

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Melrose Parkers Always Pitch In to Help Our Community in Times of Need ... Please Fill Out the Census Form Before Sept. 30!

Dear Neighbors,

In the last issue of *The Rose* my front-page letter was replaced by a long list of people, organizations and businesses who needed to be acknowledged for their help in getting their Melrose Park neighbors through these stressful COVID-19 times. If we missed anyone who should have been on this list or if we misspelled a name, we apologize.



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

Melrose Parkers lending a helping hand during times of need is what makes our community unique. From the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to the Taste of Melrose Park to HispanoFest to youth athletics to school functions to church activities to food pantries to charitable causes, and now the pandemic, Melrose Parkers have once again, without reservation, stepped up to the plate to pitch in. Thank you everyone.

Pipeline Health, the owners of Westlake Hospital, settled a lawsuit filed by the village of Melrose Park in the Cook County Circuit Court. The lawsuit stated Pipeline provided false statements in their application to take over Westlake Hospital. The agreed upon settlement was for \$1.5 million. Pipeline still maintains control of the property and as of this writing there is no future plans for the vacant hospital. The \$1.5 million will help shore up the village's budget that has been hit hard by lower sales tax dollars due to businesses being closed during the pandemic. I will keep you posted on future developments regarding this prime piece of real estate.

I am happy to report that for the first time in Melrose Park's 132-year-old history, every alley is now paved with concrete. This not only improves our village's overall looks but more important, makes them safe and more drivable for homeowners.

School Districts 88, 89 and Proviso District 209 will be teaching their students remotely this fall with hopes of returning to the classroom next semester. The three school boards should be applauded for making this tough decision. These board members understand students learn better in the classroom, but they felt at this time that helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19 was the best course of action for our children and our community.

The Amazon warehouse located on the old Maywood Park Racetrack property is humming along. They have 200 warehouse employees and 500 independent contract delivery drivers. This once abandoned property is now producing real estate tax revenue and their employees are spending money in Melrose Park businesses, which means more sales tax dollars that help keep our property taxes in check. As a side note, a Panda Express restaurant and a Starbucks are coming to the retail section of the old racetrack site.

Returning to the subject of Melrose Park residents pitching in to help their community, I make the following appeal ... Please fill out your census form before the Sept. 30 deadline. For every person not counted, Melrose Park will lose \$15,000 over the next 10 years in government funding for infrastructure repairs, health care initiatives, senior programs, education, mass transportation and job creation.

The quickest and easiest option to filling out your census form is to log on to www.my2020census.gov where it will take you less than 10 minutes to complete the form. If you prefer to do it by telephone, please call one of the following numbers: 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish). The village has also established resources for any questions regarding the 2020 Census. You can email Census2020@MelrosePark.org or contact Jack Stonebraker at (708) 731-3700. I cannot stress how important being counted is to our community.

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

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico

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.



Village of Melrose Park

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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

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Ron Serpico ...

On behalf of us guys at Melrose Park AL Post #368, thank you for posting the flags at the homes of our men and women who served our country.

We have received thank yous for our service many times over. When I see a flag at the home of a military veteran, I also see that patriotism is more than just words in our community.

Thanks for your follow-up on this.

God bless you and your family.

• Sincerely,
Adjutant Post #368
Sam Scardino

Dear Mayor Serpico ...

On behalf of the village of Schiller Park, its board of trustees, administration and residents, I would like to thank you for the professional and courteous assistance of the officer of your Police Department at the rally event in Schiller Park on June 12, 2020.

The support that your officer lent was extremely helpful in monitoring and controlling an unpredictable situation that could have elevated into violence or accidents. I truly believe that the event could not have run as smoothly or peacefully without the professionalism and unyielding support of your department and the others who graciously assisted us.

Schiller Park is fortunate to be surrounded by communities that have dedicated professionals as members of their Police Department and for that we are grateful.

• Sincerely,
Respectfully submitted,
Nick Caiafa, Village President
Village of Schiller Park

Dear Mayor Ron Serpico ...

Please extend our gratitude and appreciation to Director of the Fire Department Rick Beltrame for ambulance services provided by Craig and Kevin.

They were efficient, kind, considerate and very helpful.

Thank you ever so much for these services provided by the village of Melrose Park.

• The Babowice Family

Dear Mayor Serpico ...

The Building Department ladies rock! Boys are pretty cool, too!

• Peace and love,
Jill Turhoghi

Dear Paramedics of Melrose Park ...

Thank you for your help in bringing home my husband on Aug. 1, 2020.

Your services were greatly appreciated and your help made everything possible.

• The Basili Family

Dear Director of Fire Department Beltrame ...

On Aug. 11, the ambulance services were quick and efficient.

Please extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Craig and Kevin, who were very professional, considerate, kind and very helpful.

Thank you ever so much for all you do for us.

• God bless and protect you,
The Babowice Family

Dear Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame ...

We are writing to let you know of the terrific experience our family recently had with four of your EMTs.

Late on the evening of June 23, we placed a 911 call for assistance at the home of my mother-in-law, Florence Pokuta (on Lee Ave.). Florence is 94 years old and had fallen in her den and could not get up on her own.

Fortunately, she was able to get to the phone and call us. My wife, son and I live about 30 minutes from her. When we arrived, she was on the floor and a bit disoriented. We were afraid we might hurt her attempting to lift her up, so we placed the call to 911.

Four wonderful professionals arrived within a couple of minutes of our call, led by Lt. Lorenzo.

These four gentlemen could not have been more patient and caring for Florence. Although she was a bit shaken up and scared from her fall, the EMTs provided great comfort and reassurance to Florence, as well as the three of us. Their professionalism and compassion for my mother-in-law brought a much-needed calm to the situation.

Lt. Lorenzo and his team checked her out thoroughly. They determined that nothing serious had happened to her from the fall. Florence, my wife, son and I all concluded that she did not need to go to the hospital. At that point, the EMTs then helped her up off the floor, eventually carrying her up two flights of stairs to her bedroom. They were so gentle with her it seemed like she was their mother. Florence then had a comfortable night's sleep, as we did.

Director Beltrame, I'm sure you would say that these four pros were just doing their job. But we want to make sure you know that they did their job incredibly well, which we're sure they do all the time.

We are extremely grateful for their quick response, their thoughtfulness and their kindness.

- With our most sincere appreciation,
Florence Pokuta, Sue Feldman,
Jerry Feldman and Richard Feldman

Dear Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame ...

On Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020, the Schiller Park Fire Department was dispatched to a brush fire on a former landfill spanning nearly 20 acres. Upon arrival, Battalion 5 found a "working fire" and requested the working response. Due to limited water supply, no hydrants and long lead outs, a box alarm was requested.

With the help of your department, we were able to control the fire with limited water supply at the landfill, some companies leading out over 800 feet of hose to control the brush and dried out vegetation.

No injuries were reported to civilians nor to any first responders. The fire was brought under control and extinguished within a few hours.

I am thankful for the support and assistance during the fire and overhaul. We are also appreciative of the change of quarter companies that continued to protect Schiller Park while suppression operations were underway.

Again, thank you for showing cooperation in automatic and mutual aid responses.

- Sincerely,
Peter N. Chiodo, Fire Chief
Schiller Park Fire Department

Dear Mayor Serpico ...

Many thanks to you and everyone involved in the installation of the Navy flag that proudly flies on the light pole by our home in honor of my cherished late husband, Daniel A. Amendola, who served in the Navy for six years.

At the urging of Isidro Vargas, I called Patti Dindia and within a week we became part of the "Avenue of Flags."

Thank you for a wonderful visible sign of support for our veterans and those currently serving our country.

- Sincerely,
Joanne M. Amendola



Proud Melrose Parkers You Should Know ... Marie "BeeBee" Torchia and Helen Cimino The Oldest Living Residents, Born and Raised in Our Community

In the last issue of *The Rose*, we put out a request seeking Melrose Park's oldest living residents who were born, raised and still reside in Melrose Park. Meet the proud Melrose Park residents who answered our call for help – Marie Torchia and Helen Cimino.

Melrose Park is honored to have you as members
of our unique, one-of-a-kind, tight-knit village.

Marie "BeeBee" Torchia

Marie "BeeBee" (Morrocco) Torchia was born in 1920, in Melrose Park, to John and Mary Morrocco and was raised in the house she was born in at 918 N. 24th Ave.

BeeBee is from a family of 12 children (nine boys and three girls) and was the baby of the group.

She was married to Frank Torchia for 63 years and has two daughters – Patricia and Carol, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter on the way.

Helen Cimino

Helen (Fioravanti) Cimino was born in 1925, in Melrose Park, to Catherina and Antonio Fioravanti, who were Italian immigrants.

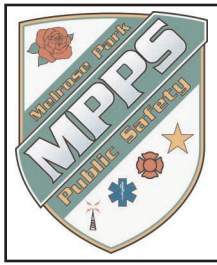
Helen was born and raised on 22nd and Thomas, and lived there until she met and married Dominic Cimino (former Melrose Park Police chief) on June 2, 1945, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

They lived together on 22nd Avenue, for one year, then moved to 21st Avenue for three years, until they bought a home on 18th Avenue, where Helen still resides.

Helen has three children – Joe, Diane and Dominic, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Melrose Park – COVID-19 Update



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

We are still learning about COVID-19, how it spreads and the severity of the illness it causes.

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are “asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are “pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Limiting face-to-face contact with others is one of the best ways to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). If you need to go out, please stay at least 6 feet away from others. Practice social and physical distancing. Do not gather in groups. Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings. Please stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people.

Protect yourself while you are out:

- Wear a mask in public settings and when you are around people who don't live in your household, especially when social distancing is difficult.
- When you do have to visit in person, go during hours when fewer people will be there (for example, early morning or late night).
- If you are at higher risk for severe illness, find out if stores have special hours for people at higher risk. If they do, try to shop during those hours.
- When shopping disinfect the shopping cart, use disinfecting wipes if available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others while shopping and in lines.
- Use marked entry or exit points and follow any directional signs or floor markings designed to keep people at least 6 feet apart.
- Only touch products that you plan to purchase, if possible.
- If possible, use touchless payment (pay without touching money, a card or a keypad). If you must handle money, a card, or use a keypad, use hand sanitizer right after paying.

Practice hand hygiene:

- Before entering and after exiting stores or markets, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. 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 can 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.

Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community – from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospitals.

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.

Follow these five steps every time:

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer?
Hum the *Happy Birthday* song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

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



You're Making a Difference.
Thank You for Staying Home, Social Distancing
and Wearing Masks to Save Lives!



*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.



Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Department*

A Message from Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame

About the MPFD ... We Are Mission-Driven

The Melrose Park Fire Department serves a population of approximately 25,400 in an area measuring 5.5 square miles. The men and women of the Melrose Park Fire Department are dedicated to the protection of life and property in their community.

The MPFD has an ISO rating of 3.

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.

About Us

The Melrose Park Fire Department employs a highly-trained staff of 58 full-time firefighters and 12 contract paramedics. This staff operates as three, rotating shifts out of two fire stations. Each shift works a 24-hour day, giving Melrose Park continual fire and emergency protection 365 days per year.

The Fire Department is composed of four areas of expertise – Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical Services and Firefighter Training. Each division is responsible for a variety of programs offered to our residents including, but not limited to Fire Suppression, Rescue, Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services, Hazardous Materials Responses, Special Rescue Responses, Fire Inspections, Fire Investigations and Public Education.

