

## Season's Greetings!



### A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Dear Neighbors,

Even though I tried to observe COVID-19 protocols, I was still struck down by this illness and unfortunately had to spend several days at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. I am slowly resuming normal activities. I want to express my deep gratitude to the Gottlieb staff for their excellent care and to those who sent me well wishes for a speedy recovery, I am most appreciative.



**Ronald M. Serpico**  
Mayor

The pandemic has dramatically changed how we carry out everyday life and it will most certainly affect how we celebrate this holiday season. Office parties will not be held, grandparents will watch grandchildren open presents over Zoom or FaceTime, many will do Christmas shopping online, church services curtailed, and large family and neighborhood gatherings will be all but non-existent.

All of this got me to thinking, and so I did some research to find out the last time America faced such dire circumstances during a holiday season. The closest I found was how Christmas was celebrated during World War II.

During World War II, many families were dealing with the separation of loved ones who were overseas fighting, this situation was made all the more painful by the holiday season. There were very few families left untouched by the tragedy of war and many were forced to realize that the empty chair at the Christmas table would remain that way always.

Gift giving presented unique challenges. Many consumer items weren't manufactured due to shortages of raw materials and conversions of factories for military use. The worst scarcity was that of toys for children. Toys with metal or rubber parts weren't available. Toy manufacturers switched to wood and cardboard, and to the new plastics that were just coming out.

Rationing of sugar and butter meant fewer holiday goodies. Meat, ham, along with many other food necessities were rationed and turkey was not plentiful because the armed services worked hard to provide turkey dinners to all the forces overseas.

Holiday traveling to visit family and friends had to be curtailed due to gasoline rationing and the necessity of the rail system for the movement of troops and supplies.

Outdoor Christmas lights were also a wartime casualty. Blackout conditions existed for both safety reasons and to conserve fuel. There were fewer Christmas trees because of the shortage of men to cut them down. And many department stores employed women to dress up as Santa Claus.

As you can see, Americans have weathered similar stressful holiday seasons in the past and ended up a stronger more vibrant society because of it. I am convinced, with the news of an imminent vaccine, that we will return to our robust holiday celebrations of the past in 2021.

I, along with the village clerk, the village trustees, village employees and my wife, Donna, wish you a Merry Christmas, a healthy 2021 ... and even though this holiday season will be like no other, please do your best to make some great holiday memories for your children!

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



Follow us on  
facebook

Sincerely,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico

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



# Village of Melrose Park

**Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor**

**Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk**

## Trustees

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## Important

### Melrose Park Village Hall Notice ...

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



## To Know

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

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

**Birth Certificates • First Copy – \$15, additional copies \$4 each.**

**Death Certificates • First Copy – \$17, additional copies \$6 each.**

**Water, Tickets, Etc.**

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

**Police Emergency .....911**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.**

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

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

**Taste of Melrose Park**

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

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

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

# Resident Response

## Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...

This letter is to express my appreciation for the assistance provided to us by several members of your department in the search for two offenders who had been involved in an attempted murder in Aurora, Ill.

On Oct. 3, 2020, an incident occurred in Aurora in which a victim was shot while being robbed. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that the shooter was believed to be Richard Gaston of Melrose Park. Detectives from Aurora contacted your department and received a tremendous amount of support and cooperation from the following supervisors and officers: Lt. Sam Chiappetta, Sgt. Steve Pesce, Sgt. John Schillinger, Ofc. Lenny Bartemio, Ofc. John Amabile, Ofc. Sam Pitassi and Ofc. James Schiller. They assisted with surveillance of Gaston's residence for several days and gave us valuable information with prior contacts for both of our offenders and our offending vehicle. Their dedication and cooperation in this case assisted us with the eventual apprehension of both offenders in Wisconsin.

Lt. Sam Chiappetta, Sgt. Steve Pesce, Sgt. John Schillinger, Ofc. Lenny Bartemio, Ofc. John Amabile, Ofc. Sam Pitassi and Ofc. James Schiller represented the Melrose Park Police Department in a most professional and efficient manner.

On behalf of myself and the detectives involved in this case, we would like to thank your department and these fine sworn officers for the assistance that they provided us in this investigation.

