

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

*Election Day is the One Day  
Where Every Citizen Has an Equal Say ...  
On This Day, We are One in the Same!*

Dear Neighbors,

The ballot box does not discriminate. Election Day is the one day where every citizen has an equal say, whether smart or uneducated, poor or rich, liberal or conservative, well-dressed or barefoot, CEO or assembly line worker. On this one day, we are one in the same.

Many people ask, what difference does one vote make? In 2000, Al Gore narrowly lost the Electoral College vote to George W. Bush. The final election outcome came down to a recount in Florida, where Bush eventually won by 537 votes out of nearly 6 million votes cast. If one more Gore vote would have been cast in 600 of the 5,400 Florida polling locations or one less Bush vote cast, Al Gore would have been elected president.

In 1960, Richard Nixon, not John F. Kennedy, would have become president if one additional person from each precinct had voted for Nixon. In 2008, an Alaskan congressional race was decided by a single vote out of 10,035 cast. In 1982, the Illinois governor's race between Jim Thompson and Adlai Stevenson was decided by less than one vote per precinct. All in all, the past elections where one vote could have made a difference is too numerous to list here.

People say that voting doesn't change anything. My answer is, let us look at the history of the African American vote. In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the Constitution gave African American males the right to vote. However, in the decades that followed, many states used poll taxes and literacy tests to deliberately reduce the African American vote. This lack of voting power resulted in American states enforcing segregation through Jim Crow laws that forbade intermarriage and ordered business owners and public institutions, like schools, to keep blacks and whites separated.

Then in 1965 the Voting Rights Act was passed, which discouraged state and local officials from erecting barriers to inhibit voting. This act enabled African Americans to vote in large numbers, which in turn impacted the decision making of elected officials of all races. Although we still have a long way to go, the initial walls of discrimination began to crumble as the African American voting bloc grew.

Example two of how voting can be an impetus of change is the passage of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. Until enactment of the 19th Amendment, women had no power over public policy which resulted in state laws prohibiting women from owning and inheriting property, signing contracts, applying for credit, serving on juries and running for elective office. Job opportunities for women who worked outside the home were limited to low-paying menial jobs.

After women gained the right to vote, candidates began to cater to this vital voting bloc in an effort to get elected and women took advantage. With their new power, women were able to get laws passed that allowed them the right to inherit and own property, access to decent paying jobs, the military service, credit, female health care, favorable divorce laws and much more.

Over 1 million servicemen and servicewomen have died, thousands of civil rights advocates were beaten and many suffragettes were jailed in fighting for the right to vote. For their sacrifices. and more important, for your family's future, please vote on election day. To quote suffragette Susan B. Anthony, "Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."



*Ronald M. Serpico*  
Mayor

**Check Out [www.MelrosePark.org](http://www.MelrosePark.org) to  
Learn More About Our Community!**



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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.**

# 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](mailto:pd@melrosepark.org) or phone – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4410.





# 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 Emergency .....911**

**Non-Emergency .....(708) 344-8409**

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

**Fire Emergency .....911**

**Non-Emergency .....(708) 344-1210**

**Public Safety/Homeland Security .....(708) 649-8000**

**Library .....(708) 343-3391**

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

**Building and Code .....(708) 343-4000**

**Civic Center .....(708) 450-0555**

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

**Dial A Ride .....(708) 343-7047**

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

**Economic Development .....(708) 865-8809**

# Resident Response

## *Dear Mayor Serpico ...*

I would like to thank the crew of Mike LaGioia, Chris Van Dyke, Rudy Gonzalez, Terry Saether, Giovanni Camaci, Gino Aliasi, Angelo Egizio and Vincent LaGioia for the excellent and efficient work they completed on our block of 21st Avenue.

I am told there were two sewer breaks in the street in front of three homes, mine included.

The crew worked very diligently and completed the job with much courtesy and respect to the residents on this block. They were so quiet, you barely knew they were out there working in such intense heat.

Thank you all for fixing these issues in such a timely manner.

• Regards,  
Fran Schweinert

## *Dear Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame...*

Broadview Fire Department was called out at 0830 on Sept. 13, 2020.

The call came in as an apartment fire with people trapped on the second and third floors. Your department responded with mutual aid.

I would like to thank all those that responded from your department for assisting us.

Your department was part of lifesaving efforts and fast extinguishment.

I appreciate all those involved.

Please pass on my appreciation to all.

• Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Tracy Kenny  
Broadview Fire Department

## *Dear Mayor Ronald M. Serpico ...*

Thank you for your generous gift to the Proviso Public Partnership in lieu of the golf outing this year. With your donation, we have been able to provide mental health treatment to clients that do not have insurance and would have, otherwise, gone unassisted.

Your continued support is truly making a difference in the lives of Proviso residents.

We are very grateful that even in these uncertain times you are willing to help advance the Proviso Public Partnership's mission of enhancing the well-being of children, adolescents and adults in Proviso Township.

• Best wishes,  
Michael A. Corrigan  
Board President  
Proviso Public Partnership

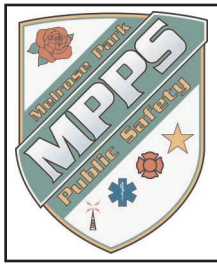
## You're Making a Difference.



**Thank You for  
Staying Home,  
Social Distancing and  
Wearing Masks  
to Save Lives!**



# Melrose Park – COVID-19 Update



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

## A Mask is Like a Seatbelt, If You Don't Wear It, It Won't Work

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. Masks should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

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.

Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. The mask is meant to protect other people in case you are infected. Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. A mask is not a substitute for social distancing.



## 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.

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.

## 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](http://www.melrosepark.org).



# 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.

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](http://www.melrosepark.org) or visit our department's website at [www.mpdes.org](http://www.mpdes.org).

The mayor has also set up a voicemail and email for village questions on the coronavirus. You can send your questions to [covid19@melrosepark.org](mailto: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](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>.

## Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety Are Looking for New Additional Volunteers

In these times of uncertainty in America, whether due to natural disaster, a terrorist-related event, or an accident, public safety is a matter of utmost concern to Mayor Ronald M. Serpico and the village of Melrose Park. Our department and the village are preparing and equipping for threats to public safety that may occur. Keeping you and your family safe, and providing resources and contacts for you to be able to make informed decisions, is the essence of public safety in Melrose Park.

Therefore, the mission of the Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety is threefold, first is to provide to the community of Melrose Park a competent, professional well-trained group of volunteers able to respond to any emergency situation that may require our assistance. Secondly is to provide to the residents of Melrose Park dissemination of emergency preparedness and public information to lessen the impact from emergencies and to help the public be better prepared in the event of disaster or emergency. Third to provide emergency response and mutual aid help to our surrounding towns, as well as our partners in emergency management throughout the area.

If you would like more information, please contact our offices at (708) 649-8000.



# Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame  
Director of Fire Department*

## A Message from Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame

### MPFD Firefighters Receive Solar Panel Installation Training

This past September, members of the Fire Department received exclusive training so they're better prepared for emergencies where solar technology is present. The training helps firefighters become solar smarter and more confident when responding to fires in proximity of solar-related equipment.



### Melrose Park Fire Department Fall Safety Tips

Fall is a wonderful time of year with trees showing off their best colors while Halloween parties and harvest festivals add an air of celebration to the season. However, safety always is a concern.

Following these tips will help make the season a safe and enjoyable one.

- Keep space heaters away from curtains, other fabric furnishings and combustibles. Make certain the heaters are in well-ventilated areas and that cords are not frayed or damaged. Use only K-1 kerosene in a kerosene heater.
- Keep heaters on firm, stable surfaces where they will not be knocked over easily.
- Change furnace filters and keep boxes and debris away from the furnace and hot water heater.
- Do not leave the clothes dryer running when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Change batteries every six months.
- Keep candles on a flat, stable surface and away from curtains, fabrics or paper. Make certain to extinguish candles before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Consider using artificial, battery-operated candles instead of real candles.
- Keep fireplaces and chimneys clean. Always use a protective screen for your fireplace and outdoor fire pits.
- Never leave children unattended around candles, fireplaces, fire pits, heaters, washers and dryers or furnaces.
- Make certain all door locks can be unlocked from the inside without a key.
- Have a fire evacuation plan for your family and designate a safe place to meet after evacuating.
- Have gutters cleared of leaves and debris. Clogged gutters can result in damage to the roof and spillage that causes slippery pavement.
- Clear fallen leaves. Fallen leaves that become wet can cause severe slip-and-fall injuries and auto accidents.



**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](http://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.

**Melrose Park Police Department Notice**

**PARKING  
RESTRICTIONS**

**EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 2020,  
ALL PARKING RESTRICTIONS  
WILL BE ENFORCED.**

**THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO,  
NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN  
WINSTON PARK OR WEST MELROSE,  
NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON  
EAST AND WEST STREETS,  
AND ALTERNATE SIDES OF  
STREET PARKING.**

**AGAIN, THESE PARKING RESTRICTIONS  
WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND  
TICKETS WILL BE WRITTEN.**





## Melrose Park Police Department

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## PETS & PEOPLE SUPPORT PROGRAM

### ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE

# PETS & PEOPLE SUPPORT PROGRAM



WORKING TO KEEP PETS & PEOPLE TOGETHER

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Pets are proven to reduce stress and anxiety, provide companionship, encourage daily exercise and give a sense of purpose to those caring for them making the human/animal bond more important than ever during these challenging times. This program's mission will be to ensure that pets and people can stay together and that financial hardship or lack of access to food or resources will not be the determining factor in people needing to make a decision to rehome their beloved pets.

Pet food and supply packages are available by request to those in need. Packages will include food and supplies for both pet and person! In addition to the care packages, Animal Care League will work with people in need of other support services (veterinary care, pet fees, grooming, training services, etc.) and offer subsidized or free service as funds are available.

#### WHO CAN QUALIFY TO RECEIVE PET FOOD & SUPPLY PACKAGES\*?

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Senior Citizens (Age 60+) who reside within the coverage area (see below)

Those experiencing financial hardship who reside within our coverage area (see below)

*\*to participate pets must be spayed or neutered. If pets are not spayed/neutered at the time of request, client must agree to sterilize in the future to continue to receive assistance*

#### COVERAGE AREA

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Care Packages/Supplies as well as assistance in other areas will be available for those within Cook County with a focus on the communities within a 10 mile radius of Oak Park. Since ACL works with Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, North Riverside, Northlake, Melrose Park & Elmwood Park, special priority will be given to requests coming from those communities.

*\*Please note that social service agencies or other animal welfare organizations who have a client in need outside of the coverage area may request assistance via a referral through their organization. Email [support@animalcareleague.org](mailto:support@animalcareleague.org) for more information*

#### HOW DO I RECEIVE MY SUPPLY PACKAGE?

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Supply packages will need to be picked up from Animal Care League's training center at 1003 Garfield in Oak Park on designated pick up days. Once a request is submitted, a volunteer will contact the requestor in 24-48 hours to give them a pick up date and time

Contactless delivery is available for seniors, those who do not have transportation/are homebound, or those at a high risk for COVID-19. Please note that delivery is needed on the request form and a volunteer will contact you to set up a delivery day/time.

## HOW DO I REQUEST A SUPPLY PACKAGE?

Supply packages may only be requested once per month (one per client)

Please fill out the request form at: <https://forms.gle/Vmq3L12ajM4BKYky9>

If you are unable to fill the request form out via this link you can email [support@animalcareleague.org](mailto:support@animalcareleague.org) or call 708-848-8155 for assistance.

*Please allow 24-48 hours for a confirmation/response*

## WHAT DO THE SUPPLY PACKAGES INCLUDE?

*Supplies are included by request, per the number/size/breed of pets, and as they are available*

Cat/Dog Food (dry and/or wet)

Other animal food by request/as needed (rabbit, bird, etc.)

Toys

Treats

Collars/Leashes

ID Tags

Poop Bags

Beds

Grooming Supplies (shampoo, brushes, etc)

Crates/Carriers

Hand Sanitizer

Masks

Disinfectant Spray

Disinfectant Wipes

Produce Box (human)-Provided by [Beyond Hunger](#)

Resources/referral information for other services

Coupon for [Animal Care League's Second Chance Shop](#)

## OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

*Other reduced fee or free services may include the following and will require additional information/application submission. Subsidy is dependent on funds available. Those with the greatest need will be prioritized.*

Spay/Neuter

Vaccinations

Microchipping

Grooming Services

Training Consultation/Services

Veterinary Care

Apartment Pet Fees/Pet Security Deposits

Fencing Services

Redemption Fees



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**ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE'S**

# **PETS & PEOPLE** **SUPPORT PROGRAM**

**WORKING TO KEEP PETS & PEOPLE TOGETHER**

Animal Care League's Pets & People Support Program offers pet food and supplies to those in need as well as provides access to other important resources such as low cost vaccines, microchipping, spay/neuter, grooming services, veterinary care, and training & behavior support.

Pet Care Supply Packages and other resources are available to aging adults (age 60 or older), as well as those suffering from a financial hardship within a 10 mile radius of Oak Park, IL.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST A CARE PACKAGE  
EMAIL: [SUPPORT@ANIMALCARELEAGUE.ORG](mailto:SUPPORT@ANIMALCARELEAGUE.ORG) OR CALL: 708-  
848-8155**





# Need help with your pet?

**WE WANT TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER.**



If you're currently facing hard times, please take a look at these pet support services from our partner organizations that are designed to keep you and your pets together.

