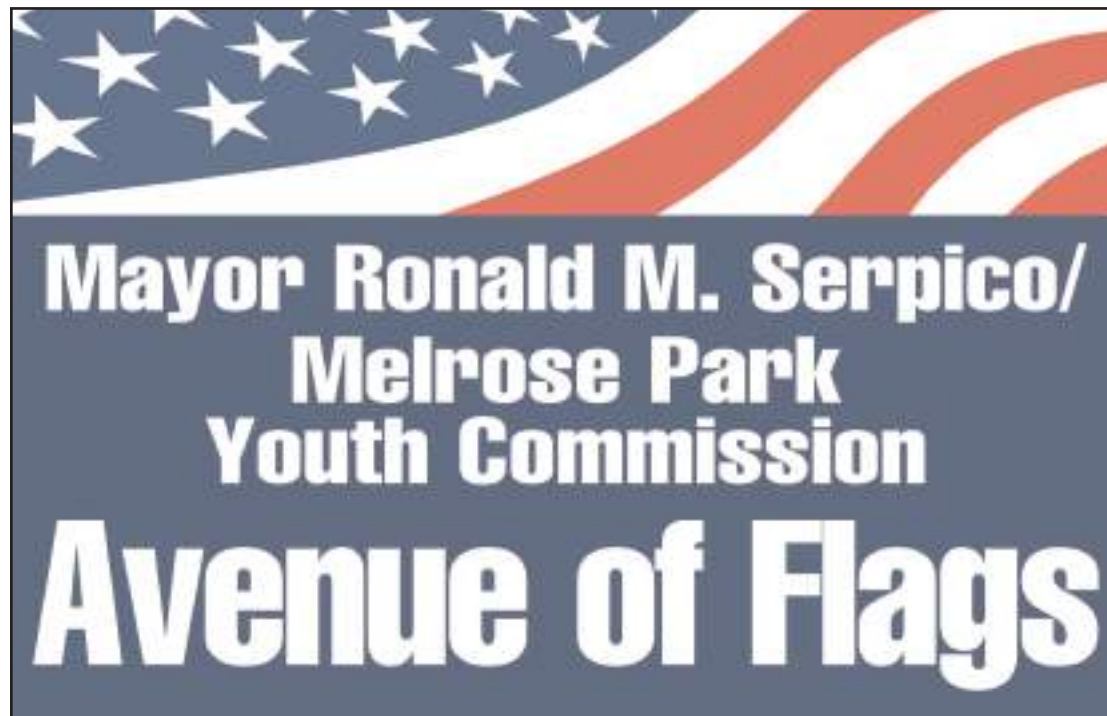


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Show Your Support for Our Veterans and Those Currently Serving Our Country!

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.



NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

End of 2019–2020 School Year

When District 89 had to cancel in-person classes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students, teachers, administrators and the school community were left wondering how, when or if our lives would return to normal. Yet, through these difficult times, instruction continued in District 89 via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, YouTube and other creative means to keep our students engaged. We also continued to feed our students by distributing over 220,000 meals.

The #D89Community is a strong one and we remain committed to serving our families.

Continued Summer Learning

For the third year in a row, D89 partnered with Scholastic to provide families with My Books Summer Reading packets which were distributed during the last week of school. Each packet includes high-interest, grade-appropriate books, activity sheets and a summer reading journal for families to enjoy a rich literacy experience in their homes this summer.

**Registration is
Open for
2020–2021
School Year!**

Online registration is now available
on D89's website at
www.maywood89.org/student-registration.



Jane Addams School Parade

Community Parades

Each school in D89 celebrated the end of the school year with teachers and staff riding around towns in community parades. Vehicles were decorated with school spirit and messages of hope and love. The parades passed through the neighborhoods in which they served.

Eighth grade graduates stood along the route of Stevenson Middle School's parade in their cap and gown as their teachers passed by to celebrate their achievement!



Melrose Park School Parade

www.maywood89.org



Stevenson Middle School Parade



Lincoln School Parade

Follow Us on Twitter “@maywood89”

NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

Eighth Grade Graduates

D89 eighth grade graduates were celebrated through virtual graduation ceremonies, parades, banners placed in front of the schools, as well as given their own congratulatory T-shirts and lawn signs.

Congratulations to our eighth grade graduates! We are so proud of you and wish you much success in high school and beyond.

Preschool and Kindergarten Celebrations

Our youngest scholars celebrated the end of the school year with their classmates with virtual celebrations as well.



New Principal for Melrose Park School

Sherri Rodriguez looks forward to serving the Mustang community as the new principal for Melrose Park School. She has a deep passion for social and emotional learning as well as creating a warm, welcoming school environment where each individual is affirmed and validated for who they are culturally and linguistically, and empowered to reach their full potential.

To view the introductory video, you can visit <https://bit.ly/2Y3EwGn>.



Grab and Go Meals

Grab and Go Meals will continue to be available on Mondays between 10 a.m.-noon at Jane Addams School and Stevenson Middle School. Melrose Park and Lincoln Schools are currently undergoing construction.

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Congratulations School District 89 Graduates, Class of 2020!



DISTRICT 89

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The 127th Annual Italian Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunday, July 19, 2020

Greetings!

The 127th Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrated on Sunday, July 19.

This is the plan as of today subject to change based on the circumstances around the coronavirus and the Archdioceses, state and local authorities' guidance.

The following activities will be streamed live via Facebook. There is no need to have a Facebook account and it will be available for future viewing for those unable to view it live. The link is www.facebook.com/olmcparish then click on Videos. Limited visitors may be allowed in church during these activities subject to the regulations at that time. If visitors are allowed, you must call the office prior to the day of the activity at (708) 344-4140 to make a reservation. Reservations will be handled first-come, first-served. You will need to provide the name and phone number of each person attending. If a registered person does not attend, no one will be allowed to attend in his/her place. Other than Communion, no one will be allowed to approach the altar or the statue of the Madonna. Masks and social distance will be enforced.

- Solemn Novena – July 10 to July 18.
- July 14 – Banner Presentation. Banners must be dropped at church prior to July 14.
- July 15 – Rose Presentation. Rose baskets must be paid prior to July 8.
No single roses or baskets will be sold the night of the presentation.
- July 16 – Memorial Service for Deceased Members of the Feast Committee followed by Mass to honor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
- July 18 – Mass in Spanish for OLMC.
- July 19 – Feast Day – Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There will be no Field Mass.
- The Madonna will be available outside church, weather permitting, on Saturday before Feast Day for people to drive by and visit. For the safety of everyone, you must remain in your car.
- Feast Day Procession – This year since people will not be allowed to congregate, the Madonna will visit the people of Melrose Park. We will have a mobile procession. In order to facilitate traffic and to allow us to visit most of the town, no cars will be allowed in the procession.
- This year there will be no food or entertainment.
- We are having a Grand Raffle and the drawing will be on the Feast Day.
- If you would like to make a donation for the Feast, a Mass or for candles via text, here are the instructions:
 - Text “Masses” to (708) 400-9008, it will take you to the Feast Mass donations platform or use the following link – <https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/25516>.
 - Text “Candles” to (708) 400-9008, it will take you to the Candles donations platform or use the following link – <https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/25509>.
 - Text “Feast” to (708) 400-9008, it will take you to the Annual Feast donations platform or use the following link – <https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/9521>.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Tentative Procession Route



Tentative Procession Route and Estimated Times at Key Intersections

- 1:30 p.m. – Leave church via 23rd Ave. south to Main St.
- 1:35 p.m. – Lake and 24th Ave. to 36th Ave. and Lake. We plan to go through 32nd to 37th Ave.
- 1:40 p.m. – St. Charles Borromeo Church.
- 1:56 p.m. – 24th Ave. and Division, then north to LeMoyne. We plan to travel each street north to south starting from 24th Ave. to 14th Ave., 12th Ave., Ninth Ave., then Sherman, Lee, Winston, Grant, Davis and Elsie.
- 2:17 p.m. – 21st Ave. and Main St., then to 20th Ave.
- 2:37 p.m. – 18th Ave. and Division, then to 17th Ave.
- 2:57 p.m. – 15th Ave. and LeMoyne, then to 14th Ave. and Park.
- 3:15 p.m. – 13th Ave. and Division, then to 12th Ave., 11th Ave., Ninth Ave., Sherman, Lee, Winston and Grant.
- 3:30 p.m. – Fifth Ave. and Elsie, then Winston and Sherman.
- 3:40 p.m. – 16th Ave. and Division.
- 3:45 p.m. – Return to church.