Dispatch – What Happens When You Call Us

Calls for assistance are received at the NORCOMM center, a state-of-the-art designated 911 emergency dispatch center. Fire, rescue and ambulance units are dispatched from the fire department in accordance with the nature of the emergency. As one of the larger fire departments in the area, we are able to respond with sufficient resources in order to handle the vast majority of calls.

However, because additional or special resources are occasionally needed the Melrose Park Fire Department relies on its status as a member of MABAS DIVISION 20 in order to request additional equipment and personnel as the situation warrants.

Fire Prevention

The Melrose Park Fire Department's primary responsibility is preventing fires and injuries in homes, businesses and other public buildings within the village of Melrose Park. National, state and local codes are adhered to when inspecting new, renovated and existing properties. Melrose Park has been granted an ISO rating of 3. The Melrose Park Fire Prevention Bureau provides the following information.

For residences:

- Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm information.
- Residential fire alarms.
- Family safety tips.
- For kids link to fire administration.

For businesses:

- Building plan review.
- Emergency response phone lists.
- Fire alarm systems.
- Reference fire codes

Public Education

Fire and accident prevention is the emphasis of Melrose Park Fire Department's Public Education Program. The Fire Department offers information on home safety and fire escape planning. In addition, the Melrose Park Fire Department provides prevention education and information free of charge to public and private schools. Scheduled and random fire drills are conducted at all schools within the village on a regular basis.

For additional information, please feel free to call me at (708) 344-1210.

Thank you,
Rick Beltrame, Director of Fire Dept.



MELROSE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

3601 W LAKE ST, MELROSE PARK IL 60160 PH (708) 344-1315, FAX (708) 531-5304



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 Reporting a Suspicious Person/Activity

One of the cornerstones of community safety has been the reporting of suspicious activities and individuals to the police. Over the years, citizens have stopped countless crimes and saved lives by becoming actively involved in protecting their communities by just being an involved witness when crime strikes their neighborhood.

The level of response from your police department and the efficiency by which they operate is directly tied to community involvement. As the additional “eyes and ears” of law enforcement, citizens can help to reduce crime, improve safety and increase the quality of neighborhood life by knowing what to report and how to report it.

Now more than ever, citizens are needed to come forward and provide valuable information to combat local social disorder and even terrorism. Remember, don’t be shy – your job is simply to report, and law enforcement will take your call seriously and check out the situation.

Sometimes it can be confusing about what to report and when to report it.

What exactly is a suspicious activity or person? A suspicious person or activity can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place.

Remember the five “W’s” when reporting any suspicious person or activity:

- WHAT is happening? • WHO is doing it? • WHERE is it taking place?
- WHEN did you observe it? • WHY is it suspicious?

Also remember, a quick and accurate description of events, vehicles and persons can make all the difference in apprehending a potential criminal, so don’t delay your reporting.

By reporting these types of suspicious activities citizens can help police make their communities safer and more secure, reduce violence, minimize victimization, reduce crime and violence, and improve the overall quality of life.

Always Dial 911 when reporting a crime.

When reporting suspicious persons or vehicles, please provide as much detail as possible.

- Start with the basics and get more specific.
- When you have an organized, methodical reporting system you start to talk the language that law enforcers understand and react to.
- Calling the police to just say that there is a suspicious person or vehicle on your block does not constitute dispatching an officer.
- You need specific, timely and relevant information so that the appropriate response can be achieved.

Source: <https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showdocument>.

MPPD Organizes Student Volunteer Efforts

Melrose Park students from local schools have been volunteering at the First Baptist Church Food Pantry which supports Melrose Park and surrounding communities. Students happily volunteered to fulfill their schools’ service hour requirements at First Baptist.

MP Police Lt. Mark Rieger continues to organize this weekly effort and is happy to take on additional volunteers. Pictured (left to right) are Lt. Mark Rieger, Jalen Brown, Brandon Navarro, Aaron Rieger, Andrew Rieger, Jocelyn Navarro, Adelaide Rieger, Brandon Siek, Steven Morales, Christopher Navarro and Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi.

Volunteers are needed on Thursdays to unload food deliveries from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Email Lt. Rieger at mrieger@melroseparkpd.com for more information.

The First Baptist Food Pantry is open Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., and is located at 2114 Main Street, Melrose Park.





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 is Now Closed. Apply Now for 2021!

Applications are now being accepted for Mayor Serpico's 2021 Senior Painting Program. The mayor's free Senior Painting Program is for individuals 65 years of age and older who reside and own a single family home in Melrose Park. Those who qualify and need light paint work around their homes – fences, garage doors, railings, etc., (no interior painting or no interior or exterior carpentry) – are encouraged to complete the MP Painting Program Request Form (right) and mail it to:

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

2021 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2021.
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 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.

2021 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program

If you would like participate in 2021 – 50/50 Sidewalk Project to request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

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 all signs posted.

Village Street Sweeping

Please follow all street sweeping signs posted throughout the village and remove your vehicle from the street to help expedite the sweeping.

Silver Creek Restoration Project Phase Four



Under the direction of Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, the Village of Melrose Park Public Works employees are doing work at the Silver Creek Eagles Nest Park. This is a natural preserve that will include a walking path, pavilion/gazebo along with a canoe/kayak launch.

Phase Four of the Silver Creek Restoration Project has been completed.

Phase One of the Silver Creek Eagle's Nest Park has been completed.

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
Street Paving and
Alley Project**

Street Paving Projects Completed

19th Avenue
Division to Frenzel

Cortez Street
19th Avenue to 15th Avenue

Thomas Street
19th Avenue to 15th Avenue

Iowa Street
15th Avenue to 11th Avenue

15th Avenue
Armitage to 2200 Block

18th Avenue
LeMoyne Street to Rice Street

24th Avenue
Walton Street to North Avenue

A list of additional streets
to be paved later this year
is still being compiled.

Alley Project Phase 3

This year's
10 alley projects
have been
completed.



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!

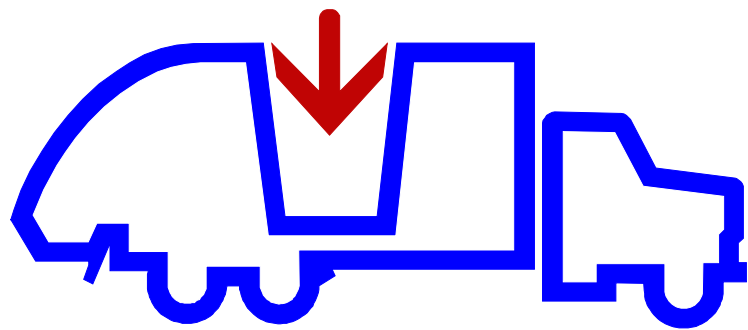
Only two appointments a week can be made for miscellaneous use such as grocery shopping etc. Anyone using the van for doctor appointments, etc., may use the van up to three times a week.

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.**

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Early Voting Runs Monday, October 19-Monday, November 2.

Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico
asks that you please consider
voting for the following candidates:

FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

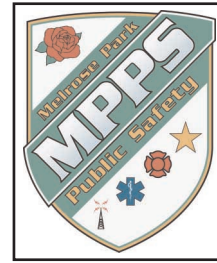
JESUS “CHUY”
GARCIA

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 77TH DISTRICT

KATHLEEN
WILLIS

Paid for by Citizens to Elect Ronald M. Serpico, Sr.

Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

Lightning: What You Need to Know

- No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Indoor Lightning Safety

- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby the following actions may reduce your risk:

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks.
- Never lie flat on the ground.
- Never shelter under an isolated tree.
- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.).



Lightning Safety Myths and Facts

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Fact: Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit nearly 100 times a year.

Myth: If it's not raining or there aren't clouds overhead, you're safe from lightning.

Fact: Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. "Bolts from the blue" can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm.

Myth: Rubber tires on a car protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground.

Fact: Most cars are safe from lightning, but it is the metal roof and metal sides that protect you, not the rubber tires. Remember, convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning. When lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Don't lean on doors during a thunderstorm.

Myth: A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch them, you'll be electrocuted.

Fact: The human body does not store electricity. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give them first aid. This is the most chilling of lightning Myths. Imagine if someone died because people were afraid to give CPR!

Myth: If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

Fact: Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties. Better to get wet than fried!

Myth: If you are in a house, you are 100 percent safe from lightning.

Fact: A house is a safe place to be during a thunderstorm as long as you avoid anything that conducts electricity. This means staying off corded phones, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, computers, plumbing, metal doors and windows. Windows are hazardous for two reasons: wind generated during a thunderstorm can blow objects into the window, breaking it and causing glass to shatter and second, in older homes, in rare instances, lightning can come in cracks in the sides of windows.

Myth: If thunderstorms threaten while you are outside playing a game, it is okay to finish it before seeking shelter.

Fact: Many lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough. No game is worth death or lifelong injuries. Seek proper shelter immediately if you hear thunder. Adults are responsible for the safety of children.

Myth: Structures with metal, or metal on the body (jewelry, cell phones, Mp3 players, watches, etc.), attract lightning.

Fact: Height, pointy shape and isolation are the dominant factors controlling where a lightning bolt will strike. The presence of metal makes absolutely no difference on where lightning strikes. Mountains are made of stone but get struck by lightning many times a year. When lightning threatens, take proper protective action immediately by seeking a safe shelter – don't waste time removing metal. While metal does not attract lightning, it does conduct it so stay away from metal fences, railings, bleachers, etc.

Myth: If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, I should lie flat on the ground.

Fact: Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

Tornados

Before a Tornado

Know the terms used to describe tornado threats.

Tornado Watch – Tornados are possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter. If you see any rotating funnel-shaped clouds, report them immediately by telephone to your local law enforcement agency. If you live in a mobile home, this is the time to move to a more substantial structure.

Tornado Warning – A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter. Turn on a battery-operated radio or television and wait for the "all clear" announcement by authorities. Determine the best location in your home and office to seek shelter when threatened by a tornado. A basement or cellar will usually afford the best protection. If an underground shelter is not available, identify an interior room or hallway on the lowest level. Conduct periodic tornado safety drills with your family.

During a Tornado – Take the following actions when a Tornado Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, when sirens have been activated or when a tornado has been sighted near your area.

At Home – Go at once to your predetermined shelter (storm cellar, basement or the lowest level of the building). In a basement, go under the stairs, under a heavy piece of furniture or a workbench. Stay there until the danger has passed. If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a small inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.

Go to the center of the room. Outside windows and walls may be penetrated by high speed, wind-borne missiles.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, such as a workbench or heavy table, and hold onto it.

Use pillows, mattresses or cushions to protect your head and neck.

If in a mobile home, get out and seek shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie down the unit. If there isn't a substantial shelter nearby, seek shelter in a low-lying area. Shield your head with your hands.

In a School, Nursing Home, Hospital, Shopping Center or at Work – Go to the designated storm shelter, basement or to an inside hallway on the lowest level.

Avoid places with wide-span roofs, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums and large hallways. Stay away from windows and open spaces.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold onto it. If sturdy furniture is not available, make yourself the smallest target possible. Squat low to the ground. Put your head down and cover your head and neck with your hands.

If in a high-rise building, go to small, interior rooms or hallways on the lowest level possible and seek protection as detailed above. Stay away from windows and outside walls.