## REACH OUT

**Friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers** may be able to assist you with rehoming your pet, whether it's on a permanent or temporary basis. Reach out to your contacts to see if anyone can help.

**Social media** can also be a great tool to help share photos and information about your pet with people in your network who might be able to help.

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE

*These shelters offer temporary boarding for families in crisis.*

**Naperville Area Humane Society  
Safe Pet Program**  
630-420-8989 ext 1005

**ADOPT Pet Shelter  
Blessed Bonds Program**  
630-355-2299  
[adoptpetshelter.org/clinic/crisis-assistance](https://adoptpetshelter.org/clinic/crisis-assistance)

**The Anti-Cruelty Society  
SAFE Program**  
[anticruelty.org/safe](https://anticruelty.org/safe)

**PAWS Chicago  
Crisis Care Foster**  
[pawschicago.org/our-work/crisis-support/covid-19-crisis-foster-care](https://pawschicago.org/our-work/crisis-support/covid-19-crisis-foster-care)

## BEHAVIOR ASSISTANCE

*These shelters offer free behavior tips, information, and solutions.*

**Naperville Area Humane Society**  
630-420-8989 ext. 1008

**Hinsdale Humane Society**  
630-323-5630

**South Suburban Humane Society**  
708-816-4407

**Anti-Cruelty Society**  
312-645-8253

**CRISP**  
Chicagoland medical, behavior, or rent support  
<https://www.crispchicago.com/help-for-your-pet>

**West Suburban Humane Society**  
[wshs-dg.org/resource-center](https://wshs-dg.org/resource-center)

## ASSISTANCE WITH PET FOOD

**Animal Care League  
Pets & People Support Program**  
[support@animalcareleague.org](mailto:support@animalcareleague.org)

*To request a pet supply package:*  
<https://forms.gle/IRCrGNCSJgiM8zVeA>

**Friendship Pet Food Pantry**  
(773) 907-6388  
<https://friendshippetpantry.org/>

**The Anti-Cruelty Society**  
<https://anticruelty.org/friends>

**Fox Valley Animal Welfare League**  
[fvawl.org/food-pantry](https://fvawl.org/food-pantry)

**Bruno's Pet Pantry**  
[brunospantry.com](https://brunospantry.com)

## MEDICAL & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**Animal Care League  
Pets & People Support Program**  
[support@animalcareleague.org](mailto:support@animalcareleague.org)

**Spay Illinois Project Families  
Forever** offers sliding-scale coverage on preventive and emergency care.  
630-961-8000  
[spayillinois.org](https://spayillinois.org)

**CRISP**  
Chicagoland medical, behavior, or rent support  
<https://www.crispchicago.com/help-for-your-pet>

**Waggle pet-dedicated crowdfunding**  
[waggle.org](https://waggle.org)

**Banfield Hope Fund**  
[banfield.com/banfield-foundation/programs](https://banfield.com/banfield-foundation/programs)

**Care Credit**  
[carecredit.com](https://carecredit.com)

## REHOMING ASSISTANCE

*These websites provide pet owners with a platform to find a new loving home for their pet without entering a shelter.*

**Home To Home**  
[home-home.org](https://home-home.org)

**Rehome by Adopt A Pet**  
[rehome.adoptapet.com](https://rehome.adoptapet.com)

**Get Your Pet**  
[getyourpet.com](https://getyourpet.com)

**The Anti-Cruelty Society  
Home Shelter Bypass Project**  
[anticruelty.org/shelter-bypass](https://anticruelty.org/shelter-bypass)



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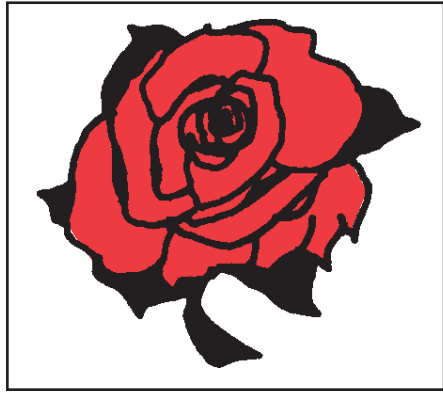


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**FOR A FULL LIST OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE VISIT: [HTTPS://MYAAPP.ORG/PET-RESOURCES/](https://myaapp.org/pet-resources/)**

**Animal Care League** is taking in surrendered pets by appointment only and as space is available. If you need to surrender a pet, call **708-848-8155** for more information

**Chicagoland Lifesaving Coalition**



# Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride Program for MP 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.



***Mayor Serpico  
encourages  
residents  
to use this  
convenient  
transportation  
resource  
for their  
everyday  
needs,  
such as  
shopping,  
doctor  
appointments,  
etc.***

## **Call (708) 343-7047 for service.**

**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	PUNCH
<b>JESUS “CHUY” GARCIA</b>	<b>21</b>
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 77TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT	PUNCH
<b>KATHLEEN WILLIS</b>	<b>41</b>
FOR COMMISSIONER, METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT	PUNCH
<b>EIRA L. CORRAL SEPULVEDA</b>	<b>53</b>
FOR STATE’S ATTORNEY, COOK COUNTY	PUNCH
<b>PATRICK W. “PAT” O’BRIEN</b>	<b>62</b>
FOR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY	PUNCH
<b>IRIS Y. MARTINEZ</b>	<b>64</b>
FOR JUDGE, COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (VACANCY OF FORD)	PUNCH
<b>LAURA AYALA-GONZALEZ</b>	<b>76</b>
FOR JUDGE, COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (RETENTION)	VOTE YES
<b>MICHAEL P. TOOMIN</b>	<b>205</b>
FOR JUDGE, COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (RETENTION)	VOTE YES
<b>JOHN MICHAEL ALLEGRETTI</b>	<b>293</b>

**VOTE “NO” ON THE TAX HIKE AMENDMENT.**





## 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](http://www.melrosepark.org).**

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION IS NEEDED TO PURCHASE STICKERS.  
NO EXCEPTIONS.  
LATE CHARGES MAY APPLY.**

## The ROSE AD RESERVATION FORM

### Save the Dates!

**Next Issue – December 2020**  
(Deadline for material Nov. 25, 2020.)

Schedule for 2021

February, April, June, August, October and December

Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

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

**or Email to: [therose@melrosepark.org](mailto:therose@melrosepark.org) w/pdf or jpeg file.**

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



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# MELROSE PARK TRICK-OR-TREATING NOTICE

From the Desk of Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

## Trick-or-Treating will be Prohibited for Halloween 2020 in Melrose Park this Year

***To protect the health and safety of our residents, Melrose Park will be following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines by prohibiting traditional trick-or-treating this year where treats are handed to children who go door to door. Instead, the village has partnered with some of our community organizations to help create safer, free, low-to-moderate risk Halloween activities for children.***

Ronald M. Serpico  
MAYOR

Mary Ann Paolantonio  
CLERK



Village of  
Melrose Park



- TRUSTEES -

Anthony N. Abruzzo  
Louis "Sonny" Nicotera

Jaime Anguiano  
Anthony J. Prignano

Arturo J. Mota  
Mary Ramirez-Taconi

Halloween 2020 in Melrose Park

To Melrose Park Residents:

It is with the utmost importance that we keep the health and safety of our residents in the Village of Melrose Park in the forefront during this current pandemic. As we approach the Halloween season, Melrose Park will be following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines by limiting some traditional Halloween activities which can be high-risk for spreading viruses. This includes a ban on participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.

Therefore, since trick-or-treating will not be permitted this year in Melrose Park due to the pandemic, there will be safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween that will be offered. The Village of Melrose Park has partnered with some of our community organizations, including the Community Alliance, Veterans Park District, and the Melrose Park Youth Commission to help create free low to moderate risk Halloween activities for the children which are allowable under the Restore Illinois' Phase 4 guidelines.

These activities for children include the following:

- **Zombie Walk** on Friday, October 23, from 6pm-8pm at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch Street. This family-friendly Halloween fun for children will include safe strolls in the park to view scary zombie scenes, goodie bags, balloon artist and giveaways! Wear a costume and face covering. Visit [facebook.com/vpdparks](https://facebook.com/vpdparks) or [www.vpdpark.org](http://www.vpdpark.org) or call 708-343-5270 for additional information.
- **Drive-through Halloween Parade** - on Saturday, October 31, from 12:00PM to 2:00PM, at the Melrose Park Civic Center, 1000 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Decorate your car, wear a costume, and drive through to pick-up a goodie bag. Visit [facebook.com/melroseparkil](https://facebook.com/melroseparkil) or [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) for additional information.

Please be sure to "Like" and Follow" the Village of Melrose Park Facebook page and visit our website for Halloween program updates. Let's do our part and make sure we have a safe Halloween experience for our community.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Serpico  
Mayor of Melrose Park



## 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:  
Oct. 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: 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, medica, adicciones, control de la ira, abuso de sustancias, ropa y necesidades humanas basicas.

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

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

## Carbonara Funeral Directors

Traditional Funerals

Cremations

Memorial Services

Immediate Burials

Pre-Arrangements,  
with or without  
prepayment of services

Chapels available  
near your home

Now Open at  
1515 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park

**Bus: (708) 343-6161 Home: (708) 865-8124 Cell: (708) 724-7500**



# Join in the Fun! Community Alliance and the Village of Melrose Park invite you to a Halloween Drive-thru Parade at the Melrose Park Civic Center 1000 N. 25th Ave. Saturday, Oct. 31 Noon-2 p.m.


  
**Village of  
Melrose Park**  
Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico



Decorate your cars and bring your kids in costumes to a drive-thru event for Halloween. Families will remain in their vehicles and travel through the Melrose Park Civic Center parking lot to a station where they'll receive a bag full of goodies while supplies last. All decorated vehicles will be entered into a raffle.

Thank You to Our Supporting Sponsors...

 **Village of  
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Village Clerk  
Mary Ann Paolantonio

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# 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 Closed, Apply Now for 2021!

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

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

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 2021 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

Only one item will be painted per year. 2021 list will be closed July 31, 2021.

## 2021 Tree Planting for Parkways

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway for 2021 (one tree per household), we are compiling a list for 2021 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 to participate in the 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

Division to Chicago Avenue –  
11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Avenues

Lake Street to Division –  
21st and 22nd Avenues

Lake Street to Main Street –  
23rd and 24th Avenues

### Alley Project Phase 3

This year's  
10 alley  
projects  
have been  
completed.

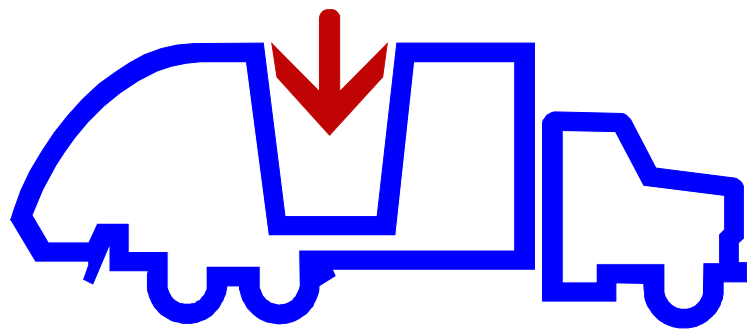


## Maywood Park Racetrack Entrance Sign

The village of Melrose Park has secured the old Maywood Park Racetrack entrance sign. We are in the process of erecting this sign at the Library for the Melrose Park Historical Society. The village of Melrose Park and the Historical Society's focus is to save, restore and highlight the many village of Melrose Park historical landmarks.







# 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.

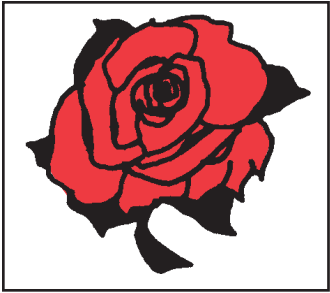
This service is for Melrose Park residents in single and two-flat buildings only. Commercial and apartment buildings must use a private scavenger company.

Village of Melrose Park Public Works summer hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

This information is also available at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).

## ATTENTION RESIDENTS – CALL TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT RESIDENT GARBAGE CANS

For a missing or damaged garbage can, please call Republic Services directly at (708) 345-7050 and ask for Customer Service to request a replacement garbage can.



# Village of Melrose Park Building Dept. Report

*From the Desk of  
Ralph Sorce,  
Building Commissioner*

## A Note to All Melrose Park Residents Regarding Property Flood Protection, Flood Insurance, Village Assistance

As of Oct. 1, 2015, the Village of Melrose Park has earned a Class 8 Rating through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS); for this reason, flood insurance policies issued or renewed in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) qualify for a 10 percent discount off the premium cost.

