



Happy Holidays!

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Ho Ho Ho Melrose Park,

Feliz Navidad, Buon Natale, Frohe Weihnachten, Wesolych Swiat, Merry Christmas ...

As we scurry about doing Christmas shopping, decorating the house, planning holiday feasts and participating in the many other activities associated with the festive days ahead, it is easy to forget that some of our neighbors will not be as blessed. There are families who will go to bed hungry, others who will spend the holiday season alone and parents who cannot afford those special presents for their children.

This year, let's do our best to truly spread goodwill and the spirit of the season by ensuring that those less fortunate share in our bounty so that no one goes hungry. To do this, please donate money or food to the following pantries that serve our community:

- 1) Mt. Carmel Parish (CASA) – 1119 N. 23rd Ave., Melrose Park • Contact: John Battista at (708) 344-4140.
- 2) Lighthouse of Hope – 1719 W. North Ave., Melrose Park • Contact: Donna Gaizutis at gaizutisd@myloha.org.
- 3) Proviso Pantry – 1112 N. Ninth Ave., Melrose Park • Contact: Jerry Hills at (708) 356-6743.
- 4) First Baptist Church of Melrose Park – 2114 Main Street, Melrose Park • Contact: Cynthia Mobley at (708) 344-7411.



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

And let us not forget the men and women stationed overseas who will spend their holidays without their families. If you would like to bring a little bit of "back home" to our troops this holiday season, then donate to the following nonprofit organizations that send care packages all over the globe to help brighten the days of our soldiers:

- Adopt a Platoon Soldier Support Effort – www.adoptaplatoon.org.
- Any Soldier Inc. – www.anysoldier.com.
- For the Troops – www.forthetroops.org.
- Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. – www.forgottensoldiers.org.

There are many other worthy causes that need donations at this time of year, such as:

- Make a Wish Foundation that helps children with critical illnesses fulfill their dreams – www.wish.org.
- Salvation Army provides Christmas dinners, clothing and toys for families in need – www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/brighten-the-holidays.
- Toys for Tots Program collects new unwrapped toys to distribute to less fortunate children at Christmas – www.toysfortots.org.
- Grant A Wish provides holiday wishes to needy, disabled and abused children for Christmas – www.grantawishincchicago.org.

To quote American author Roy L. Smith, "He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." With that in mind, I, along with the village clerk, the village trustees, village employees and my wife, Donna, wish you a Merry Christmas, a prosperous and healthy 2020 ... and as always, make some great holiday memories for your children and grandchildren!

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

Sincerely,

Mayor Ron Serpico



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

Trustees

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano

Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera

Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi



To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Birth Certificates • First Copy – \$12, additional copies \$2 each

Death Certificates • First Copy – \$14, additional copies \$4 each

Water, Tickets, Etc.

Office of the Mayor(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4410

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

Public Works(708) 343-5128

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsDec. 23, Jan 13 and 27, and Feb. 10

Village Hall Holiday ClosingsDec. 24 (1/2 Day), Dec. 25,

Dec. 31 (1/2 Day), Jan. 1 and Jan. 20

Senior Social Club Meetings.....Feb. 13

Resident Response

Dear Melrose Park Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame...

Upon arrival at the Maywood location my personnel were met with a two-story frame (abandoned for years) literally fully involved fire. On both sides of this structure were multi-unit apartment buildings. As this incident was unfolding, occupants in both of the apartments were still exiting the building. Additionally, within minutes after arriving at this scene, the structure fully involved in fire suffered a collapse of the second floor.

Multiple hand lines and two master streams were required to bring this fire under control while also protecting the structures next door (on both sides).

Though the house was destroyed, the apartment buildings were protected and there were no serious injuries reported.

The assistance of your personnel was an absolute factor in protecting both life and property at this incident.

Please pass on to your personnel my sincerest appreciation.

• Respectfully,

Craig A. Bronaugh Jr., Fire Chief, Village of Maywood

Dear Melrose Park Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame...

It has been brought to the attention of the EMS Office of the excellent pre-hospital care that was provided by John Simon, Michael Szymanek, Lt. Mark Harty and firefighter Eric Anderson on Aug. 11, 2019.

Crew responded for the 49-year-old male in cardiac arrest with CPR in progress by law enforcement. Crew took over care and applied monitor and defibrillation pads which revealed ventricular fibrillation. A shock was delivered and pulse check revealed a strong pulse and patient resumed breathing on his own. Patient was placed in the ambulance and monitored in route to the hospital. Care was transferred to the Emergency Room with the patient in stable condition.

The excellent teamwork of all crew members involved provided the best possible outcome for this patient.

The patient continues to recover and do his cardiac rehabilitation at home.

The EMS Office recognizes these individuals for their delivery of exemplary pre-hospital care.

• Mark Cichon, D.O., FACEP, FACOEP (dist)

Professor and Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine

Medical Director of EMS and Aeromedical Services

Loyola University Chicago-Stritch School of Medicine

Dear Melrose Park Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame and Members of the Melrose Park Fire Department...

On Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) received a call for a possible structure fire in a storage occupancy. Members of the Schiller Park Fire Department and Automatic Aid responded, and found a fire that had a huge jump on our suppression efforts.

After several minutes we elevated the alarms, eventually to a third, to bring in additional resources including your department. We fought and chased the fire through multiple units for several hours before getting ahead of it.

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all the members who responded and fought the fire. It is through automatic and mutual aid agreements that we all benefit and certainly in this instance we are most appreciative. In the end, we lost over 50 storage units and several hundred thousands of dollars in losses.

We thank you for your assistance. We may have different patches on our sleeves, but we are all one fire service.

• Sincerely,

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



*Season's
Greetings*
from

*Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico*

*Village Clerk
Mary Ann Paolantonio*

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Anthony N. Abruzzo, Jaime Anguiano,

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and the

*Employees of the
Village of Melrose Park*



*Village of
Melrose Park*

Notice Regarding Melrose Park Vehicle Stickers



Village Vehicle Stickers will Expire 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.

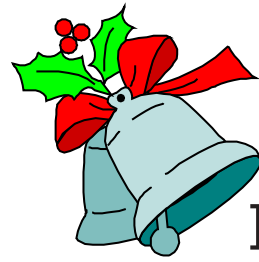
If there is a second passenger or B-Truck vehicle
registered to a senior in the household,
a second senior sticker will be sold for half price.

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.**



Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



Happy Holidays
From the
Melrose Park Fire Department



*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Department*

A Message from Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame

MP Welcomes New Firefighters

On Oct. 16, 2019, on behalf of Police and Fire Commissioner Pat Esposito, the village of Melrose Park welcomed three new firefighters – James Nicholas Wrosch, Michael Montino and Charles Pulkownik. Each have attended the Romeoville Fire Academy and have recently started at Melrose Park fire stations.

Mayor Serpico and Rick Beltrame, director of Fire Department, welcome these fine men and wish them, and their families, good luck as they embark on their new careers.



Pictured (left to right) are Charles Pulkownik, James Nicholas Wrosch, Michael Montino and Police & Fire Commissioner Pat Esposito.

Winter Safety Tips

Please follow these guidelines for a safe winter season:

1. Have your heating system checked by authorized service personnel annually.
2. Change your furnace filter regularly.
3. Keep areas around the furnace and hot water heater clear at all times.
4. Do not use space heaters with frayed or damaged cords or plugs. Keep space heaters at least 12 inches away from walls, furniture, clothing or flammable items.
5. Do not leave the clothes dryer on when going to bed or when leaving the house.
6. Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Change the batteries when you change your clocks during spring and autumn.
7. When going outside, wear layered clothing and keep skin covered to avoid frostbite and hypothermia.
8. Keep walkways and steps clear of ice and snow.
9. Keep cell phones charged so they will be functioning in case of emergencies.
10. Keep your car's gas tank full, make certain tires are in good condition and perform other automobile maintenance to avoid being involved in an accident or becoming stranded.
11. Stock your vehicle(s) with these items in case you do become stranded:
 - Non-perishable snacks, water, a flashlight and extra batteries, a shovel and blankets or extra winter clothing.
12. Stock up on non-perishable groceries and other staples in order to avoid frequent shopping trips across snow-covered or icy roads.
13. Check on neighbors – especially the elderly or infirmed.

Buried Fire Hydrants Can Pose Danger

Living in the Chicago Metropolitan area, we always expect a snowy winter. However, residents never know for certain how much snow will blanket the area. Hopefully, this winter will not result in the massive snowfall we experienced last year. Melrose Park residents know only too well the obvious difficulties and hazards that accompany a hard winter. However, many do not realize the dangers and difficulties that can result when fire hydrants are buried in snow. Such conditions make it difficult, if not impossible, for firefighters to locate and uncover hydrants in their efforts to extinguish fires. Fire Chief Rick Beltrame hopes that residents will help firefighters by clearing nearby fire hydrants when they shovel or plow their sidewalks and driveways. The cooperation of all neighbors will go a long way toward keeping Melrose Park's residents safe this winter.

A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Director of Police*



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

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

The website can be
translated to
Spanish and Polish.



Season's Greetings

From the
Melrose Park Police Department

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a special time of the year. Unfortunately, many people forget to be careful about their property and personal safety, leaving them especially vulnerable to theft and other crime. The Melrose Park Police Department provides tips to help keep your holiday safe:

SHOP SAFELY:

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; instead pay with credit cards or a check.
- Watch your credit card during transaction to make sure it is used to print only one transaction. Make sure the cashier returns it to you.
- Keep your wallet in your front pants pocket or coat breast pocket.
- Keep purses close to your body, in front of you where it can be seen, and cover the clasp or flap with your hand. Keep the purse closed, snapped or zippered until you need to enter it.
- Never flaunt your money, expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Walk confidently and be alert. Be especially mindful of pickpockets in crowded areas such as stores, bus stops or trains.
- Never overload yourself with packages; being overburdened may make it difficult for you to keep track of your purse or wallet or to respond to a personal threat.
- Park in a well-lit space and always lock your doors and windows.
- Hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in your vehicle for any length of time while shopping.
- Teach children that if they get separated from you, they should go to a security officer or store clerk and say they are lost.
- Tell them NEVER to leave the store or go to the parking lot to look for you.