Learn how to shut off the utilities to your home. Decide how and where your family will reunite.

If you live in a mobile home, identify a safe shelter outside of your mobile home such as a community park shelter, a neighbor or friend's house, or a nearby public building.

In a mobile home, consider installation of an underground shelter that is large enough to accommodate you, your family or several other nearby mobile home residents.

Consider retrofitting your house with special fasteners, connectors and reinforcing bands to strengthen the structural integrity. Also, consider installing a reinforced concrete and steel "safe room" as a small room within your house, or excavated and installed beneath your garage floor.

In a Vehicle – Never try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. Heavy rain, hail and traffic may impede your movement. Tornados can change directions quickly and can easily lift up a vehicle and toss it through the air.

Get out of the vehicle immediately and try to take shelter in a nearby building. Do not park under a bridge or underpass.

If there isn't time to get indoors, get out of the vehicle and lie in a ditch, culvert or low-lying area away from the vehicle.



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

Village of Melrose Park

Auxiliary Emergency Communications – K9VMP

Free Radio Exam Session to be Offered Sunday, Sept. 13

Amateur radio, also known as ham radio, is the use of radio frequency spectrum for the purposes of non-commercial exchange of messages, wireless experimentation, self-training, private recreation, radiosport, contesting and emergency communication.

In the United States, we're licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. With our FCC license we can communicate with other hams throughout the country and around the world.

In 2017, Hurricane Maria wiped out the communications throughout Puerto Rico. A call was made for 50 volunteers licensed in amateur radio in the United States to set up communications throughout the island.

The Village of Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety support Auxiliary Emergency Communications (Auxcomm) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).

When disaster strikes we are there. We are looking for volunteers to support Auxcomm and ARES in Melrose Park and the surrounding communities. These programs also require training in Incident Command classes offered for free from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Our program allows you to volunteer as you learn. The first step is getting licensed in amateur radio.

The FCC provides three classes of licenses, technician, general and amateur extra. With each class of license, more radio spectrum privileges are awarded. Getting licensed is easy, using online training and practice testing sites. There is no age limit on getting licensed. If you can read you can get licensed.

Visit <https://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/> for easy online training. Ten hours of study time will prepare you to successfully pass a Technician Exam, 20 hours for the General Exam and 30 hours for the Amateur Extra Exam, along with a modest fee. For free flash card learning and practice tests visit <https://hamstudy.org/>.

The Village of Melrose Park DHS PS is offering an FCC Amateur Radio Exam Session on Sunday Sept. 13, 2020, at the Senior Center, 900 N. 25th Ave., starting at 1 p.m. A \$15 fee paid to the VEs will entitle you to take all exams if you pass the previous exam.

If you're interested in volunteering for Auxcomm, ARES and getting licensed in amateur radio, please contact us at (708) 649-8085.



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Traditional Funerals

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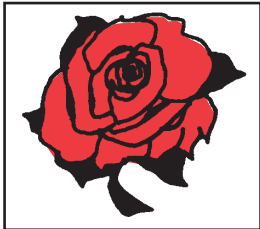
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Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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 – October 2020
(Deadline for material Sept. 25, 2020.)
Remaining Schedule for 2020
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)
Half Page
\$200 per issue (9 x 5 1/4)
1/4 Page
\$100 per issue (4 1/2 x 5 1/4)
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The  **ROSE**

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**IT'S
BACK!**

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.

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.

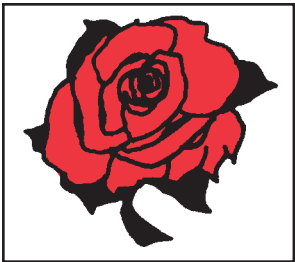
Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



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.





Melrose Park Public Library



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The Library is Open for Express Services!

www.mpplibrary.org

Computer Appointments

One-hour Computer Appointments are available for **Melrose Park Residents (60160) ages 16+**. Appointments must be made in advance. Call 708- 649-7485 to schedule an appointment.



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hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by your local public library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV!



kanopy

Get free access to thousands of movies with your library card! Enjoy critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more!



Media on Demand/Libby

Media on Demand is the library's largest and most popular collection of ebooks and audiobooks, offering more than 60,000 fiction and nonfiction titles, as well as 1,000 videos. **Libby**, an app for Media on Demand is available on [iOS](#), [Android](#), and [Microsoft Windows 10+](#)



Freegal

Freegal provides access to over 3 million songs for you to stream and download

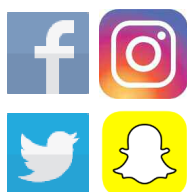


For every person that is not counted we lose thousands of dollars to help pay for our schools, library, and education programs of our kids.

Take the Census TODAY online at <https://my2020census.gov> or by phone at 844-330-2020 for English or 844-468-2020 for Spanish.



You Count! Your Kids Count! Everyone Counts!



www.MPPLibrary.org

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

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

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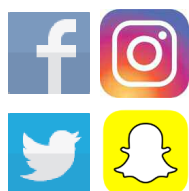
Youth Services



Looking for something new to do? Check out our virtual programming available on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube Channel! Beginning in August, the library will post online **"Make It Mondays"**, our weekly seasonal craft videos. Contact us to request the necessary supplies. Ages 3 and older.

We are still hosting story times but now they are available online! You will find all our videos on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube channel.

New videos will be posted on Wednesday mornings starting in September. We hope you can join us from the comfort of your home!



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Closed the 1st of the month
Closed on Labor Day-Labor Day closed every Saturday
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CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES



**Village of
Melrose Park**

COMMUNITY NOTICE



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



Melrose Park
Everyone Counts!



**IT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY ...
FILL OUT THE U.S. CENSUS FORM TODAY!**

It is very important to fill out your census form.

Visit www.my2020census.gov to fill out your census form online.

To complete the census by phone, call 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish).

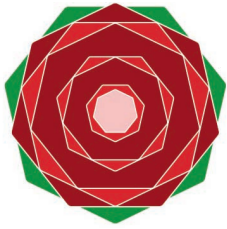
**Lend a Helping Hand ...
Donate to Help Those Impacted by the
Coronavirus**

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.

Join the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce, Today!



MELROSE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce works with and supports businesses and local organizations to support the development of our community. Businesses and community organizations are encouraged to join the chamber and become part of vibrant economic and business development opportunities. Visit www.mpcccd.org and check out the benefits section offering several levels of memberships. Register online

to become a member and take advantage of the opportunities offered through membership. The chamber offices are located at 1708 N. Main Street in Melrose Park.

You can reach the chamber team by calling (708) 371-3700 or email at info@mpcccd.org.

2020 Fall Semester School Reopening Plans

Due to the ongoing pandemic challenges, Mayor Serpico's office has been in contact with the elementary schools and Walther Christian Academy located in Melrose Park, as well as the public high schools serving our community and Triton College, to ensure there are adequate academic offerings in a safe environment for our residents for the fall semester. He has asked for reopening plans from each of the schools. These plans are now available at the school district's administration offices. We encourage you to reach out to the school's administration offices to see comprehensive plans that will allow schools serving our community to continue offering educational services in a safe environment during this pandemic.

Visit the links indicated for each school to be taken to that school's website.

School District 88
www.sd88.org

Sacred Heart School
www.shsmelrosepark.com

Walter Christian Academy
www.walther.com

Leyden High School Schools
www.leyden212.org

School District 89
www.maywood89.org

Rhodes School District 84 1/2
www.rhodes.k12.il.us

Proviso Township High Schools
www.pths209.org

Triton College
www.triton.edu

Information Regarding Early Voting at the Village Hall and Voting by Mail for the Nov. 3 Presidential Election

Early Voting at the Melrose Park Village Hall runs Monday, Oct. 19-Monday, Nov. 2

Early voting hours are as follows:

Monday-Friday, Oct. 19-23 – 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. • Saturday, Oct. 24 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sunday, Oct. 25 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday, Oct. 26-30 – 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. • Saturday, Oct. 31 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sunday, Nov. 1 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 2 – 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Vote Before Nov. 3 by Mail

Mail Ballot Applications for the Nov. 3, 2020, Presidential Election are available at the front counter of the Village Hall.

Mail Ballot Applications are also available online at mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.com.

Completed mail ballots must be postmarked no later than the date of the election which is Nov. 3.

Information on Grace Period Registration, Election Day Registration, Early Voting and Absentee Voting is available at the Cook County Clerk's website – cookcountyclerk.com.

If you have any questions on any of the above information, please call Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio at (708) 343-4000.

2020 Census Update: Only a Couple Weeks Left to Get Counted and Make a Difference!

You Must Complete the Census by Sept. 30, 2020!

As you may know, there have been a couple revisions to the end date for people to get counted for the 2020 Census and anyone not counted by Sept. 30 will not have a chance to make a difference on funding to support the community and their needs until 2030! That's right, Everyone does count, but if you have not completed the census by Sept. 30, you will not count in assisting the government in allocating funding to our community and as a state, we can also lose a voice in Congress as the census population data is used to determine how many Congressional seats states receive for the next 10 years.

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 as much as 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 for more information regarding this year's census and most importantly, please take the census today!

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!



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.

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>.

The village is also doing small census pop-up events at school events, churches, food pantries, etc., and have been very successful at helping people take the census and answering questions, and the federal census takers have recently been able to start going door-to-door to homes that have not completed the census yet.



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If you have not completed your census questionnaire, please take it today!

Census 2020

EVERYONE COUNTS!

LIBRARIES

Funding for libraries and schools

ROADS

Funding for road repair

SCHOOLS

Community access to healthcare

HEALTHCARE

EMPLOYMENT

Census 2020

MAKE SURE ILLINOIS COUNTS.

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.

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Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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

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

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



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Village Hall News

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

Birth Certificates

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

We only provide birth certificates if the individual was born in Melrose Park.
Birth certificates can be only be obtained by the individual themselves, a parent, or legal guardian.

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

Death Certificates

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

Vehicle Sticker Information

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

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

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Your Efforts Have Made a Big Difference!

Pink Pewter Gives a Sparkle of Hope to Hospitals



CEO of Pink Pewter Mireya Villarreal's heart goes out to all the frontliners who have selflessly been putting their lives on the line each day for us during these challenging times.

Pink Pewter recently came up with a stylish solution and donated 10,000 hair accessories designed to relieve pressure on the ears of the health care workers and first responders who are risking their lives to save lives and bring them a little bit of happiness.

"There are so many ways to show love and donate to help," said Mireya Villarreal, hairstylist, founder and CEO of Pink Pewter, who wanted to give back directly and make a powerful impact. Villarreal wanted to be there and help everyone feel special, even if it's just for a minute while they wash their hands or look at themselves in the mirror.

A portion of Villarreal's donation went to Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, where in 2003, her husband had open heart surgery and she credits the hospital with saving his life, and now she hopes to offer comfort to frontline workers with her special accessories that nurses say was very nice and thoughtful for her to do, and it's good for the patients because it brings some personality to the unit.

She also donated to the entire hospital at Gottlieb located in Melrose Park. This hospital also has a place in her heart, Mireya grew up in Melrose Park and her mother and sister own a family business called Mireya's Unisex, located at 2311 West Lake Street.

Mireya was recently featured in a community-interest video on NBC 5 Chicago and Telemundo that can be viewed by visiting www.pinkpewter.com/blogs/news/pink-pewter-gives-a-sparkle-of-hope-to-hospitals.