### Flood Protection Information

The Village of Melrose Park strongly encourages these flood protection tips to be used:

- Stream Maintenance – Per the Clean Water Act and village ordinance, dumping into our ditches, creeks and sewers is strictly prohibited. This regulation helps prevent contamination to our water supply and lessens the chance of flooding. Grass clippings, leaves and branches can also cause problems as they can accumulate and plug the storm sewer channels. If your property is next to a ditch or creek, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. Please feel free to contact the Public Works Department for information regarding the Village's Creek Maintenance Program or reporting downed tree and other major blockages.
- Construction Requirements – Always check with the Building Department before you alter, re-grade or fill your property. A permit is needed to ensure that projects do not cause drainage problems to other properties and to ensure the general public welfare.
- Flood-Proofing – There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage – retrofitting (altering a building to eliminate or reduce flood damage) measures include:
  - Elevations – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above protection level.
  - Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood zone is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
  - Floodwalls – These work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
  - Dry Flood-Proofing – Makes the building's walls and floors watertight so water does not enter.
  - Wet Flood-Proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little to no damage.

Important notice: Any alteration to a building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

### Flood Protection Assistance

If you have any concerns or issues with flooding or drainage, please call the Village of Melrose Park Sewer Department at (708) 531-5347 or the Building Department at (708) 343-4000. The Building Department can provide information, professional input and problem-solving measures without negatively affecting nearby neighbors. The Building Department can also provide a list of flood proofing contractors and conduct inspections.

### Sand Bags

During a rainstorm or flood, sand bags are readily available for pickup at the Melrose Park Public Works Building located at 1002 N. 27th Ave. The Public Works Department also drops off sand bags throughout the village's high impact flood areas.

### Flood Event Suggestions

Please keep in mind, during a flood the less water pumped into the village's storm sewer system the better. Please avoid excessive water use such as washing clothes, showering, washing dishes and toilet flushing. This provides time for the sewer system to stabilize and catch up to the large influx of water, thus, lowering the probability of a sewer backup in a building.

### Be Prepared!

Have a plumber inspect sump pumps regularly!

If you experience flooding or drainage issues on your property, the village's staff may be able to help. Remember to televisc and clean sewer laterals to prevent sewer backups.

### Leaf Removal, Street Sweeping, Storm Sewers and Swales

It is a violation of village code and the Clean Water Act to directly or indirectly discharge illicit substances into a storm sewer. The village strongly encourages that all grass clippings, leaves and yard waste be placed in approved containers and placed at the designated location for garbage pickup on scheduled pickup days.

### Community Effort

The Public Works Department kindly requests your help. Throughout the village's corporate boundaries there are many streets with curbside storm sewer catch basins, culverts and storm sewer pipes that are prone to trouble in heavy rains when they are blocked by leaves and grass clippings. The village street sweeping vehicle is not effective in removing large quantities of wet or dry leaves off the streets and curbed areas. The street sweeper's intended use is to remove road debris such as gravel, dirt and trash from the road surface by way of water and scrubbing brushes.

The Public Works Department respectfully asks that every village resident do their part in keeping our storm sewer grates, culvert pipe and swales in front of their property free from leaves and debris throughout the year. By doing this, this will greatly diminish the need for storm sewer cleanups, as well as, eliminating street inlet flooding due to leaves clogging the designed drainage path.

### Flood Insurance

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. The village strongly encourages property owners to invest in flood insurance. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. In some cases, flood insurance is required by a bank when people purchase a property and get a mortgage or home improvement loan. These policies typically only cover the building's structure and not its contents. During the types of flooding that occur in your area, there is usually more damage to the furniture and personal items than there is to the structure. Be sure you have contents coverage! Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection! In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

**For more information regarding important Melrose Park flood information, please visit our village website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) and check under the Village Services tab. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding flooding in Melrose Park, please feel free to contact the Building Department at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4419. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

# Building Department Construction Project Resource Information

Many residents and business owners will be performing construction projects to their homes and businesses.

The Building Department of the village of Melrose Park is pleased to see the improvements within our neighborhood. Remember, before starting any construction project; obtain a building permit from the Building Department. All contractors performing work are required to obtain a contractor's license with the village. Rough and final inspections are to be performed to make sure work is being performed to code.

If you are planning to update your home or business, or if you have any questions, please come into the Building Department at 1000 N. 25th Ave., call us at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4470, or send an email to [rsorce@melrosepark.org](mailto:rsorce@melrosepark.org).

Go to [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) to obtain the following Building Department forms.

- Debris Hauling Contractor's License Application
- Vacant Property Registration
- Permit Application Page 1
- Permit Application Page 2
- Building Codes
- Certificate of Compliance Application
- Contractor's Registration Application
- Electrical Permit Application
- Form 3500
- Form 4000
- Items Covered in Cert of Compliance Inspection (Sale)
- Sign Application
- Process of Selling a Property
- Vending and Amusement License Application

Please note that registration does not replace building permits or other required information.

General contractors are responsible to assure that all their sub-contractors are licensed in Melrose Park. Failure to do so may result in citations, fines and work stoppage on site.

The Village Zoning Map is available on the home page of the Village of Melrose Park website [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).

## MP Construction Hours Policy

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

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



# Important Melrose Park Flood Relief Information



It is that time of year when inclement weather can cause havoc with your most prized possession – your home.

Arm yourself ahead of time by visiting the following links.

To determine if your house is in a floodplain and eligible for flood insurance:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/)

[Determine\\_if\\_your\\_house\\_is\\_in\\_a\\_floodplain\\_and\\_eligible\\_for\\_flood\\_insurance.PDF](#)

To find out what to do in case your home is flooded:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/)

[What\\_to\\_do\\_in\\_case\\_your\\_home\\_is\\_flooded.PDF](#)

To help prevent flooding in Melrose Park:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/)

[Help\\_prevent\\_flooding\\_in\\_Melrose\\_Park\\_.PDF](#)

For a FEMA Registration Flyer on how to apply for disaster relief:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/)

[FEMA\\_REGISTRATION\\_FLYER\(1\)\\_\(1\).PDF](#)

To view Real-Time River Gauge Near Melrose Park to Determine River Level:

[www.water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=lot&gauge=rvfi2](http://www.water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=lot&gauge=rvfi2)

To view or download Flood Inundation and Response 3 Stage Map:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/\\_inundation%20&%20Flood%20Response.pdf](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/_inundation%20&%20Flood%20Response.pdf)

The following two links give you important information regarding flood insurance regulations, qualifications, floodplain maps, and how to apply.

FEMA Flood Insurance Program:

<http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/index.shtm>

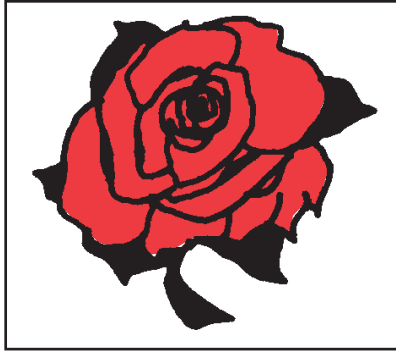
FEMA Map Service Center:

[www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/map-service-center](http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/map-service-center)

The following link provides very important information on where to go for disaster assistance when a flood hits and answers many of a homeowner's questions regarding disaster assistance.

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>





# Village of Melrose Park Building Department Requirements for Residential Fence Installation

1. A building permit and a plat of survey are required for the erection of any fence.
2. All fence contractors who install fences must be licensed in Melrose Park.
3. A plat of survey must be presented for a building permit for the installation of a fence. This assures that the fence will be erected on your personal property and not any public right-of-way or on another lot.
4. Postholes must be at a minimum of 36" to 42" deep. A posthole inspection is required prior to posts being placed.
5. All fences adjacent to a public sidewalk, alley or right-of-way must be 1 foot away from that sidewalk or alley and on your personal property.
6. No sharp points are permitted on any fence, regardless of the material used or its location on the property.
7. All fences at the front of a property may not exceed 4 feet in height. The material must be metal of a see-through type. No wood, vinyl or chain link allowed.
8. No homes in the Winston Park subdivision may have a fence at the front of their property.
9. No fence cannot go over the property line and may not exceed 6 feet in height.
10. All fences at the side or sides of the building may not extend beyond the end of the front building line.
11. No solid fences may be erected at intersections of streets, alleys or driveways where they can block the view of traffic.
12. The finished side of the fence must face out toward the neighboring property.
13. No barbed wire on any residential fence. Only exceptions are in industrial or light manufacturing zoned areas and in extremely hazardous or dangerous locations. This can only be done with the express permission of the building commissioner.

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# Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

## Are You Prepared for Winter Weather?

Winter weather too often catches people unprepared. Researchers say that 70 percent of the fatalities related to ice and snow occur in automobiles and about 25 percent of all winter related fatalities are people that are caught off guard, out in the storm. What winter weather preparations are being made in your area and what are the appropriate steps to take that will ensure your winter weather safety? Help your readers, viewers and listeners make sure their homes and cars are ready for the worst winter has to offer.

### Winter Weather Watches, Warnings and Advisories – What Do They all Mean?

The National Weather Service uses specific winter weather terms to ensure that people know what to expect in the coming days and hours. A Winter Storm Watch means that severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may affect your area, but its occurrence, location and timing are still uncertain. A Winter Storm Watch is issued to provide 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of severe winter weather. A Winter Storm Watch is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set plans in motion can do so. A watch is upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning when 4 or more inches of snow or sleet is expected in the next 12 hours, or 6 or more inches in 24 hours, or 1/4 inch or more of ice accretion is expected. Winter weather advisories inform you that winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is exercised, advisory situations should not become life-threatening. A Blizzard Warning means that snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts and life-threatening windchill. Be sure to listen carefully to the radio, television and NOAA Weather Radio for the latest winter storm watches, warnings and advisories.

### Why is Predicting the Exact Amount of Snowfall So Challenging?

Snow forecasts continue to improve, but they remain a challenging task for meteorologists. Heavy snow often falls in small bands that are hard to discern on larger resolution computer models. In addition, extremely small temperature differences define the boundary line between rain and snow.

### What is Wind Chill?

One of the gravest dangers of winter weather is windchill. The windchill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin by combined effects of wind and cold. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. Animals are also effected by wind-chill.

New Wind Chill Chart												
Wind (mph)												
Calms	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
40	36	34	32	30	29	28	28	27	26	26	25	25
35	31	27	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	19	18	17
30	25	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	12	11	10
25	19	15	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3
20	13	9	6	4	3	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-3	-4
15	7	3	0	-2	-4	-5	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-11
10	1	-4	-7	-9	-11	-12	-14	-15	-16	-17	-18	-19
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-25	-40	-47	-51	-55	-58	-60	-62	-64	-65	-67	-68	-69
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-35	-52	-59	-64	-68	-71	-73	-76	-78	-79	-81	-82	-84
-40	-57	-66	-71	-74	-78	-80	-82	-84	-86	-88	-89	-91
-45	-63	-72	-77	-81	-84	-87	-89	-91	-93	-95	-97	-98

**Frostbite occurs in 15 minutes or less**

Wind Chill ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) =  $35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$   
Where, T = Air Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ )  
V = Wind Speed (mph)

## About Winter Storms ...

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

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

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

# Know the Difference

- Winter Storm Outlook** – Winter storm conditions are possible in the next two to five days.
- Winter Weather Advisory** – Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.
- Winter Storm Watch** – Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.
- Winter Storm Warning** – Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

# How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

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

# Put Together a Supply Kit

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



# Protect Your Pets During Snowstorms

## Make Sure Your Pets are Prepared for Winter Weather

Winter weather can be hard on all of us. It can be particularly difficult on our pets that rely on us for their well-being, especially for outdoor dogs and cats. To help keep your entire family safe and warm, the American Red Cross has winter safety reminders for both you and your pets.

## Pet Safety in the Winter

- If possible, bring your pets inside during cold winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas and make sure they have access to non-frozen drinking water.
  - If the animals are outside, make sure their access to food and water is not blocked by snow drifts, ice or other obstacles.
- The following tips on winter pet safety are provided by the Humane Society of the United States:**
- If pets cannot come indoors, make sure they are protected by a dry, draft-free enclosure large enough to allow them to sit and lie down, but small enough to hold in the pet’s body heat. Raise the floor a few inches off the ground and cover it with cedar shavings or straw. Turn the enclosure away from the wind and cover the doorway with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.
  - Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate a pet’s paws. Wipe their paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth.
  - Antifreeze is a deadly poison. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach.

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



# Do You Have a Disaster Supplies Kit?

A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.

Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.

## Basic Disaster Supplies Kit



### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- ☐ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ☐ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps



### Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

## Maintaining Your Kit

Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life.
- Throw out any canned good that becomes swollen, dented or corroded.
- Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies.
- Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in the front.
- Change stored food and water supplies every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trash can, camping backpack or duffel bag.

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# Village of Melrose Park

## Auxiliary Emergency Communications – K9VMP

Calling All Stations, CQ

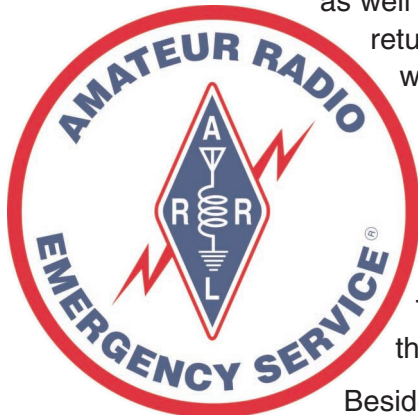
The call “CQ” tells all amateur radio operators that someone is calling all stations. CQ is called three times with a nice steady rhythm followed by their call sign, location and CQ three more times. We also use the phonetic alphabet to help those listening to help decipher our call sign.