WATCH OUT FOR CON GAMES AND FRAUDS:

- Give only to charities that are familiar to you.
- Ask to see official identification when someone asks for a donation on the street or at your home.
- Ask for written documentation on how your donation is going to be used and if it is tax deductible.
- Be suspicious of charities that only accept cash.
- Only make checks out to the organizations, not the individuals.
- Never give your credit card information over the telephone. For telemarketing solicitations, offer to mail your donation.

PROTECT YOUR HOME:

- Never display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Always lock doors, windows and garage doors when you leave the house, even if you will only be away a short time.
- Always ask for official identification when someone comes to your home asking for donations or claiming to be delivering a package. Never let anyone into the house who cannot provide this information.
- Call the Melrose Park Police at (708) 344-8409 and place your house on the Vacation Watch if you will be away for the holiday.

Mayor Serpico's Toys for Tots Drive Makes Some Holiday Magic This Season! Thank You to All!

A gracious thank you to members of the Melrose Park community who continued their generosity this year by supporting Mayor Serpico's Toys for Tots Drive that benefits less fortunate children in the area.

The mayor is very grateful for all the gifts received and expresses his appreciation for the togetherness that Melrose Park brings for the worthy cause of the annual Toys for Tots Drive and acknowledges the following companies that were responsible for donating a large selection of bicycles – Gilbane, Fresenius Kabi, Hill Mechanical, Gurtz Electric and Thorne Associates, Inc.

On behalf of the village of Melrose Park, thank you to all for supporting the 2019 Toys for Tots Drive. Your contributions will make the holiday season magical for many families this year.



Melrose Park Police Dept. Joins Neighbors

Your Ring Neighborhood Just Got a Whole Lot Stronger

We're excited to announce that the Melrose Park Police Department (MPPD) has joined Neighbors! While the Neighbors app is not monitored by law enforcement 24/7, MPPD can now view, post and respond to crime- and safety-related information posted on the Neighbors app. MPPD can also submit video requests to help with investigations in your area. By working together, we can all make Melrose Park a safer community.

Please remember – for emergency situations always call 911.



Parking Regulations Have Changed as of Dec. 1

Effective Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, parking is no longer permitted on both sides of the street on weekends.

Overnight parking restrictions remain the same in the West Melrose and Winston Park areas.

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

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



MARK'S
QUALITY LANDSCAPING
Mark and Mike Kessling
1639 N. 23rd Ave.
Melrose Park
(708) 681-3384
www.marksquality.com



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.**



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.

50/50 Sidewalk Program is Now Closed

The 2019 50/50 Sidewalk Program is now closed.

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

2020 Tree Planting for Parkways

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

2041 N. 18th Ave. Parking Lot

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department employees demolished the blighted building at 2041 N. 18th Ave. This property has been developed into a much-needed parking lot for area residents. A parking permit is required and applications are available at the Melrose Park Village Hall. Parking permits are issued quarterly and the fee is \$100 a quarter.

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.



15th Avenue and Lemoyne

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works' employees demolished the blighted building at 15th and Lemoyne. This property has been developed into much-needed parking spaces on 15th Avenue for area residents.

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.

Fall Leaves Pickup

Village of Melrose Park Village Ordinance 864.010-864.040 states: Leaves must be raked and placed in a 30-gallon container. Other landscaping, garden waste or additional leaves must be placed in a container or biodegradable bags. Leaves are not to be dumped or raked on the street or alley. Pickup for landscaping waste will be on the second pickup of the week.

Silver Creek Restoration Project Phase Four

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

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

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

This restoration project restores the natural balance of the creek by restoring the embankment, and bringing back native landscape and shrubbery along with aquatic habitat. This is an invaluable stream system that provides storm water runoff, flood management and many other benefits for the residents of Melrose Park.



The Public Works employees are always in full force, working to keep the village of Melrose Park clean and well-maintained.

If you have a request, please feel free to call Gary M. Marine, director of Public Works at (708) 343-5128.



The Department of
Public Works
Wishes All Residents a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy, Healthy and Safe
New Year!

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year



**HAIR GALLERY
ANNA SIGNA**

1419 Division
Melrose Park
(708) 344-6613

Merry Christmas and
a Blessed 2020



**MELROSE PARK
FREE METHODIST
CHURCH**

841 Elsie, Melrose Park
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
*We are bilingual and
all are welcome!*

For more information, call (708) 343-2386.

2019 Senior Painting Program is Now Closed. Apply Now for 2020!

Applications are now being accepted for Mayor Serpico's 2020 Senior Painting Program. The mayor's free Senior Painting Program is for individuals 65 years of age and older who reside and own a single family home in Melrose Park. Those who qualify and need light paint work around their homes – fences, garage doors, railings, etc., (no interior painting or no interior or exterior carpentry) – are encouraged to complete the MP Painting Program Request Form (right) and mail it to:

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

2020 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2020.
Only one item will be painted per year.
Get your request in early as the list fills fast.

Mayor Serpico's MP Painting Program Request Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____

One item to be painted (please circle one only):

Fence Garage Door Railings

Other _____

Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

Fitness for All Ages

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

AEROBICS

Instruction by Lena
Step • Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays • Noon-1 p.m.
Sr. Exercise (Low Impact) by Barb Rubright
Monday-Friday
9-10 a.m. • Senior Center

MARTIAL ARTS

Monday-Friday • Residents – \$50, Nonresidents – \$60
For additional information,
call (708) 450-0555.

BOXING CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays • 4-7 p.m. • Daily Fee – \$5
Must be 15 years old or older to join program. • Instructor: Mario
For additional information, please call (708) 450-0555.

CYBEX AND NAUTALUS MACHINES

Crunching Machines

Wrist and Forearm • Arm • Abdominal • Shoulder Fly
• Chest Press • Rowing • Lateral Pulldown

Lifefitness Treadmills • Gauntlet Stairmasters
Life Cycle Bikes • Free Weights

ROOM RENTALS

Multi-purpose Room

Birthdays • Anniversaries • Graduations
Religious Celebrations
Weddings • Business Meetings • Etc.

150 Maximum Capacity

Days and Nights Available
Mondays-Saturdays • 9 a.m.-Midnight
Sundays • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Rentals Include:

Four Hours • Setup of Table and Chairs
Security • Use of Kitchen and Ice Machine

**HALL RENTALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
IN THE SENIOR BUILDING (900 N. 25th Ave.)**

Call (708) 450-0555 for info.

Come visit our surrounding park.
Perfect for taking pictures for all occasions.
Stop by our front desk and we can answer any questions
you may have about your next party or event.

We can accommodate most party requests.

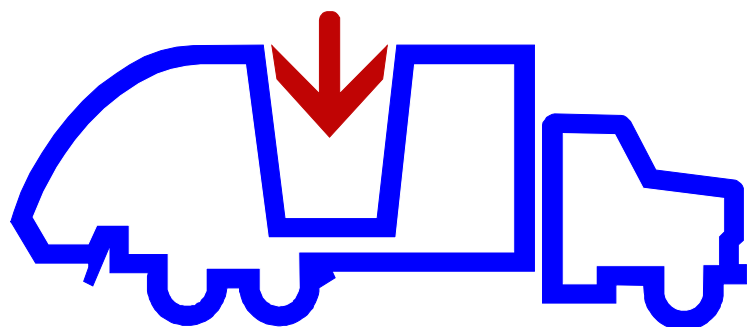
For more information, call (708) 450-0555.

Summer Hours (Memorial Day-Sept. 30)

Weekdays – 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Winter Hours (Oct. 1-Memorial Day)

Weekdays – 7 a.m.-10 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



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.**

Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

Winter Storms ... The Deceptive Killers

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.

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.

Winter's Impact

Storms with Strong Winds

Sometimes winter storms are accompanied by strong winds creating blizzard conditions with blinding wind-driven snow, severe drifting and dangerous wind chill. Strong winds with these intense storms and cold fronts can knock down trees, utility poles and power lines. Storms near the coast can cause coastal flooding and beach erosion as well as sink ships at sea. In the west and Alaska, winds descending off the mountains can gust to 100 mph or more damaging roofs and other structures.

Extreme Cold

Extreme cold often accompanies a winter storm or is left in its wake. Prolonged exposure to the cold can cause frostbite or hypothermia and become life-threatening. Infants and elderly people are most susceptible. What constitutes extreme cold and its effect varies across different areas of the United States. In areas unaccustomed to winter weather, near freezing temperatures are considered "extreme cold." Freezing temperatures can cause severe damage to citrus fruit crops and other vegetation. Pipes may freeze and burst in homes that are poorly insulated or without heat. In the north, below zero temperatures may be considered as "extreme cold." Long cold spells can cause rivers to freeze, disrupting shipping. Ice jams may form and lead to flooding.

Ice Storms

Heavy accumulations of ice can bring down trees, electrical wires, telephone poles and lines, and communication towers. Communications and power can be disrupted for days while utility companies work to repair the extensive damage. Even small accumulations of ice may cause extreme hazards to motorists and pedestrians.

Heavy Snow Storms

Heavy snow can immobilize a region and paralyze a city, stranding commuters, stopping the flow of supplies and disrupting emergency and medical services. Accumulations of snow can collapse buildings and knock down trees and power lines. In rural areas, homes and farms may be isolated for days, and unprotected livestock may be lost. In the mountains, heavy snow can lead to avalanches. The cost of snow removal, repairing damages and loss of business can have large economic impacts on cities and towns.

Winter Precipitation

Snow

- FLURRIES – Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation or light dusting is all that is expected.
- SHOWERS – Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.
- SQUALLS – Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant. Snow squalls are best known in the Great Lakes region.
- BLOWING SNOW – Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow may be snow that is falling and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.
- BLIZZARD – Winds over 35 mph with snow and blowing snow reducing visibility to near zero.

Sleet

Raindrops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. However, it can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorists.

Freezing Rain

Rain that falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, cars, and roads, forming a coating or glaze of ice. Even small accumulations of ice can cause a significant hazard.

Winter Storm Facts: What Makes a Winter Storm?