• Sincerely,

Lt. Eric Westrom #998

Investigations Division

Aurora Police Department

# You're Making a Difference.

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





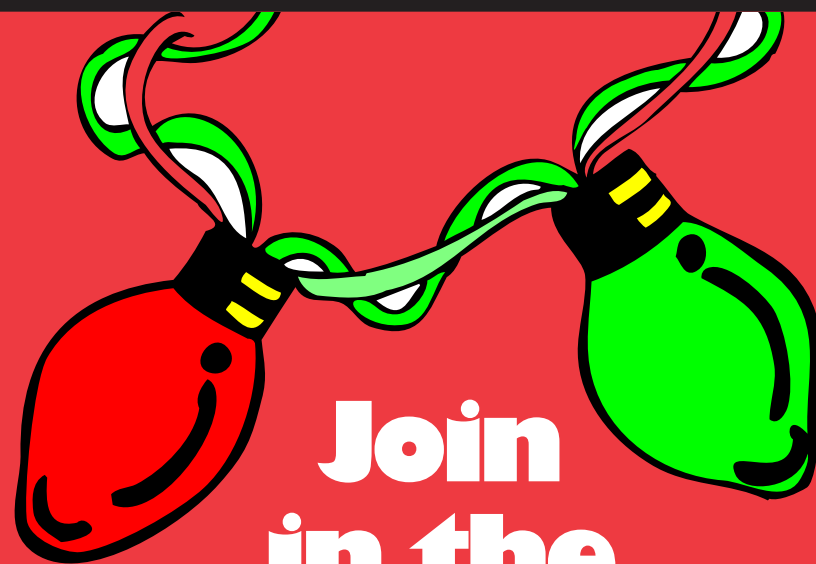
*Happy  
Holidays!*

from

**Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico**

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Mary Ramirez Taconi  
and the  
Employees of the  
Village of Melrose Park**



## **Join in the Seasonal Fun!**

**Is your home decorated  
for the holidays?**

**Send us a photo for the  
next issue of The Rose!**

**You could win a prize  
on behalf of  
Mayor Serpico  
and the Melrose Park  
Youth Commission.**

**Five top prizes (\$150 each) and  
five runners-up prizes (\$50 each)  
will be awarded for the best decorated!**

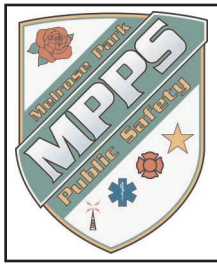
**Take a nighttime photo of your home all lit  
and email it to [therose@melrosepark.org](mailto:therose@melrosepark.org)  
on or before Jan. 8, 2021.**

**Type Mayor Serpico/MPYC Holiday Decorations  
in the subject line of your email and include your  
name, address and a phone number  
that's best to reach you at.**

**For more information,  
please call the  
MP Youth Commission at  
(708) 343-4000.**



# Melrose Park – COVID-19 Update



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

## Do You Know the 3 W's ?

The 3 W's are simple and important during these challenging times: Wear a mask, Watch your distance and Wash your hands.

- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).
- Watch your distance to maintain 6 feet between yourself and others when in public.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Masks are a simple barrier to help prevent your respiratory droplets from reaching others. Studies show that masks reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth.

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets. Respiratory droplets travel into the air when you cough, sneeze, talk, shout or sing. These droplets can then land in the mouths or noses of people who are near you or they may breathe these droplets in.

You should wear a mask, even if you do not feel sick. This is because several studies have found that people with COVID-19 who never develop symptoms (asymptomatic) and those who are not yet showing symptoms (pre-symptomatic) can still spread the virus to other people. The main function of wearing a mask is to protect those around you in case you are infected but not showing symptoms.

It is especially important to wear a mask when you are unable to stay at least 6 feet apart from others since COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

## A Mask Also Offers Some Protection to You, Too

How well it protects you from breathing in the virus likely depends on the fabrics used and how your mask is made (e.g., the type of fabric, the number of layers of fabric, how well the mask fits). CDC is currently studying these factors.

## Wear a Mask to Prevent Getting and Spreading COVID-19

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay 6 feet apart.
- Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection.
- Don't put the mask around your neck or up on your forehead.
- Don't touch the mask and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.



## Wear Your Mask Correctly

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask.
- Put it over your nose and mouth, and secure it under your chin.
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.
- CDC does not recommend use of masks or cloth masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

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

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

Additional information about COVID-19 can be found on the village's website — [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).



# Take Off Your Mask Carefully When You're Home

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops.
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties.
- Fold outside corners together.
- Store your cloth mask properly and wash it regularly to keep it clean. Consider having more than one mask on hand so that you can easily replace a dirty mask with a clean one.
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth when removing, and wash hands immediately after removing.