The Village of Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety sponsor the Auxcomm and ARES Net (Auxiliary Communications and Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net). This Auxcomm/ARES Net takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., on 147.360 Mhz, -.6 Mhz offset and PL 136.5. If you're licensed as an amateur radio operator, please check in and hear what's going on with amateur radio in Melrose Park and the surrounding communities.

We are currently looking for volunteer amateur radio operators for our program. If you would like more information, please call (708) 649-8085. Our group is also looking for licensed general or above operators to help provide emergency communications for our area hospitals in times of emergency or mass casualties.

Here in the village of Melrose Park, the call sign used at the Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety as well as special events and area networks is K9VMP. If our amateur radio operators are looking for a station to return our call, we say CQ CQ CQ, Kilo, Niner, Victor, Mike PaPa, K9VMP Melrose Park, IL, CQ CQ CQ. If we're returning someone else's CQ we respond as K9VMP or Kilo, Niner, Victor, Mike, PaPa.



The amateur radio phonetic alphabet gives a recognized word for each letter.

A =Alpha, B=Bravo, C=Charlie, D=Delta, E=Echo, F=Fox, G=Golf, H=Hotel, I=India, J=Juliet, K=Kilo, L=Lima, M=Mike, N=Nora, O=Oscar, P=PaPa, Q=Quebec, R=Romeo, S=Sierra, T=Tango, U=Uniform, V=Victor, W=Whiskey, X=X-Ray, Y=Yankee, Z=Zebra.

The numbers of 0 to 9 are zero, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. The zero differentiates the letter O from the number zero and the number 9 as “Niner” makes it very clear it's a 9.

Besides talking on a two-way radio, amateur radio operators use available frequencies in many ways including flying model planes, drones, sending pictures and information via slow scan also known as sstv, radio telegraph, Morse Code and many digital modes.

Here in the United States, we are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission otherwise known as the FCC. Although the FCC is the licensing body, the exams are conducted by local ham radio clubs who get their authorization to conduct exams by a volunteer exam coordinator, which is a larger organization that supports local clubs examiners.

The three classes of licensed hams are technician, general and amateur extra. With each license earned come more privileges to operate on additional wireless bands. Just like you may listen to the AM or FM bands on your car or home radio, licensed amateur radio operators can scan to listen or transmit to talk to a wider frequency of bands in the Kilohertz; kHz, Megahertz; MHz, and Gigahertz; GHz frequencies. The higher the license earned allows greater use of the bands. With the 11-year sun cycle continuing to improve, we are expecting the peak in clear communications in the year 2025. What a great opportunity to become trained in amateur radio.

If you're not currently licensed we encourage everyone of all ages to sign up at <https://hamstudy.org/> and take a free online course or find an exam session to register for an upcoming exam. The village of Melrose Park offers licensing exams every four to six weeks. Our next exam is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, don't worry if you're not ready to take this exam, we'll have plenty more to follow.

For more information on amateur radio or volunteering for Auxcomm/ARES and the Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety, please call (708) 649-8085, leave a message with a contact and phone number. Please feel free to use the phonetic alphabet when sending messages.

We look forward to hearing from you,

73, (Best Wishes)

K9VMP



# Melrose Park Public Library



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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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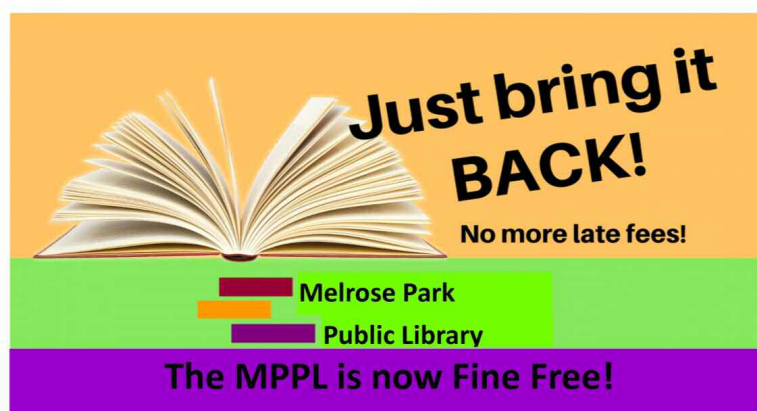
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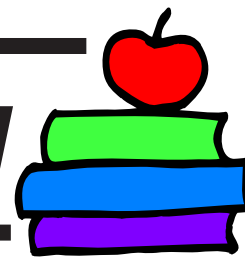


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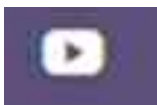
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## Youth Services

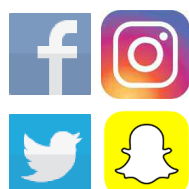
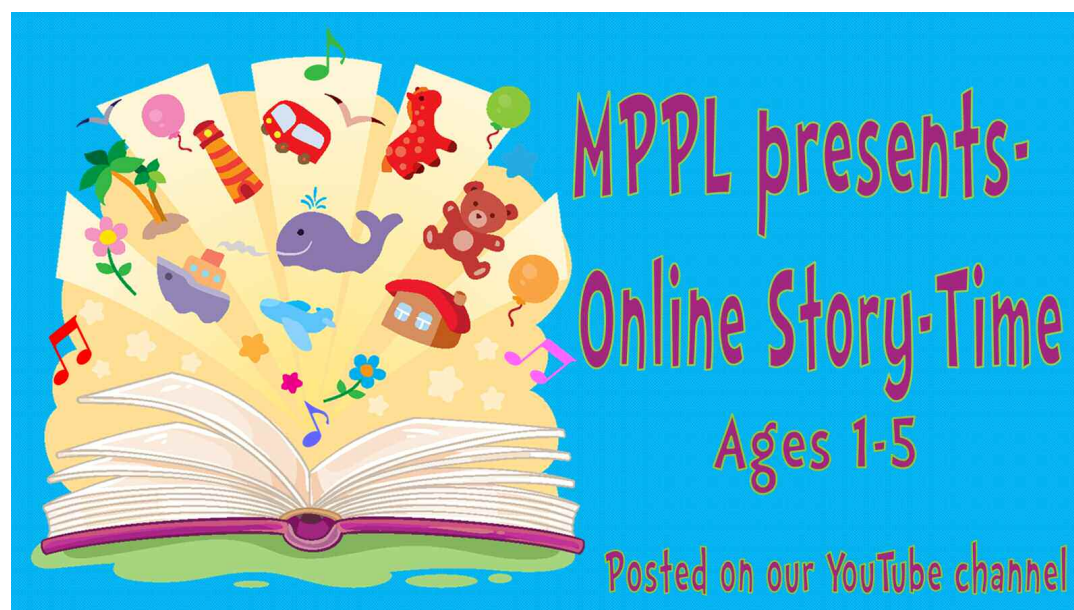


Looking for something new to do? Check out the virtual programming available on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube Channel! The library is posting **"Make It Mondays"**, our weekly seasonal craft videos online. Contact us for information, or drop by the library to pick up the weekly craft supplies. Ages 3 and up.

We are posting virtual story times online! You will find all our videos on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube channel.



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



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# Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



- Outdoors
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***Come Join in the Fun with  
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**For more information, please call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.**





# Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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

## 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.**

## Melrose Park Senior Social Club Celebrates Halloween in a Safe, Socially Distant Way!

The Melrose Park Senior Social Club recently held  
its annual Halloween-themed luncheon at the  
Melrose Park Senior Center.

Dressed for the season,  
members followed all safety guidelines,  
wearing masks, social distancing  
and having their temperature taken,  
to ensure their safety.

Everyone had a great time!





**Village of  
Melrose Park**

## COMMUNITY NOTICE



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

**The Deadline is Oct. 31, 2020/Start Here – [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)**

The village of Melrose Park says THANK YOU to our residents for taking the 2020 Census and for helping to shape our future.

We are in the final days of being able to complete the census and making sure everyone in our community counts, which ensures that Melrose Park will get access to needed resources. If you have not taken the 2020 Census yet, there is just a short time left to do so – visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).

## Free Drive-Through COVID-19 Testing in Melrose Park

The village of Melrose Park in partnership with the State of Illinois Department of Public Health will be offering drive-through and/or walk-up free COVID-19 tests for individuals with or without symptoms.

The testing will be administered on Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in the parking area at 2701 W. Lake Street.

Patients do not need an appointment, a doctor's prescription or insurance to get tested.

This testing site will accommodate testing for those in a car or on foot.

## 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.**



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# 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](http://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](http://cookcountyclerk.com).

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

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## Ensure Your Mail-In Ballot Counts – Bring It to the Early Voting Site Located Inside the Melrose Park Village Hall Beginning Oct. 19

Drop boxes for mail ballots are available at 69 West Washington St., in Chicago, as well as the five regional courthouses in suburban Cook County, located in Rolling Meadows, Skokie, Maywood, Bridgeview and Markham.

Secure drop boxes will be available at the Melrose Park early voting site beginning Oct. 19, 2020. Voters can come to the early voting site located inside the Melrose Park Village Hall and drop off their completed mail ballots, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends. Mail ballots will be collected on a daily basis and will be time stamped.

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## Illinois Secretary of State Facility Now Open at Melrose Park Village Hall

The village of Melrose Park partnered with the state of Illinois to open a new temporary DMV Office in the Melrose Park Civic Center, located at 1000 N. 25th Ave., to assist local communities with driver services.

The new site, with limited services, opened recently and the hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Individuals can enter on the east side of the building. Temperature checks are required for entry.

Dave Druker, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's Office, said that the facility will be open at least until Dec. 31. It will help serve more people during the pandemic and reduce customer volume at nearby facilities. Office services will focus on the REAL ID and seniors, 65 years and older, and vehicle transactions, such as license plate stickers and disability placards."

# Mayor Serpico's

# Thanksgiving



## Dinner Delivery

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TO SENIORS (65 AND OLDER) AND SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS ONLY ON THURSDAY, NOV. 26.

We will deliver a meal that will bring the holiday aromas into your home.  
The day will be filled with warmth, holiday cheer and a feast to remember.

TO MAKE A DELIVERY RESERVATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE  
THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATION FORM AND MAIL IT TO:  
Village of Melrose Park, Thanksgiving Delivery  
1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160  
NO CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED. FORMS ONLY!

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to  
help with delivery, etc.,  
on Thanksgiving Day.  
Interested parties, please  
call Lorena Anguiano at  
(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE NOV. 1, 2020.

Meals will be delivered between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

YOU MUST BE HOME TO ACCEPT THE MEAL. MAXIMUM TWO PER HOUSEHOLD.

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



## Mayor Serpico and the Village of Melrose Park Thanksgiving Dinner Reservation Form

TO MAKE A DELIVERY RESERVATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Please check: ☐ Senior ☐ Special Needs ☐ One Meal ☐ Two Meals

(Melrose Park Residents Only. Limit Two Meals Per Household.)



# Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia and Mayor Serpico Hold Census Rally in Melrose Park

Congressman “Chuy” Garcia and Mayor Serpico hosted a Census Rally recently at the Lee & Faye Alport Memorial Park, located at the corner of Broadway and Lake Street. Garcia and the mayor both addressed the crowd and stressed how important responding to the census is to our community, how it affects the amount of funding Melrose Park will receive, how we plan for the future and how it affects our representation in government. Several volunteers, as well as Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar, attended the event to help promote resident participation and how it will undoubtedly have a significant impact on normal funding over the next 10 years.



**The Census Deadline Has Been Extended to Oct. 31, 2020!  
Get Counted Today...Start Here – [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)!**





# Village of Melrose Park

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



**RESIDENTS  
MUST  
PRE-REGISTER  
EVERY SEASON.**

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

**AT 6 INCHES OR MORE OF PREDICTED FALLING SNOW,  
YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE SNOW REMOVAL LIST.  
WE WILL DO A PATH FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR TO THE STREET  
AND A SWIPE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY.**

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

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

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



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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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





# Melrose Park Resident Marie "BeeBee" Torchia Celebrates 100th Birthday!

## Happy 100th Birthday, BeeBee, From the Village of Melrose Park

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, Melrose Park resident, Marie "BeeBee" Torchia, excitedly celebrated her 100th birthday.

A joyous party with family and friends was held in her honor that included a special drive-by organized by Mayor Serpico made up of a fleet of Police Department, Fire Department and the Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety vehicles.

The day was a fabulous celebration of BeeBee's life and accomplishments. BeeBee is the oldest living resident born and raised in our community.

Happy Birthday, BeeBee,  
from the village of Melrose Park.



Happy 100th Birthday to a Very Special Lady, Marie "BeeBee" Torchia!



100-Year-Old Marie "BeeBee" Torchia.



BeeBee with Her Daughters, Pat Fioramonti and, Carol Akimori, and Pastor Giovanni from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.



BeeBee Meeting Her New Great-Great Granddaughter, Emery Jane!