Cold Air

Below freezing temperatures in the clouds and near the ground are necessary to make snow and/or ice.

Moisture

To form clouds and precipitation. Air blowing across a body of water, such as a large lake or the ocean, is an excellent source of moisture.

Lift

something to raise the moist air to form the clouds and cause precipitation. An example of lift is warm air colliding with cold air and being forced to rise over the cold dome. The boundary between the warm and cold air masses is called a front. Another example of lift is air flowing up a mountain side.

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



Melrose Park Public Library



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Adult Services

Save the Date!



CURIOUS PROVISO
ROBERT C. COX

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday March 14, 2020 when the Melrose Park Public Library will be hosting local author Robert C. Cox. Mr. Cox will talk about his personal experiences at Proviso East High School in the late sixties and early seventies and discuss how the school has evolved over the course of the following four decades. Join us to learn more about the past, the present, and the future of this venerable local institution.

Saturday March 14, 2019: 11:00am

Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, sponsored by Triton College, will provide Tax Preparation Assistance for Seniors (60+) from low- to moderate- income households at the Melrose Park Public Library on Monday mornings. **Appointments are necessary.** Please call Triton College (708-456-0300 ext. 3895) for information and appointments.

Monday Mornings: January 27th - April 6th (excluding February 17, President's Day)

All dates and times are subject to change without prior notice. Please see the website, or call us for updated programming information. All programs at the library are free but registration is required unless otherwise noted. MPPL card holders have first priority. To register, or with any further questions, please call 708.649.7400



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mps@mpplibrary.org
(708)649-7400

NEW Library Hours

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



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Youth Services

A wonderful time was had by all who attended our annual Holiday Open House! Nothing could be better than hot chocolate, cookies, candy canes, crafts, book giveaways, and time spent with our fantastic patrons and friends! Happy Holidays from MPPL!



ABC Adventures

Join our interactive playtime for fun with stories, music, puzzles and toys. Ages 1-5 with a caregiver.

Wednesdays mornings
Beginning February 5th
10:00am - 11:00am

Tinker Tuesdays

Drop into the library for fun activities and crafts with all our amazing supplies! Ages 5 -14.

Every Tuesday
Beginning February 4th
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Challenge Yourself

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

Thursday, February 20th
4:00pm - 5:00pm

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Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



*Come Join in the Fun with
Instructor Barb Rubright
of Rube's Garage!*

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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

Registration for 2020 Senior Social Club

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

Yearly membership fee is \$20 pre-paid by Jan. 25 for all meetings which includes lunches!

Luncheon fee is \$7 per person for non-members.

Pre-registration is mandatory one week prior to meeting by calling (708) 531-5330, Ext. 4452.
No refunds.

To register, please complete the

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

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



*Happy Holidays from the
Melrose Park
Senior Social Club*



Melrose Park Senior Social Club Registration Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Address _____ Melrose Park, IL 60160

Phone _____

2020 Melrose Park Senior Social Club Meeting/Lunch Dates

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

Senior Services

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

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

Have questions you need resources for? We can help.

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

**The Melrose Park Senior Center is currently accepting donations of canes,
wheelchairs, walkers, etc., that can be given to those in need.**

**If you have something you would like to donate,
please call Peggy DiFazio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.**

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



MP Youth Commission Joins in the Fun at Triton's Festival of Trees

Staff and board members from the Melrose Park Youth Commission joined the fun at the annual Triton College Deck the Mounds Festival of Trees on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Seasonal fun included hot chocolate, cookies, holiday movies, music and more for all to enjoy!

The Village of Melrose Park and Youth Commission fully lit tree, located adjacent to the Triton College Mounds on the west side of campus, was beautifully decorated by Youth Commission staff members to celebrate the season and make the event special and holly-jolly!



MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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

Early-Bird
Registration
is now in
Progress!

New Year Night CampFun

REGISTER NOW! CAMP BEGINS JAN. 15!

The Melrose Park Youth Commission is holding a Night-time Camp Fun for children 4-7 years of age.

Children who register will participate in a number of fun activities geared towards learning, athletics and having fun with others.

The program includes a number of arts and crafts activities, kids sports – basketball, soccer, etc., make and bake nights, movie nights, tutoring, holiday parties, video game nights, field trips and more.

Our Night-time Camp Fun runs three nights a week (Mondays-Wednesdays, 6:15-8:30 p.m.) Jan. 15-Feb. 12.

Cost is \$25 per child for Melrose Park residents and \$100 per child for nonresidents

Why not join us? Come on and have some fun.

Registration can be made at the Youth Commission located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Civic Center, Mondays-Fridays.

For more information, call (708) 450-0555.



Village of Melrose Park

TAEKWONDO PROGRAM

CONGRATULATIONS!

**MELROSE PARK
TAEKWONDO
PROGRAM
USNTF 2019
Christmas Tourney
First Place Finishers**



Register Now!

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

Village of Melrose Park Taekwondo Program Registration Form

Please clip and mail with payment (check made payable to Melrose Park Taekwondo Program) to:
Melrose Park Taekwondo Program • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School is offering martial arts classes at the Melrose Park Civic Center, located at 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park).

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

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

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

WHAT IS TAEKWONDO?

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



**GRANDMASTER
Duk Gun Kwon**
*Ninth Degree
Black Belt*

Oversees the curriculum for the taekwondo program.



Se Habla Español.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING

Residents: \$50 per month.

Nonresidents: \$60 per month.

One week free trial.

Classes are held Monday-Friday, 6-8 p.m.

**For additional information or to
register, please contact the
MP Civic Center by calling
(708) 450-0555.**

**The Melrose Park Civic Center
is located at
1000 N. 25th Ave.,
Melrose Park.**



Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Organization Update

Manufacturing Day in Melrose Park

The MPCCCD helped celebrate Manufacturing Day at A1 Tool, one of Melrose Park's own manufacturing businesses, as they welcomed elected officials and high school students to educate them on career opportunities in the manufacturing sector. A1 Tool's CEO Geoff Luther and his team were on hand to share industry standards, culture and their role in building talent for the future.



West Region Enterprise Zone Information Session

Nearly 100 businesses located in the communities that make up the West Region Enterprise Zone (Melrose Park, Bellwood, Broadview and Maywood) gathered in Melrose Park to join elected officials and leaders of the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development organization to hear about new cost savings tax incentives. The 150 attendees participated in conversations regarding the implementation of the West Region Enterprise Zone which begins Jan. 1, 2020. The MPCCCD will continue to serve as a catalyst in the upcoming year to foster economic development in these communities through this initiative



Shop Local for the Holidays!

The MPCCCD encourages Melrose Parkers to shop local this holiday season. Why is it important to shop local? Shopping local helps build a stronger economy in our local community and supports the businesses in the area. Shopping local helps to create jobs for our residents and brings the community closer together. Shopping local allows area businesses to contribute more to charities that serve Melrose Park. Shopping local makes our community unique and helps foster a great place to live.

Save the Date – Business Development Breakfasts...

Cybersecurity

Businesses and organizations are at risk for cyberattacks and more vulnerable in many ways. This seminar will cover multiple cybersecurity concepts, including cyber secure your business, and examine different everyday cybersecurity scenarios. Leading experts in the field will raise awareness of cybersecurity issues that could negatively impact business operations.

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 • 8:30 a.m. • Location TBA

Capitalizing on the Enterprise Zone Tax Incentives

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

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 • 8:30 a.m. • Location TBA

To register for these business development seminars, please email the MPCCCD at info@mpcccd.org.

Chamber Membership, Join Today!

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

Follow Us on Facebook!

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



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Melrose Park Village Hall News

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

Birth Certificates

Birth Certificates – \$12 for first copy, \$2 each additional copy.

We only provide birth certificates if the individual was born at Westlake Hospital or Gottlieb Hospital in Melrose Park. Birth certificates can 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 – \$17 for the first copy, \$5 each additional copy.

Vehicle Sticker Information

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

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

TheROSE AD RESERVATION FORM

Save the Dates!
Next Issue – February 2020
(Deadline for material Jan. 25, 2020.)
Schedule for 2020
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 w/pdf or jpeg file.
(Checks need to be made to the order of Village of Melrose Park.)

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Every 10 years, a census is taken of every person living in the United States. It is important that EVERY resident be counted so our population is accurately reflected and to ensure that we get our fair share of federal funding that is directly allocated based on the census data. There are over 155 federal funding programs where funding allocations are directly related to the last census results. Based on 2018 funding, this equated to about \$1,800 per person counted in the 2010 census and since this is only done every 10 years, missing one person in the 2020 census count would result in \$18,000 in lost revenue for programs and services in our community over the next 10 years.

The 2020 Census Timeline:

- The US Census Bureau is hiring NOW. There are a total of 500,000 jobs to be filled nationwide and several dozen of those are needed right here in Melrose Park. Pay rates start at \$18.50 per hour in Cook County. For information and to apply, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>.
- March 2020 – Census questionnaire packets will be mailed to every resident.
- Census Day is April 1, 2020.
- April 2020 is the time to complete and return the census data for the place where you live. Be sure that everyone that is living at the residence is included in the response.
- May through August 2020, census canvassers will be following up with people at addresses that failed to self-report.

Census Data is Confidential!

Your census questionnaire answers are kept confidential by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information is protected and cannot be shared with any other federal or state government agency.

2020 Census Questions

As required by the Census Act, the U.S. Census Bureau submitted a list of questions to Congress on March 29, 2018. Based on those questions, the 2020 Census will ask:

- How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020. This will help us count the entire U.S. population and ensure that we count people according to where they live on Census Day.
- Whether the home is owned or rented. This will help us produce statistics about homeownership and renting. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy. They also help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.
- About the sex of each person in your home. This allows us to create statistics about males and females, which can be used in planning and funding government programs. This data can also be used to enforce laws, regulations and policies against discrimination.
- About the age of each person in your home. The U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults.
- About the race of each person in your home. This allows us to create statistics about race and to provide other statistics by racial groups. This data helps federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.
- About whether a person in your home is of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin. These responses help create statistics about this ethnic group. This is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.
- About the relationship of each person in your home. This allows the Census Bureau to create estimates about families, households and other groups. Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that support families, including people raising children alone.