On behalf of the village of Melrose Park, a special thank you goes out to Mireya and all the employees at Pink Pewter for their extreme generosity and being mindful of the needs of others – it means a lot!



Census Workers Come Together to Get the Job Done!

In early May, a team of hardworking Census workers assembled and worked into the late hours of the night to fill bags with Census material, hand sanitizer, face masks and other important information that was later delivered to every home in the village for the safety and well-being of Melrose Park residents.

The personal protective equipment was secured by Mayor Serpico and the items were appreciated by the residents.

Pictured are the heroes who got the job done in a timely and effective manner – Pete Pulkownik, Sonny Pirozzoli, Brianna Graziano and Dr. Kathy Papazian.



Atomic Blue Group Donates Masks to Melrose Park

In July, Mayor Serpico received a large donation of face masks from Houston, Texas-based Atomic Blue Group.

In turn, the mayor had the equipment delivered to local schools and businesses to protect individuals in the fight against COVID-19.

Pictured are Director of Public Works Gary Marine, local businessman Jose Jorge, Atomic Blue Group President David Lolis and Mayor Serpico.

A Melrose Park thank you to Atomic Blue Group for its generous contribution.



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and
Senate President
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Saturday, October 10 • 9 a.m. to 12noon
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Help protect yourself from identity theft! Bring documents that contain your personally identifiable information to be safely shredded, such as old bank statements, medical records, tax returns, bills, receipts, and credit card applications. Remember to remove all paper clips, staples, and other bindings. ***To avoid contact, please keep your items in your car trunk and we will remove them to be shredded on-site.*** Participants will be limited to two boxes per person.

AUNT MARTHA'S Health & Wellness will be partnering with us
and provide free facemasks, while supplies last.

This event is FREE to the public!



Kathleen Willis

State Representative • 77th District



For more information, please contact Willis' constituent service office at 708-562-6970 or email repwillis77@gmail.com.



100 Years of BeeBee!

2020 will always be a year we remember. There hasn't been a whole lot to celebrate this year, but for our family 2020 brings a huge celebration.

A very special member of our family is turning 100 years old on Sept. 23, 2020. Her name is Marie Torchia, but most people know her as "BeeBee."

Marie was the youngest of 12 in her family and the nickname "BeeBee" evolved from being called the baby of her siblings.

BeeBee has quite the legacy after 100 years. She was married to her husband, Frank Torchia, for 63 years. We like to call her the "queen" of the family and she now reigns over two daughters, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter due right before she turns 100!

Outside of her biological family, BeeBee has many acquaintances that she would consider her "family." If you have been lucky enough to enjoy her Italian cooking and biscottis over the years, consider yourself a member of her family.

The legacy of BeeBee's kitchen is one that will be talked about for 100 more years. There is never a shortage of food during family dinners on Sunday. No matter the weather, you can find the whole family squeezed around BeeBee's kitchen table enjoying pounds of hot pasta, meatballs, sausages and more. It's a well known rule that whatever time BeeBee says dinner is, you better be there. And if you're not, they're going to eat without you. But don't worry there will be trays of leftovers for each family to take home afterwards. You will never leave BeeBee's house hungry or empty-handed!

As she got older and cooking got a little bit harder, she started to share her recipes with her family members. Several of us have tried to duplicate her gravy and famous biscottis. With her guidance we have gotten closer and closer, but nothing can quite compare to BeeBee's. Some of us are still convinced she is leaving a secret ingredient out!

In time spent with BeeBee, it is hard to catch her without a smile on her face. Her favorite place to be is surrounded by her family – her biological family and the Melrose Park family she has grown throughout the years. She is always laughing, smiling and telling stories about the ones she loves.

One of our favorite things about her is that you never have to guess what she is thinking. After 100 years, she has really learned to just tell it how it is! You can always count on her to speak truth and wisdom into any situation.

One hundred years ago, the "baby" of a big, Italian family was born. Today we celebrate 100 years of BeeBee and the legacy she has created as the "queen" of her own big, Italian family.

BeeBee, on behalf of everyone you consider family, we love you and wish you all the best!



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

The parish community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel had the opportunity to venerate, pray and ask Mother Mary to embrace under Her protection Her devoted children on Her Feast Day in a beautiful and memorable event. We have always believed that Our Lady reaches out to Her children all the time and more so when they are struggling and suffering. The proof was confirmed this year. While we are in the midst of an epidemic crisis, She was there affirming and encouraging Her children to trust that She and the Baby Jesus She holds in Her hands are watching over us, interceding and protecting all of us.

Trust me, it was not an easy task to plan and put together the festivities to honor Our Lady during this epidemic coronavirus disease; nonetheless, the devotion, faith and commitment of many through a combined effort and hard work made it possible to celebrate our 127th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Even though we had to arrange things differently to comply with civil and religious regulations, no doubt, we enjoyed a meaningful spiritual, religious, cultural and family moment of much grace and blessing from God.

The great success was possible due to the openness, dedication, devotion and faith of many who came together to help organize the entire festivities.

We commend the entire Feast Committee of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine, the Parish community and the entire Village of Melrose Park for all their endeavors and tireless dedication.

Our most heartfelt gratitude goes to our Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, to the village employees, and members of Public Safety/Homeland Security who helped organize and oversee this year's procession under the leadership of Director Sam Pitassi as well as the Chief Phil Schwartz and Director Rick Beltrame for their partnership in the celebration and the generous support.

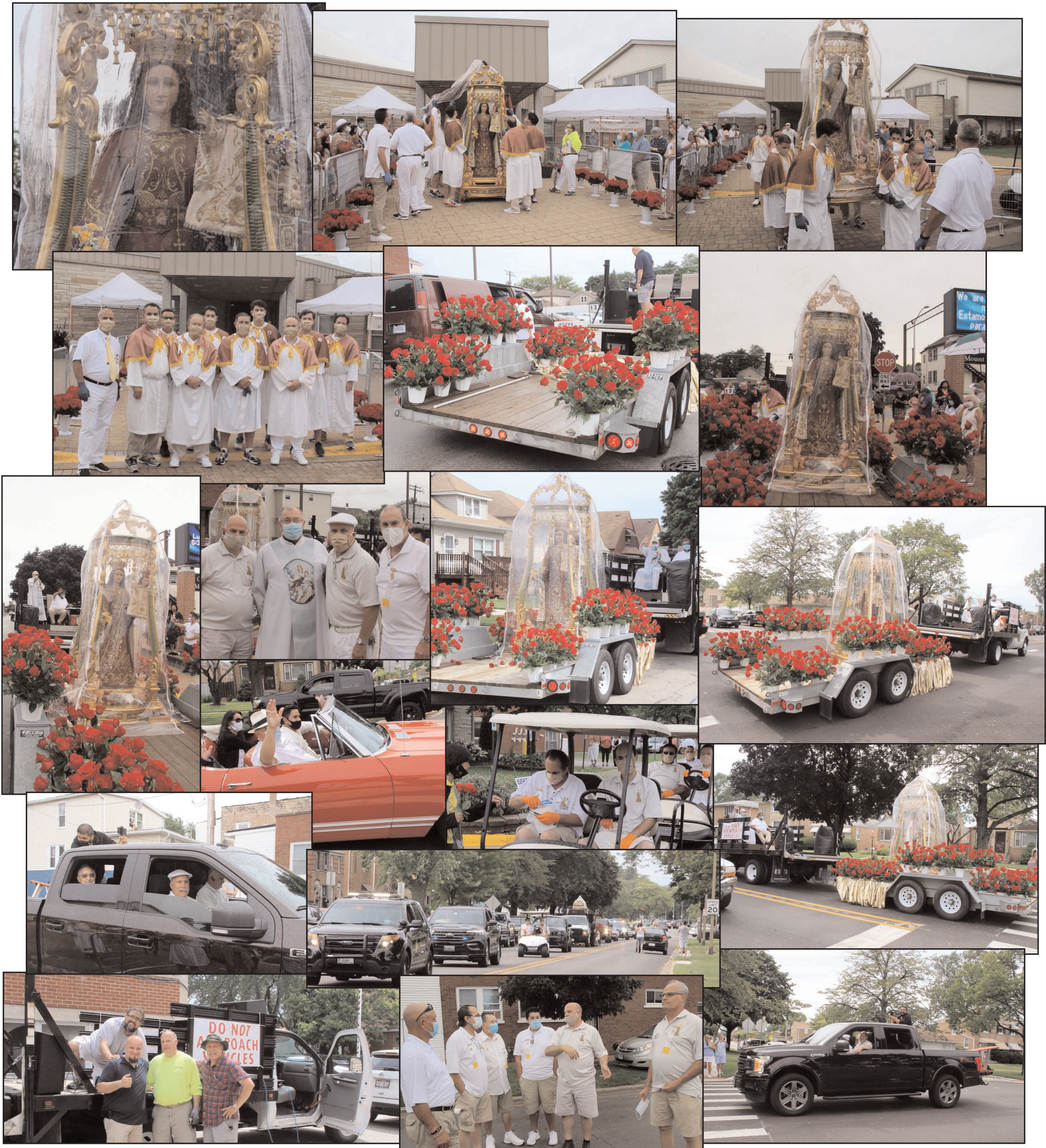
This year, we were forced to reorganize the procession in a different manner; however, it turned out to be an emotional experience for many who could admire and receive the visit of Our Lady to their neighborhood and homes. The image of Our Lady was brought throughout almost the entire Melrose Park community. What a gift it was for the entire community! Many who normally have to gather along the traditional Feast route were able to see Her pass by their own homes or along nearby streets. What an emotional, touching and pleasant experience it has been for many who otherwise could not have enjoyed Her presence.

We are also very grateful to all those who donated or generously sponsored this year's Feast. With all the challenging restrictions, it would not have been possible to provide all that we offered to the community if we could not count on your generous donation, contribution and support. We would like to express our most appreciative thanks to everyone else who supported and worked hard to put the Feast together: our Parish Priests, Committee members, Altar and Rosary, statue carriers, parish staff and volunteers, members of all the Auxiliary groups, and anyone who helped and worked towards making sure that our 127th Feast would happen. Without your help and support, we could not have dreamed to do what we were able to accomplish.

Finally, our gratitude goes to all of you who participated in the Novena, the celebrations and have followed us on social media. We were exhausted at the end of the day, but our hearts were full of joy, jubilation, and gratitude to Our Lady and Baby Jesus for the amazed pouring of graces the Almighty has bestowed on us all and for the smiles we witnessed in all of you.

- Thanks,
OLMC Feast Committee and Parish Staff





Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Early Childhood

World Explorers, Ages 3-5

Children will explore a new country and culture every week, traveling the world through the creation of art projects, dancing and singing songs.

- Saturdays, Sept. 26-Oct. 10; 10-11a.m.; Resident \$29/Nonresident \$44; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Down on the Farm, Ages 2-4

Children will explore life on the farm through stories, crafts and games. Learning about farmers, growing vegetables and animals such as cows, pigs and chickens will be a part of this fun class!

- Tuesdays, Sept. 29-Oct. 13; 10-11 a.m.; Resident \$29/Nonresident \$44; Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Youth Classes

Kanvas Kids Painting Class, Ages 6-12

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

- Fridays, Sept. 18-Oct. 23; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresidents \$75; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Rd., Northlake.