We pray that God through La Madonna pours abundant blessings upon you and your family.

John Battisto
Feast Committee President

**For up-to-date information, visit our website at www.olmcparish.org
or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/olmcparish, or scan the QR code at right.**



Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Our ability to run these programs may depend upon local, state and federal guidelines regarding group activities. We will continue to share information on our programs and events as it becomes available. Call us at (708) 343-5270 or check our website at www.vpdpark.org, or our Facebook page for updates.

We hope all of you are staying safe and healthy, hope to see you soon.

– Veterans Park District

Announcing Virtual Recreational Programs from VPD!

Early Childhood

Check out our videos on the Veterans Park District Preschool Page and our YouTube channel.

Daily Circle Time

Children can join our preschool staff daily for circle time activities, crafts, story time, math/science activities and indoor/outdoor motor activities. Activities will follow a different theme every week.

- Preschool staff posting on Facebook every week, ongoing until Aug. 7.

Creative Arts

Children will learn how to do fun at-home creative art projects with the VPD staff weekly.

- Ms. Kristen posting on Facebook three days a week, ongoing until Aug. 7.

Take Home Craft Kits (Free)

Parents can sign up for free take home craft kits that will be demonstrated by teachers in the weekly circle time videos on the YouTube Channel.

- June 29 – Craft Kit #1 pickup date at Bulger; 9-10 a.m.; Includes craft materials for three crafts following the Castles & Dragons, Ocean and Reptiles themes.
- July 17 – Craft Kit #2 pickup date at Bulger; 9-10 a.m.; Includes craft materials for three crafts following the Pirates, Olympics and Circus themes.

Kidz Cooking Corner

Kids will have fun and socialize as they learn to create delicious desserts and snacks every week for eating in class or to take home. Fruit parfaits, smoothies and finger sandwiches will be among the items on the menu, as your child learns kitchen skills and safety.

- Ms. Kristen posting on Facebook – June 25 and July 2.

Dinosaur Discovery

Children will learn about the different dinosaurs, view picture books and create 'Dino'mite crafts!

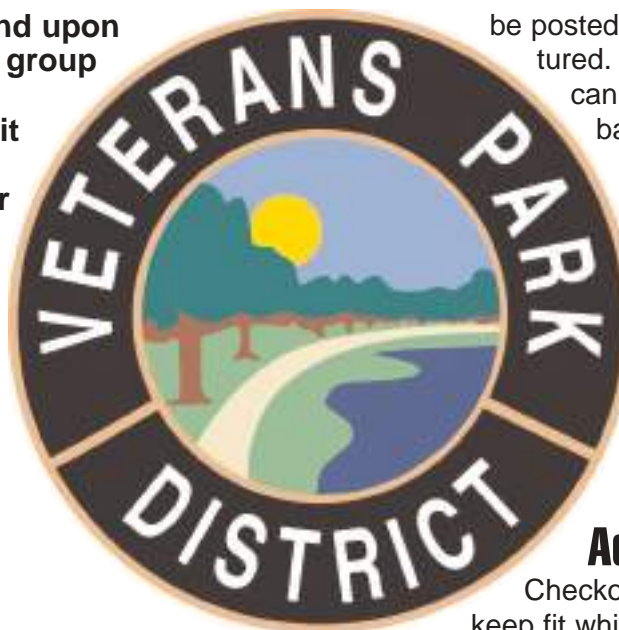
- Ms. Kristen posting on Facebook – July 14, July 21 and July 28.

Youth Athletics

Check out our videos on the Veterans Park District Youth Athletics YouTube Channel.

Sport Bingo

Check out our social media pages for sport specific bingo. Bingo sheets will



be posted once a week. Each week a different sport will be featured. The bingo sheet will include workouts and drills that can be done at home. Some of the sports will include baseball, soccer, volleyball, etc.

- Posted on our Veterans Park District Facebook Page and Instagram.

Technique Tuesdays

Make sure you follow our social media pages. Videos will be posted each Tuesday on Facebook. The videos will include skills and drills that can be done at home. Each video will be featuring a different skill and there will be multiple sports demonstrated.

- Posted on Facebook. Videos can also be accessible on YouTube.

Adult Fitness

Checkout our Cimbaló Fitness Center YouTube Channel to keep fit while at home.

Mat Pilates

A low-impact workout done on the floor with use of a mat. Controlled poses help build flexibility and muscle tone. Instructor: Karin.

Chair Yoga

Yoga moves are done while seated in a chair. This helps with posture and mobility. Instructor: Karin.

Latin Dance

Inspired total body workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Instructor: Hilda.

H.I.I.T.

High intensity interval training targets every major muscle group. Helps build strength, agility and endurance. Instructor: Tony.

Middle Eastern Belly Dance

Increase flexibility and strengthen your inner core muscles while moving those hips. Instructor: Felicia.

Day Camps

FREE Virtual Day Camp Field Trips

This summer, campers can travel virtually to exciting destinations found throughout the United States! Campers will experience some of the major attractions and learn interesting facts every time we take a trip. They will be so excited to share what they have learned with their family and friends!

- Week 1 – Busch Gardens.
- Week 2 – NASA Space X Launch Part 1.
- Week 3 – NASA Space X Launch Part 2.
- Week 4 – Animal Safari.
- Week 5 – Hogwarts at Universal Studios.
- Week 6 – Amazon River & Rainforest.
- Week 7 – Water Country Waterpark.
- Week 8 – Walt Disney's Epcot Theme Park.
- Week 9 – Yellow Stone National Park.

Wednesdays, until Aug. 5.

Guardian must complete google form every week to receive link from day camp director. The Google Form must be complete by Mondays at 4 p.m. in order to receive the link. If you have questions regarding virtual field trips, please contact Greg at gstanczyk@vpdpark.org or (708) 716-4822.

Active Adults/Seniors

Virtual Travel with VPD

Travel with VPD has gone virtual this summer to allow us to reach popular travel destinations found throughout the United States and internationally! Guests will experience some of the well-known attractions and learn interesting facts on every unique trip. VPD offers memorable travel experiences throughout the year worth sharing with your family and friends! Be sure you provide your email address at time of registration to receive our seasonal *Travel with VPD Newsletter!*

- British Museum in London – Friday, July 10.
- Yellowstone – Friday, Aug. 14.

Senior Cook Book

The Active Adults Department is going to send direct mail to seniors. The direct mail is going to include a VPD wellness card, program overview, blank recipe sheet, paid postage and a senior survey.

To be added to our direct mailing list, please contact Greg Stanczyk, assistant director of Recreation, at gstanczyk@vpdpark.org or call (708) 716-4822.

Active Adults/Senior In-person Bingo

Come out of the house to socialize while experiencing our program modification to incorporate social distancing at our weekly bingo event. No prize table, no themes – just good company. Winners will receive a \$5 gift card to a local establishment.

- Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29; Noon-2 p.m.; Grant Park Gym, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake; \$10 per person. Must register at least two days in advance.

Special Recreation

Special Recreation Virtual Picture Bingo

We miss visiting with all our friends and we like to play bingo, too. We have paired these two activities together twice a month for socialization and fun. Two Thursdays a month, our group will play three picture bingo games, win some prizes and visit with each other. Please contact the Special Recreation Department at (708) 343-5270 so we can mail you a picture bingo card. We will send you a link so you can get together with the group and play.

- Population: Any special needs person high-school aged and up; First and third Thursday each month; 11 a.m.-noon on Facebook Messenger Group; Free – no registration required.

Outdoor Fitness Classes are Here!

Cimbalo Fitness Center is now offering outdoor fitness classes in your local park, including Strong by Zumba®, Piloxing Knock-Out, Zumba®, Middle Eastern Belly Dance, Mat Pilates, Pound and Youth Fit.

Visit our website for details at vpdpark.org or call (708) 343-5270.

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Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings



Men's 16" & Co-ed 14"
Thursday, July 30 – Sunday, August 2

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT BILLY OTTE
AT (708) 343-5270 OR JOE SERPICO AT (708) 870-4780.

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

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

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

Captains Meeting:

Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park

Men's: Tuesday, July 14

Co-ed: Tuesday, July 14

Non Refundable Deposit:

\$100 (applied towards balance).

• FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED •

Fee: \$200 (Must be in by date of captain's meeting)

Late Fee: \$50 will be assessed to any team that has not paid the full tournament fee by the Captain's Meeting on July 14. Any team incurring a late fee must pay the entire tournament fee (including the late fee) by 10 PM on Tuesday, July 21.

Bocce Ball Tournament
Saturday, August 1 - Sunday, August 2

Join Veterans Park District as we celebrate the tradition of Bocce Ball, a game that can be enjoyed by all ages. Sign up your team for the 2020 Tournament now! There must be two players on a team. Court times will be assigned the day of the tournament. Start time is at noon, match times to be announced. Preregistration required. We average over 12 teams each year!



Become a Sponsor! Call Terri Gregory at
(708) 716-4822 or email: tgregory@vpdpark.org.

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Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and sit under the stars to enjoy movie night. No registration is necessary. Open to residents of Veterans Park District and non-residents.

Concessions are available to purchase at Bulger Park and Gouin Park. You are welcome to bring your own snacks to any of the movie.

Please remember alcohol and dogs are not allowed on park properties.

Movie starts at dusk.



THIS IS A FREE FAMILY EVENT!



Wednesday, August 5
Trumbull Park, River Grove

Featuring:

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

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**MUSIC
IN THE PARK**

TAKE A MIDWEEK BREAK AND JOIN US FOR
A NIGHT OF GREAT LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING,
FOOD AND A COOL BEER OR GLASS OF WINE.

**MUSIC & PATIO BAR OPENS AT 6 PM
BAND STARTS AT 7 PM**

FREE FAMILY EVENT



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park
1800 Riverwoods Dr., Melrose Park

RICK LINDY AND THE WILD ONES

Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones will delight all audiences with their special blend of Rock and Roll hits of the 1950's, 60's and 70's as well as Surf, Rock-a-Billy, and some of their own original songs.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
Bulger Park
1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park

GUIARRA AZUL

Wind down and enjoy one of the final warm weather evenings of summer. Listen to the exciting mix of Rumba, Flamenco, Latin jazz and the World Sounds of **Guitarra Azul**.

FOOD • WINE • BEER

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Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.

Beginning
October 1, 2021,
the federal government will require you
to use a valid **U.S. passport*** or obtain the
new Illinois **REAL ID** to fly domestically.

* For a complete list of acceptable REAL ID-compliant documents, visit www.tsa.gov.

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
- You visit military bases; or
- You visit secure federal facilities.



The federal government requires REAL ID applicants to provide documentation confirming identity, Social Security number, residency and signature.

You **DO NOT NEED** a REAL ID if:

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- You do **not** use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation;
- You do **not** visit military bases; or
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If you have a valid U.S. passport, you are **NOT** required to have a REAL ID to fly.

For additional information:

REALID.ilsos.gov
833-503-4074

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Triton College Foundation Launches HERO Scholarship Provides a Helping Hand for Frontliners in Essential Positions and Those Currently Unemployed

The Triton College Foundation recently launched a new scholarship that's open to current and prospective students – The Triton College Foundation HERO Scholarship.

The HERO Scholarship is available to all the brave nurses, doctors, first responders, and members of their family, as well as grocery store clerks and others who have continued to work selflessly to provide essential services for the well-being of so many within our communities. The scholarship is also open to all in-district residents whose income has been compromised due to job loss during these challenging times.

Enrollment in one of Triton's health care/public service programs is preferred, but not limited to, for receipt of the award.

Further details are listed at www.triton.edu/about/triton-foundation/ and <https://triton.academicworks.com/opportunities/495>.



"The Foundation has been blessed by the strong support we received from the generous donors/scholarship administrators, who wholeheartedly were in favor of this effort and pulled together to pitch in from their personal scholarship accounts, enabling this timely initiative to kick off with more than \$100,000 in the fund," said Tom Olson, president of the Triton College Foundation.

If you'd like to join in giving for the cause, donations can be made:

- By mail with a check made payable to Triton College Foundation, 2000 Fifth Ave., Room A-317, River Grove, IL 60171.
- Online at www.triton.edu/about/triton-foundation/foundation-pledge/.

Your much-needed support would put a big smile on someone's face knowing that a grateful, helping hand was there for them.

For more information, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3758, or send an email to tcfoundation@triton.edu.

Explore Careers in Renewable Energy at Triton

Triton College has created a new Renewable Energy Technology Program with a 30-credit-hour certificate option to be completed in two semesters or one year, and a 60-credit-hour Associate in Applied Science degree option to be completed in four semesters or two years.

"Triton can be a leader in preparing students for jobs in renewable energy by

providing relevant education and training," said Jennifer Davidson, Ph.D., dean of Business and Technology. "With a streamlined academic approach, students will be ready for employment in the clean energy industry within a short period of time."

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, renewable, or clean energy, comes from a naturally replenishing source but has limited availability for a unit of time. Examples of renewable energy sources include solar, wind, biomass, hydropower and geothermal.

"The Renewable Energy Program is important because it diversifies the college's program offerings and enhances the college's efforts to support green industries," said Kevin Li, dean of Arts and Sciences.

The demand for renewable energy has created "green-collar jobs," which include solar panel installers, energy auditors, weatherization workers, wind turbine technicians and insulation installers. The new Triton program is designed to give students the needed skills to fulfill these in-demand "green" roles.

Through a partnership with the Illinois International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Renewable Energy Fund (REF), the college will offer scholarship opportunities. Additionally, IBEW worked with the college to provide highly qualified instructors with significant industry experience. After completing either the certificate or the degree program, students can apply to an IBEW apprenticeship program for more job-specific training.

"Illinois sees a need to develop a renewable energy workforce within the state and to retain renewable energy employment and its educated workers," said Harry Ohde, executive director, Illinois IBEW Renewable Energy Fund. "The Triton-IBEW partnership will prepare students for an exciting career as either a union electrician or for a role in the renewable energy industry in the state."

For more information about the Renewable Energy Technology Program at Triton, please visit triton.edu/renewable.

Pursue a Career in the Quickly Expanding Cannabis Industry

Starting this summer, Triton College is offering a new certificate designed to provide students with training to pursue a career in the cannabis industry, urban food products and ornamental, tropical and herbaceous plant production.

The 16-credit hour Greenhouse Grow Operations certificate is designed to help individuals make better crop decisions by learning the underlying horticultural science of plant growth. The program is ideal for individuals interested in obtaining gainful employment in a greenhouse growing operation. The certificate emphasizes greenhouse production and management, along with care, maintenance and identification of plants commonly grown in a greenhouse environment.

This certificate is designed to provide students with a basic understanding and vocational training in those subjects and skills relevant to the growing and production of greenhouse and nursery ornamental plants. Upon completion, students may seek to assist growers and managers in greenhouses or nurseries as part of a plant production team.

Student learning outcomes include: make crop decisions by understanding the underlying science and 'why' behind plant growth; diagnose and correct plant problems caused by nutritional, environmental, and cultural issues; know how to monitor crop fertility, scout for pests/disease and track plant growth; understand pros and cons of different growing systems and techniques; evaluate and compare different technologies, make informed decisions on technology adoption; and plan and schedule crops to meet critical market dates.

If you are interested in receiving additional information or registering for courses in the Greenhouse Grow Operations Program, contact Christopher Clem at christopherclem@triton.edu or (224) 805-3382.





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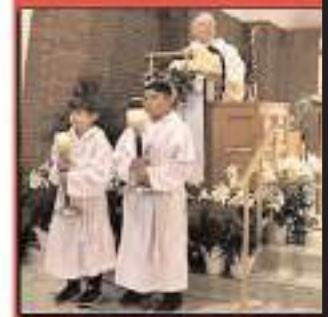
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A heartfelt Appreciation Parade recognizing the heroic efforts of all the brave nurses and doctors, as well as their fellow employees at Gottlieb Hospital, took place in May to show how special they are and to express appreciation for the selfless work the frontliners have been doing.

First responders from Melrose Park and the surrounding area participated in the event that was in a class by itself.

Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

Take notice that the village of Melrose Park, Cook County, Ill., will conduct the regular scheduled meetings of the president and the board of trustees on the second and fourth Mondays of each calendar month, unless otherwise noted, at 6 p.m.