What Won't I Be Asked?

The Census Bureau will never ask you for:

- Your Social Security Number.
- For money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank account or credit card numbers.

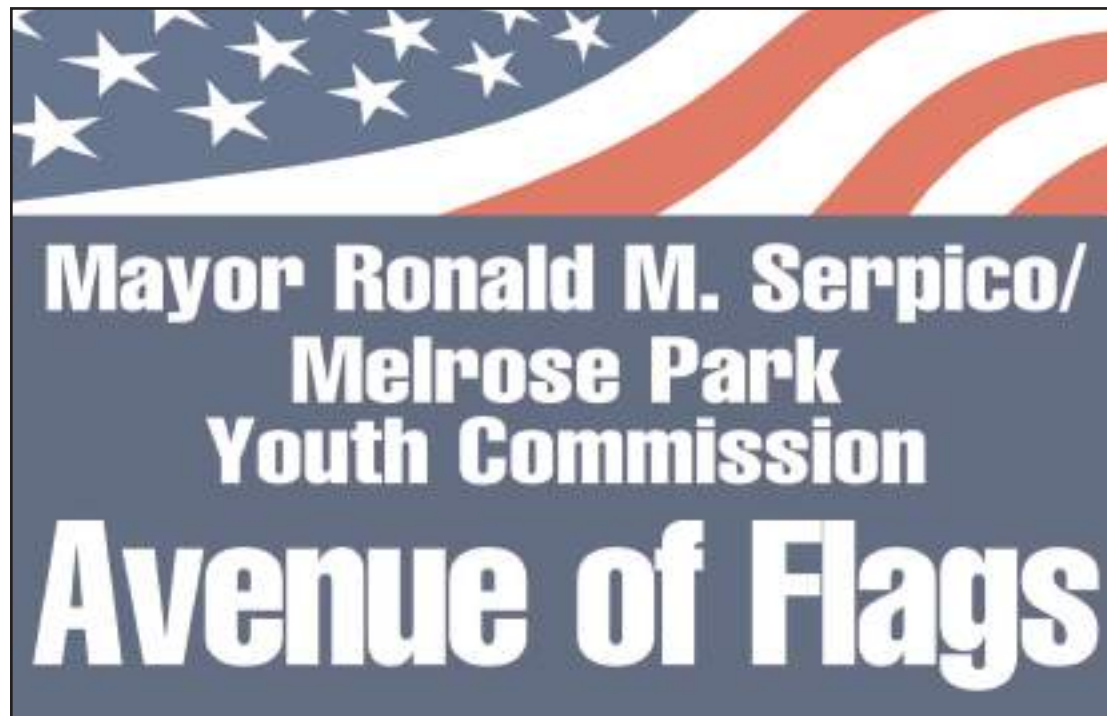
What Can I Do To Help?

- EDUCATE your community about the 2020 Census and the importance of participation with census takers when they visit your neighborhood.
- ENCOURAGE trusted community partners, such as churches and neighborhood organizations, to motivate their members to respond to the census questionnaire.
- ENGAGE grass roots organizations in the community to reach out to residents in hard-to-count groups and those who are not motivated to respond to the census questionnaire.

EVERYONE COUNTS AND NEEDS TO BE COUNTED!

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

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



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

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

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

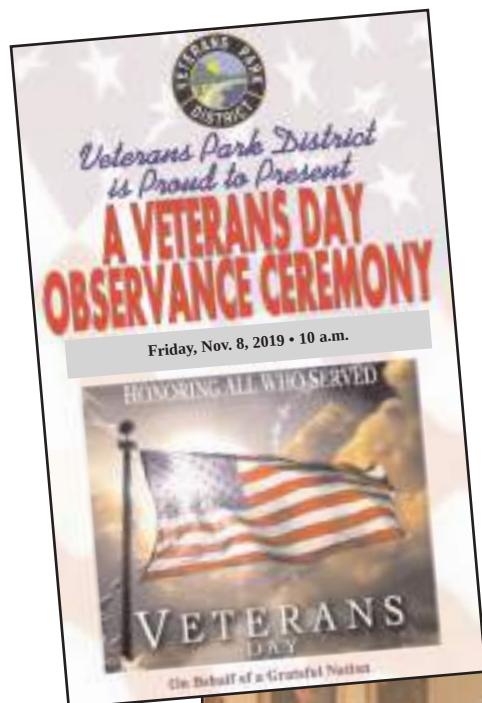
Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

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





Unlimited Respect for Our Vets at Veterans Park District Annual Ceremony



On Friday, Nov. 8, Veterans Park District held its 2019 Veterans Day Observance in honor of the courageous military men and women who served or are serving our country. Community members saluted veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Speakers and participants included American Legion Franklin Park Post #974, Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico, VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso, the VPD Bulger Park Preschool Class, Deacon Ray Behrendt (Sacred Heart Parish), Korean War Veteran Eugene Piltaver, Vietnam War Veteran Angelo Egizio, concert vocalist Maureen Christine and VPD Commissioner Tom Olson.

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Early Childhood

Mighty Munchkins – Ages 2-4

The Mighty Munchkins class offers socialization opportunities along with small and large motor activities. Children will engage in stations of blocks, dramatic play, puzzles, arts and crafts, and large motor activities. An adult must accompany child (no infants please).

- Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Jan. 16-30; Residents \$29/Nonresidents \$44; Bulger Hall, 1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park.

Parent & Tot Tumbling – Ages 18-36 Months

Parents and tots can engage in playtime while introducing tots to basic tumbling techniques such as learning to jump and balancing on tippy toes.

- Thursdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Jan. 9-Feb. 13; Residents \$45/Nonresidents \$60; Cimbaló Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Advanced registration required.

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

Youth Classes

Watercolor Painting Beginners – Ages 6+

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

- Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Jan. 13-March 2 (No class Jan. 20 and Feb. 17); Residents \$48/Nonresidents \$58; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Drawing for Beginners – Ages 6+

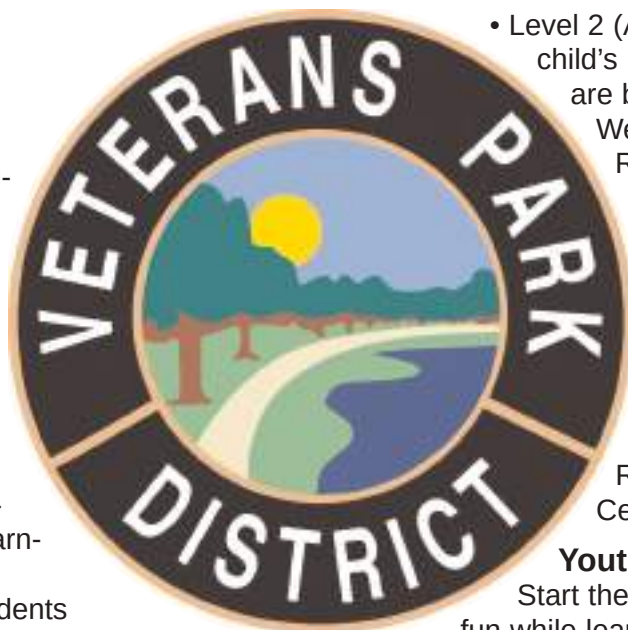
Give your child a new way to see the world – through drawing! Basic drawing techniques will be covered in this class aimed at helping young children expand their imagination, uncover their creative sides and interpret what they see. Supplies are included. (More advanced drawing classes are also offered. Call for more information.)

- Fridays, 5-6 p.m., Jan. 10-Feb. 14; Residents \$48/Nonresidents \$58; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Tumbling – Ages 4-5 and 6-10

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

- Level 1 (Ages 4-5): Beginner tumblers will learn forward rolls, cartwheels, bridges and jumps. Strength and flexibility are also needed to progress into the higher-level classes. Parents may stay with young children. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., Jan. 29-March 18 (No class Feb. 17); Residents \$45/Nonresidents \$60; Cimbaló Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.



- Level 2 (Ages 6-10): This class is designed to perfect your child's beginner skills and add new skills. Skills to be taught are backbends, handstand forward rolls and round-offs.

Wednesdays, 6:10-7:10 p.m., Jan. 29-March 18; Residents \$45/Nonresidents \$60; Cimbaló Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

- Level 3 (Ages 6-10): This class is designed to take your child's skills to the next level and also to learn new skills, such as back walk-over and back hand spring. Children must be able to safely execute the following skills before attending this class: backbends, handstand, forward rolls and round-offs.

Wednesdays, 7:20-8:20 p.m., Jan. 29-March 18; Residents \$45/Nonresidents \$60; Cimbaló Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Youth Fit – Ages 7-15

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

- Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Jan. 9-Feb. 13; Residents \$35/Nonresidents \$50; Cimbaló Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Advanced registration required.

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

Youth Athletics

Fielding Class – Ages 10-13

This class is for the player looking to improve their infield and outfield skills. Students will enhance their skills by being put through several fielding drills each class. Depending on the skill level of the players this class will cover receiving, routine ground-ball footwork, backhands, forehands and exchanges, double plays, non-routine plays and advanced outfield techniques. Hard baseballs will be used, gloves are required.

- Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Jan. 15-March 4 (Makeup date: March 11); Residents \$40/Nonresidents \$55 (\$10 off if registering for both Hitting and Fielding classes); George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Hitting Class – Ages 10-13

This class is for the student looking to improve their hitting skills. In this class we will cover plate coverage, stance, hitting position, bat path and lower-body mechanics. Students will enhance their skills hitting in our batting cage and being involved in hitting drills outside our batting cages. Feel free to bring your bats and all your baseball equipment. Bats will be available for use at our facility.

- Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 15-March 4 (Makeup date: March 11); Residents \$40/Nonresidents \$55 (\$10 off if registering for both Hitting and Fielding classes); George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Advanced registration required.

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Fitness Classes

F.I.I.T. (Functional Intense Interval Training) – Ages 16+

This 45-minute class ranks up there with Boot Camps! This packs a high intensity workout in a small group setting, guaranteed to push you outside of your comfort zone. Interval training combines various stations such as kettle bells, suspension training, rings, battle ropes, slam balls, agility and cardio bursts through the use of rower and bike. You may even surprise yourself and dramatic results will follow!