## Who Should Wear a Mask?

- Everyone 2 years of age and older should wear a mask in public settings and when they are around people who do not live in their household.
- Wear a mask when caring for someone who is sick with COVID-19 (whether at home or in a non-health-care setting).
- If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you may have COVID-19, wear a mask when you need to be around other people or animals, even in your own home.
- CDC recognizes there are specific instances when wearing a mask may not be feasible.

## Who Should Not Wear a Mask?

Masks should not be worn by:

- Children younger than 2 years old.
- Anyone who has trouble breathing.
- Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Wearing masks may be difficult for some people with sensory, cognitive or behavioral issues. If they are unable to wear a mask properly or cannot tolerate a mask, they should not wear one, and adaptations and alternatives should be considered.

## Tips for Social Distancing

When going out in public, it is important to stay at least 6 feet away from other people and wear a mask to slow the spread of COVID-19. Consider the following tips for practicing social distancing when you decide to go out.

- **Know Before You Go:** Before going out, know and follow the guidance from local public health authorities where you live.
- **Prepare for Transportation:** Consider social distancing options to travel safely when running errands or commuting to and from work, whether walking, bicycling, wheelchair rolling or using public transit, rideshares or taxis. When using public transit, try to keep at least 6 feet from other passengers or transit operators – for example, when you are waiting at a bus station or selecting seats on a bus or train. When using rideshares or taxis, avoid pooled rides where multiple passengers are picked up and sit in the back seat in larger vehicles so you can remain at least 6 feet away from the driver.
- **Limit Contact When Running Errands:** Only visit stores selling household essentials in person when you absolutely need to and stay at least 6 feet away from others who are not from your household while shopping and in lines. If possible, use drive-thru, curbside pick-up, or delivery services to limit face-to-face contact with others. Maintain physical distance between yourself and delivery service providers during exchanges and wear a mask.
- **Choose Safe Social Activities:** It is possible to stay socially connected with friends and family who don't live in your home by calling, using video chat or staying connected through social media. If meeting others in person (e.g., at small outdoor gatherings, yard or driveway gathering with a small group of friends or family members), stay at least 6 feet from others who are not from your household. Follow these steps to stay safe if you will be participating in personal and social activities outside of your home.
- **Keep Distance at Events and Gatherings:** It is safest to avoid crowded places and gatherings where it may be difficult to stay at least 6 feet away from others who are not from your household. If you are in a crowded space, try to keep 6 feet of space between yourself and others at all times and wear a mask. Masks are especially important in times when physical distancing is difficult. Pay attention to any physical guides, such as tape markings on floors or signs on walls, directing attendees to remain at least 6 feet apart from each other in lines or at other times. Allow other people 6 feet of space when you pass by them in both indoor and outdoor settings.
- **Stay Distanced While Being Active:** Consider going for a walk, bike ride or wheelchair roll in your neighborhood or in another safe location where you can maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and other pedestrians and cyclists. If you decide to visit a nearby park, trail or recreational facility, first check for closures or restrictions. If open, consider how many other people might be there and choose a location where it will be possible to keep at least 6 feet of space between yourself and other people who are not from your household.

## Practice Hand Hygiene

Before entering and after exiting stores or markets, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Wash your hands before touching your eyes, nose or mouth because that's how germs can enter our bodies. Wash your hands after you have been in a public place and touched an item or surface that may be frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts or electronic cashier registers/screens, etc.

# Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

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

Follow these five steps every time.

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



## Protect Yourself While You are Out

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Thank you and be safe!**

## Are You Interested in Being More Involved in Your Community?

The Village of Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety is currently accepting applications for volunteers. The department has varying areas for you to choose from. Training is free, all it costs is your time and effort.

There are many areas of specialty training to choose from. Don't just sit on the sidelines and be an armchair quarterback, get involved in your community today.

Experience the thrill and excitement of being involved in the special events that happen every year in the village of Melrose Park. From the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to the Taste of Melrose Park and HispanoFest, be involved every step of the way in these activities.

**Don't wait VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

For more information, call (708) 649-8080 or visit our website at [www.mpdes.org](http://www.mpdes.org).



# Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame  
Director of Fire Department*

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

**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!**



From the  
**Melrose Park  
Fire  
Department**

## 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.





# *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.**

**A Message  
from  
Director  
of Police  
Sam C.  
Pitassi**



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Director of Police*



Visit the  
Melrose Park  
Police Department  
Website at  
[www.melroseparkpd.com](http://www.melroseparkpd.com)

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

The website can be  
translated to  
Spanish and Polish.