The schedule for calendar year 2020 is: 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.

Board meeting arrangements have changed.
Please call Patti Dindia at
(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4410, for details.

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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

Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

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

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

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

Welcome to the World, Melrose!

Welcome to the world, Melrose Coral Sweeney! What a perfect name for a sweet, full of life, one-of-a-kind baby girl!

Affectionately named to pay homage to such a wonderful place – Melrose Park – and all of the fond family memories made growing up spending summer vacations and holidays that I hold dear to my heart. The warm people and the familiar places always

make it feel like a home away from home no matter how much time has passed since our last visit.

As she grows up in San Francisco, we'll be sure to fill her in on all of the things that make Melrose so special – strong family ties and memories of our loved ones who have left us to soon, an incredible sense of community, delicious food and unforgettable celebrations.

We can't wait to introduce her to our Melrose family, take her to her first Feast, and get her a bowl of real authentic pastina.

• Abbie (Raymond) Sweeney

Melrose was born on April 19, 2020, weighing in at 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measuring 19 inches. Her proud parents are Joseph and Abbie Sweeney.



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Gottlieb Memorial Hospital's Renovated and Expanded Emergency Department Now Open

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital's renovated and expanded emergency department opened on May 5. The expansion accommodates an increase in daily patient visits and future growth to meet the needs of Melrose Park and surrounding communities. Gottlieb is a member of Loyola Medicine, which includes Loyola University Medical Center and MacNeal Hospital.

The \$15.8 million project is made possible by the Gottlieb Memorial Foundation under the leadership of chairman Jack Weinberg. Mr. Weinberg's grandparents, David and Dorothy Gottlieb, along with other community leaders, founded Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in 1961.

His parents, Marjorie and Judd Weinberg, and uncle, Alvin Gottlieb, were all original and lifetime members of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital's Board.

The new Judd A. Weinberg Emergency Department at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital is named for Mr. Weinberg's father. Jack Weinberg describes his family's motivation for opening the hospital as "a sense of civic pride, concern for the well-being of others and desire to give back."

"An emergency department is the lifeblood of a community and a critical access point for life-saving care," said Weinberg. "It is an honor to be part of such an important project that will continue saving lives and supporting families for many years to come."

The emergency department is prepared to see more than 30,000 patients annually and accommodate increased ambulance traffic from nearby neighborhoods; additional ambulance bays have been added.

"We are grateful for the Weinberg family's longstanding commitment to Gottlieb Memorial Hospital," said Shawn P. Vincent, president and CEO of Loyola Medicine. "The Gottlieb Memorial Foundation is a continuous source of support for innovation and expansion to meet the evolving needs of the community."

With a focus on efficient care, bedside registration was incorporated into the new design. The space has new accommodations for geriatric, bariatric, substance abuse and psychiatric patients including larger doorways, anxiety-reducing design and safety elements that benefit all patients. In addition, the Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is supporting this project through the installation of patient lifts in the Emergency Department to prevent injuries to patients and staff.

Important features of the renovation include improved safety and security to ensure a comfortable patient experience and a safe workplace. Increased outdoor lighting, a 24/7 staffed security post, improved visibility throughout the department, natural lighting and slip- and glare-free flooring. Private exam and triage rooms, as well as a "results pending" area, offer comfortable chairs and televisions for patients who don't require a hospital bed while waiting for test results.

Walsh Construction was the general contractor on the project.

Alan Goldberg, a 40-year Gottlieb employee who retired as vice president of administrative services, helped with the planning and execution of this project on behalf of the Gottlieb Memorial Foundation.

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital is a 24/7-bed acute care hospital in Melrose Park that offers advanced specialty, emergency, inpatient and outpatient medical care in a community hospital setting. The hospital's level II trauma center delivers high-quality acute care to adults and children 24 hours a day. The clinical staff is skilled in advanced cardiac care, and all staff nurses are certified in advanced cardiac life support.

The Gottlieb Memorial Foundation has pledged \$31 million to Gottlieb since the hospital joined Loyola Medicine in 2009. Projects include remodeling the Alvin J. Gottlieb Intensive Care Unit, converting double occupancy patient rooms to private, upgrading the Marjorie G. Weinberg Cancer Center including a pharmacy installation, remodeling a second floor waiting area and building-out the mammography suite.

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital's is located at 701 W. North Avenue in Melrose Park.



Several key representatives from Loyola Medicine and Gottlieb Hospital, along with members of Walsh Construction, Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico and other community leaders were on hand for the opening ceremony of the new Judd A. Weinberg Emergency Department. The group met with clinical staff and were given a tour of the newly renovated and expanded facility.

Proviso Township Handyman Program

Next Time You Find Yourself Frustrated by Some Annoying Problem Around the House, Don't Get Angry, Call the Handyman!

The Proviso Township Handyman Program is available to senior homeowners over age 60 and disabled residents of Proviso Township.

The handyman will be available to provide advice and referral on a variety of home maintenance issues. In addition, he will be able to do minor repairs for a fuel surcharge of \$5 per visit plus the cost of parts, if needed.



Things like a leaky faucet or a toilet that keeps running, replacing the refrigerator bulb or the light at the top of the stairs that you just can't reach are some examples of the ways in which we can help. We can even hang that new picture of the grandkids or fix that squeaking door hinge.

The handyman is here to help you do all of those things you used to do for yourself, but just can't manage anymore, all those simple things that can make life just a little brighter. So next time you find yourself frustrated by some annoying problem around the house, don't get angry, call the handyman!

For more information, you can reach the Handyman Office at (708) 547-4001.



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Door Sweeps - Repair/Replace/Install
Doors - Plane, Repair/Replace Hinges
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Faucets - Repair or Replace
Furniture Assembly (small pieces)
Furniture Moving - (50lb Limit)
Furniture Repair - Minor Only
Grab Bars - Install or Replace
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Storm Doors - Repair (No Installations)
Storm Windows - Put In/Take Out (Limit 10 feet)
Supply Valves -Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only
Threshold - Repairs & Replacement
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Window Fan - Install & Remove

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Flowers of Italy Club

59th Annual Dinner Dance



Honoring Man of the Year Frank Di Piero

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Flowers of Italy Club Cancels 2020 Dinner Dance Reschedules for March 2021

Given the uncertainty of these times, The Flowers of Italy Club has decided to cancel the 2020 Annual Dinner Dance. The event will resume in March of 2021 (date to be determined), and honor Frank Di Piero at that time. The ads received for this year's event will be published in the 2021 ad book.

Watch for additional details as they become available.

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Responsible for assisting in plant quality compliance initiatives and programs. Performs or assists in quality investigations for plant product complaint reports (PCR). Assists in evaluating, implementing and following up on quality systems in support of cGMP compliance at the Melrose Park Production Unit (PU).

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Responsible for labeling and packaging products. These duties include mechanical set-up and adjustments to various packaging equipment.

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News From the Zoo

Adopt Your Favorite Brookfield Zoo Animal



Caring for animals is central to the Chicago Zoological Society's mission. Our trained and dedicated staff provides the best care possible through a commitment to the health and well-being of the animals. But we can't do it alone, especially in these difficult times.

There's never been a better time to commit to supporting the animals of Brookfield Zoo than by adopting them! By helping care for the animals at the zoo, you are also helping research and conservation efforts within the park and around the world.

When you choose to adopt an animal, you'll be sharing the care. Your donation to the program helps to provide expert care for your favorite animal for one year. Plus, depending on your adoption level, you'll get some really great perks, including a certificate of adoption, a color photo, a plush toy of your adopted animal and membership discounts!

How can I "adopt" an animal?

You can purchase an "Animal Adoption" package online at www.czs.org/animaladoption. Review the list of available animals, select your favorite animal, choose your giving level, and order your animal adoption package today!

Or, check out our special Featured Creature packages which are also available for online purchase.

If you do not wish to purchase online, call (708) 688-8341.

Your Animal Adoption program participation combined with your contributions to other zoo programs may qualify you for status in the Society's Elite Status Program, which allows our members and supporters insider access to some of the exciting behind-the-scenes activities at Brookfield Zoo. For more information, visit www.czs.org/animaladoption or call (708) 688-8560.