- Tuesdays, 9-9:45 a.m., Jan. 7-Feb. 11; Residents \$48/Nonresidents \$63; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Muscle Up Boot Camps – Ages 16+

Strength and conditioning, endurance interval training targets every major muscle group. Guaranteed to make you stronger in no time! This class offers a lower intensity workout with exercises that help to build strength through use of your own body weight. Most exercises are done either on a mat/floor (planks, mountain climbers, sit ups) or standing in place (squats, lunges). If you're looking for a great early morning workout to jump-start your day, this is it!

- Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Jan. 10-Feb.14; Residents \$35/Nonresidents \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Advanced registration required.

Call (708) 343-5270/(708) 716-4822 or visit www.vdpark.org.

Active Adults

Snow Angels Luncheon

Calling all active adults for an afternoon of good times and relaxation. Join us for a delicious lunch and exquisite music. Here's your chance to win fun prizes. Bring some friends along or meet some new ones. Rose's Catering is providing soup, roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots and a cherry pie for dessert. Your entertainment is Mihai Vlad. Born and raised in Bucharest, Romania, this professional acoustic violinist has been playing since the age of 6.

- Friday, Jan. 17, Noon-2 p.m.; \$17 per person; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Day Trip to Halim Time and Glass Museum

Discover a world of beauty and craftsmanship on a guided tour featuring displays with over 1,100 timepieces including tower clocks, pocket watches, automations and more. The Louis Comfort Tiffany tour is full of his paintings, housewares, decorative arts, mosaics and his beautiful windows. Lunch in the Museum Café is provided.

- Friday, Jan. 10; Depart: 9:15 a.m. – Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake, or 9:30 a.m. – Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park; Return: 3:30 p.m.; \$80 per person.

Old Man Winter Bingo

Come out and celebrate the new year with our very first 2020 bingo games. Guests will enjoy a light lunch provided by Cuomo Catering that includes turkey breast and Munster on a Kaiser roll with rotini pasta as a side. After a delicious meal guests will begin numerous rounds of bingo.

- Friday, Jan. 3, Noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Advanced registration required.

Call (708) 343-5270/(708) 716-4822 or visit www.vdpark.org.

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

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

VPD and MP Youth Commission Annual Fright Night 2019

Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission hosted their annual Fright Night on Friday, Oct. 25, at Bulger Park.

Hundreds of children and their parents were dressed in their best costumes for this year's big Halloween event.

Refreshments, games and trips through the scary and frightening haunted house were offered to all who dared to enter.





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WINTER BREAK CAMP

AGES : 6-12

Winter break may be a two-week vacation for school children, but not for most working parents. Our Winter Camp is a great way to make sure your kids are having a fun, structured, and supervised winter vacation. The camp features exciting art projects, games, and activities organized by our dedicated staff.

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Location: Grant Park
Dates: Dec 23, 26, 27, 30, Jan 2, 3*
*No camp Dec 24, Dec 25, Dec 31 and Jan 1
Time: 9 AM-4 PM
Fee: \$140 In District/\$160 Out of District
Before Care: 8-9 AM \$30 In District/\$50 Out of District
After Care: 4-6 PM \$50 In District/\$55 Out of District
Min/Max: 10/20
Contact: Nico Urbinati



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Veterans Park District

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Winter Break Athletic Camps

Winter Break Sports Camp

Does your child enjoy playing sports? If so, this is the camp for him/her! The winter break sports camp will be filled with multiple sports such as baseball, flag football, kickball, soccer, and much more!

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
8-13	Dec 23-Jan 3*	M-F	9 AM-5 PM	\$140/160	19212611

No camp Dec 24-25 and Jan 1

Location: George A. Leoni Complex

Min/Max: 5/20



Winter Break Shooting Camp

This is strictly a shooting camp. Participants will come in and work on game speed and situation type shots. We will work on shooting off the dribble, off of screens, and spot up shooting. This camp will focus on the players form and proper footwork.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
6-10	Dec 26-27	Th-F	10 AM-12 PM	\$30/45	192126H1
11-13	Jan 2-3	Th-F	1-3 PM	\$30/45	192126H2

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center

Min/Max: 5/20



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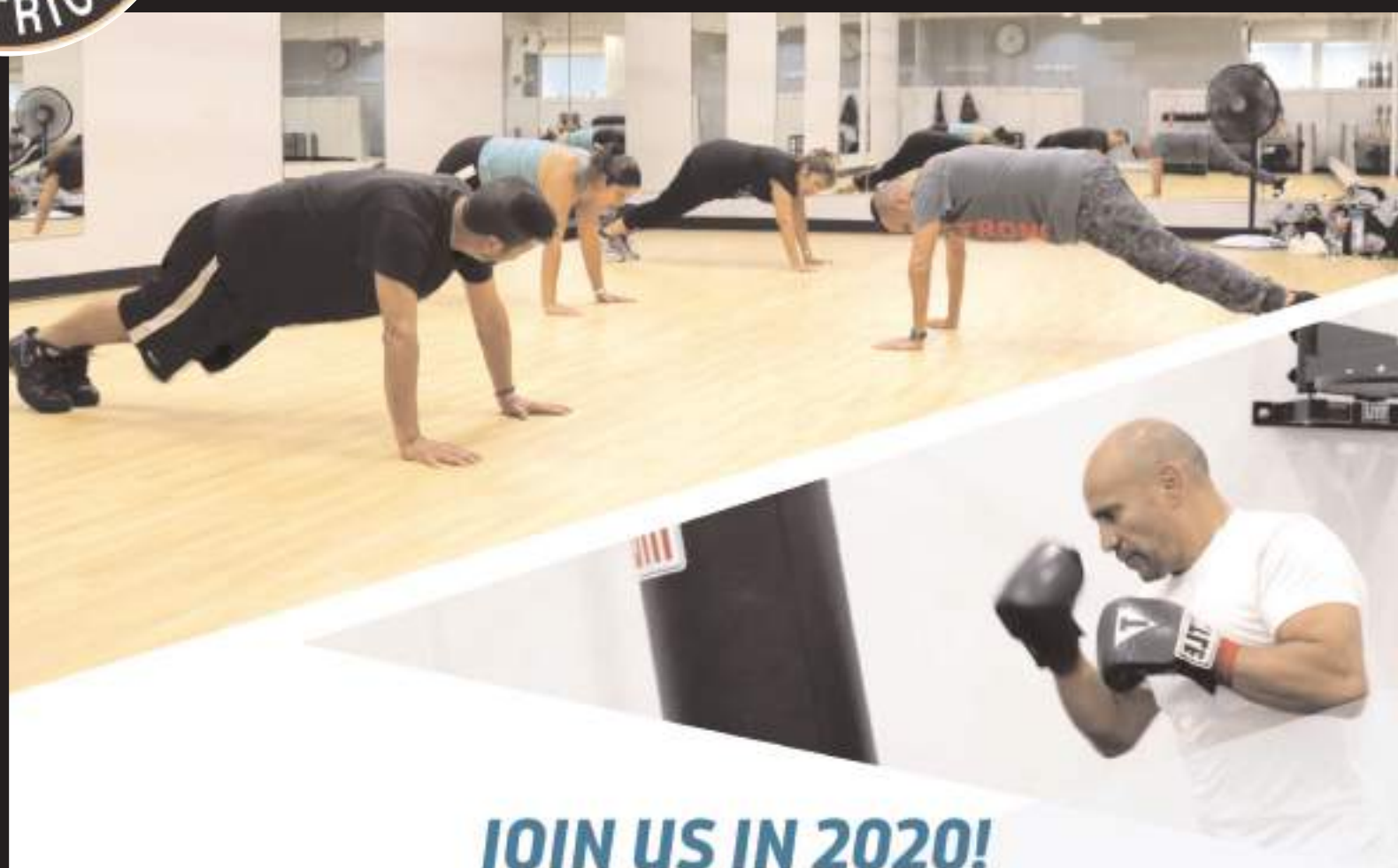
Min/Max: 5/25





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Saturday, January 11 • 9 AM-1 PM
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For more information call Veronica (708) 343-5151



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Biggest Winner Weight Loss Challenge

Date: January 14 – March 24

Day: Tuesdays 7-8 PM

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center
1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park
(708) 343-5151

Fee: \$99 Resident / \$129 Nonresident
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Special Recreation MARDI GRAS

annual dance

Bringing a taste of New Orleans to Melrose Park as we celebrate their biggest holiday of the year. Come out and celebrate Mardi Gras at the Veterans Park District Annual Dance. Don't have any beads? Don't worry we'll be giving out beads to all the dancers as you show off your best dance moves throughout the night!

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Ages: High School to Adults

Day: Friday

Date: January 31

Time: 5-9 PM

Location: Bulger Hall
1601 Hirsch St.
Melrose Park

Fee: \$15



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Triton's Super Saturday Makes Enrollment Fast and Easy Visit Us on Jan. 11

Registering for college classes has never been easier, thanks to Triton College's Super Saturday enrollment event.

From counselors on hand to ensure students enroll in the classes that best fit their goals and schedule, to



financial aid specialists who will help craft a plan to pay for school, Super Saturday will provide current and prospective Triton students everything they need to get ready for the spring semester.

The one-stop registration event is Saturday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the Triton College campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove.

During the event, you can:

- Complete your application.
- Register for classes.
- Take placement tests.
- Participate in the new student orientation.
- Meet with financial aid advisors and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Tour the campus.
- Enjoy refreshments.

Students attending the event should bring:

- Photo ID.
- Copies of their ACT results.
- Transcripts for college-level coursework completed at another college/university.
- Copies of their (or their parents') tax returns (to complete the financial aid application).

For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

Save the Dates! The Fourth Annual Tritonysia Play Festival is Coming Soon!

Auditions are Set for Jan. 23-25, 2020

**Performance Dates Run
April 24-26 and May 1-3, 2020**



The *Tritonysia* is Triton's fourth annual short play festival, inspired by the ancient Greek festival, the Dionysia, which honored the god Dionysus in many ways, including that of a play contest. The *Tritonysia* is made up of exciting new work, during which the audience will enjoy world premiere 10 pieces written and presented by Triton College students, faculty/staff and artists from the surrounding community. This is always a fun festival for fans of performance, community and creativity.