In the Sunset (Paint Night), Ages 9-14

Calling all future Picassos. Join us in our step-by-step instruction class on how to re-create a magical view of the sunset along a pier. No experience needed!

- Thursday, Sept. 16; 4:30-6 p.m.; Resident \$20/Nonresident \$35; Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Youth Fit, Ages 7-14

Start them on a healthy path as early as possible! Kids can have fun and get some energy out while learning basic exercise techniques. Obstacle courses and other activities will create a healthy, competitive atmosphere to keep them engaged.

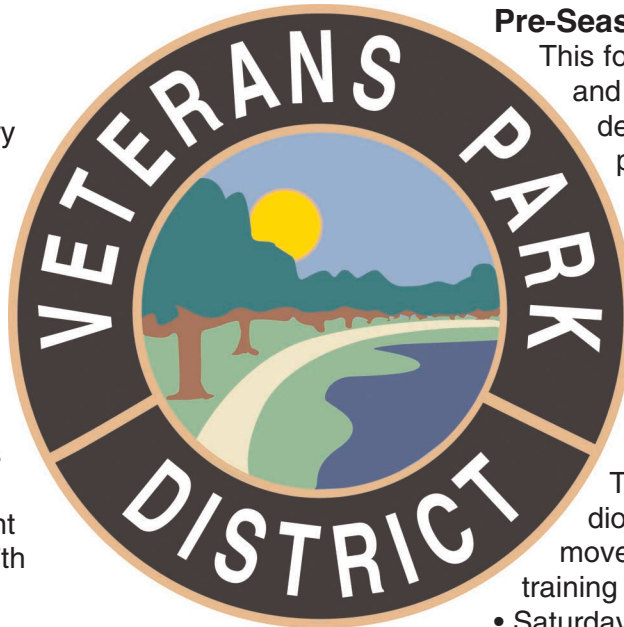
- Mondays, Sept. 14-Oct. 19 (no class Oct. 12); 5-6 p.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Youth Fit Room at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th St., Melrose Park.

Youth Athletics

Volleyball, Ages 11-15

This fun and instructional program prepares players to succeed in volleyball. Players will improve their serving, bumping, setting and spiking skills. Games will be played throughout the program. Teamwork and good sportsmanship are stressed.

- Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 7-30; 5-6 p.m.; Resident \$45/Nonresident \$60 (Register by Sept. 3); Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.



Pre-Season Basketball Clinics, Grades 1-8

This four-week clinic is led by former USBA's Annie Roberts and other former college players. The focus will be on developing ball handling, offensive/defensive skills, passing, shooting and positioning. All players will improve greatly with this class, from beginner to AAU players.

- Tuesdays, Sept. 1-22; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Resident \$45/Nonresident \$65 (Register by Aug. 27); Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Adult Fitness

Strong Nation, Ages 15+

This high-intensity workout combines strength and cardio for a full body workout. This class combines aerobic moves, muscle conditioning, cardio and plyometric (jump) training moves synced to music!

- Saturdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 10; 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50 (Register by Sept. 10); Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Mat Pilates, Ages 15+

This low-impact workout is done on the floor (while using your mat). Controlled poses help build flexibility, balance and muscle tone, while strengthening your entire core.

- Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 14; 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th St., Melrose Park.

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.

For more information on Veterans Park District events and activities, call us at (708) 343-5270, visit our website at www.vpdpark.org or check out our Facebook Page.

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Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

E-LEARN DAY CAMP

A program to help families overcome the challenges of remote learning due to COVID-19!

Grades K-8

Mid-August 2020-May/June 2021

Monday-Friday

Monthly Registration Required

Call now to register 708-343-5270

Camp Locations: Grant Park, Bulger Park, and Leoni Complex

Park District Residents

\$25 per day for e-LEARN Day Camp 8am-3pm

\$10 per day for After Camp Care 3pm-6pm

Nonresidents

\$35 per day for e-LEARN Day Camp 8am-3pm

\$15 per day for After Camp Care 3pm-6pm

Nonresident registration begins August 17.

Students need to bring the following items for every day of VPD's E-learn Camp:

Face Mask, Hand Sanitizer, Sacked Lunch in a cooler bag with ice packs, Water Bottle, Headphones,
Change of Shoes, Extra Sweater

Students need to bring the following school supplies every day they attend: Laptop, Tablet or Chromebook & Charging Device, Binders, Folders & Notebooks, Calculators, Pencil Cases, Art Supplies, School Bags, School Books, Pencils and Pens, Reading and Activity Books.

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Programs & Happenings



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Family** (4 members)	\$210	\$290
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No joining fees
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- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Wraparound Services

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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!

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- ▶ Text OppWorks to 77453 to receive info by SMS.

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

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Complete the Census2020!

Representatives from Census2020 have been on site at D89 schools to assist families with filling out the census. The census count impacts the federal funds that communities receive each year for programs and services that are critical for schools and students.

Donations from D89 Community Partners

D89 would like to thank ePac Flexible Packaging for providing students with hundreds of headphones and backpacks with school supplies for the upcoming school year. ePac is a digitally-based flexible packaging company that has many factories across the world including one in Schiller Park. They value sustainability and supporting the local communities around them. Thank you, Brian Batease, general manager of ePac's Chicago and Minneapolis locations, for being part of our ever growing #D89Community.

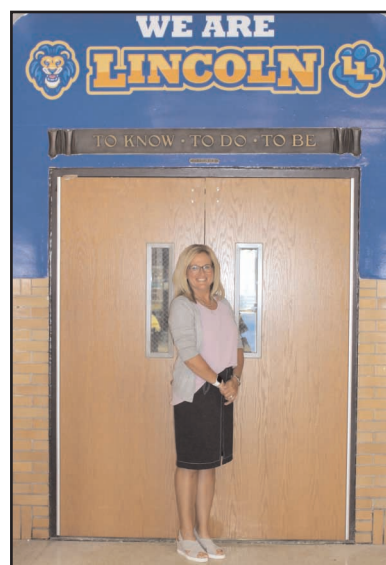
Lincoln School received a huge donation from BorgWarner. All Lincoln students will be receiving pre-stocked backpacks full of school supplies at the start of the school year. Thank you BorgWarner for your continued partnership!



New AP at Lincoln School

Lincoln School welcomes Ms. Lori Gehrke as the assistant principal for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ms. Gehrke exclaims, "I am truly honored to accept this role and look forward to continuing my administrative work with Mrs. Munoz, as well as, the entire staff to do what it takes to advance the achievement of all students at Lincoln School. I look forward to using my background in curriculum and assessment, and working together I am confident that we will continue to provide our students with a truly challenging and enriching school experience."



Welcome to D89!



D89 is proud to welcome Ms. Suzanne Bement as the executive director of Student Services. Ms. Bement has been in the field of special education for the past 21 years. She was an elementary special education resource teacher, self-contained teacher for students with multi-needs, special education coordinator, assistant director of Student Services, assistant director of Special Education and for the past seven years she has been a director of Student Services. The Department of Student Services oversees special education teachers, teacher assistants, one to one assistants, social workers, speech pathologists, psychologists, health staff, interpreters and counselors. During her career, she was nominated by her colleagues and awarded as the Rookie Special Educator and twice as Rookie Administrator.

Philosophically she feels that the best outcomes for students with special needs occur when there is a true collaboration between the child's parents and the special education team that supports that child. She feels it is important to build on a child's strengths and use multiple senses to enhance their learning experiences. She prides herself in her ability to build strong, child-centered teams.

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NewTeacher Network

This year District 89 was excited to host New Teacher Network for school year 2020-2021.

D89 welcomed over forty teachers to our district in areas that range from Elementary classrooms to Physical Education. The New Teacher Network was hosted over the course of three days. To ensure the continued safety of teachers and staff, CDC guidelines were followed including temperature checks, social distancing, sanitizing stations and masks.

D89 recognizes that these are unprecedented times for teaching and learning. Our team worked hard to ensure that teachers were presented with relevant topics that they could apply to their current instruction. The New Teacher induction focused on areas that encompassed meeting the social and emotional needs and addressing any academic gaps of our students.

Some of our topics included community building with virtual morning meeting, setting virtual expectations and engagement, technology integration and navigating digital resources.

Upon completion of our New Teacher Network induction, we are confident that our educators will be better prepared to educate students during this time and face any challenges that may arise.

SD89 Guía de regreso a la escuela

Este documento resume los componentes críticos del plan completo. Fue desarrollado en colaboración por las partes interesadas del Distrito 89 con base en la siguiente información:

- Datos de encuestas de familias y personal
- Orientación de la Junta de Educación del Estado de Illinois
- Recomendaciones de los CDC y el Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois

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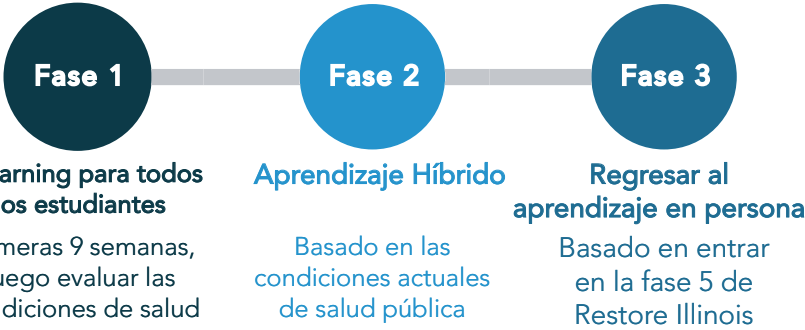


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2020-2021

Fomentar un entorno de aprendizaje seguro y enriquecedor



Fase 1: eLearning

Todos los estudiantes participarán en eLearning durante las primeras 9 semanas de clases. Luego evaluaremos si permanecer en la Fase 1 o pasar a la Fase 2.

Usando lo que aprendimos del año pasado, se hicieron mejoras para esta nueva versión de eLearning. El trabajo de los estudiantes será calificado, se tomará asistencia y se darán evaluaciones. Se llevarán a cabo interacciones cara a cara con los maestros y se brindará apoyo tanto a los estudiantes como a las familias.

Se proporcionarán laptops e iPads, así como recursos en línea, y se espera que se utilicen para facilitar el eLearning.

Fase 2: Aprendizaje combinado/híbrido

Si existen condiciones que nos permitan pasar a la Fase 2, se implementará el Modelo de aprendizaje híbrido.

Este modelo combinado abarca todos los aspectos del eLearning, al tiempo que permite algunas instrucciones en persona. Al limitar el número de estudiantes en el sitio al mismo tiempo, distanciamiento físico en las aulas es posible. También reduce la cantidad de tiempo por día que los estudiantes están expuestos entre sí y deben usar una máscara facial.

Todos los estudiantes pueden necesitar cambiar a eLearning, si las condiciones requieren que las escuelas cierren.

Fechas Importantes

agosto 11, 12, 13 • Días de inscripción

agosto 19, 20, 21 • Días de instituto para maestros

agosto 24 • Primer día de clase para K-8

agosto 27 • Primer día de clase para estudiantes preescolar

Semana del 24 de agosto • Distribución de dispositivos tecnológicos y consumibles

Salud y Bienestar

REQUISITOS EN EL SITIO

Distanciamiento físico
Asegure un distanciamiento de 6 pies entre todos los estudiantes y el personal durante todo el día en los salones.