**Melrose Park Police Department Notice**

**PARKING  
RESTRICTIONS**

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

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

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



## Melrose Park Police Department

*Connecting  
You to  
Community  
Resources!*

# Holiday Safety Tips

The following holiday safety tips were compiled in cooperation with the MPPD Crime Prevention Section to contribute to the safety and security of people during the holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. The Melrose Park Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

## Driving

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

## Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a police station, mall, or well-lighted location.
- Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

## Shopping

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your driver's license or identification card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.



## Children

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

## At Home

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.
- Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

## Operation Identification

- The goal of Operation Identification is to deter property-related crime and to assist the Melrose Park Police Department in their efforts to find and return stolen or lost property to its rightful owner. Remember the following:
  - Mark gifts with your driver's license or identification card number.
  - Do not use your Social Security number.
  - For items that cannot be marked with an engraver, photograph or videotape the items.

## Strangers at Your Door

- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.
- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.
- Donate to a recognized charitable organization.

## Hosting a Party

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.
- Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.
- Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

## Attending a Party

- Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.
- Remember, only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.
- Know your safe limit.
- Never drink and drive.



## Melrose Park Police Department

*Connecting  
You to  
Community  
Resources!*

*Season's  
Greetings!*



From the  
**MELROSE PARK  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SAM C. PITASSI**  
**DIRECTOR OF POLICE**  
**STEVEN ROGOWSKI**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE**



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**PETS &  
PEOPLE  
SUPPORT  
PROGRAM**



**ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE'S**

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

**WORKING TO KEEP PETS & PEOPLE TOGETHER**

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

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

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



# Need help with your pet?

**WE WANT TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER.**



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

## REACH OUT

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

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

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

## BEHAVIOR ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ASSISTANCE WITH PET FOOD

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MEDICAL & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

## REHOMING ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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



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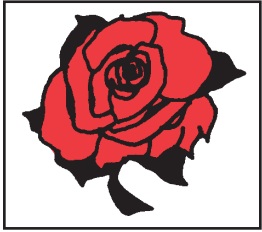
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**FOR A FULL LIST OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE VISIT: [HTTPS://MYAAPP.ORG/PET-RESOURCES/](https://myaapp.org/pet-resources/)**

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

**Chicagoland Lifesaving Coalition**





# Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

*From the Desk of  
Gary Marine,  
Director of Public Works*

## TV Pickup

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

## Feeding Wildlife

Attention Winston Park Area Residents – Please refrain from feeding wildlife, especially deer, around the Winston Park area. The food is attracting skunks and raccoons, and they are becoming a nuisance throughout this area.

## Attention Residents Along Silver Creek Embankment

Please refrain from throwing grass clippings and any other yard waste into the creek.

## 2020 Senior Painting Program is Closed, Apply Now for 2021!

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

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

2021 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2021.  
Only one item will be painted per year.  
Get your request in early as the list fills fast.

### Mayor Serpico's 2021 MP Painting Program Request Form

Please print clearly.

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

One item to be painted (please circle one only):  
Fence   Garage Door   Railings

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

## 2021 Tree Planting for Parkways

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway for 2021 (one tree per household), we are compiling a list for 2021 Fall Tree Planting. To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

## 2021 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program

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

## 25th Avenue Municipal Lot

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

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

## Snow Routes

Please follow all snow route signs throughout the village streets. Please remove your vehicle from the snow route when 2 inches or more of snow falls. This will help expedite snow removal quickly.

## Village Street Sweeping

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



## Silver Creek Restoration Project Phase Four

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

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

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

## MP Dog Park

The village of Melrose Park Dog Park hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall. The fenced-in Dog Park is located at 13th and Main Street. Dog Park licenses are available at the Village Hall.

Please follow rules posted at the park.



*The Public Works employees are always in full force, working to keep the village of Melrose Park clean and well-maintained.  
If you have a request, please feel free to call Gary M. Marine, director of Public Works at (708) 343-5128.*



# Public Works Department Street Paving and Alley Project

## Street Paving Projects Completed

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

Lake Street to Division –  
21st and 22nd Avenues

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

North Avenue to Division –  
23rd Avenue

Augusta –  
15th to 19th Avenue

Braddock Street, Charleston Court,  
Clinton Court, Channing Court  
and Clay Court

## Alley Project Phase 3

This year's 10 alley projects  
have been completed.