Auditions for *Tritonysia* are open to Triton students, faculty, staff and community members and will be held in the Cox Auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 23, Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, by appointment with callbacks on Jan. 25 (times to be determined).

For audition information and to schedule appointments, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506.

Tritonysia performance dates are April 24-26 and May 1-3 (Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, 2 p.m.) in the Cox Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students, faculty/staff and seniors.

The Cox Auditorium is located in the J Building (Room J-108) on the west side of the Triton College campus, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove.

For more information, call the
Visual, Performing & Communication Arts Department at
(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/entertainment.

Melrose Park Residents May Be Eligible for a Tuition-Free College Education



Triton College has secured grant funds from the state of Illinois* to offer a tuition-free education opportunity to in-district residents interested in pursuing a career and earning an average of \$19-\$41 per hour in one of the following professions:

Sterile Processing Technician – This program prepares the student to work in the sterile processing department of a hospital or medical facility. Sterile processing technicians provide support to patient care services within a health-care facility.

EKG Technician – EKG technicians are responsible for performing electrocardiogram tests in order to monitor and record electrical impulses transmitted by the heart.

Carpentry – Carpentry Certificate graduates will be able to start in entry-level carpentry positions in a residential setting.

Plumbing – With a Plumbing Certificate graduates will be able to start in entry-level plumbing positions in a residential setting.

Medical Billing & Coding Specialist – This class prepares students for entry-level medical office positions. Students will learn to collect, analyze and manage the information that steers the health-care industry.

A+ Microcomputer Technician – The A+ Microcomputer Technician Certificate is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to obtain an entry-level position in the growing specialty of PC technical support.

Optician – Students will learn how to assist with vision tests, demonstrate patient care for contact lenses, administrative tasks and patient records. Students will also gain experience with contact lenses fitting.

Welding – Students are taught welding processes, such as ARC (stick), MIG (metal, inert gas), and TIG (gas tungsten arc) welding in various welding positions. In addition, students learn blueprints, other fabrication processes needed for employability and sheet metal layout/fabrication.

Automotive Engine Repair – The Engine Repair Certificate Program is designed to provide the student with skills necessary for entry-level employment at an engine repair facility.

Residents from the following communities who have a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate may apply for these NO-COST, short-term certificate programs: Bellwood, Broadview, Forest Park, Hillside, Maywood, Oak Park, Rosemont, Stone Park, Elmwood Park, Melrose Park and River Grove can apply by going to triton.edu/WEI. Registration is due by Jan. 21, 2020.

* Funding provided in whole or in part by the state of Illinois.

For more information, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.



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- ▶ Transportation
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NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



CCSD93 Visits D89

Leaders from Community Consolidated School District 93 (CCSD93) visited D89's Washington Dual Language Academy (WDLA) to learn about the history of the school. Building leaders showcased the great work by WDLA educators in the two-way dual language program, its growth to middle school grade levels and plans for the future.

LaCosecha2019

D89 educators attended La Cosecha Dual Language Conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

La Cosecha 2019 brought together leading experts in the field of dual language education who presented the latest research, information, and instructional best practices as they relate to emerging bilinguals and biliteracy programs.

As the Dual Language Program continues to expand throughout the district, the team sought to bring back the latest research and instructional practices to increase achievement for bilingual students. The team explored translanguaging, vocabulary strategies, technology integration, co-teaching structures and approaches to cross-linguistic connections.

The highlight of the visit included the recognition of one of our very own D89 teachers in front of educators from across the country. Dr. Kathy Escamilla, co-author of *Biliteracy from the Start*, recognized Veronica Lopez from Lincoln Elementary School during a pre-conference session. Dr. Escamilla complemented Mrs. Lopez's hospitality during a prior visit to the school and stated that the lesson she observed was "100 percent on target" and that "she was one of the most gifted teachers I have ever seen in terms of the way she engages kids."



CLRWorkshop

District 89 educators continue to engage in Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching and Learning (CLR). Dr. Sharroky Hollie led a workshop on Nov. 25 focused on being culturally responsive to the diverse student population. CLR is a multi-year district goal that will help support students and increase learning across the district.

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Visit to the Library

JA first graders visited the Melrose Park Library where they learned about how to get a library card and all the fun books and movies they could check out.



JA IMSA

IMSA Fusion is an extracurricular activity that focuses on Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). This year at Jane Addams the students are working on Dive In: Oceanographic Engineering curriculum. Students have been learning about the ocean, building a desalination system, creating a pearl oyster net and evaluating their crop of pearls. The curriculum challenges students to think critically and to problem solve.



JA Fall Fest

Jane Addams families came together on Nov. 8 for the PTO's Annual Fall Fest. Students and their families enjoyed fall games, crafts, treats, photo ops and raffles. A special thank you to the staff and parents for all their hard work in organizing such a wonderful event!

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NEWS89 **School District89BRIEFS**



MP Police **Speak with** **Students about** **“Stranger Danger”**

On Oct. 28, Officer Guzman and Officer Lascola gave a “Stranger Danger” presentation to students in preschool through first grade at Melrose Park School. Students received booklets to take home and share with their families. Thank you to the Melrose Park Police Department for being a part of our #D89Community!



DHH Community **Presentation**

On Nov. 14, Police and Fire Department personnel learned about D89’s Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHH) Program serving PreK-eighth-grade students who may be deaf, hard of hearing or have other needs related to hearing loss. Students had a chance to teach common American Sign Language (ASL) signs to the emergency personnel as well as ask questions. This was another great opportunity for our students to build on their relationships within the community and for our community members to learn new communication skills to serve the DHH population.



Super **BPAC**

On Saturday, Oct. 19, School District 89 hosted a SuperBPAC (Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee) along with Proviso Township High School 209, Lindop 92, Bellwood 88, Hillside 93 and Berkeley 87. Parents engaged in a presentation by Dr. Ferney Ramirez on the topic of Resiliency. They learned that resiliency starts at home for students and it can carry into the school setting. When students build a foundation of resiliency, they are better adept to challenges they may face at school or in their personal lives.

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VeteransDayVisit

First-grade dual language students at Melrose Park School welcomed two veterans to their classroom on Veterans Day. CPL Bianca Lagunas Velazquez and SGT Erik Pepin gave a presentation on their experiences in the United States Marine Corps.

Thank you CPL Lagunas Velazquez and SGT Pepin for your service and for taking the time to spend the day with our Mighty Mustangs!



WozEdCodingClub

Second and third graders at Melrose Park School are learning beginning programmer concepts in the WozEd Coding Club. Ms. Ramirez and Ms. Cawthorne led a class discussion where students examined examples of algorithms in daily life.

Fourth and fifth graders use color codes to tell their Ozobots what to do. Ms. Bartuch guides the students in learning about basic coding concepts such as cause/effect critical thinking and debugging.



ArtClub Students LearnAbout Architecture

Stevenson's Art Club recently took a field trip on an architectural boat tour on the Chicago River with Chicago Line Cruises. Students had a great time learning about the history, designs and innovations of Chicago's world-renowned architecture.

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StevensonRobotics

Eighth-grade students in Ms. Auld's STEM class worked together to design their own robotic race cars. They were able to build, test and modify their robots until they achieved their goal of having the fastest race car possible. Students were responsible for designing, assembling, wiring and coding their own robots. After countless tests and modifications, students raced their cars against one another to crown a class champion.



Happy Holidays
from
School District 89



WillyWonka

Stevenson Middle School students performed Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka* on Nov. 21 and 22. The musical is based on the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Thank you to all the parents, administrators, teachers, staff and community members who made this production possible!

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CALLING ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 89 ALUMNI!!! Kickin It for a Cause 2020 Scholarship Launch



**Friday, January 31, 2020
6pm – 9pm**

Lightford Recreation Center
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Our mission is to recruit students of color for college to pursue a teaching career and to support innovation in the classroom through scholarships and teacher grants in Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89.



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For information contact Board Member, Nathaniel G. Booker
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Sacred Heart School SNIPPETS





Sacred Heart School Pasta Dinner



Installation Mass of Fr. Ortega for Sacred Heart and St. Eulalia Parish

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Rosary Crew – Sixth Grade

Sacred Heart School

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Grand Prize - \$2,500

2nd Place - \$1,000

3rd Place - \$500

Tickets are \$10 each.

Drawing will be held on Sunday, January 25th 2020

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On Sunday, Nov. 24 Santa and Mrs. Claus Arrived at Winston Plaza By Helicopter



On Sunday, Nov. 24, Mayor Serpico joined a large crowd that gathered in the parking lot at Winston Plaza to experience the fun and excitement of the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Children, with their Christmas list in hand, waited anxiously for the sound and sight of the helicopter carrying the Clauses to their Winston Plaza destination.

As the helicopter landed Santa and Mrs. Claus were greeted with a loud cheer from the hundreds of families who were there for the fun of the holidays.

A special thank you to Winston Plaza for the seasonal joy that it spreads to members of the Melrose Park community.





7-Eleven Hosts Grand Opening of New Store in Melrose Park

On Thursday, Dec. 5, Mayor Serpico attending the grand opening celebration of Melrose Park’s newest 7-Eleven store located at 2418 W. North Ave. (southeast corner of 25th and North Ave.).

7-Eleven invited members of the community to join in the fun and be a part of the grand opening activities that included product discounts, giveaways, a Chicago Blackhawks ticket raffle, free slurpees, Big Gulp drinks, coffee, Big Bite hot dogs, pizza slices, ring donuts and entertainment, as well as a chance to meet '85 Chicago Bears legend Keith Van Horne, and the Drive’s Greg Easterling and the Drive Road Crew who were there providing music and giveaways to all visitors.

7-Eleven encourages customers to take advantage of its 7Rewards mobile loyalty program when shopping for treats to take on board. Shoppers can earn and redeem rewards points toward hundreds of 7-Eleven products including coffee, Slurpee drinks, chips and fresh food items. The app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play.