Exámenes de salud
Los estudiantes o el personal que presenten síntomas relacionados con COVID-19 deben quedarse en casa. Se requerirán controles diarios de temperatura y síntomas.

Higiene
Las prácticas frecuentes de lavado y desinfección de manos serán seguidas por todos los estudiantes y el personal durante todo el día escolar.



Recubrimientos faciales
Todos los estudiantes y el personal deben usar una máscara facial mientras están en la escuela (se pueden aplicar exenciones médicas). El Distrito proporcionará 2 máscaras reutilizables por persona.

Qué esperar: eLearning



Claras y consistentes expectativas para estudiantes, padres, y personal.



Lecciones virtuales diariamente con el maestro(a) cara a cara



Asistencia diaria para todos los estudiantes



Responsabilidad a través de calificación y regular evaluación del aprendizaje del alumno.



Oportunidades para en el sitio experiencias basadas en estudiante necesita seguir Salud y Bienestar Pautas Las oportunidades incluyen pruebas en persona para estudiantes de primaria.

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SD89 Return to School Guide

This document summarizes the critical components of the full plan. It was developed collaboratively by District 89 stakeholders based on the following information:

- Survey Data from Families and Staff
- Guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education
- Recommendations from the CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health

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2020-2021

Fostering a Safe and Nurturing Learning Environment

Phase 1

eLearning for All Students

First 9 Weeks, then Assess Public Health Conditions

Phase 2

Hybrid/Blended with Parent Choice

Based on Current Public Health Conditions

Phase 3

Full Return to In-Person Learning

Based on Entering Phase 5 of Restore Illinois

Phase 1: eLearning

All students will participate in eLearning for the first 9-weeks of school. We will then assess whether to remain in Phase 1 or move to Phase 2.

Using what we learned from last year, enhancements were made for this new version of eLearning. Student work will be graded, attendance will be taken, and assessments will be given. Regular face-to-face interactions with teachers will take place and supports will be provided for both students and families.

Laptops and iPads as well as online resources will be provided and expected to be used to facilitate eLearning.

Phase 2: Hybrid/Blended

If conditions exist that allow for us to move into Phase 2, the Hybrid Learning Model will be implemented.

This blended model encompasses all aspects of eLearning, while also allowing for some in-person instruction. By limiting the number of students on-site at one time, physical distancing in the classrooms is possible. It also reduces the amount of time per day students are exposed to one another and required to wear a face mask.

All students may need to shift to full eLearning, if conditions require schools to close.

What to Expect: eLearning



Clear and consistent expectations for students, parents, and staff



Accountability through grading and regular assessment of student learning



Daily face-to-face online interactions between students and teachers



Opportunities for on-site experiences based on student needs following Health & Wellness Guidelines. Opportunities include in-person testing for primary grade students.



Daily attendance for all students.

Important Dates

August 11, 12, 13 • Registration Days

August 19, 20, 21 • Teacher Institute Days

August 24 • First Day of Class for K-8

August 27 • First Day of Class for PreK

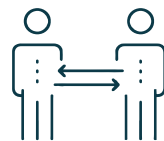
Week of August 24 • Distribution of technology devices and consumables

Health & Wellness

REQUIREMENTS WHILE ON SITE

Physical Distancing

Ensure 6-foot distancing between all students and staff throughout the day in classrooms.



Health Screening

Students or staff who exhibit any symptoms related to COVID-19 should stay home. Daily temperature and symptom checks will be required.

Hygiene

Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing practices will be followed by all students and staff throughout the school day.



Face Coverings

All students and staff must wear a face mask while in school (medical exemptions may apply). The District will provide 2 reusable masks per person.

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Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Ranked High Performing in Heart Failure by *U.S. News & World Report*

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, a member of Loyola Medicine, was ranked high performing in heart failure in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2020-2021 Best Hospitals rankings.

To achieve a high performing specialty ranking, a hospital must be ranked among the top 10 percent in the nation.

For the 2020-21 rankings and ratings, *U.S. News* evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 16 specialties and 10 procedures and conditions. In the 16 specialty areas, 134 hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty. In rankings by state and metro area, *U.S. News* recognized best regional hospitals based on high performing rankings across multiple areas of care.

"We are pleased to have Gottlieb recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for the lifesaving care we provide patients who experience heart failure. This ranking is a reflection of the quality of our cardiology program and the dedication of our heart specialists at Gottlieb," said Shawn P. Vincent, president and CEO of Loyola Medicine.

Loyola University Medical Center, also a member of Loyola Medicine, is ranked fourth in the state of Illinois and nationally ranked in five specialty categories: Gastroenterology and GI Surgery (21st in the U.S.), Nephrology (37th), Pulmonology (45th), Cardiology and Heart Surgery (48th), and Neurology and Neurosurgery (50th).

Five Loyola specialties that rank as high performing include: Cancer, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Geriatrics, Orthopaedics and Urology. Loyola is also "high performing" in 11 other specialties, conditions and procedures.

The *U.S. News* Best Hospitals methodologies in most areas of care are based largely on objective measures such as risk-adjusted survival and discharge-to-home rates, volume and quality of nursing, among other care-related indicators.

Complete ratings are available on the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospitals website.

To learn more about Loyola Medicine or find a physician, visit loyolamedicine.org.



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:
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: 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.



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BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR INCOME ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS

As the economy reopens, ComEd recognizes you may be experiencing financial hardship, so we are offering additional bill assistance to help you pay your energy bill.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The ComEd Bill Payment Assistance Program helps income eligible customers who are past-due on their energy bills.

- Eligible customers can receive a one-time bill assistance credit of up to \$500 for past-due balances, up to the amount of the balance.
- Available only for a limited time! The Bill Payment Assistance Program expires on 12/31/2020 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.
- Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

ELIGIBILITY

Residential customers who are eligible to receive Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefits:

- must have received a LIHEAP grant after October 1, 2019; **and**
- must currently have a past-due balance on their ComEd account.

OR

Residential customers who are income eligible but not LIHEAP approved:

- must complete an application form, which includes verification that they are income qualified (household income of 200% or less of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)); **and**
- must currently have a past-due balance on their ComEd account.

APPLY NOW!

To learn more about eligibility requirements and apply for a Bill Payment Assistance Program credit:

Call 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661)
or visit [ComEd.com/BillAssistance](https://www.comed.com/BillAssistance)



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MAP of Hope Foundation Cancels Annual Oktoberfest, Seeks Your Much-Needed Support

Sadly, the Annual Oktoberfest benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has been cancelled. Given the current situation over the novel coronavirus and adhering to CDC guidelines as well as those of the state of Illinois, this unfortunate decision was prompted and made by our board of directors.

As a fundraising partner of the Foundation Trustees for the Hospital we would like to continue their efforts as best as possible amid this most difficult time.

When one is diagnosed with cancer or another life-threatening disease, it affects the entire family. We are asking our entire MAP of Hope Foundation family to once again come together with your remarkable support. Your generosity is vital to continuing the lifesaving mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We ask for your assistance to help save some of the world's sickest children.

Now through Sunday, Oct. 18, we are accepting financial donations on their behalf.

To donate, please send your checks payable to MAP of Hope Foundation to: MAP of Hope Foundation, 1503 Rice Street, Melrose Park, IL 60160, or visit our website at www.mapofhopefoundation.org.

On behalf of the children of St. Jude and their families, we thank you!



Avoid ComEd Impostor Scams, Especially During this Time

We are seeing an unfortunate increase in utility-related scam attempts even during these challenging times. Criminals are attempting to impersonate the name of ComEd and other trusted organizations to trick consumers into providing personal information, or act on urgent requests for payment that are not legitimate, such as:



- Claims that your service will be disconnected unless payment is made.
- Requests for cash or to purchase a prepaid card to make a payment.
- Cash or credit incentives to obtain personal information.
- False employment offerings soliciting personal information.

ComEd will never call a customer to ask for their account number, ask for personal information like their Social Security number or bank information, or ask to make a direct payment with a prepaid cash card.

Never provide or confirm personal or financial information to anyone initiating contact with you while claiming to be a ComEd representative whether by phone, in person or email. When interacting with ComEd online, ComEd customers should always navigate to ComEd's official website at ComEd.com.

If you believe you have been a target of a scam, we urge you to contact the police to report suspicious activity. For additional information or if you have concerns about the status of your account, please contact 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661).

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News From the Zoo

Welcome Back! We Missed You!

Thank you for your continued support of Brookfield Zoo! Timed ticket reservations are currently open at www.czs.org/OnlineTicketing through Sept. 7, so consider coming out to visit us soon. Please remember that we're following Phase 4 Reopening Guidelines for zoos, as outlined by the Illinois Department of Commerce. That means all guests must wear face masks over your nose and mouth at all times when inside or within 6 feet of others outside. And if you are unable to maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet, please be sure you are wearing a face mask. Be sure to visit our Know Before You Go page (www.czs.org/KnowBeforeYouGo) for more information on our current guidelines and standards.

Share Your Brookfield Zoo Run Selfies!

Between now and Sept. 6, you and your family can take part in the Virtual Brookfield Zoo Run (www.czs.org/zoorun) from anywhere in the world! While you might not be running past rhinos, zebras or big cats this year, you can still help support the Chicago Zoological Society Animal Care and Conservation Fund at home while you run past the squirrels, chipmunks and birds.

We'll miss seeing all the runners making their way through the zoo, but the next best thing would be to see everyone's running selfies! Before, during or after your run, upload your pics to our Zoo Run Facebook page or on other social media platforms with the hashtag #BrookfieldZooRun. Don't forget to wear your numbered bib, Next Level moisture-wicking T-shirt, or cotton T-shirt for kids.

And if you haven't registered yet for Zoo Run, register today (www.czs.org/zoorun), start stretching and enjoy the fun run whenever you want!



Dinos Everywhere – Have You Found All The Dinos Yet?

It's called Dinos Everywhere (www.czs.org/dinoseverywhere) because dinosaurs are literally everywhere inside Brookfield Zoo. From the North and South Gate to Roosevelt Fountain to Swan Lake and elsewhere. Over 40 animatronic dinosaurs that are bigger and badder than ever before have arrived. Dinos Everywhere features acres of earth shakers, including the largest – argentinosaurs – that was estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons. Through October, zoogoers will be able to search for these amazing life-like animatronics located throughout the park.

Find The Dinos

Check out our latest zoo map (www.czs.org/zoomap) to see where you can find each and every dinosaur in Brookfield Zoo. Download it and keep it handy so you can keep track of each dino you find.

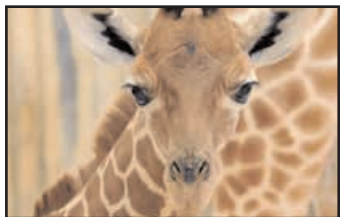
Dinos Everywhere Sweepstakes

Be on the lookout for this month's Dinos Everywhere trivia question for the chance to win awesome prizes. Once you've found the question in the zoo, visit our sweepstakes page (www.czs.org/DinosEverywhereSweepstakes) where you'll be able to submit your answer as well as learn more about other ways you can keep qualifying for cool perks every time you visit.

The Dinos Everywhere exhibit was created by *Jurassic Park* advisor, Don Lessum, and is on loan from Dino Don, Inc. and The Wildlife Conservation Society.



Become a Brookfield Zoo Member Today!



A Brookfield Zoo membership comes with plenty of perks, from free admission and parking, to discounts on selected attractions inside the zoo and so much more. We offer membership for families and individuals with varied benefits.