Five Generations ... BeeBee with Her Daughter, Pat Fioramonti, Granddaughter, Alicia, Great-Granddaughter, Gianna, and Great-Great Granddaughter, Emery Jane, (Gianna's New Baby)!



BeeBee with Pastor Giovanni.

# 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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**Melrose  
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## Village Hall News

**Village Hall Hours – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday**  
(May be subject to change.)

### **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.**





# Veterans Park District

## *Programs &* Happenings

### VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

**Friday, November 6**  
**Bulger Park, Melrose Park**  
**Ceremony starts at 10 AM**

Veterans Park District observes Veterans Day with a ceremony attended by community members, friends, employees, local schools, churches, and war heroes. Everyone is invited to honor our veterans and remember our soldiers during this moving ceremony.



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# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### Early Childhood

#### Pumpkin 'n Paints, Ages 3-5

Come decorate real pumpkins using paints and sparkling art materials! Children will also create a fun pumpkin craft to take home. Bring your creativity and we'll bring the rest!

- Wednesday, Oct. 21; 4:15-5 p.m.; Resident \$12/Nonresident \$16; Veterans Park District Preschool, 112 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake.

#### Alphabet Soup, Ages 2-4

Join friends to learn your ABCs through music, crafts and games. Children will enhance their vocabulary and letter recognition using different tools, activities and circle time.

- Tuesdays, Oct. 27-Nov. 17; 11 a.m.-noon; Resident \$29/Nonresident \$44; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Lil' Scientists, Ages 3-5

Come join us for a fun class full of science exploration, experiments and hands-on fun!

- Thursdays, Nov. 5-26; 3-4 p.m.; Resident \$29/Nonresident \$44; Bulger Preschool, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

### Youth Classes

#### Kanvas Kids Painting Class

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, Nov. 6-Dec. 18 (no class Nov. 27); 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresident \$75; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Drawing for Beginners

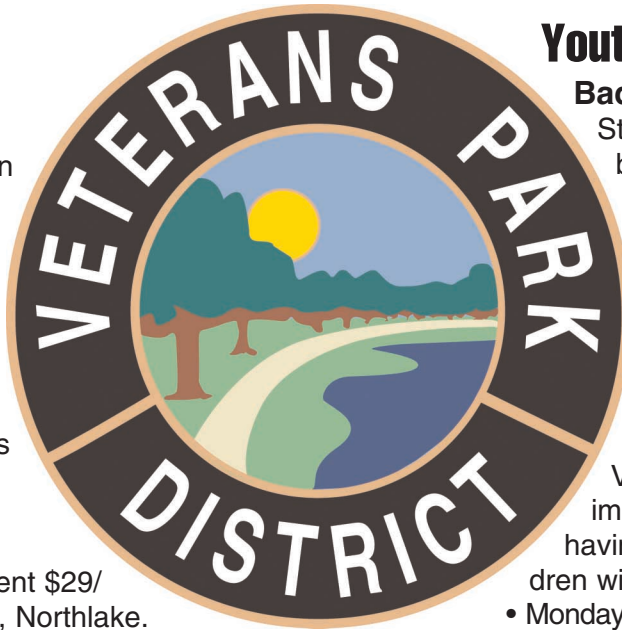
Give your child a new way to see the world – through drawing! Basic drawing techniques will be covered in this class aimed at helping young children expand their imagination, uncover their creative sides and interpret what they see. Supplies are included.

- Mondays, Nov. 9-Dec. 14; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresident \$75; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Intermediate Drawing

Learn new and more challenging drawing techniques in this intermediate class, such as light source, shading and contouring, and more! Your child will have the opportunity to learn new ways to interpret the world around them.

- Mondays, Nov. 9-Dec. 14; 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Resident \$65/Nonresident \$80; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.



### Youth Athletics

#### Badminton, Ages 9-11

Students will learn the fundamental skills and rules of badminton. The class will go through basic techniques, and skills of singles and doubles play.

Instructed by VPD instructors.

- Tuesdays/Thursdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 3 (no class Nov. 26); 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Resident \$45/Nonresident \$60; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Soccer Clinic, Ages 8-13

VPD staff will lead your kids in specific drills while they improve their overall understanding of the game while having a blast! Each class lasts for one hour and the children will rotate through different stations and drills.

- Mondays/Wednesdays, Nov. 2-30 (no class Nov. 11); 5-6 p.m.; Resident \$55/Nonresident \$70; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17 Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Youth Basketball League, Grades 1-8

Teams will practice once or twice a week depending on grade level and gym space. All children will receive participation medals along with team shirts. Coaches will contact parents with their practice times and dates. Practices start Jan. 4. Games start Jan. 16. Games are on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parents, please bring participants to registration. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program.

- In-person registration – Oct. 17, 24 and 31, and Nov. 7 and 14; 9 a.m.-noon; Resident \$80/Nonresident \$90; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### 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, Nov. 2-30; 5-6 p.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Youth Fit Room at Cimballo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

### Adult Fitness

#### Yoga, Ages 15+

This class combines various elements of yoga and modifications are offered so that yogis of all levels can benefit. Yoga is proven to increase balance and flexibility, and improve joints and body alignment.

- Fridays, Oct. 23-Nov. 20; 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Cimballo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.



### **Zumba® Toning, Ages 15+**

This class offers a combination of dance fitness and floor exercises synced to music. Moves target all major muscle groups so you can firm up fast.

- Wednesdays, Oct. 28-Nov. 25; 6:45-7:45 p.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

### **X-FIT Cross-Functional Training, Ages 15+**

This 45-minute circuit training class incorporates stations to offer a variety of exercises. This offers a combination of strength and conditioning, as well as cardio endurance for a full HIIT workout.

- Thursdays, Oct. 29-Dec. 3 (no class Nov. 26); 6:30-7:15 p.m.; Resident \$48/Nonresident \$63; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

### **Piloxing Knock-Out, Ages 15+**

This class combines boxing, Pilates and Plyo (jump training) for a challenging and effective workout. It incorporates short interval bursts for improved stamina, strength and flexibility.

- Saturdays, Oct. 24-Nov. 21; 10:45-11:45 a.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

### **POUND, Ages 15+**

This Pilates-based workout combines cardio and strength through rhythmic movements. POUND refers to the drum-technique, using lightweight drumsticks for continual movement – a cardio jam session!

- Thursdays, Oct. 29-Dec. 3 (no class Nov. 26); 7-8 p.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

## **Active Adults**

### **November In-person Socially Distant Bingos**

Ask a friend to attend with you to enjoy a boxed-lunch provided by Cuomo or Rose Catering. Following lunch, play bingo games to win gift cards. This is a socially-distant program experience. Limit two guests per table.

- Noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person for each date.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 4; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.
  - Friday, Nov. 13; Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.
  - Friday, Nov. 20; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Pre-registration is required – no walk-ins.

### **Bunco & Brunch**

Bunco returns to VPD in a socially-distant format. Come play Bunco with us or just socialize. A lite boxed lunch is included.

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$8 per person for each date.
  - Monday, Nov. 2; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.
  - Monday, Nov. 16; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Pre-registration is required – no walk-ins.

**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.**

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visit our website at [www.vpdpark.org](http://www.vpdpark.org)  
or check out our Facebook Page for updates.**

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# Veterans Park District

## *Programs &* Happenings

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT

# Youth Basketball League



## Grades 1-8

Register by November 14 - Games & practices start in January

\$80 Resident / \$90 Nonresident

**In-Person Registration will be on the following Saturdays:**

**October 17, 24, 31, November 14; 9am - 12pm.**

\*Early Bird registration ended October 3rd.

**Registration, practices, and games will be held at  
Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake**

If you have any question about the league or volunteer coaching,  
please contact Juan Montes, at 708-716-4822.

**The Youth Basketball League is in need of Volunteer Coaches. Please call for details.**

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# Veterans Park District

## *Programs & Happenings*

**FREE**  
FAMILY EVENT  
WEAR YOUR  
COSTUME!

# ZOMBIE WALK AT BULGER PARK

**Halloween Event for Phase 4**

**Friday October 23 • 6-8 PM**  
**Bulger Park in Melrose Park**



Check back for details: Follow us on Facebook  
([facebook.com/vpdparks](https://facebook.com/vpdparks)) or sign up for email  
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# Veterans Park District

## *Programs & Happenings*

# Letters to Santa

Children can now drop off their letters to Santa  
for a Special Delivery!

**November 2–December 11\***

- Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake
- George A. Leoni Complex, Melrose Park

\* Parents must include **Letters to Santa Contact Form** (downloadable at [vpdpark.org](http://vpdpark.org)) if they wish for Santa to respond with a personalized letter sent back to the child via USPS. No cost for this service.



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# Veterans Park District

## *Programs & Happenings*

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT  
Annual Holiday

## FOOD & TOY DRIVE

November 2–December 11

Help provide food for the hungry and toys for needy children. Please bring nutritious, non-perishable canned or packaged foods (no glass please) or a NEW toy or game to the following locations. Thank you for your donations!

Thank you for your donations!

- Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake
- George A. Leoni Complex, Melrose Park

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# Veterans Park District

## *Programs &* Happenings

# WINTER WONDERLAND

HOLIDAY FUN TO GO!

Free event with holiday-themed  
treats, crafts, giveaways, and prizes to go!

DRIVE-THRU  
EVENT

**Saturday, December 12**

**11 AM-1 PM (or while supplies last)**

**Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake**

In Partnership with The City of Northlake

And Kiwanis Club of Northlake

**Saturday, December 19**

**11 AM-1 PM (or while supplies last)**

**Bulger Park, Melrose Park**

Check back for details:

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# Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.

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

\* For a complete list of acceptable REAL ID-compliant documents, visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

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



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

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

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



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

For additional information:

**REALID.ilsos.gov**  
833-503-4074

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# Spring Back!

A new semester means a fresh start. Spring back with a high-quality Triton College education that's close to home. We can help you get on track and stay on track. We're ready to help you achieve your goals!

**Registration begins Oct. 26!**

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# Triton College NEWS

## Triton College Selects Lisa (Nocita) Bickel for Board of Trustees

The Triton College Board of Trustees recently announced that Lisa (Nocita) Bickel has been chosen as its newest trustee. She fills the position vacated by Donna Peluso, who retired from the board in August after almost 28 years of service. Bickel will serve in the position until April 2021, when a permanent successor for the remainder of the term is elected.

Bickel, a lifelong resident of the Triton district, is an experienced teacher with both a Professional Educators License and an English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement.

She is in her seventh year of teaching elementary school in District 89, which serves Maywood, Melrose Park and Broadview.

Bickel earned her Bachelor of Arts in business and communications from the University of Iowa, her Master of Arts in teaching elementary education from Concordia University and has received her ESL endorsement from Dominican University. Bickel resides in Elmwood Park with her husband and two children.



## Register and Enroll Early for Spring Courses – Don't Delay!

Students should try to select and enroll in spring semester courses during the open registration period before the end of the fall semester. It might seem early to do so, but it in fact is the best way to ensure a smooth registration process.

Students are busy and can sometimes procrastinate when selecting courses for the next semester. But Triton College faculty and staff encourage students to register as early as possible to alleviate possible hang-ups.

"Starting the application and enrollment process at the last minute creates long waiting periods for students to register for classes during the registration process," said Ken Smith, director, Admissions. Also, when registration is delayed, students may not be able to select needed courses or course times that will fit in their schedules.

Early registration is beneficial for the following reasons:

### 1. Students have more courses to choose from.

By registering early, students have better course selection. There is more opportunity to select the preferred time and date of a particular course, selecting a desired professor and getting into classes that are important to completing the program of study.

### 2. Students can select classes that work best within a schedule.

Early registration also helps with managing responsibilities. Students can design a time management plan to balance class time, work, studying, and social and familial commitments. Students will have ample time to get books and other materials needed for class.

### 3. Get into classes only offered in particular semesters.

By registering early, students have better opportunities to get placement in classes they need for their specific program of study and attend any information sessions that are prerequisites for some specialized programs. Students are more likely to get classes needed to stay on track for graduation.

### 4. Have time to meet with academic advisors.

Students should also take advantage of early registration because it allows time to make appointments with academic advisors to review or make an academic plan. It also allows time to check in with the Financial Aid Office.

## Three Easy Steps to Enrollment – Course Registration is Quick and Easy

We offer three easy enrollment options:

**1. Complete an Application for Admissions** – An electronic application can be started at [www.Triton.edu](http://www.Triton.edu). Just look for the yellow APPLY button on the upper right-hand side of the page. For additional information, please go to "Admissions and Aid" and select "Getting Started."

**2. Take Placement Test (or Submit Waiver) and Complete Success Navigator** – All new degree-seeking students or those planning to take a course that requires college-level math or English must adhere to the course placement process. Course placement can be satisfied by using past work or through placement testing. New first-year students may be exempt from the placement test by demonstrating college-level proficiency through qualifying SAT scores or high school GPA. Please refer to Triton College's Placement Measure for more information.

Please visit <https://www.triton.edu/students/testing-center/> to schedule an appointment.

**3. Meet with an Academic Advisor** – Triton has dedicated advisors to assist with course selection, academic plans and registration. Visit <https://www.triton.edu/admissions-aid/advising/> to determine when to meet virtually with an advisor.