For 2019/2020 purchases: Under IRS guidelines, we are required to disclose an estimate of goods or services received in return for contributions over \$75. The estimated fair market value of goods and services received with the Shared Care Plus package is \$16, Rare Care package is \$24, Premium Care package is \$307, Caregiver package is \$16, Partner package is \$24, Advocate and Guardian packages is \$33 and Champion package is \$51.

Any questions?

For more information, call us at (708) 688-8341, visit the Frequently Asked Questions page at www.brookfieldzoo.org or send an email to sharethecare@czs.org.



Brookfield Zoo Now Selling Animal-Themed Face Masks

Animal lovers looking for a way to support the Chicago Zoological Society, while also protecting themselves and their family, will want to take a look at the selection of animal-themed face masks now available in the Brookfield Zoo Online Shop (CZS.org/Shop).

Brookfield Zoo now offers masks featuring giraffes, penguins, dinosaurs and dolphins.

Each mask comes in adult, youth and toddler sizes. Constructed with two layers for safety, the outer layer is polyester and the inner layer, closest to the face, is made from a soft poly cotton blend. The masks have a super soft touch and elastic loops that go over your ears. They're also reusable and machine washable.



Brookfield Zoo Rocks – Literally

Recently, nearly 60 small rocks with animals, flowers and encouraging messages painted on them appeared at Brookfield Zoo. Some of the rocks were noticed near doorways to staff entrances at animal buildings. Others were seen along the zoo's service road near entrances to the greenhouse, the Animal Hospital, and the Plant and Facilities and Powerhouse buildings. One was even spotted by the viewing window of the African lions' outdoor habitat.

The person who painted and placed the rocks did it to hopefully put a smile on the faces of co-workers. The idea came about when the mystery "rocker" felt a little uplifted after noticing painted rocks in a neighborhood while on a walk.

Although Brookfield Zoo is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the zoo would love to spread the cheer and is encouraging kids and families to paint their own rocks at home. Post pictures of them on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using [#BrookfieldZooRocks](https://www.facebook.com/BrookfieldZoo). Photos can also be messaged to the zoo via [Facebook.com/BrookfieldZoo](https://www.facebook.com/BrookfieldZoo), [Instagram.com/BrookfieldZoo](https://www.instagram.com/BrookfieldZoo) or [twitter.com/Brookfield_Zoo](https://www.twitter.com/Brookfield_Zoo).

Pictured (right) is a collection of small rocks with animals, flowers and encouraging messages painted on them that appeared at Brookfield Zoo. (Credit – Jim Schulz/Chicago Zoological Society.)



For more details or a complete listing of the fun, family activities happening at Brookfield Zoo, check out www.brookfieldzoo.org or call (708) 688-8000.

ComEd Announces Comprehensive COVID-19 Package to Assist Customers and Communities in Need

Package Features More Flexible Payment Options, Financial Assistance for Past Due Balances, Extends Suspension of Service Disconnections and Waiver of Late Fee Charges

To help families and communities recover from the economic challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, ComEd, the staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) and a broad group of stakeholders worked to develop a comprehensive customer support package. In approving the parties' proposed package on June 18, the ICC adopts an approach that reflects unprecedented collaboration between stakeholders and the entire utility sector.

This support extends beyond the ICC's March 18, 2020, Emergency Interim Order to include the suspension of disconnections and the waiver of new late fees until either the state moves to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan or Aug. 1, 2020, whichever comes first. The package also provides bill assistance for eligible low-income customers, more flexible payment options for customers and the waiver of certain deposits and fees for an extended period of time.

"Although ComEd's bills are lower than they were more than a decade ago, we recognize that our bills are only one piece of the puzzle as many Illinois families are experiencing financial hardship and related anxiety right now," said ComEd CEO Joe Dominguez. "This is an extremely difficult time and we are committed to doing everything we can to help ease our customers' financial burden. That's why we have worked closely with a broad coalition of stakeholders to design an unprecedented and comprehensive support package that provides support to customers who need it most."



Customers who are challenged in paying their outstanding balances and electric bills should contact ComEd's Customer Care Team as soon as possible at 800-334-7661, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., to take advantage of new and existing assistance options. More information is also available at ComEd.com/CARE.

This comprehensive relief package was made possible by the collaboration of a variety of key stakeholders, including the staff of the ICC, large Illinois utility companies and the Joint Consumer Parties, which include the Illinois attorney general, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), the city of Chicago, Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services and Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI).

Details of ComEd's customer support package include:

Extending the Suspension of Disconnections – ComEd will provide continued relief from service disconnections by extending its suspension on disconnecting customers until either the state moves to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan or Aug. 1, 2020, whichever comes first. Residential and small business customers will have an additional 30-day grace period, during which time ComEd will not disconnect service for nonpayment to help customers get back on their feet. This builds off previous action taken by ComEd to suspend service disconnections; in March, ComEd was one of the first companies in the nation to voluntarily suspend service disconnections and waive new late payment charges.

Bill Assistance for Eligible Low-Income Customers – To help customers who are past due on their ComEd accounts, ComEd will provide additional bill assistance for eligible, low-income households earning less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

More Flexible Payment Arrangements – Under the comprehensive support package, customers will have additional flexible payment options, including longer payment plans in which payments will be spread out over up to 18 months for residential customers or 24 months for low-income customers and customers experiencing financial hardship.

Extended Fee Relief – ComEd will continue to waive reconnection fees for those eligible residential customers disconnected prior to March 18, 2020, and will waive new residential deposit requirements for an extended period of time.

These comprehensive customer assistance programs supplement the extensive relief that ComEd already offers its customers in need, including:

Flexible Payment Options – These include budget billing, which averages payments over a 12-month period to help customers manage their monthly energy bills.

CARE Financial Assistance Grants – For customers who struggle to cover energy expenses, ComEd offers a wide range of financial assistance program.

Supplemental Arrearage Assistance – Recognizing that customers facing economic hardship may be challenged to quickly pay off debt accrued during a period of nonpayment, ComEd also offers arrearage assistance through its Supplemental Arrearage Protection Program (SARP).

ComEd, along with The Exelon Foundation and Exelon Generation, has made a \$2 million donation to the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund to help Illinois residents affected by the pandemic. The fund is a joint effort between the United Way of Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations, in collaboration with the Office of the Governor, to raise funds for relief organizations across the state serving individuals, families and communities hit hardest by the pandemic.

Obituaries

Abate

Francesca Abate, nee Berardi. Dearly beloved wife of Sergio; loving mother of Rossana, Antonio and Francesco (Trinity); cherished nonna of Lorenzo; dear sister of Maria (the late Antonio) Filippo, Giuseppe (the late Annamaria) Berardi, Luigi (Angela) Berardi, Palma (Aldo) Ricciardi and Aldo (Emilia) Berardi, and the late Giovanni (the late Teresa) Berardi; fond aunt, great-aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Beltran

Dimas Beltran. Beloved husband of Teresa (nee Paz); loving father of Juana Beltran, Gonzalo Beltran, Efren Beltran, Maria Lourdes Maldonado, Dimas Beltran, Antonio Beltran and Jose Beltran; fond grandfather of Juan, Pascual, Jose, Marcos, Lisa, Pablo, Sandra, Ana and Genesis; fond great-grandfather of Leila and Kayla; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Carbon

Richard J. Carbon, of Melrose Park. Dearly beloved husband of Flora Ann (nee Manfredi); cherished father of Richard L; dear brother of Dr. Patrick Carbon, Robert (Meredith) Carbon and the late John (the late Connie) and the late Donald (the late Marion) Carbon; fond brother-in-law of the late Louis and Dorothy Manfredi; dear uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery Resurrection Mausoleum.