- BASIC – Includes zoo admission and parking at main entrance.
- PLUS – Includes BASIC benefits plus tickets to attractions you choose.
- UNLIMITED – Includes BASIC benefits plus admission to all attractions on every visit and parking at both entrances.

Join or renew today by visiting www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Membership.

Make sure you sign up for the Brookfield Zoo email newsletter at www.czs.org, so you receive regular updates, the latest event news, and special offers direct to your inbox!

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.

News from the Forest Preserves of Cook County

From Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

Make the Most of the Rest of Your Summer Safely

This summer is unlike any we've experienced before. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we interact in public and has forced many people to hit pause on travel, often interfering with traditional summer vacation plans.

But there are still plenty of ways to make the most of summer while keeping you and your family safe. Below are some ideas for fun, exciting experiences throughout the season in the Forest Preserves of Cook County, even as we have changed some of our operations to continue to limit the possible spread of COVID-19.

- Spend a night under the stars. Pitch a tent or book a cabin and build a campfire to roast some marshmallows while fully immersing yourself in Cook County's natural wonders. Camp Reinberg, Camp Sullivan, Camp Shabbona Woods and Camp Bullfrog Lake are now open Wednesday evenings through Sunday mornings for tents and cabins, and every day for RVs.
- Explore a new ecosystem. Many visitors have their favorite forest preserve. This year consider exploring someplace new. There are hundreds of preserves throughout Cook County, with ecosystems ranging from sedge marshes to bur oak savannas. Each ecosystem is host to hundreds of different species of plant and animal life.
- Try a new activity. Our programming department has shifted to a whole new slate of online and limited in-person events and programs. Or try self-guided activities such as disc golf and fishing to experience the great outdoors.
- Challenge yourself to exercise more. If you enjoy walking, hiking or biking, our nearly 350 miles of trails can be a route as you challenge yourself to hit new mileage milestones. Can you walk 50 miles of new trails this summer? Or perhaps this will be the year you bike a century!
- Explore the waterways by canoe or kayak. Watching wilderness from the water can offer an entirely new perspective. If you don't have your own boat, limited rentals are available at two boating centers in the Forest Preserves: Busse Lake Boating Center and Tampier Lake Boating Center.



No matter how you choose to make the most of the summer, be sure to do so safely. Wear a face mask or covering. Practice physical distancing from anyone who does not live in your household. Be sure to bring hand sanitizer and water. Finally, for more information, visit our COVID-19 webpage for a full list of precautions and the latest information on closures and cancellations.

Enjoy the Outdoors Safely Throughout the Summer

When visiting the Forest Preserves of Cook County this sunny summer, no matter the activity – from hiking to biking, from camping to golf – keep these simple safety tips to keep in mind while spending time outdoors.

- Protect yourself against sunburn. Be sure to apply sunscreen before your visit to the Forest Preserves and reapply as needed. Light clothing layers, include a long sleeve shirt or pants, can also help provide protection from the sun. Consider planning your visit during the morning or late afternoon/early evening to avoid sun at its peak. Find more sun safety tips on the CDC website.
- Stay hydrated. Make sure to drink plenty of water or other fluids while spending time outside. Drink more than you think you need. Don't forget to bring water for your dog, too!
- Protect against mosquitos and ticks. Apply insect repellent with DEET to repel mosquitoes and other insects when outdoors. Always follow label directions. Be sure to check yourself, children and other family members every two to three hours for ticks. Visit our People & Nature page for more information on mosquitos and ticks.
- Watch for poison ivy. While walking or hiking, stay on the trail and avoid brushing against plants. Poison ivy is a very common native plant that can irritate the skin and cause mild to severe rashes.
- Secure your vehicle and belongings. Before heading out on the trail, lock your car and set the alarm if you have one. Don't leave valuables in your car. If you see suspicious activity, call 911.

Forest Preserves Photo Contest Opens Sept. 1

We're looking for your very best photos of Forest Preserves landscapes, close-ups of plants, insects, birds and other wildlife, pictures that highlight the seasons and shots of people enjoying the outdoors or participating in our recreational offerings. Entries will be accepted Sept. 1-15, and the winners will receive a Forest Preserves' prize pack and be featured in 2021. Watch for information at www.fpdcc.com as more details become available.

Remember to Fill Out the 2020 Census

Cook County needs you! Shape the future of your community today. Help someone fill out the 2020 Census either online, by phone or by mail. Don't forget to let your friends and family know you completed the census! #EachOneReachOne #CookCountyCensus #MakeILCount

**For a complete list of Cook County Forest Preserves events and activities,
please visit www.fpdcc.com!**

Nicor Offering Heating Assistance for Eligible Households, Customers Affected by COVID-19

As the public health and economic impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) continue, Nicor Gas is committed to supporting its customers and communities to ensure every family has peace of mind that their homes will be warm, businesses will keep running and families stay safe.

Income-qualified households, or those facing financial hardship due to COVID-19, may be eligible for energy assistance programs, extended payment options and energy-savings measures from Nicor Gas.

Enrollment for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is underway and will continue through June 30, 2021, or until funds are exhausted. The federal- and state-funded energy assistance program provides qualifying households with monetary relief for energy bills. Program registration is open to all households with income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline or about \$52,400 for a family of four. In Illinois, LIHEAP is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. For more information or to locate a local agency, call 877-411-9276 or visit liheapillinois.com.



LIHEAP eligible households also may qualify for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan. PIPP households pay a percentage of their income toward their utility bill and receive a reduction in outstanding utility bills for every on-time payment made.

“Everyone deserves access to safe and reliable natural gas service,” said John O. Hudson, III, president of Nicor Gas. “We understand these are trying times for many of our customers and hope these additional support measures help those who may be struggling to pay their bills.”

Additional energy assistance programs available to Nicor Gas customers are:

- The Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides one-time grants to qualified residential customers. The program is administered by the Salvation Army and funded through direct contributions from Nicor Gas employees and customers who can make donations via their monthly gas bill payment. Since its inception, the Nicor Gas Sharing Program has provided financial assistance to 99,000 Illinois households.
- The Nicor Gas Budget Plan provides a convenient way for customers to plan for and pay their monthly natural gas bill. Customers pay a more consistent amount by estimating natural gas usage and natural gas prices for the next year. They would then adjust quarterly to allow a credit balance to build up and help offset bills that may be higher during the winter heating season.
- Nicor Gas’ Energy Efficiency Program helps customers manage their costs by lowering out-of-pocket expenses for energy efficiency improvements through rebates for energy efficient equipment, energy assessments and free energy-saving products. For more energy-saving tips, visit nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save.html.

These additional programs are to assist Nicor Gas customers who may be affected by the ongoing pandemic:

- Nicor Gas’ COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program is intended to provide eligible residential customers with relief from high arrearages incurred as a result of financial hardship caused by the ongoing pandemic. Eligible customers can receive a grant of up to \$300 towards their account balance automatically after receiving a LIHEAP or Sharing Program grant. This program will continue until funds are exhausted.
- Eligible residential customers can receive an Energy Aide Grant up to \$250 toward past due balances; this grant does not need to be repaid by the customer. The Nicor Gas Energy Aide Program is administered by select local agencies.
- Voluntary suspension of residential service disconnections for nonpayment through Aug. 30 to ensure that those who may have difficulty paying their bills or whose jobs are affected by COVID-19 do not face the added hardship of interruption of services.
- Nicor Gas will waive reconnection fees and restore service for residential customers who were disconnected due to nonpayment up to one year prior to June 18, 2020, upon request by the customer.
- Nicor Gas is offering residential customers the opportunity to pay off past due account balances in 24 monthly installments, without a down payment requirement. Residential customers who currently have an active payment arrangement may renegotiate their terms to 24 monthly installments; terms may be renegotiated if a customer’s financial situation changes or if they default after enrollment.
- Nicor Gas also is offering commercial and industrial sales service customers an opportunity to enroll in more flexible payment arrangements for a limited period.

For more information about each of these programs or help managing natural gas costs due to economic hardships related to the ongoing pandemic, please call 888.Nicor4U (642.6748) or visit nicorgas.com/energyassistance.

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.



Handyman Program for Homeowners over the age of 60 and / or disabled residents of Proviso

- Minor repairs only.
- **\$ 5.00 per visit** plus the cost of parts, if needed.
- Provide referrals on a variety of home maintenance issues.
- Appointments are **45 minutes or less.**

Proviso Township is not responsible or liable for any damages, injury or loss resulting from the use of the services of a person or business referred by the Proviso Township Handyman Department. The resident or homeowner accepts all liability from any damages, injury or loss caused by any person or business referred by the Proviso Township Handyman Department. The contracting of services from a person or business referred by the Proviso Township Handyman Department in no way constitutes any form of contract, binding or unbinding, between Proviso Township and any other parties involved. Please contact the service providers for information and be aware that the resident or homeowner is responsible for all payments and obligations to these service providers.

REPAIRS WE PROVIDE

Blinds/Curtain Rods – Install/Repair
Boxes (50lbs limit)
Carpentry-Minor repairs i.e.: Replace loose/rotten boards
Caulking - Minor interior only – No removal
Ceiling Fans-Repair Switches Only.
Decks – Minor Repairs Only
Door Bells – Repair/Replace Buttons
Door Locks – Repair/Replace
Door Sweeps – Repair/Replace/Install
Doors – Plane, Repair/Replace Hinges
Electrical Outlets & Switches - Replace
Electrical GFCI Outlets Replace & Install
Faucets – Repair or Replace
Furniture Assembly (small pieces)
Furniture Moving – (50lb Limit)
Furniture Repair – Minor Only
Grab Bars – Install or Replace
Hand Rails – Install or Replace
Light Bulbs - Change
Light Fixtures Repair or Replace
Mailboxes – Install, Repair, Replace
Outdoor Furniture Put Away/Take Out
Outdoor Lighting-Repair, Replace Height (Limit of 10 ft.)

Bellwood – Berkeley –Broadview
Brookfield* - Forest Park – Hillside
LaGrange Park -Maywood
Melrose Park*- Northlake*
North Riverside*- Stone Park
Westchester -Western Springs*

***Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township**

REPAIRS WE PROVIDE

Outdoor Water Spigot – Shut Off/On
Picture – Hang Only
Referrals for Tradesperson Referrals only
Screens – Put In/Take Out (Limit 10ft)
Shower Heads – Repair, Replace, Install
Shower Wands – Repair, Replace, Install
Sink Drains Pipes & Stoppers Repair or Replace
Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors – Install, Replace Batteries
Storm Doors – Repair (No Installations)
Storm Windows – Put In/Take Out (Limit 10 feet)
Supply Valves –Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only
Threshold – Repairs & Replacement
Toilets – Minor Repairs – No Roding
TV/TV Converter Box – Install & Program
Weather Stripping – Doors & Windows
Window Air Conditioner – Install & Remove (50lb Limit).
Window Fan – Install & Remove

NO APPLIANCE REPAIRS
NO HVAC REPAIRS
NO PAINTING
NO LANDSCAPING OR SNOW REMOVAL
NO GLASS REPAIR

For a complete list of repairs not provided please call the office

Please call us if you have any questions and to schedule your appointment at

708-547-4001

Obituaries

Acevedo

Bienvenida Acevedo. Dearly beloved mother of Bienvenida "Linda" (Luis) Cornejo and Wilson (Dialma) Olivera; cherished grandmother of Victor, Didi, Sori and Luis Jr.; great-grandmother of Heydon; loving sister of Colita (Isabelo) Cruz, Alejita (Rogelio) Gonzalez, Edelmiro (Milagros) Perez and Margy (Isreal) Arroyo; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Apuzzo

Concetta Apuzzo. Dearly beloved daughter of the late Albert and Elizabeth Apuzzo; loving sister of Anna Louise (the late Steve) Sauber; cherished aunt of Heather (Kristofer) Basile and Christopher Sauber; great-aunt of Jacob and Addison Basile. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Brown

John Brown passed away peacefully Aug. 8, 2020, at St. Alexis Hospital. John was an avid fisherman. John is survived by his wife Linda, his brother Cliff, and sisters Ginny and Barbara Ann. John has two daughters, Tamzy and Dawn. He has a sister-in-law, Kim. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Brunetti

Vito Brunetti. Dearly beloved husband of Maria; loving father of Dominic (Caterina), John (Debbie) and Bruno (Sara); loving grandfather of Johnny, Marisa, Vito and Joey; loving uncle of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Cemetery.