**Registration for the  
Spring Semester Begins  
Monday, Oct. 26!**

For more information, visit [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu)  
or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.



# Make a Difference with RSVP

Put your talents and experience to work with the RSVP Volunteer Program of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties. We can help by identifying volunteer opportunities in your community.

You can:

- Provide tax assistance
- Help ESL students practice their English conversational skills
- Give companionship by visiting, listening, talking or reading to older adults
- Serve as a mentor
- Work with children
- And more

What you will receive in return is the joy of volunteering, as well as:

- Free membership in a national organization
- A quarterly newsletter
- Mileage reimbursement upon request
- Supplemental auto insurance
- Invitation to volunteer appreciation events
- A feeling of accomplishment by giving back to the community and feeling good about yourself

**Call the RSVP Volunteer Program at Triton College!**

**(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3835 or 3603**

**Email Kay Frey, director, at [kayfrey@triton.edu](mailto:kayfrey@triton.edu)**

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## Triton College Active Retired Citizens Club

Looking for something to do in your retirement? Want to make new friends? Triton College's Active Retired Citizens Club is a social club that provides activities and networking opportunities to adults who are young at heart and want to expand their social and intellectual life.

**For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3896, or email [kayfrey@triton.edu](mailto:kayfrey@triton.edu).**



# 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.

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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\*

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Outdoor Water Spigot – Shut Off/On  
Picture – Hang Only  
Referrals for Tradesperson Referrals only  
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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  
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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

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# NEWS89 **School District89 BRIEFS**



## ThankYouEPac

D89 thanks EPac Flexible Packaging for supporting our students with a generous donation of backpacks filled with school supplies. Thanks for being a part of our #D89Community.



## JA Celebrates 60 Years

Happy 60th birthday to Jane Addams School! The official dedication ceremony for Jane Addams was held on Oct. 2, 1960.



## PardonOurDust!NewPlaygroundsinD89

Even though our students are learning remotely, District 89 continues making improvements to the schools. Construction for updated HVAC systems has taken place at Garfield, Lincoln and Melrose Park Schools and updated playgrounds have been installed. Construction has also begun at Irving Middle School, Washington Dual Language Academy, Emerson and Roosevelt schools.



## PreschoolforAllAchievesGoldCircleofQuality!

District 89 currently has 12 Preschool for All classrooms across seven of its schools. Each program site is awarded an ExceleRate Circle of Quality based on its Compliance and ECERS-3 scores. Based on recent monitoring results, D89 is proud to announce that all seven schools have received the highest possible rating of Gold Circle of Quality! The Gold Circle of Quality recognizes programs that meet or go beyond the highest quality goals. Gold Circle programs have met the highest quality standards in three areas: learning environment and teaching quality; administrative standards; and training and education. Programs are actively engaged in continuous quality improvement. To learn more about District 89's Preschool for All Program, please visit <https://www.maywood89.org/preschool/>.

# [www.maywood89.org](https://www.maywood89.org)



# D89 Students E Learning in a Convenient and Safe Setting



## Standards-Based Grading in D89

At School District 89, we developed a student/parent-friendly Standards-Based Grading report card. This updated report card includes clearly defined reporting standards aligned to balanced assessments that will provide us with relevant information we will utilize to increase student learning and it is part of our multi-year district goal to become a Standards-Based Grading district for school year 2021-2022.

With Standards-Based Grading (SBG), the traditional letter grades (A, B, C, D and F) will be replaced with more appropriate levels, 1-4, and students and parents can track progress toward mastery of key academic concepts, reflect upon strengths and areas of improvement, and identify multiple pathways to deeper learning.

We conducted several parent informational meetings last school year and were going to pilot Standards-Based Grading in Quarter 4 with fourth grade students across the district. However, due to the pandemic, we were unable to implement the pilot. Therefore, we are piloting SBG with fourth grade students this school year (2020-21).

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# Sacred Heart School SNIPPETS

## In Remembrance ...

# Sept. 11, 2001





# Preescolar 2020 - 2021 Inscripción



3 Días - 5 Días - Aprendizaje electrónico  
o aprendizaje en persona



## Académico

- \* Oraciones de fe católica, respeto / amor por Dios
- \* Conocimiento de letras: identificación y escritura de letras
- \* Sonidos de letras de conciencia fonológica
- \* Reconocimiento de palabras
- \* Identificación matemática, escritura, comparación y clasificación de números
- \* Explorar e investigar la ciencia
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- \* Phonological Awareness-letter sounds
- \* Word Recognition
- \* Math-identifying, writing, comparing & classifying numbers
- \* Science-exploring & investigating
- \* Social Studies-differences in people & following rules

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E-Learning  
Rates



## ENROLL TODAY

Sacred Heart is diligently following the guidelines given by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the CDC for "In Person Learning".



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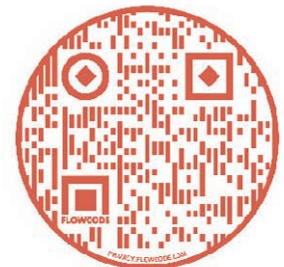
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# American Heart Association Recognizes MacNeal Hospital for Advanced Care for Stroke and Type 2 Diabetes

MacNeal Hospital has received a 2020 Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke GOLD Plus Award from the American Heart Association (AHA). MacNeal, part of Loyola Medicine, was also named to the AHA's Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll.

The Stroke GOLD Plus Award recognizes hospitals for adherence to the AHA's in-hospital program for improving stroke care, based on "the latest scientific treatment guidelines." The Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll distinction honors hospitals "engaging in advanced care for patients with heart failure and/or stroke and type 2 diabetes."

"MacNeal has long been recognized as a top regional hospital for cardiovascular care and we are honored to receive these distinctions from the American Heart Association," said MacNeal Hospital President Mary Elizabeth (M.E.) Cleary.

MacNeal received the AHA Stroke GOLD Plus honor in 2018, 2016 and 2015. Earlier this year, MacNeal was named a Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital by IBM Watson Health. MacNeal is also recognized as a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care.

For more information on MacNeal Heart & Vascular Care, visit [MacNealHospital.org](http://MacNealHospital.org), or call (877) 834-7264.

# MacNeal Hospital Launches First Clinical Trial in Illinois of Novel Monitoring Device for Congestive Heart Failure Patients

MacNeal Hospital is the first hospital in Illinois to participate in a national, randomized clinical trial using daily vital signs and lung pressure measurement to manage patients with congestive heart failure (CHF). The PROACTIVE-HF trial utilizes a new monitoring system, coupled with a pressure sensor, implanted directly into a blood vessel in the lung. This system provides information that is recorded and transmitted over a cellular or Wi-Fi connection to a patient's provider, allowing for medication changes, if necessary, to prevent further health deterioration or hospitalization.

Cardiologists Gregory Macaluso, MD, and James Sur, MD, performed the first implant of the new Cordella® Heart Failure System in Illinois (the fourth in the U.S.) at MacNeal's recently renovated, state-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

"The increase in lung pressure is the earliest signal that the heart is straining or decompensating," said Dr. Macaluso of Heart Care Centers of Illinois. "This device can detect changes in a patient's heart before most symptoms can occur."

The sensor is implanted into a lung blood vessel using a common outpatient cardiac procedure. Lung pressures are then recorded daily and transmitted via a small hand-held reader to a secure website that is accessible to providers. In addition, providers may be alerted if pressures fall outside of a pre-specified range.

"This allows more proactive, closer monitoring of the patient and an opportunity to fine-tune helpful, guideline-directed medication," said Dr. Macaluso. "Ultimately, it reduces the likelihood of admission to the hospital, which can be associated with worse health outcomes."

Additionally, the device is coupled with a monitoring system that measures blood pressure, weight, oxygen levels and symptoms, providing a comprehensive overview of a patient's health. Most importantly, patients do not need to leave their home to transmit this health data.

"This is a huge benefit as we move into the future of remote monitoring of patients and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dr. Macaluso. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and patients diagnosed with cardiovascular disease are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 complications.

"As one of the region's top cardiovascular hospitals, MacNeal is pleased to participate in this innovative clinical trial that has the potential to substantially improve care and treatment for patients living with heart disease," said Charles J. Bareis, MD, chief medical officer at MacNeal. MacNeal was recently named to the 2020 IBM Watson Health® 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals list for the second consecutive year.

A total of 1,000 patients are expected to participate in this national clinical trial. The Cordella Heart Failure System is manufactured by Endotronix in Lisle, Ill.

For more information on the Cordella Heart Failure System clinical trial, please contact MacNeal at (708) 783-3305.

## About Loyola Medicine and Trinity Health

Loyola Medicine, a member of Trinity Health, is a quaternary care system based in the western suburbs of Chicago that includes Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC), Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, MacNeal Hospital and convenient locations offering primary and specialty care services from 1,877 physicians throughout Cook, Will and DuPage counties. LUMC is a 547-licensed-bed hospital in Maywood that includes the William G. and Mary A. Ryan Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine, the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, a Level 1 trauma center, Illinois's largest burn center, a certified comprehensive stroke center and a children's hospital. Having delivered compassionate care for over 50 years, Loyola also trains the next generation of caregivers through its teaching affiliation with Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine and Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. Gottlieb is a 247-licensed-bed community hospital in Melrose Park with 150 physician offices, an adult day care program, the Gottlieb Center for Fitness, the Loyola Center for Metabolic Surgery and Bariatric Care, and the Loyola Cancer Care & Research at the Marjorie G. Weinberg Cancer Center at Melrose Park. MacNeal Hospital is a 374-bed teaching hospital in Berwyn with advanced inpatient and outpatient medical, surgical and psychiatric services, advanced diagnostics and treatments. MacNeal has a 12-bed acute rehabilitation unit, a 25-bed inpatient skilled nursing facility, and a 68-bed behavioral health program and community clinics. MacNeal has provided quality, patient-centered care to the near west suburbs since 1919.

Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic healthcare systems in the nation, serving diverse communities that include more than 30 million people across 22 states. Trinity Health includes 92 hospitals, as well as 109 continuing care locations that include PACE programs, senior living facilities and home care and hospice services. Its continuing care programs provide nearly 2.5 million visits annually. Based in Livonia, Mich., and with annual operating revenues of \$18.3 billion and assets of \$26.2 billion, the organization returns \$1.1 billion to its communities annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs. Trinity employs about 129,000 colleagues, including 7,800 employed physicians and clinicians. Committed to those who are poor and underserved in its communities, Trinity is known for its focus on the country's aging population. As a single, unified ministry, the organization is the innovator of Senior Emergency Departments, the largest not-for-profit provider of home health care services – ranked by number of visits – in the nation, as well as the nation's leading provider of PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) based on the number of available programs.



# Scudiero's Receives Partnership Award for Outstanding Service



Congratulations to Scudiero's Italian Bakery and Deli on receiving The Partnership Award for their outstanding service and dedication to the residents of Proviso Township. Scudiero's played a key role in providing meals to the first responders during the pandemic. Together we can make a difference.

Pictured is Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota with Michael Scudiero.

# Congratulations to Jaclyn Nocita! Triton College Class of 2020



Congratulations to Melrose Park resident, Jaclyn Nocita, who graduated this May with an Associate in Applied Science degree in nursing from Triton College.

Nocita, who graduated with a 3.75 GPA, is currently employed at Rush University Medical Center in the ICU and is pursuing her bachelor's degree through Benedictine University.

Congratulations Jaclyn, on a job well-done!

# 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](http://www.mapofhopefoundation.org).

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



# More Important Than Ever ... Get Your Flu Shots at These Melrose Park Locations

Besides local clinics and hospitals, you can get flu shots at one of these Melrose Park retail locations.

**Costco Pharmacy**  
8400 W. North Ave.

**CVS Pharmacy in Target**  
850 W. North Ave.

**Walgreens Pharmacy**  
1445 W. North Ave.

# Trailside Museum Presents Halloween Hoot n' Howl Series of Events

**Be a Part of this Year's Halloween Experience at the Trailside Museum of Natural History!**

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

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: Big Day Bird Count

**Saturday, Oct 17 • 7:30 a.m. • Free**

Celebrate the BIG DAY Bird Count with the Chicago Audubon Society by joining us for a walk. We will see how many birds we can report on the eBird app that day. Binoculars available to loan. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Registration is required, please call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: VIRTUAL Autumn Photo Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, Oct. 17 • 1-3 p.m. • Free**

How many autumn objects can you find? Join us for a virtual scavenger hunt on Trailside Museum's Facebook page starting at 1 pm. Every 15 minutes we will post a new challenge for you to find a real autumn object (for example – "find a leaf that is red or orange"). Take a photo of the autumn object and post it below each challenge in the "comments" section. The scavenger hunt closes promptly at 3 p.m.! Have fun! Please note: This is a virtual event that takes place on Trailside Museum's Facebook page.

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: Owls, Bats and Spiders, Oh My!

**Sunday, Oct. 18 • 2 p.m. • Free**

Owls, bats and spiders are part of Halloween, but are they scary? Find out as we take a closer look at these nighttime hunters and take home some crafts. Program is outside and physically distanced. This is a family program and all participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Registration is required, please call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: Bat Craft Pick-up

**Monday, Oct. 19 • 1-4 p.m. • Free**

Stop by Trailside between 1-4 p.m. to pick up a bag with all you need to make a cute bat craft and view an educational bat display, too! Limit one bag per child. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing.