Cochiaro

John G. Cochiaro Sr. Loving father of John Jr. (Esther), Sam and Jessica; beloved son of the late Sam and Ruth Cochiaro; dear brother of Mary Kay, Joseph, James, Donna, Joan, Susan, Michael, Cathy, Christopher and the late Sam Jr.; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

De Gandara

Gloria Ocampo De Gandara. Dearly beloved wife of Angel; loving mother of Joshua (Laura), Omar and Monica Reyes; beloved daughter of Alicia Rangel Gandara and the late Alfonso Gandara; cherished abuelita of Sebastian, Mia and Xavier; dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Guzman

Joaquin Guzman. Dearly beloved husband of Felipa (nee Macias); loving father of Felipe, Ivan and Sarah (Jose) Guzman-Cantero; beloved son of Juan Francisco and Micaela Guzman; cherished grandfather of Alex, Adi, A.J., Sochi and Aaron; dear brother of Antonio (Luz), Alfredo (Rita), Teodoro, Gautier (Rosa) and the late Fidel (Anita); dear brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Hanlon

Michael Joseph Hanlon Jr. Proud veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved son of the late Michael Sr. and Mary Hanlon; dear brother of James (Carolyn) Hanlon and Tom (Mary Jo) Hanlon; cherished uncle of Lisa, Laurie (Tim), Michael (Jennifer), Patrick, the late Shawna and the late Sara; loving great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Ingrao

Domenic Ingrao. Passed away peacefully, Friday, April 24, 2020, age 84. Beloved husband of Anna (nee Pieretti); loving father of Leo (Antonette), Antonette (Angelo) Moreci; cherished grandfather of Annemarie, Domenic, Francesca, Filippo, Domenic, and Vincenza; dear brother of Joe, Angelo (the late Gioia), Josephine (the late Frank), Diana and Angela (Sam) Galletta; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services and entombment private.

James

Arthur James Jr. Dearly beloved husband of the late Betty Jean (nee Mayfield); loving father of Sylvia (Lawrence) Hutton, Yoverlon Ward, Deborah (Robert) Smith, Carel Dell-(James) Weston, Orela James-Callins and Arthur James III, Rosalay (Jessie) Hillary and Richard (Hattie) James; cherished grandfather and great-grandfather with many nieces, nephews and friends. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Lencioni

Mary Lencioni, 101 golden years of age, nee Guizzetti. Dearly beloved wife of the late Gino; loving mother of Richard (Gail), Jeffrey (Julie) and the late Ronald (Carlotta) Lencioni; cherished grandmother of Andrea, Mark, Alyssa, Jennifer, Richie, Joey, Matthew, Steven, Kyle, Jarred, Abby, Anthony, Nicholas, Bianca and Carina; dear great-grandmother of six, with two future babies to make eight; fond sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Medina

Rosabelia Medina. Dearly beloved mother of Rene (Maria Elena) and Edgar; cherished grandmother of Ana and Emily; loving sister of Martha Rodriquez, Javier, Fernando, Ruben, Gloria Ramirez, Rosario Ramirez, Lisa Alvarez and the late Artemio Medina; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Murray

Linda Murray, nee Paglini. Dearly beloved wife of the late John Sr. "Jack"; loving mother of Jacalyn (Gregory) McElmeel, Rebecca Murray and John Jr. (Lana) Murray; fond nana of Maegan and Joseph McElmeel; loving aunt, cousin, godmother and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Linda was a special person that touched many lives. She was taken from us too soon. Her family is thankful that she did not suffer long from this horrible virus and that she peacefully left us in her sleep.

Linda cherished family and friends throughout her life. She was an only child growing up and, as such, always referred to two of her first cousins as her “sisters.” It meant the world to her to have a large close extended family growing up. Countless favorite foods, traditions and memories are the result.

While Linda's children were school-aged, she watched and loved dozens of kids in her home. She also referred to these kids as her “borrowed babies.” Although they were young when she watched them, she continued to watch them grow up on Facebook with pride of being a small part of their young lives.

After her own children got older, she began working for many years in various nursing homes as either an admissions director or an activity director. Her passion of the two was always activities. She loved putting a smile on the resident's faces and created activities to help bring memories back to those with dementia and built bulletin boards to provide cognitive stimulation. She coordinated many summer family picnics for the residents and their loved ones.

When Linda stopped working, she enjoyed being a nana and considered that her most precious title of all. Her grandkids were the apples of her eye and she could not have been more proud of each of them. She loved teaching them devious things as they grew to play/say jokes, sharing stories from the past and playing games with them during visits.

When Linda was no longer able to live on her own, she found a new "home" at Bria of Geneva. Linda was not in great mental or physical condition when she became a resident there, but then truly thrived as a result of living there. She was able to feel valued because she was able to bring her ideas for activities to life once again. Shortly after moving there, she made many friends and began to quickly spread her wings. The facility helped her get a custom motorized wheelchair which truly changed her life and gave her freedom that she hadn't had for a while. She started a group called the "Golden Crochet Girls" and taught any resident that wanted to learn how to crochet. They started slow with single crochets and in no time she had everyone making shawls and lap blankets for a nearby church. She also got residents hooked on playing games with her like Boggle, Rummikub, Uno or an Italian card game. Recently, Linda also began to help lead Bible Study. Linda would joke around with the staff at Bria and loved the relationships she had formed as a result.

Linda will truly be missed by many.

Pierri

Vincent M. Pierri, veteran of the United States Korean War. Dearly beloved husband of Cathy (nee Joseph); loving father of Vincent (Catherine); beloved grandfather of Katie (Jeff) Guerrero, Vincent (Joanna) Pierri, Frank Pierri, Anthony (Kitty) Pierri, Dominic and Gina Pierri; father of Claudette and Paula; cherished great-grandfather of Gianna and Carmen Guerrero; dear brother of Angela (the late Jack) Thennisch and the late Frank (Sari) Pierri; fond brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Member of the River Grove LOM-Moose and Wood Dale VFW. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum with military honors.

Ramos

Olga Ramos. Dearly beloved wife of Luciano Ramos; loving mother of Luciano Jr., Maribel Medrano, Jesse and the late Carlos; fond grandmother of Luciano III, Priscilla Medrano Santana, Lisa Marie Medrano, Edward Carlos Medrano, Samantha Cherise and Rocco; great-grandmother of Daniyla Gisel Santana and Luciano IV; dear sister of the late Carmen, the late Tea, the late Jesus, the late Antonio, the late Fino, the late Concepcion and the late Bertha; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Rizza

Fred Rizza Jr. Veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Catherine; loving father of James (Mary) Lullo, Linda (Michael) Lullo, Sharon Scianna and Robert (Wendy) Lullo; beloved son of the late Fred Sr. and Grace Lullo; cherished grandfather of Carl Lullo, Grace (Nick) Irle, Dr. Antoinette Lullo (Dr. Brian Medernach), Deanna Lullo, Colette

(Michael) Palerno, Michael (Christina) Lullo, Nick (Erica) Lullo, Katie Scianna, Jonathan (Maria) Scianna, Robert Rizza Jr. and Jessica Rizza; great-grandfather of Sofia and Michael Palerno, Marley Lullo, James and Luca Pesoli, Charlie and Maya Medernach, Athena and Alexandra Lullo, and Necie and Lydia Irle. Past president of the Hickory Hills and DuPage Wood Working Clubs. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Romano

Fortunata Romano, nee Manzo. Dearly beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Guy (JoEllyn), John (Karyn) and Roger; beloved daughter of the late Michele and Gaetana Manzo; cherished grandmother of Danielle, Natalie, Christian, Ariana and Grace; dear sister of Phillip, Antonia, Domenica Irma, Teresa, Luigi and Angelo; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Sanchez

Leonardo Porroa Sanchez. Dearly beloved husband of Maria (nee Garibay); loving father of Esperanza Porroa, Leonardo (Julia), Arturo (Irma), Annaberta (Leonardo) Caraces, Miguel, Osvaldo (Virginnia), Maria (Rogelio) Cortez, and the late Teresa and the late Miguermo; cherished abuelo, great-abuelo, tio and amigo of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Spiezio

Frank Spiezio. Beloved son of the late Frank and Anna Spiezio; cherished brother of Anna Marie "Chickie" (Fritz) Krkoch, the late Elizabeth Spiezio, the late Josephine (Chuck) Seputis, the late Phil (Danny) Sarlo, the late Johnny (Marie) Spiezio, the late Vito Spiezio, the late Clara (Van) Van Alstine, the late Joseph Spiezio and the late Carmella (Alex) Saccheri; loving uncle, great-uncle and great-great uncle to many nieces and nephews, and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Sprovieri

Salvatore Sprovieri, owner of Sprovieri Kitchens. Dearly beloved husband of the late Lucille (nee Romano); loving father of Teri Fiore (Dan Huntzicker), Chuck (Lisa) and Steve (Caryn) Sprovieri. cherished grandfather of Anthony (fiancee Elizabeth), Nicholas (Erin), Kristin, Alyssa, Joe (Tiffany), Blake (Jessica), Danielle (fiancee Michael), Alec, Jim (Jen) and Joe Huntzicker; great-grandfather of Lucio, Aveline, Giovanni, Claire and Liam; dear brother of Patricia (the late Tony) D'Avolio and the late Phyllis (the late Michael) Caruso; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Vasquez

Gabriel Vasquez. Dearly beloved husband of Maria (nee Castillo); loving father of Gabriel (Monica), Luz (Edwardo) Morales and Nataly Rios; cherished grandfather of Alex and Emmanuel; dear brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Villasenor

Robert Villasenor. Beloved husband of Mary Anne (nee Salvo); loving father of Gina Venice, Robert (Rita) M. and Joseph; cherished grandfather of Tigerlilly; dear brother of Delfino, Joey and Kathy. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Wardak

Linda B. Wardak, age 81. Passed away peacefully at her home in Paduach, Ky. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

A tribute from Abdul Wardak to Linda Wardak who left us peacefully:
She will be missed by many. Rest In Peace Dear Friend.