Cano

Maria G. Ferrel Cano. Dearly beloved wife of Enrique; loving mother of Graciela (Oscar) Navar, Silvia (Humberto) Herrera, Ernesto (Yolanda), Alfredo (Maria) and Alejandro (Celestina) Cano; cherished abuela of Jocelyn, Eduardo, Sandra, Yanet, Cesar, Nayeli, Daniela, Alejandro, Isabela, Guadalupe, Enrique, Alejandro, Angel and Celeste; great-grandmother of Adrian, Oscar, Elena, Sara, Rubi, Matias and Evelyn; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Coglianesese

Barbara Coglianesese. Dearly beloved wife of the late Vincenzo; loving mother of Ann (Eric) Wollenschlager, Pete (Connie) and the late Robert (Ana); fond grandmother of Justin, Rachel, Zachary, Cameron, Arianna (Cameron), Anthony, Alexa, Michael (Jenna) and Natalie; loving sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment private.

Cooney

Kevin M. Cooney, age 54, of Addison. Beloved husband of Sherri (nee Wolf); devoted dad of Jillian and Corin; loving brother of Keli (Jeff) Mappa; brother-in-law of Linda (Fred) Weishaupt and Marcy (Agostino) Chiaramonte; cherished son of the late Sharon (nee Greene) and the late Gerald Cooney; fond uncle, devoted coach, mentor and friend to everyone. Kevin was the proud O-Line coach of the three-time State Champion IC Catholic Prep Football; former coach with Addison Trail Girls Softball and Boys Football, Addison Girls Sports Program and two-time National Champion with the Addison Cowboys Youth Football. Arrangements by Gibbons Funeral Home.

Galecke

Olina Galecke, nee Kollar. Dearly beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother of Lorraine (Thomas) Szontagh and Christine (Jeffrey) Hernandez; cherished grandmother of Ryan, Steven, Victoria and great-grandchildren; dear sister of Dorothy and Elizabeth, and the late Anna and John; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

Gomez

Gumaro Gomez. Beloved husband of Guadalupe Gomez; loving father of Miguel Gomez, Maria F. Gomez and Liliana Gomez; beloved son of Miguel and the late Maria Casas; fond grandfather of Jasmine Duenez, Michael Gomez and Danny Duenez; dear brother of Jose Gomez, Josefina Gomez, Mauro Gomez, Concepcion Gomez, Olegario Gomez, Joel Gomez, Efren Gomez, Arturo Gomez and Irma Gomez; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

La Porte

Peter L. La Porte III. Dearly beloved husband of Eva (nee Fazakas); loving father of Peter IV (fiancee' Jill) and Thomas; cherished son of Peter Jr. and the late Diane; dear brother of Susan (James) Humpf and the late William; fond son-in-law of Ida Fazakas; dear brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Lopez

Danely Turcios Lopez. Dearly beloved wife of Andres Lopez; beloved daughter of Reyna Turcios; dear sister of Maryuri Oseguera; cherished niece and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Nunez

Jose Nunez. Dearly beloved husband of Olga Nunez; loving father of Anna Lilia, Jose Jr., Myra, Evelyn, Ivan and Claudio; beloved son of the late Juan and Fransisca Nunez; fond grandfather of Jackie, Jose III, Jayden, Jose, Sebastian, Adrian, Leilany, Kamela and Xinen; dear brother of Angelina, Julia, Manuel, Pedro, Luis, Herlinda, Elida, Marialuisa and Ramon; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Petrov

Petu Ivanov Petrov, passed away Aug. 13, 2020. Loving husband of Snezhana and cherish father of Dennis, Anthony and Yianni. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Pranske

Norma Jean Pranske. Dearly beloved wife of the late Louis; loving mother of Norma (Frank) Cittadino; cherished grandmother of Eric (Carrie) and Scott (Marlee) Cittadino; cherished great-grandmother of Reily, Abbie, Gracie, Addie and the late Maggie; dear sister of John (Shirley) Salyer, Betty (Late Elmer) Mathaney, the late Connie (Tom) Lee, the late Louise and George Martin, the late Elizabeth and Harold Morgan, the late Phrona and Spugie La Fever, the late George and June Salyer, and the late Hozie and Jen Salyer; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Norma worked for Castle Metals for 34 years and also was a water aerobics instructor at Concord for many years. Norma was a member of the Eastern Star. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Pyka

Frances H. Pyka, nee Williams. Dearly beloved wife of Leo; loving mother of John, Debbie (Ronald) Phillips and Kimmy (Frank) Coley, and the late Steve (Sharon) and Leo; fond mother-in-law of Jackie and Cookie; cherished grandmother of Jonathan, Kyle, Steven, Shayna, Robby, Ashley, Amanda, Stephanie and Britany, and the late Ricky and Frankie; great-grandmother of Leo, Olivia, Jordan and Gabriella; dear sister of Belle Hardy and the late Edgar Williams; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of everybody she met. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Raspa

Elisabetta Raspa. Dearly beloved wife of the late Saverio; loving mother to Anna Raspa, Silvana (John) Peconio, Adriana (Joe) Delpino, Gabriella Raspa, Saverio Raspa and Mario (Mark Tortoriello) Raspa; cherished nonna to Talia (Ted) Delpino-Otte, Joey, Gary, Nina, Nunzio and Saverio Jr; dear sister of Rosina (the late Saverio) Procopio, Vincenzo (Angelina) Celia, the late Domenic (the late Carol) Celia and the late Anna (the late Pasquale) Macrina, and the late Michele (Pupa) Celia; fond sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Ries

Dale M. Ries, veteran of United Sates Army National Reserve. Dearly beloved husband of Janice (nee Putz); loving son of the late Andrew and Mary Ries; dear brother of Bill (the late Marilyn) Ries; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum.

Romeo

Sabato Romeo. Dearly beloved husband of Anna (nee Marena); loving father of Carmela (the late Salvatore) Carotenuto, Marisa (Peter) Manzo, Andonella (James) Coduti, Silvana (Ralph) DiVenere and Ralph (Sandi) Romeo; cherished nonno of Lena (Peter) Nicci, Anna (Chris) Guidi, Johnnie (Ali) Carotenuto, Rosanna (John Guy) Cervone, Bianca Manzo, James (Danielle) Coduti, Gianna Coduti, Ralph III (Beka) DiVenere, Deanna Di Venere, Joey DiVenere, Jenna (Josh) Reschke and Taylor Esposito; great-bis-nonno of eight and one future baby; dear brother of Vincenza and the late Raffaele, the late Antoinetta, the late Carmela and the late Concetta; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Proud member of the Neapolitan Club.

Sanchez

Francisco Lopez Sanchez. Dearly beloved father of Francisco (Maria Isabel Villanueva) Lopez Jr., Hector Gabriel (Katherine) Lopez and Ana Catalina Lopez; beloved son of Catalina Sanchez-Magana and Francisco Lopez Diaz; fond grandfather of Amilia Katherine Lopez, Julianna Isabel Lopez, Aurora Penelope Lopez, Camila Allesandra Lopez, and Olivia Caliope Lopez; dear brother of Gloria, Rosa, Teresa, Jesus, Alejandro, Guilermo, the late Luis, the late Saul, the late Matta, and the late Gabriel; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Schultz

Gloria J. Schultz, age 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. Beloved mother of Randy (Joanne) and Cindy (Henry) Malfitano; loving companion of Joe Lynch; cherished grandmother of Alyssa, Cole and Alfonso; devoted sister of David (Mary) Rither of California, and preceded in death by three brothers. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Procession to Mount Emblem Cemetery.

Shelfo

Louis R. Shelfo. Dearly beloved husband of Ellen (nee Salzbrunn); loving father of Joseph and Richard (Adriana) Shelfo; cherished grandfather of three; dear brother of six; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Cremation private.

Solazzo

Josephine Ann Solazzo, nee Priola, age 95. Beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Joseph (Patricia), Frank (Mary Kay) and the late Thomas; cherished daughter of the late Tom Priola and Frances (nee Manzella); devoted sister of the late Lena (Sam) Corso, Phil (Myrtle) Priola, Stanley (Joanna) Priola, Tony Priola, Frances (Chuck) Scimeca, Carmella (Joe) Benandi and Vince (Josephine) Priola; sister-in-law of Josephine Priola; dear aunt, fond cousin, and steadfast friend and neighbor of so many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Theodore

Lewis A. Theodore. Dearly beloved husband of Dolores (nee Flores); loving father of Mark (Sue), Kimberly (Laura) and Brandon (Maria) Theodore; cherished grandfather of Samantha, Joseph and Alexis; dear brother of Joanne (the late Edward) Shuma; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Future Entombment will be at St. Mary Cemetery. Member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and Principal of College of Knowledge Neighborhood 28. One of Louie's favorite sayings was "If the door is up, stop for a cup. If the door is down, turn around." Interment private.

Trombetta

Joseph Trombetta. Dearly beloved husband of Patricia; loving father of Natalie and Timothy (Brittney); beloved son of the late Carmen and Lucille "Cookie" Trombetta; proud papa of Nicholas and Charlotte; dear brother of Carmen (Tammie); loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Vicari

Mary Ann Rizzo Vicari, age 90, proud Italian matriarch, passed away in Jacksonville, Fla. Daughter of Lucille Sassana Rizzo and Michael Rizzo; sister to Daniel and Michael Rizzo; was the youngest of her family. She was born and raised on Grand Avenue in Chicago, Ill. She was surrounded by an extended Italian family of cousins, aunts and uncles who all loved each other dearly and to this day. She graduated high school from Immaculata and always talked about how proud she was to be an alumni of such a great school. She grew up in “the neighborhood” and was a tremendous athlete meeting her beloved husband, Ralph Vicari, at 14 years old through the Athletic Program. Married 68 years to her childhood sweetheart. She is the mother to Dr. Ralph Vicari (deceased) and Dr. Michele Vicari-Christensen; grandmother to Katherine, Brian, Ellen and Justine as well as great-grandmother to Amelia, Lucy, Meara, Taryn, James, Brennan and Colleen. She lived every day of her life for her family and demonstrated a sacrificial love for others. She was a devout Catholic and never missed Mass, teaching her family the love she had for God. She will be missed greatly. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



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