Mayor Serpico is pictured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Melrose Park’s newest 7-Eleven along with MP Deputy Police Chief Steve Rogowski, MP Director of Economic Development Mike Sicuro and reps from 7-Eleven.

 **Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
From the Nicotera Family**

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Sams Beauty Warehouse Now Open in Melrose Park



This past November, Sams Beauty Warehouse launched their grand opening celebration at its new Melrose Park location – 1101 W. North Ave.

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As their mission states – Sams strives to be the trendsetters' number one destination for all things beauty. Their staff and stylists are committed to bring customers an outstanding value without sacrifice in quality and style. Stop by Sams today!

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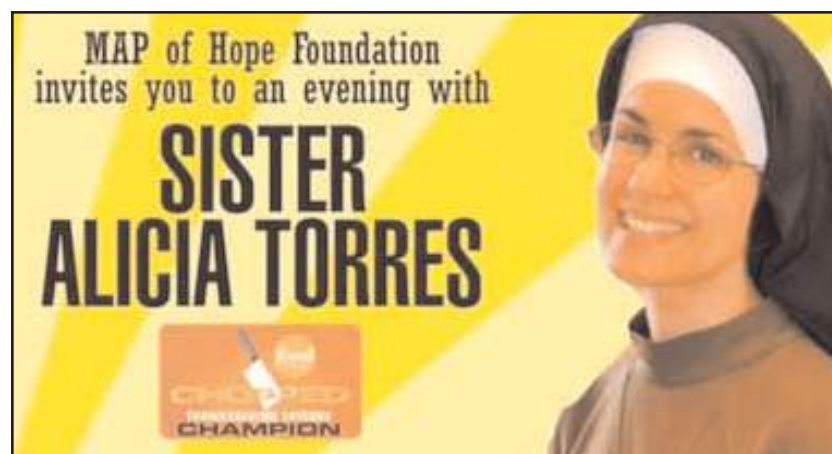
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Happy Holidays

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MAP of Hope Foundation's Fourth Annual Evening with Food Network's *Chopped* Star Sr. Alicia Torres – Tuesday, Jan. 7



On Tuesday, Jan. 7, members of the MAP of Hope Foundation are proudly hosting another very special occasion for a great cause – The MAP of Hope Foundation's Epiphany Event with Sr. Alicia Torres (Food Network show *Chopped* champion).

The event will be held at Mancini's Chop House (1807 Division St., Melrose Park) from 7-9 p.m. Tickets (adults only, \$50 per) are limited and must be purchased in advance by calling Mary Ann at (708) 279-0519 or by visiting www.mapofhopefoundation.org.



Proceeds from the event benefit Our Lady of the Angels Mission. Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Mission food pantry.

The MAP of Hope Foundation is a 501(c)3 charity. Take advantage of a year-end tax write-off.



**The Altar & Rosary Society
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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine
Presents
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Sunday, January 12, 2020

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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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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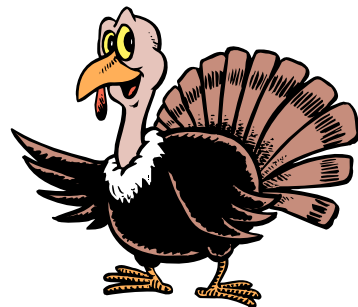
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Thank You to All Melrose Park Mayor Serpico's Thanksgiving Day Meal Delivery Volunteers!

A special thanks to all the volunteers who took some time on Thanksgiving Day to help with Mayor Serpico's 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Program. More than 135 meals, prepared by Cuomo Catering, were delivered to Melrose Park's senior and disabled residents.



MP Social Club Kicks Off Holiday Celebrations

Recently, members of the Melrose Park Senior Social Club got together to celebrated the 2019 holiday season with a festive Thanksgiving luncheon at Taverna on Division and a Christmas Bash at Tom's Steak House.

Club members spread holiday cheer and enjoyed some fun. The fabulous entertainment for the Thanksgiving seasonal celebration launch was provided by Tony Ocean.



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Winter Events at Trailside Museum of Natural History

The Trailside Museum
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**For more information
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Whether you like cross-country skiing or painting, learning about animals or warming yourself around a camp fire, winter in the Forest Preserves of Cook County has something to offer everyone.

This season you can visit the preserves to go sledding, camping or hiking and learn more about activities at our six nature centers for kids, nature lovers, history buffs or anyone experiencing a little cabin fever. Most events are free, and every one is fun.

The Forest Preserves are a resource for everyone. So choose your own adventure: What do you want to do on your visit to the Preserves? Owl prowling or scavenger hunt? Date night or wildlife hike? It's up to you – but no matter your choice, we hope to see you in the Preserves!

THROUGHOUT the WINTER

Snowshoe Lending – Snowshoes available when snow is 4" or more. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call for more information.

Bone Appetit – Join us at feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals. Saturdays, Dec. 28, Jan. 11, Feb. 22 and 29 – 1 p.m.

Nature Story Time – Nature-inspired stories followed by a craft. Ages 3-6 w/adult. • Thursdays, Jan. 2 and 16, Feb. 6 and 20 – 10:30 a.m.

Nature Tots* – Explore nature and nature play with your tot. We'll go outdoors in nice weather. Ages 2-5 w/adult. • Wednesdays, Jan. 8, Feb. 5 – 10 a.m.

Fireside Yoga at Thatcher Woods* – Bring your mat and join us for an indoor yoga class surrounded by nature. Ages 12 and up. • Saturdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 1 – 9 a.m.

Thatcher Woods Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave., River Forest

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam – Come play along or just listen at our indoor jam. Make a simple musical instrument or bring your own. • Sundays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 – 1 p.m.

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DECEMBER

Winter Solstice Stories* – Join us for a sampling of stories from many cultures and enjoy hot chocolate and s'mores. • Friday, Dec. 20 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Winter Solstice Nature Hike – Explore our trails on the first day of winter and make s'mores around a camp fire. • Saturday, Dec. 21 • 1 p.m.

Raptor Rendezvous – Learn about local owls and hawks, meet a live raptor and more. • Monday, Dec. 30 • 1 p.m.

JANUARY

Animal Keeper for a Day* – Learn about animal care at Trailside in this interactive experience. Ages 12 and up. \$10/person. • Friday, Jan. 3 • 9-11 a.m.

New Year's Resolution Walk – Fulfill your resolution of being more active by taking a brisk guided walk on our trails. • Saturday, Jan. 4 • 1 p.m.

Winter Bird Walk – We'll observe bird feeder action then head out for a trail walk. Binoculars available. • Saturday, Jan. 18 • 9:30 a.m.

Winter Scavenger Hunt and Campfire – Enjoy a winter afternoon hunt for signs of animals and plant life, followed by snacks and a campfire. \$2/person. • Saturday, Jan. 19 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Winter Tree Secrets* – Join a naturalist as we uncover how to identify trees in winter. Ages 18 and up. • Saturday, Jan. 25 • 1:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Groundhog Day – Hear how this animal got its own holiday, do special activities and make your own groundhog weather predictor. All ages. • Sunday, Feb. 2 • 1 p.m.

Trailside Book Club – Join this season's book discussion about *A Siege of Bitterns* by Steve Burrow. • Thursday, Feb. 6 • 7 p.m.

Warm Hearts, Cold Noses Hike* – Go for a guided nature walk to learn about love in the animal world. Ages 18 and up. • Saturday, Feb. 15 • 1 p.m.

Bird N' Bagel* – Learn about birds at the feeder with John Elliott of Chicago Audubon. Enjoy hot drinks, bagels and a short bird walk. • Saturday, Feb. 22 • 9 a.m.

The Des Plaines River and the Underground Railroad – Take a guided hike along the Des Plaines River to a site that was part of the Underground Railroad. • Sunday, Feb. 23 • 1 p.m.



Some Exciting News from the Zoo!

Brookfield Zoo Lights Up for the 38th Year of Holiday Magic

This festive season, continue a tradition or start a new one with family and friends at Brookfield Zoo's 38th annual Holiday Magic, presented by ComEd and Meijer. The longest-running lights festival in the Chicagoland area features more than 1 million LED lights that will illuminate the zoo on Saturdays and Sundays, December 21-22, as well as December 26-31. The zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., during Holiday Magic. Guests can come early to enjoy the entire zoo and stay late for the festivities beginning at 4 p.m.

New this year, zoogoers can stroll through a spectacular 600-foot-long tunnel featuring thousands of colorful LED lights synchronized to music and an amazing light display of hexagon-shaped trees, mirror balls, and "dancing" holiday trees on the West Mall. There will also be the ever-popular 41-foot-tall Talking Tree and a giant 20-foot-lit orb, where guests can stand inside to take memorable photos. Larger-than-life LED animal sculptures of a bison, bear, giraffe and reindeer adorn the north, south and east malls, and a holiday light show will be displayed on the facade of The Swamp building. Searchlights will brighten the sky around Roosevelt Fountain that is surrounded by 60 decorated themed corporate trees. Finally, nearly 600 trees adorned with ornaments by Chicagoland communities line the walkways along the zoo's malls adding to the holiday ambience.

Many other magical activities taking place throughout the festive evenings include professional ice carving demonstrations, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus (through December 22), live musical and dance performances in the Holly Jolly Theater, and magic shows. Additionally, in the Riverside Room, guests can view "Santa's Toy Shop" model railroad display and decorate cupcakes (extra fee applies) at BZ Red Hots restaurant.

On the East Mall, guests can rent or bring their own skates and take a spin on the Chicago Wolves Skating Rink.

Animal areas open during Holiday Magic include Australia House, Big Cats, Desert's Edge, Feathers and Scales, Great Bear Wilderness, Hamill Family Play Zoo, Hamill Family Wild Encounters (parakeet aviary closed), Pachyderm Building, Regenstein Wolf Woods, Reptiles and Birds, Seven Seas Underwater Viewing Gallery, Clouded Leopard Rain Forest, The Living Coast, The Swamp and Tropic World. Several animal Zoo Chats take place throughout each evening, and a Dolphins in Action presentation can be seen every night at 6 p.m. In addition, restaurants will be open as well as gift shops offering an array of unique items.