You Are

You are gone not to return.
Remembered, but never to be found.
Yet I feel your presence.
You are standing in my mind,
You are hiding in my heart.
I smile knowing you smiled,
I laugh knowing you laughed.
When I listen to the winds,
I could hear you from the heavens.
When I close my eyes,
I can see you in the clouds.

AAW

Williams

Anna Lee Williams, age 81, of Melrose Park, passed away due to complications of COVID-19. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease and was a longtime resident of Norridge Gardens skilled Nursing Facility in Norridge, Ill. She leaves behind her daughter, Sandra Gronkiewicz (Andrew), of Riverside, Ill., and her two children, Jason Ritchie of Chicago and Jennifer Folino (Matthew) of Chicago, and Jennifer's two sons Benjamin and Samuel; she leaves behind two grandsons, Steven and Michael Sherrill, of Kenosha, Wis.; Steven's two daughters, Kayla and Emily, and Michael's daughter, Ireland; she leaves behind two sisters, Emma Miller (Lucas) and Shirle Campbell Gordon, of Melrose Park, Ill.; and a host of loving nieces and nephews; she is preceded in death by her husband, Darven Williams, daughter Shelly Diane Sherrill-Hartgrove, and five brothers, Estill Campbell, Ruey Campbell Jr., Amon Campbell, Billy Ray Campbell and Samuel

Campbell. A longtime member of the Amazing Grace Church of God in Chicago. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery.

Wing

Grace Wing took her last breath on Earth and her first breath in heaven on April 22, 2020. Grace as she was known to her friends and family, was born on April 17, 1929, to Michael Bozzelli and Rose (nee Fragasso) Bozzelli in Chicago, Ill. Grace worked for and retired after 39 years as a medical records supervisor for Rush Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Upon retirement she moved to Lakeland, Fla., to be near family, where she lived for the next 25 years. She later moved to Greenwood, Ind. She is preceded in death by both of her parents, her sisters, Mary Micucci, Cecelia Bisel and Palma Catizone, and her brothers, Nicholas Bozzelli and Frankie Catizone, along with one niece, Monica Bozzelli Burrows. Grace leaves behind a legacy of love for all her nieces and nephews. She enjoyed spoiling her brother Nick's children every time she traveled to see them. She also shared a special bond with Peggy Jo, Michael Joseph, Debbie, Gloria and Karen, and all the Chicago cousins. Grace will be missed by all, especially Frank (Rhonda) Micucci, Michael (Rebecca) Micucci and Rosemarie Dolven, who were her sister's children, and Joseph Micucci, son of Frank and Rhonda as well as Julian and Sebastian Micucci sons of Michael and Rebecca. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

Zaragoza

Ignacio Zaragoza. Dearly beloved husband of Maria del Carmen (nee Coronado); loving father of Ignacio, Daisy, Mariamamelia and Jennifer; dear brother of Olivia (Salvador) Hernandez, Gerardo (Isabel), Rodolfo (Imelda), Ana Maria (Eduardo) Perez, Cornelio (Martha), Luis (Blanca), Ruben (Lorena), Sara (Leonardo) Enriquez and Jose Juan; loving uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation and funeral private.

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2020 Village of Melrose Park RE: 0311860 Consumer Confidence Annual Water Quality Report Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2019

This publication conforms to the new federal regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act that requires water utilities to provide a detailed water quality report to each of their customers annually. The Village of Melrose Park must provide you with this information. The Village also believes that knowledgeable customers are the Village's best allies in support of improving high drinking water standard.

If you have any questions relating to your water supply, and this report, please contact Mr. Mike Carpanzano, Water Superintendent (708-531-5360).

SPANISH NOTICE

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The report outlines the processes involved in delivering to you the highest quality drinking water available.

1. Where does my water come from? 2. How is my water treated and purified? 3. How safe is my drinking water?

SOURCE WATER (MANDATORY)

VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK DRINKING WATER SOURCE

Lake Michigan is the surface water supply used to provide drinking water for Chicago and 123 suburban communities. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past 21 years. Lake Michigan, by volume, is the second largest Great Lake and the only one located totally within the United States. It serves as a source of drinking water, as a place for swimming and fishing, and as a scenic wonderland. Sources of drinking water used for both tap water and bottled water can pick up contaminants as water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground. The drinking water source is vulnerable to industrial waste and runoff from surrounding lands. Potential sources of pollution such as pesticides, herbicides, radioactive materials, and organic and inorganic petroleum and gas production by-products can impact the source water. We do not have indications of the presence of these contaminants at this time, mainly because of restrictions, which prohibit industrial effluents from entering Lake Michigan, Sewage treatment plant effluents are not discharged into the lake, thereby reducing the threat of microbial contamination. All 63 miles of shoreline within Illinois are now considered to be in good condition. The Illinois EPA Office of Groundwater will be doing a source water assessment within the next three years. When completed, all sources of Pollutants into Lake Michigan will be identified and there will be information regarding the source water's susceptibility to contaminants based on the findings of the assessment. Since the quality of the raw water source is good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation, and sand filtration are adequate for producing a water that is free of harmful contaminants.

HOW IS MY WATER TREATED AND PURIFIED?

The City of Chicago Water Department provides the water treatment necessary to safeguard the water delivered to Melrose Park. Water is taken from Lake Michigan at several water inlets located about 3 miles from shore. Chlorine is then injected into the water for disinfection. The water then flows through a series of settling and filtration basins where small amounts of polymer and sedimentation chemicals are added. After this process is complete, the water is filtered to remove the sediment. At this point the water is filtered through layers of fine charcoal and silicate sand. Small particles are removed and pure clean water is ready to be re-chlorinated as a safeguard and precaution against any microorganisms.

VOLUNTARY TESTING (OPTIONAL)

The Chicago Water Department monitors for contaminants which are proposed to be regulated or for which no standards currently exist but which could provide useful information in assessing the quality of the source water or the drinking water.

Cryptosporidium – Analyses have been conducted monthly on the source water since April 1993. Cryptosporidium has not been detected in these samples. Treatment processes have been optimized to ensure that if there are cryptosporidium cysts in the source water, they will be removed during the treatment process. By maintaining a low turbidity and thereby removing the particles from the water, the threat of cryptosporidium organisms getting into the drinking water system is greatly reduced.

Asbestos – Samples are examined for asbestos fibers in the source water and finished water on a routine basis. The EPA has determined that asbestos fibers greater than 10 microns in length could potentially cause lung cancer. We did not find fibers that are in this size category.

Taste and odor compounds – MIB and geosmin are monitored both in the source water and finished water. These analyses assist the personnel to determine the effectiveness of the treatment process as they strive to reduce these compounds and provide a drinking water without detectable tastes and odors.

The City of Chicago carefully monitors the chlorine, using just enough chlorine to protect its customers, without compromising taste. Lastly, fluoride is added to inhibit tooth decay. A corrosive inhibitor is added to protect the distribution system pipes.

The finished water is pumped into the City of Chicago supply system. The water there is pumped westerly by the city's Springfield Pumping Station through a 48"-36" supply line to the Village of Melrose Park's connection at Harlem and Wabansia.

Water is stored in the Village's 2 million gallon reservoir and again pumped by a booster station at 8300 North Avenue. The water travels through a 42" supply line to 2-4 million gallon reservoirs at the 15th Avenue pumping station and a 2 million gallon reservoir at the 23rd Avenue Main Pumping Station. At those points the water is pumped into the local water distribution lines. The Village of Melrose Park once again tests the water for chlorine levels, and adds the required chlorine to insure clean and safe water to its consumers.