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: Go Batty Over Bats

**Wednesday, Oct. 21 • 1 p.m. • Free**

Join us to learn all about our local bats.

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: Not-Very-Scary Story Trail Walk

**Thursday, Oct. 22 • 9-11 a.m. • Free**

Come on a short walk and read a special Halloween story along the way. Afterwards, get an activity kit so you can start your own adventure with crafts and activities. Reserve your timeslot between 9-11 a.m.; for children ages 2-9 with adult. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing.

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: Creatures of the Night Flashlight Hike

**Friday, Oct. 23 • 6-8 p.m. • Free**

As darkness falls, we give you a flashlight to head off on your own on a short trail. Look for hints along the way to help you spot some of the not-so-real creatures that come out at night. You might just spot some real ones, too. For families. Timed entry. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Registration is required, please call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

## Halloween Hoot n' Howl: Creatures of the Night Flashlight Hike

**Saturday, Oct. 24 • 6-8 p.m. • Free**

As darkness falls, we give you a flashlight to head off on your own on a short trail. Look for hints along the way to help you spot some of the not-so-real creatures that come out at night. You might just spot some real ones, too. For families. Timed entry. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Registration is required, please call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.



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



# News From the Zoo

There's no shortage of fun to be had this fall at Brookfield Zoo!  
Advance tickets are required, visit [CZS.org/PlanYourVisit](https://www.czs.org/PlanYourVisit).



## Brookfield Zoo Offering Family Fun During Fall at the Zoo, Now-Nov. 1

With this year's Boo! at the Zoo canceled to ensure the safety of all zoo guests and staff, there are many fall-tastic reasons to visit Brookfield Zoo this fall as families and friends throughout the Chicago region look for creative ways to enjoy fall amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chicago Zoological Society and Brookfield Zoo are offering zoogoers fall-tastic fun during Fall at the Zoo, while enjoying and learning about animals of all kinds – including Ahava, the three-month-old snow leopard cub.

### Last Chance to Experience Dinos Everywhere!

The zoo's Earth-shaking exhibit of more than 40 animatronic dinosaurs all throughout the park, Dinos Everywhere! is open through Nov. 1. Visitors will get to experience Dinos Everywhere!, including the largest Argentinosaurus – estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons – free with admission.

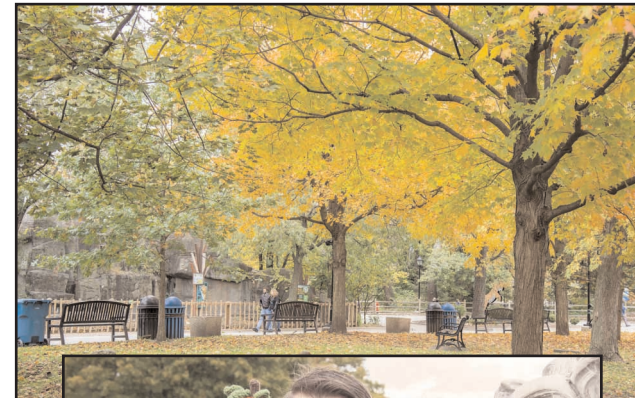


### Enjoy Seasonal Food and Drink

Fall-inspired food and drink will be available to zoogoers, including a self-guided beer tasting, pretzels with beer cheese, bratwurst and sausages, hot chocolate and spiced wine, cinnamon sugar pretzels, grilled corn, chili and more!

### Take in the Fall Foliage

Since the opening of Brookfield Zoo in 1934, the Chicago Zoological Society has held a leading international reputation for animal care and conservation, as well as providing a unique and natural experience for guests to enjoy via its many trees, flowers, and foliage. As an accredited arboretum, the zoo's expansive walking trails offer visitors picturesque, tree-lined walks and the zoo's historic Roosevelt Fountain is surrounded by an array of color, thanks to the bright yellows, reds, and oranges of changing leaves during autumn. The zoo's vibrant and flourishing landscape includes both native and nonnative trees. Visitors can download resources to help them identify trees and guide their walk through the grounds.



### Wear Your Costumes and Take Part in a Selfie Contest

Kids are encouraged to come decked out in costume and participate in an array of selfie contests by taking pictures in several giant photo frames throughout the park. All fall, the zoo will be giving away fun prizes to guests who snap a selfie at one of its selfie stations and share it on social media with the hashtag #BrookfieldZoo. For more details, visit [CZS.org/FallAtBrookfieldZoo](https://www.czs.org/FallAtBrookfieldZoo).

### 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.

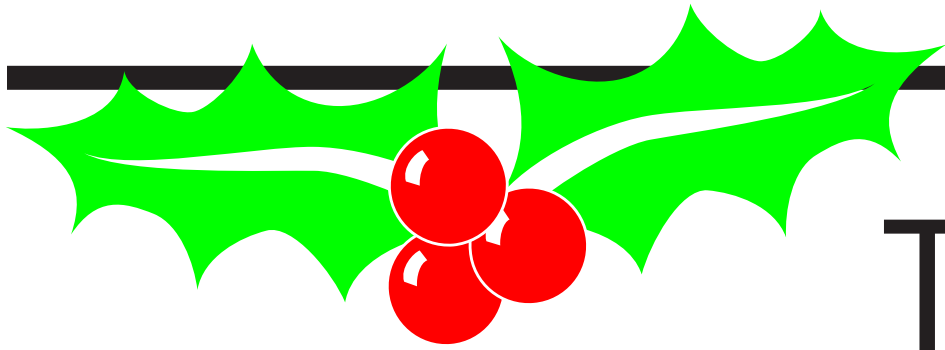
- BASIC – Includes zoo admission and parking at main entrance.
- PLUS – Includes BASIC benefits plus tickets to attractions you choose.
- UNLIMITED – Includes BASIC benefits plus admission to all attractions on every visit and parking at both entrances.

Join or renew today by visiting [www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Membership](https://www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Membership).



Make sure you sign up for the Brookfield Zoo email newsletter at [www.czs.org](https://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](https://www.brookfieldzoo.org) or call (708) 688-8000.



# The ROSE

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## Complimentary 2020 Holiday Greeting Ads

Dear community member,

This year *The Rose* (the official newsletter of the village of Melrose Park) is offering an opportunity to reserve a special complimentary greeting ad in the Holiday 2020 issue.

If you are interested in reserving an ad, please complete this form, attach a copy of your business card or ad copy, and mail it to:

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

All ads must be received on or before Friday, Nov. 27, 2020. For more information, call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

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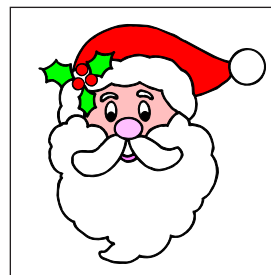
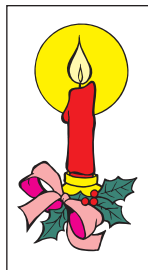
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*Thank you in advance.  
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# More Than \$4 Million Remain in COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program

## Resources and Assistance Options Available, Customers Do Not Have to Wait for Disconnect Notice



# Nicor Gas

Nicor Gas is reminding its residential customers that more than \$4 million remains available to assist those who may be affected by the ongoing pandemic and have a past due balance. More than 20,000 Nicor Gas customers with accounts that were in arrears have been recipients of the one-time grant of up to \$300 as part of the COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program.

“As the seasons change, it is important our customers and communities know we’re here to help keep their homes warm and families safe,” said John O. Hudson III, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. “The pandemic continues to evolve and so do the resources we are making available to our customers to ensure they receive the safe, clean, reliable and affordable natural gas they deserve.”

To qualify for the COVID-19 Bill Payment Program, customers must first enroll in LIHEAP or the Nicor Gas Sharing Program. Customers with account balances do not need to wait for a shut-off notice to apply. Once customers are qualified for either one of the programs and funds applied to their account, the COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program Grant will be automatically applied to a customer’s outstanding balance, up to \$300.

Income guidelines are on a sliding scale based on family size. LIHEAP registration is currently underway and available to households with income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline or about \$52,400 annually for a family of four. For single member households, the maximum gross monthly income to qualify is only \$2,127.

The Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides annual grants up to \$400 depending on income and family size. Residential customers with a Nicor Gas bill may qualify if their gross monthly income is below 300 percent of the federal poverty guideline or \$6,550 per month for a family of four – that’s \$78,600 annually. The Sharing Program is administered by The Salvation Army and funded through direct contributions from Nicor Gas customers and employees.

“We have seen an unprecedented increase in the number of individuals seeking help with making ends meet,” said Harold Rice, Jr., CEO and president of CEDA, one of the largest community action agencies in the country that serves Cook County, Illinois residents. “We recognize the urgent, critical need our neighbors have as they are struggling to pay utility bills and we remain committed to ensuring every family has peace of mind during these challenging times.”

For more information or to find a local community action agency, visit [nicorgas.com/energyassistance](https://nicorgas.com/energyassistance).

### Other Nicor Gas customer support programs include:

**The Nicor Gas Energy Aide Program:** Eligible customers also can receive an Energy Aide Grant up to \$250 toward past due balances. This grant is administered by select local agencies and customers are not required to pay back the grant.

**Paying balances in monthly installments no down payment:** Nicor Gas is offering customers the opportunity to pay off past due account balances in 24 monthly installments without a down payment. This self-service option is available 24/7 by visiting the My Account webpage or by calling Nicor Gas at 888.Nicor4U (642.6748). Residential customers who currently have an active payment agreement may renegotiate their terms to 24 monthly installments and terms may be renegotiated if a customer’s financial situation changes or they default after enrollment.

**Service disconnections:** Nicor Gas voluntarily has suspended service disconnections for non-payment for residential customers through March 31, 2021. Additionally, Nicor Gas will waive reconnection fees and restore service for residential customers who were disconnected for nonpayment up to one year prior to June 18, 2020, upon request by the customer.

**Options for commercial and industrial customers:** 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 information about COVID-19 and your natural gas service, visit [nicorgas.com/covid-19](https://nicorgas.com/covid-19).



# ComEd is here to help.

## 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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# ComEd Encourages Customers to Take Advantage of Expanded Assistance Options to Help with Energy Bills

## \$500 in Grants, More Flexible Payment Options Still Available for a Limited Time

As many Illinois families and businesses continue to struggle with the financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, ComEd reminds customers in need that a variety of options remain available to assist with past-due balances, but many of these enhanced financial assistance options are only available for a limited time.



"The public health and financial crises brought on by the pandemic do not appear to be waning anytime soon," said ComEd CEO Joe Dominguez. "Because our vulnerable customers are hardest hit by the economic impacts of the pandemic, we are suspending disconnects until March of next year for our low-income customers and those who inform ComEd of their financial hardship prior to disconnection. However, it is important for families to take advantage of expanded customer-assistance options that are available for a limited time so that account balances do not grow to

a point where it is hard to recover."

Customers who are challenged in paying their outstanding balances and energy bills should contact ComEd's customer care team as soon as possible at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661), Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., to take advantage of assistance options. Information on each of these options is available at [ComEd.com/Support](http://ComEd.com/Support).

ComEd worked with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, the staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission and a broad group of stakeholders in June to offer the following customer-assistance options that are available for a limited time:

- **Bill Assistance for Eligible Low-Income Customers** – To help customers who are past due on their ComEd accounts, ComEd provides additional bill assistance – up to \$500 – for eligible, low-income households earning 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level.
- **More Flexible Payment Arrangements** – For a limited time, ComEd offers payment plans of up to 18 installment payments with a 25 percent down payment for eligible residential customers. Low-income residential customers and those facing financial hardship can spread amounts they owe over 24 installment payments with no down payment.

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

- **Flexible Payment Options** – These include budget billing, which averages payments over a 12-month period to help customers manage their monthly energy bills.
- **CARE Financial Assistance Grants** – For customers who struggle to cover energy expenses, ComEd offers a wide range of financial assistance programs.
- **Supplemental Arrearage Assistance** – Recognizing that customers facing economic hardship may be challenged to quickly pay off debt accrued during a period of nonpayment, ComEd also offers arrearage assistance through its Supplemental Arrearage Protection Program (SARP).

ComEd also offers usage alerts and energy-management tips to help customers manage energy use to save money now and on future energy bills. For more information, visit [ComEd.com/OnlineTools](http://ComEd.com/OnlineTools).

## ComEd Customers Save \$5 Billion Through Energy-Saving Programs

### On National Energy Efficiency Day, ComEd Reports Customers' Energy Savings

On National Energy Efficiency Day, ComEd announced that customers have saved more than \$5 billion on their energy bills as a result of the company's energy efficiency program, the equivalent of removing 5.2 million cars off the road, reducing over 53 billion pounds of carbon dioxide emitted into the air and powering 5.2 million homes for a year.

The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, launched in 2008, is one of the largest programs in the nation offering residential, business and public sector customers a variety of options that can help them cut back on their energy usage, which saves money and helps the environment.