On the final evening of Holiday Magic, Dec. 31, families can ring in 2020 at the Zoo Year's Eve celebration featuring an early countdown at 8 p.m. A DJ sets the party tone with fun games, party favors and prizes in the Holly Jolly Theater. An earlier countdown at 7:30 p.m. will take place inside Hamill Family Play Zoo, where youngsters can make festive noisemakers. This kid-friendly countdown is perfect for families with children ages 6 and under.

Visitors should park in Brookfield Zoo's main parking lot located at 8400 31st Street in Brookfield. Regular admission is \$21.95 for adults and \$15.95 for children ages 3-11, and seniors 65 and older. Children 2 and under are free. Activities are free with paid admission (with the exception of in-park paid attractions, photo opportunities and cupcake decorating). Car parking is \$14; bus parking is \$20. Discounted tickets may be purchased at any of the Chicagoland Meijer locations in Illinois. Groups of 20 or more may purchase discounted tickets by going to CZS.org/GroupSales or calling (708) 688-8431. For more information and a complete schedule of Holiday Magic activities and entertainment, visit CZS.org/HolidayMagic or call (708) 688-8000. (Photos – Chicago Zoological Society.)



A 41-foot-tall Talking Tree near the north entrance greets guests to Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic.



More than 1 million LED lights illuminate Brookfield Zoo for its 38th annual Holiday Magic festival.



Guests can take a spin on the skating rink at Brookfield Zoo during its annual Holiday Magic.

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

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Proviso Township Handyman News: Did You Know? Holiday Update

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

Obituaries

Akers

Dywayne "Dutch" Akers went to the Lord on Dec. 4 surrounded by his loving family. Dutch was a Hot Wheel enthusiast for many years. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Alvarado

Ernesto Alvarado. Dearly beloved husband of Rosalva Alvarado (nee Meza); loving father of Kassandra and Mateo; beloved son of Francisco and Celia Alvarado; dear brother of Lucy, Elida, Veronica, Manuel and Mari Cruz; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Cumbo

Sam Cumbo, proud veteran of the United States Navy. Beloved husband of Irene (nee Angelico); loving father of Gary (Linda), Gail (Ed) Worthman, Linda (Chuck) Weyer; beloved son of the late Andrew and Carmella Cumbo; cherished grandfather of Nicholas Cumbo, Kristin Cumbo, Kyle Worthman, Kara Born and Carissa Hess; great-grandfather of Aubrey Cumbo, Landon Cumbo, Haisley Cumbo, Maggie Lou Born and Mallory Cumbo; dear brother of the late Angelo, Grace Doti, Joseph Cumbo, Leo Cumbo, Peter Cumbo, and Mario Cumbo; dear brother-in-law of Russ and Leona Angelico; loving uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Degliomini

Rose Degliomini, nee Vicari. Dearly beloved wife of the late Tony; loving mother of Anthony (the late Marguerite), Diane (Robert) Dituri, Susan (the late John) Knight, Joseph (Pam) and Ann Marie (John) Stanfa; cherished grandmother of 12; great-grandmother of 17; great-great-grandmother of two; dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Dempsey

Madeline M. "Cookie" Dempsey, nee Manzella. Loving mother of Gina (Bruce) Fumarolo; beloved daughter of John and Shirley Manzella; dear sister of Yvonne (Joe) Baker and the late Jacqueline; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

DiVenere

Antonio DiVenere, PhD. Loving son of Gaetano and Ida; dearest brother of six; dear uncle of 14; great-uncle of two. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

Gomez

Alicia M. Gomez. Dearly beloved wife of Ercilio Sr.; loving mother of Ercilio Jr. (Jennifer) and Mario Gonzalez; beloved daughter of Miguel and the late Rafaela; cherished grandmother of Ercilio III, Moises, Damen, Raven, Xzavier, Brianna, Chyenne and Mario Jr.; dear sister of Pedro, Raymond, RoseMary Hernandez, Dolores Quinones, Henrietta Kuczin, Margarite Gomez-Berzins and the late Danny and Andy; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Gonzalez

Jose Guadalupe Gonzalez. Jose continues to exist within his beautiful wife Maria Mercedes, his 13 children, 34 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and his extended family and friends. (Jose was the loving father of Nora Mota and father-in-law of Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota, and cherished grandfather of their children, Victoria, Vivian and Arturo.) Arrangements by Woodlawn Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum.

Gurrola

Elsa Ortiz Gurrola. Dearly beloved wife of Ruben Ortiz; loving mother of Ruben (Maria), Michelle, Elizabeth and Judy; cherished grandmother of Rodolfo, Naomi, Javier, Marissa, Alex, Sean and Madison; dear sister to the Gurrola family; loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Larry

Joanne Larry. Loving mother of Gail, Peggy (Rocky) DiFazio and the late Suzanne (Doug) Elzinga; fond grandmother of Mark (Becky) Holstein, Vicky (Greg) Poling, Heather Holstein, Dominic (Ashley) DiFazio, Trisha (Karen) DiFazio, Mike Liedke, Jim Frey and Danny Liedke; fond great-grandmother of Gavin, Lexi Jo, Alyssa, Griffin Boot and Madison; dear sister of Roberta (Kenneth) Paulson; fond aunt of Andy (Ann) Paulson, Scott (Teri) Paulson and Gary (Susan) Paulson; loving cousin of the late Dolores; loving friend of many people. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Eden Cemetery.

McElmeel

Shelvie J. McElmeel, nee Cadle. Loving mother of Brian (Eileen), Greg (Jackie), and the late Mary and the late Joseph; cherished grandmother of Kevin (Kara), Ryan (fiancee' Sonya), Shannon (fiancee' Artur), Kaitlyn (fiancee' Chris), Maegan and Joey; great-grandmother of Ashlyn; dear sister of Ronald Sr. and the late Lacy and Macy; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Niekrasz

Edward S. Niekrasz. Dearly beloved husband of Kim C.; loving father of David and Meagan, and Korie; beloved son of the late Edward and Lottie; fond son-in-law of La Verne Walker; dear brother of Mary Ellen (Steve) Mann and Jimmy (Sue) Niekrasz; sister-in-law of Karen Koshman-Marks; cherished uncle of Debra, Michelle, Kayla and Daniel. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Novelli

Frank Novelli. Dearly beloved husband of Lisa (nee Alfeiri); loving father of Frank and Nicholas; beloved son of Frank and Betty Novelli; cherished brother of Tony (Alisa), Annie (Michael) Giuffre, Tina (Greg) Soulides, Lisa (Ron) Spata and Gina (Tony) Caponi; loving son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private. Proud charter captain.

Passarella

John F Passarella, proud veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Assunta "Susie"; loving father of Florence (the late William) Krefft, John, Rocky, Rick (Carla), Rachel, Joell (the late Frank) Pochop, Frankie and the late Dominic; beloved son of the late John and Florence; fond grandfather of Bill (Lauren), Deanna, John, Lisa, Nichole, Kristen (Tango), Ricky (Liz), Megan, Jacqueline and Nicolette; great-grandfather of eight; dear brother of the late Frank (Dianne); loving uncle, cousin and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Passaretti

Catherine Passaretti, nee Branda, 96, formerly of Melrose Park. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Albina (Francis) Verde and Michael (Bonnie) Passaretti; cherished grandmother of David (Clare) Verde, Steve (Michelle) Verde and Joseph Passaretti; great-grandmother of Anthony, Megan Ashlee and Carl; fond sister of the late Dominic (Millie) Branda, Antoinette (Rocky) Militello, Carmella (Silvio) Paolantonio and JoAnn (Bob) Rollins; aunt and great-aunt of many. Arrangements by Steuerle Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Crucifixion Garden Mausoleum.

Rodriguez

Marcos Rodriguez of Franklin Park. Dearly beloved friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Sperando

Elisha Sperando. Loving mother of Skye (David) Loeffler; beloved daughter of June (Ken) Adams and the late Robert Sperando; loving sister of Jonah, Nicolette, Chuck, Phil, Ethan and Melissa. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Turano

Patricia A. Turano, nee Filishio, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 23 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 75. Beloved wife of Senatore Renato Turano for a loving 54 years; devoted mother of Lisa Turano, Renee (Bobby) Novelle and Mario (Wanda) Turano; loving daughter of the late Michael and the late Mary (nee Iacullo) Filishio; fond grandmother of Renzo, Nico, Reno, Malina, Gabriella, Alessandra, Gioia, Renato and Rocco; dear sister of Michele (the late John) Krunis and Tina (Laurie "Monk") Gragnani; dear sister-in-law to Umberto (Eugenia) Turano and Giancarlo (Karen) Turano; dear aunt, great-aunt, cousin, godmother and friend to many. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Entombment private.

Volpe

Peter "Paradise Pete" Volpe. Beloved husband of the late Theresa (nee Milano); loving father of Sarah D'Amico, John, Rose (Dave) Miller and the late Paul (Paula); cherished grandfather of Laura, John, Jennifer, Cheryl and Danielle; great-grandfather of Ica, Nico, Gio, Santino, Bianca, Gianna, Brandon, Mackenzie, Paul and Timothy; devoted brother of Angelina (the late Bob) Perna; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum.

Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

Take notice that the village of Melrose Park, Cook County, Ill., will conduct the regular scheduled meetings of the president and the board of trustees on the second and fourth Mondays of each calendar month, unless otherwise noted, at 6 p.m. at the Village Board Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Police Department, 1 N. Broadway Ave., Melrose Park.

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2019 is: Dec. 23.

The schedule for calendar year 2020 is: Jan. 13 and 27; Feb. 10 and 24; March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27; May 11 and Tuesday, May 26; June 8 and 22; July 13 and 27; Aug. 10 and 24; Sept. 14 and 28; Tuesday, Oct. 13 and 26; Nov. 9 and 23; and Dec. 14 and 28.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019; Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019; New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019; New Year's Day – Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 20, 2020; Presidents Day – Monday, Feb. 17, 2020; Good Friday – Friday, April 10, 2020; Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 2020; Independence Day – Friday, July 3, 2020; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 7, 2020; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 12, 2020; Veterans Day – Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 27, 2020; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020; Christmas Day – Friday, Dec. 25, 2020; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.

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

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.

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