SUBSTANCE EXPECTED IN DRINKING WATER

Under The Safe Drinking Water Act. S.D.W.A., the U.S.A. Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for establishing national limits for hundreds of substances in drinking water. The Act also specifies various treatments that water systems must use to remove these substances.

The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village Of Melrose Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

IF THERE WERE A PROBLEM WITH WATER CONTAMINANT, WHO WOULD NOTIFY ME?

If contaminant levels were to exceed the M.C.L. for safe use, the Village of Melrose Park Department of Public Works will notify you with newspaper, TV and radio announcements. Also, the Village's Emergency Services/Public Safety would patrol the streets of Melrose Park instructing you of what appropriate action you can use to protect your family's health. These actions might include boiling the water for a particular period of time.

TABULAR INFORMATION

This report includes tables of contaminants found in drinking water. The tables do not list contaminants that were not found in the Chicago and Melrose Park water supply. Any contaminants detected in Melrose Park’s water were under maximum contaminants levels (M.C.L.) within the safe drinking water guidelines set by U.S. EPA and are not expected to cause any health risks. However, it is important for you to know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in the water.

The Village of Melrose Park hopes this information helps make its water customers better informed on the water we use in our homes and businesses.

2019 NON-DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The following table includes contaminants monitored for, but not detected in the most recent sample. The CCR rule does not require that this information be reported; however, monitoring had indicated that these contaminants were not present in the water supply. In some cases, if a contaminant is not detected in a water supply, monitoring can be reduced to once every three or six years, however, the Village monitors every year.

DATA TABULATED BY CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT
2019 WATER QUALITY DATA

-Definition of Terms;

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Level Found: This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.
Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.
Date of Sample: If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.
Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which water systems must follow.
Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Nd: Not detectable at testing limits. **n/a:** not applicable

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

| Contaminant (unit of measurement) | Typical Source of Contaminant | MCLG | MCL | Highest Level Found | Range of Detections | Violation | Date of Sample |
|---|-------------------------------|------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| TURBIDITY DATA | | | | | | | |
| Turbidity (%<0.3 NTU) | | N/a | TT(Limit 0.3NTU) | Lowest Monthly % | 100%-100% | | |
| Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit. | | | | 100% | | | |
| Turbidity (NTU) | | N/a | TT(Limit 1NTU) | 0.14 | N/a | | |
| Soil runoff. Highest single measurement. | | | | | | | |
| INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | | |
| Barium (ppm) | | 2 | 2 | 0.0208 | 0.0195-0.0208 | | |
| Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits. | | | | | | | |
| Nitrate (As Nitrogen) (ppm) | | 10 | 10 | 0.35 | 0.33-0.35 | | |
| Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. | | | | | | | |
| Total Nitrate & Nitrite (ppm) | | 10 | 10 | 0.35 | 0.33-0.35 | | |
| Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. | | | | | | | |
| TOC (Total Organic Carbon) | | | | | | | |
| The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA. | | | | | | | |
| UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | | |
| Sulfate (ppm) | | n/a | n/a | 26.7 | 25.8-26.7 | | |
| Erosion of naturally occurring deposits | | | | | | | |
| Sodium (ppm) | | N/a | n/a | 10.2 | 8.73-10.2 | | |
| Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener. | | | | | | | |
| STATE REGULATED CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | | |
| Fluoride (ppm) | | 4 | 4 | 0.79 | 0.62-0.79 | | |
| Water additive which promotes strong teeth. | | | | | | | |
| RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | | |
| Combined Radium (226/228) (pCi/l) | | 0 | 5 | 0.84 | 0.50-0.84 | 2/11/14 | |
| Decay of natural and man-made deposits | | | | | | | |
| GROSS APLHA excluding radon and uranium Decay of natural and man-made deposits | | 0 | 15 | 6.6 | 6.1-6.6 | 2/11/14 | |

UNIT OF MEASUREMENT

ppm - Parts per million, or milligrams per liter ppb - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water
%<0.5 NTU – Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU
pCi/l – Picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity.

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE FOOTNOTES

Turbidity
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Unregulated Contaminants:
A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

Fluoride
Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

Sodium
There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

| 2019 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR CHICAGO | | | |
|--|----------------|--|-----------------------|
| No Violations for Year 2017 | | | |
| Contaminant or Program | Violation Type | Monitoring Period Start Date-End Date | Violation Explanation |
| None | None | None | None |
| Health Effects (if Applicable) | None | None | None |
| Actions we took: | None | | |

WHAT’S IN MY WATER?

Each year, the Village analyzes hundreds of water samples for bacteria, turbidity, inorganic contaminants, lead and copper, nitrate, volatile organic contaminants, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic contaminants. For your information, we have compiled a list in the table below showing what substances were detected in our drinking water.

VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK

Lead & Copper – Lead and copper samples were collected from 30 area homes. None were found to exceed the Action Level. The 90th percentile values are shown.

| Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2019 (Collected in 2017 unless noted.) | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------|--|--|
| Lead and Copper Date Sampled Aug. 2, 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Lead MCLG | Lead Action | Lead 90th Percentile | # Sites Over Lead AL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contaminant | |
| 0 ppb | 15 ppb | 4.97 ppb | 0 | ppb | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits | |
| Copper MCLG | Copper Action | Copper 90th Percentile | # Sites Over Copper AL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contaminant | |
| ND | ND | ND | 0 | ppm | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits | |

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
mg/l: milligrams per litre or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Ug/l: micrograms per litre or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
Na: not applicable.
Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant to drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDGL's allow for a margin of safety.

| Regulated Contaminants | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|-----------|---|
| Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contaminants |
| Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) | 2019 | 24 | 13.2-37.6 | No goal for the total | 60 | ppb | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) | 2019 | 32 | 16.89-46.2 | No goal for the total | 80 | ppb | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Chlorine | 2019 | 0.9 | 0.9-0.9 | MRDLG=4 | MDRL=4 | ppm | No | Water additive used to control microbes |

*MCL Statement: The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM and HAA5 is 80 ppm and 60 ppm respectively and is currently only applicable to surface water supplies that serve 10,000 or more people. These MCLs will become effective 01/01/2005 for all groundwater supplies and surface supplies serving less than 10,000 people. Until 01/01/2005, surface water supplies serving less than 10,000 people, any size water supply that purchase from a surface water source, and groundwater supplies serving more than 10,000 people must meet a state imposed TTHM MCL of 100 ppm. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years experience problems with their livers, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

| 2019 UCMR4 UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING | | | | |
|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Collection Point | Contaminant Name | Decetion Range | Limit Range | Collection Year |
| Distribution System | HAA5 | 5.7-15.42 u/gl | 5.7-15.42 u/gl | 2019 |
| Distribution System | HAA6Br | 2.31-9.42 u/gl | 2.31-9.42 u/gl | 2019 |
| Distribution System | HAA9 | 8.01-24.32 u/gl | 8.01-24.32 u/gl | 2019 |

> HAA5 includes: dibromoacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, monobromacetic acid, monobromacetic acid trichloroacetic acid.
> HAA6Br includes: bromochloroacetic acid, bromodichloroacetic acid, dibromoacetic acid, chlorodibrom monobromoacetic acid, tribromoacetic acid.
> HAA9 includes: bromochloroacetic acid, bromodichloroacetic acid, chlorodibromoacetic acid, dibromoacetic dichloroacetic acid, monochloroacetic acid, monobromacetic acid, tribromoacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid.

2019 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE
No Violations Were Found for Year 2019.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply. Such measures not only save the supply of our source water, but can also save you money by reducing your water and sewer bills. Here are a few suggestions.

Conservation measures you can use inside your home include:

- Fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
- Replace old fixtures, install water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances.
- Wash only full loads of laundry.
- Do not use the toilet for trash disposal.
- Take shorter showers.
- Do not let water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Soak dishes before washing.
- Run the dishwasher only when full.

You can conserve outdoors as well:

- Water the lawn and garden in the early morning or evening.
- Use mulch around plants and shrubs.
- Repair leaks in faucets and hoses.
- Use water-saving nozzles.
- Use water from a bucket to wash your car and save the hose for rinsing.

For questions or concerns regarding this report, please call the Melrose Park Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.



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