"The average monthly household bill is lower than it was a decade ago," said ComEd CEO, Joe Dominguez. "Thanks to the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, the average customer has saved about \$1,250 by participating in the offerings – that's enough to cover the cost of an average residential energy bill for 15 months. We want customers to know there are options available to help them reduce their energy use and save money, especially as people spend more time at home."

The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program has more than 35 different offerings to save money and energy.

Residential offerings include:

- **Home Energy Assessments** – Customers can schedule a free in-home or virtual energy assessment. Homeowners will receive free installation of energy-saving products, including select ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs, programmable thermostats, showerheads and more as well as personalized savings recommendations.
- **Rebates** – ComEd offers rebates of up to \$75 on qualifying smart thermostats. Connected to a customer's Wi-Fi, a smart thermostat monitors and controls a home's temperature from any web-enabled device. ComEd also offers a variety of rebates on select ENERGY STAR certified appliances, including refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, electric clothes dryers and more.
- **Lighting Discounts** – Customers can use instant in-store discounts on select ENERGY STAR certified LEDs and LED fixtures. Look for the "Lower Price" sticker to save. LEDs use about 75 percent less energy and last at least 15 times longer than traditional incandescent light bulbs.

Business offerings include:

- **Facility Assessments** – Businesses can sign up for a free facility assessment to have a ComEd energy engineer work with their facility, in person or virtually, to identify energy efficient opportunities and provide a report with recommended projects, estimated energy and cost savings, and potential incentives.
- **Lighting Incentives** – Save on energy-saving LEDs, including fixture replacements and retrofits, networked lighting sensors and controls. Eligible products are also available from lighting distributors throughout the ComEd service territory.
- **HVAC Incentives** – Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) can account for about 30 percent of a building's annual energy usage. Commercial customers can cost-effectively improve their HVAC systems and save money on energy bills with incentives for HVAC system component upgrades, such as water and air-cooled chillers, air-side economizers and demand-controlled ventilation.

For more information on the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program and to enroll, visit [ComEd.com/HomeSavings](http://ComEd.com/HomeSavings) for residential customers and [ComEd.com/BizSavings](http://ComEd.com/BizSavings) for business customers.

# Obituaries

## *Alvarez*

Ruben Alvarez. Dearly beloved husband of the late Josefa Alvarez; loving father of Ruben Jr., Heriberto “Eddie,” Elizabeth “Vicky,” Lourdes and the late Eva; loving grandfather of Ruben G, Rosa E., Eric M., Elisabeth "Lissie"; great-grandfather of Giovanni, Ariana, Giancarlo, Penelope Joli, Noah and Baby “Q”; loving brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Eden Cemetery.

## *Calabria*

Mary T. Calabria, nee La Piana. Dearly beloved wife of Robert; loving mother of Dr. Robert (Kim), Joseph (Nicole) and Marc Calabria; dear daughter of the late William and Edda La Piana; cherished nani of Nicolas, Joseph, James, Isabella, Francesca, Marcello and Luciana; dear sister of William (Lori), John (Grace) and Anthony La Piana; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

## *Calandra*

Joseph Calandra. Dearly beloved husband of Kathleen; loving father of Jessica (Greg), Tom (Amy), Lauren, Christina (John), Jeff (Jessie), Carolyn (Kris), Frank and Laura (the late Joel); beloved son of the late Thomas and Lola Calandra; fond grandfather of Brittani, Dominique, Autumn, Karys, Brooklyn, Drea, Kai, Devyn and Lillian; dear brother of Grace (Pat), Alice (Joe) and Mary; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Cameron*

Fay Cameron, nee Sweeney. Dearly beloved daughter of the late Martin and Fanny Sweeney; loving partner of Harry Mc Grath; cherished mother of Marcia (Bob) Troy and Anthony Carbonara; dear stepmother of Joe Mc Grath; loving grandmother of Michael and Kevin Troy; dear sister of the late Mickey and the late George Schroeder, and the late Jack and Marty Sweeney; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Carbonara*

Vito A. Carbonara. Loving father of Giovanni Vito Carbonara; beloved son of Grace (nee Contacessi) and the late Valentino; dear brother of Aurora “Laura” (Rocco) Lagioia; fond uncle of Stella and Michael Lagioia; loving nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Proud member of the Bloomingdale Knights of Columbus.

## *Cimino*

Helen Cimino, nee Fioravanti. Dearly beloved wife of the late Dominic; loving mother of Joseph (Vicki), Diane and Dominic (Robin) Cimino; cherished grandmother of Claudine (Louie) Napolitano, James "JD" Calabrese, Dominic (Erin) Calabrese, Dominic and Santina Cimino; great-grandmother of Louie and Joey Napolitano; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Member of the Aso Appennini Italian Club.

## *Cortes*

Alejandra Cortes. Loving daughter of Lourdes and Juan Manuel Cortes; dear sister of Juan Antonio Cortes. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Datoli*

Susan R. Datoli, nee Faucett. Dearly beloved wife of the late Michael; loving sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Delgado*

Carlos Daniel Delgado. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *De Simone*

Genevieve De Simone, nee Larucci. Dearly beloved wife of the late Robert, CPD; loving mother of Robert and Roseann De Simone; beloved daughter of the late Vito and Vivian Larucci; dear sister of Vince (the late Olga), Fred (Michaelene), Paul (the late Julie), and the late Joseph and Vickie, the late Vito Jr., the late Angelo (Josephine) and the late Rosemary Larucci; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation at Rago Brothers Funeral Homes. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum.

## *Excell*

Marcella Anne Excell, nee Jahntz. Dearly beloved wife of the late Richard; loving mother of Jennifer (Dan) Schwichtenberg, Richard III (Carolyn), Jane (Carl Jr.) Bronge and the late Richard Jr.; fond grandmother of Tyler, Ryan, Richard IV, Kyle, Lauren, Alyssa, Kayleigh and Carl III; dear sister of Marilyn, Lorraine, the late Howard and the late Wilfred; loving aunt, cousin, and friend of many. Arrangements buy Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Galvez-Capen*

Maria V. Galvez-Capen. Dearly beloved mother of Maria (Byron) Marroquin; cherished grandmother of Christopher (fiancee' Leslie) Marroquin, Julianna Marroquin, Sofia Arriaga, April Arriaga and Dania Arriaga; dear sister of Angel, Jose "Chepe", Eva, Sonia, Mercedes, Claudia and Hugo; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Garay*

Hilario Garay. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Gianakopoulos*

Cathie M. Gianakopoulos. Dearly beloved daughter of the late Sam and Mary Gianakopoulos; loving sister of the late Ronald (Sue) Gianakopoulos; dear aunt of Ronald Gianakopoulos; fond niece, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Giuffre*

Michael Edward Giuffre. Son of the late Michael Giuffre and Katherine Giuffre; dearly beloved husband of Anna Giuffre; beloved father of Alyse (Michael) Jezierski, Jenna Giuffre and Michael Giuffre; cherished grandfather of Rena, Michael, Alea and Alana Jezierski; dear brother of Frank (Denise) Giuffre, Eddie Giuffre, Jack (Julie) Giuffre, Pamela (Pat) Giuffre, and Katherine (Jimmy) Sansone; loving uncle and great-uncle to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.



***Hilgart***

Fred Hilgart. Beloved husband of Catherine (nee Breskey); loving father of Fred (Maria), Vince (Drita), Anthony (Claudia) and Steven (Kathy); beloved son of the late Fred and Isabelle; fond grandfather of Lexi, Frederick, Luke, Vincent Jr., Mary, Matthew, Anthony Jr., Lily, Gaby, Thomas, Michael, John and Mary Kate; dear brother of Jean (the late Sam) Osilich, the late Patricia, the late Rosemary (the late Ed) Ward, the late Joan (the late Ron) Graf and the late Dennis (Sandy); loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

***Jaco***

Debra I. Jaco, nee Wyatt, age 63, formerly of Melrose Park, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 18, 2020. She was the beloved daughter of Santa (nee Catanese) Wyatt; loving mother of James (Ishante) Jaco and Nicole (Adam) Pack; devoted nana of Mackenzie Pack, Aden, and Noah Jaco, LaCassey (Joseph) Caldwell, Tyler Hagerty and three angels; loving great-grandmother of Joseph and Lilly Caldwell, and Rayne Hagerty; loving sister of Joseph (Catherine) Wyatt and Dianna (Mario) Martinez; sweetest of aunts and great-aunt to many; and a loving friend of many worldwide. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

***Martinez***

Mercedes Mora Martinez, passed on Sept. 12, 2020. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

***Menolascino***

Anthony J. “Putt” Menolascino. Dearly beloved husband of Annette (nee Gagliano); loving father of Joseph, Gina Marie and Anthony Jr.; beloved son of Jean and the late Joseph; cherished grandfather of Joseph Jr. and Luca; dear brother of Mary Lynn (Jim) De Fily, John (Cathy), Frank (Tina), Marco (Amber) and Angela (Greg) Wilt; fond brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

***Mesi***

Mildred "Millie" Mesi, nee Colucci. Dearly beloved wife of the late James Sr.; loving mother of James and the late Jeffery Mesi; mother-in-law of Silva Russo; cherished grandmother of Tiffany and James (fiancee' Jessica) Mesi; dear sister of the late Vito and Christine, the late Joe and Mabel, the late Dominic and Marge, the late Frank and Evelyn, and the late George and Shirley Colucci; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

***Perez***

Catalina Salinas Perez, nee Nava. Dearly beloved wife of Jorge Perez; loving mother of Alex, Natalia (Jesus) Hernandez, Jorge, and Nancy (Jose) Hernandez; cherished grandmother of Jayden, Mia, Anna, Maurico, Jorge III, Estaban and Leah; dear sister of Octavio, Jose, Dario, Louis and the late Juan; loving daughter of Celso and Maria Nava; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

***Perez***

Stacy Sabrina Perez. Beloved daughter of Jose and Alicia Perez; dear sister of Giselle Yanez, Yanco J. Perez, Lisa (Lazarus) Chavez, Christopher L. Perez, Ruby (Andy) Carnrike, Bryan Herman, Marcia E. (Andrew) Mezera, Priscilla D. (Gerardo) Garcia and Joseph D. Perez; fond aunt of Taina, Will, Lucas, Oakley, Ogden, Liliana, Sascha, Celeste, Briella, Inez, Gerardo Jr., Matthew and Danny. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

***Pizza***

Gregory F. Pizza. Dearly beloved husband of Judy (nee Mannella); loving father of Gregory (Sandra) and the late Linda (James) Inendino; beloved son of the late Frank and Anna Pizza; cherished grandfather of Rosalee (Bob) Breslin, Angela Inendino, Madelynn (David) Malone, Francesca Inendino, Amanda Pizza and Andrew Pizza; great-grandfather of Henry Malone; dear brother of Angeline (the late James) Pritz and Rose Ann (Nick) Schwarz, and the late Joseph and Dawn Pizza; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

***Scandora***

Robert J. Scandora. Dearly beloved husband of Debra (nee Maloy); loving father of Alexia, Staci and the late Lauren; beloved son of the late Rocco and Nancy Scandora; dear brother of Anthony (Bonnie), Providence (Tim) Sorci, Dominick, Joseph (Renee') and the late Mary Scandora; dear brother-in-law of Pam (Joe) Forte; fond uncle and friend of many. Proud member of the Teamsters Local 714. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

***Siciliano***

Patricia Siciliano. Devoted daughter of the late James and Ann; loving cousin of Eleanor (the late Rocco) Caccavale, the late Lina (the late Sam) Caccavale, the late Mario Mastrogiacomio, the late Mary Janis, Richard Janis, Sal and Robert Caccavale, with many more loving cousins; loving niece and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum.

***Sklenar***

Alisa E. Sklenar. Loving partner of Tony Novelli for over 20 happy years; beloved daughter of Richard and Christine Sklenar; loving bonus mother of Frank (Alexis) Novelli, Giana (Dave) Novelli and Anthony (Carrie) Novelli; cherished ya-ya of Luca, Nicholas, Anthony, James, Tyler, Frankie and Dominic; dear sister of Timothy; fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

***Tetzler***

Thomas M. Tetzler, 69, of Berkeley, Ill., passed away on Oct. 2, 2020. Tom was born on June 18, 1951, in Oak Park, Ill., to Emil and Madeyn Tetzler. He grew up in Melrose Park and attended Sacred Heart School and Church. He graduated from Proviso East High School and went on to a long career as a repair technician and manager with Illinois Bell (now AT&T). He retired from AT&T in 2010. He kept himself busy working as a MediCar driver for Superior Ambulance.

One of Tom’s greatest sources of pride was his job as a volunteer fire-fighter and EMT for the Berkeley Fire Department. “Tommy T” retired from the Fire Department in 2017 after 39 years of service. Tom also loved fishing and relaxing by the fire pit. His family will scatter his ashes in Conover, Wis. – the homestead of his paternal grandparents where he spent his summers with family.

Tom leaves behind his wife, Lorie; daughters, Danielle (Bavin) Mbadu and Stephanie (Jose) Garza; and grandchildren, Jaden Mbadu, Esmeralda Garza and Eliseo Garza. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Madelyn, and his granddaughter Adanya Mbadu. Arrangements by Hursen Funeral Home.



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