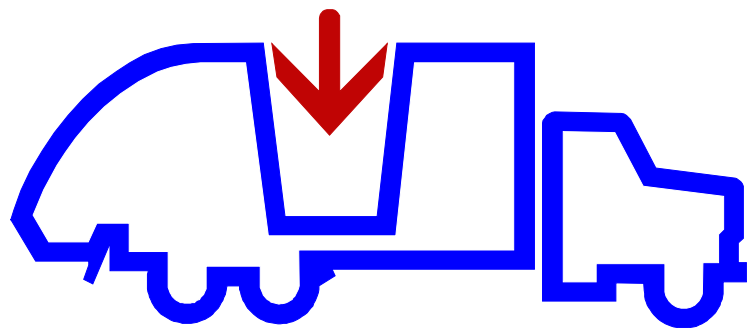


## Maywood Park Racetrack Entrance Sign

The village of Melrose Park has secured the old Maywood Park Racetrack entrance sign. Installation of the sign has been completed at the Library for the Melrose Park Historical Society. The village of Melrose Park and the Historical Society's focus is to save, restore and highlight the many village of Melrose Park historical landmarks.







# Village of Melrose Park Residential Garbage Pickup Information

## Republic Services Garbage Schedule for Residential Bi-Weekly Pickup

24th Avenue to 11th Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

Winston Park Area – Tuesday and Friday

West Melrose – Tuesday and Friday

North of North Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

Republic Services is contracted to pick up your regular, everyday garbage and household items, such as couches, tables, mattresses, box springs, desks and chairs, etc.

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

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

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

## The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department Garbage Pickup Schedule

24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – North Side from Cortez to North Avenue – Monday

24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – South Side from Cortez to Main Street – Tuesday

Winston Park Area – Wednesday

West Melrose – Thursday

North of North Avenue – Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

This service is for Melrose Park residents in single and two-flat buildings only.

Commercial and apartment buildings must use a private scavenger company.

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

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

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

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



# Melrose Park Fire Department, Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety, Assist Gottlieb Memorial Hospital with Drills



On Oct. 28, evacuation drills were conducted in the Rehabilitation Unit located on the 6th floor West of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. The purpose of the exercise was to demonstrate the actual physical movement/evacuation of Rehabilitation Unit patients from the 6th floor down to the ground level and into a waiting ambulance.

Members of the Melrose Park Fire Department and Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety participated in this drill. Their role was that of observer, safety and instruction.

At the beginning of each drill, the evacuation policy was reviewed as well as the acronym RACE (Rescue, Alert, Contain, Extinguish), Command responsibilities at the Incident Command, Unit and Evacuation Team levels were discussed, the role of first responders during such an event and safety protocols for the drill were explained.

The drill commenced with the decision to evacuate having been made. The drill was conducted multiple times on each shift to ensure all colleagues had a chance to participate. Each drill ended with the patient being placed into a waiting ambulance.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Melrose Park  
Departments of  
Homeland Security ~  
Public Safety**

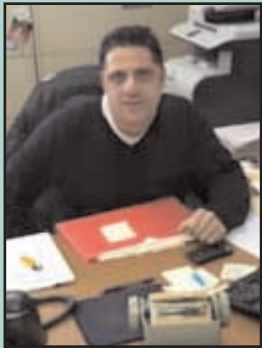


*Merry Christmas  
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Happy New Year!*

**VILLAGE OF  
MELROSE PARK  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT**

# From The Office of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner

The cooler weather is here and many residents and business owners will be performing construction projects to their homes and businesses.



**Ralph Sorce**  
*Building Commissioner*

If you are planning to update your home or business, or if you have any questions, please come into the Building Department at 1000 North 25th Ave., or call us at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4422.

Visit [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) search under the Building Department for more information and easy access to the following.

- Building Application Page1
- Building Application Page 2
- Building Codes
- Certificate of Compliance Application
- Contractors Registration Application
- Electrical Permit Application
- Form 3500
- Form 4000
- Items Covered in Cert of Compliance Inspection(Sale)
- Sign Application
- Process of Selling a Property

## Building Department Report

I am very excited about the continued economic growth in Melrose Park. Below is a list of construction jobs presenting economic growth within the corporate limits of the village. This is only a partial list:

• Greenhouse	1413 W. North Ave.	Complete
• Brown's Chicken Remodel	1500 W. North Ave.	Complete
• Amazon	1800-1825 N. Fifth Ave.	Complete
• Starbucks	640 W. North Ave.	In Progress
• Aspen Dental	620 W. North Ave.	In Progress
• WellNow Urgent Care	600 W. North Ave.	In Progress
• Discount Tire	550 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage
• Panda Express	400 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage
• Raising Canes	300 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage
• Four-unit Retail	230-290 W. North Ave.	In Progress
• Goodwill	200 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage
• Sears Demolition	2065 George Street	In Progress
• Fresenius Kidney Care	6 N. Ninth Ave.	In Progress
• Ross Dress for Less	1200 Winston Plaza	Complete

# Typical Items Covered for All Certificate of Compliance Sale Inspections

## 1. Sidewalk Condition

- a. Public sidewalks and parkway walks must have no trip hazards.
- b. Cracked sidewalks must be replaced.
- c. Sidewalks not to be worn or deteriorated.

## Concrete Stairs

- a. Broken concrete stairs that pose a trip hazard must be replaced or repaired.
- b. Any concrete or asphalt that poses a hazard must be replaced.

## 2. Electrical

- a. 100AMP electrical service is the minimum requirement for all single family homes.
- b. BX or Greenfield is not allowed in lengths over 6 feet. Romex or exposed wiring is not allowed at all.
- c. Extension cords are not allowed for permanent power extension.
- d. All outlets in bathrooms, counter top spaces, unfinished basements, garages and outdoor locations must have G.F.C.I. (Ground Fault Circuit Interruption) receptacles or breakers.
- e. A #6 ground wire with approved saddle clamps must be installed on the water meter and connected on both the street and house side.
- f. Close and blank any open electric box knockouts and any open circuit breaker spaces. Mini breakers are not approved.
- g. Overhead electric service to garages is permitted if it meets Electric Code Requirements.
- h. All receptacles must be three (3) prong type.

## 3. Address Number

- a. Address number shall be placed on all buildings and shall be placed so as to be easily read from the curb in the front of the building and the alley in the rear of the building.

## 4. Fire and Life Safety

- a. Smoke Detector must be located within 5 feet of bedroom(s) and one per level, including basement but not including unoccupied attic space. They must be in good working order and are subject to a field test upon inspection.
- b. Any potential Fire Hazard must be removed.
- c. All stairways over two steps must have a least one handrail.
- d. Any required fire extinguishers must have a current and valid test tag correctly dated.
- e. Exit doors cannot be bolted, sealed or blocked in such a manner that prevents exit without special knowledge or tools.
- f. Exit doors cannot require a key to unlock from inside of building. There must be thumb latch.

## 5. Decks and Porches

- a. The proximity of the electric service to your deck or porch must meet the current safety requirements (10 feet above deck/porch floor).
- b. Any deck or porch found to be in an unsafe condition will be subject to all current deck specifications including posts, beams, rails and stairs.

## 6. Plumbing

- a. All flue pipes must be firmly attached and properly sealed to the chimney and must slope downward from the chimney to the furnace or water heater. All water heaters must be equipped with a temperature and pressure relief valve with piping to bring the relief water and steam approximately 3 inches above the floor.
- b. Plastic water lines are not allowed.
- c. All plumbing fixtures must be vented properly.
- d. Sediment traps (drip cap) are required on all gas lines before they connect with gas valves.



- e. Flexible gas lines must be replaced with Black Pipe on furnaces, boilers and water heaters.
- f. Sump pit must have a correctly installed cover.
- g. Water leaks of any kind are not permitted and must be repaired.
- h. Adequate water pressure at fixtures are required.

**7. Property Maintenance.**

- a. The house and property must be in compliance with Village Property Maintenance Code.
- b. Any exterior maintenance issued that present a blight issued will be asked to be corrected.

**8. Swimming Pools**

- a. Check for electrical wiring hazards both ground and overhead wires.
- b. Safety fence must be 6 feet high.

**9. Zoning**

- a. Property use is in accordance with Zoning Code.

The Code Enforcement Office/Inspector is not limited to the above items and may request additional items be corrected if he/she notes a life safety issued and/or code violation should they present themselves upon inspection.

- a. Illegal apartments must be removed and area de-converted to proper zoning. Adequate parking – two parking spots for each apartment.
- b. Heating unit and hot water tank in good working condition.

Note: One re-Inspection is allowed – A fee of \$50 for every re-inspection past one.

# Happy Holidays!

## Village of Melrose Park Building Department



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1000 N. 25th Ave.  
Melrose Park, IL 60160  
(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4421  
Fax (708) 343-1917

### Contractor's Registration

NAME OF FIRM		TYPE OF BUSINESS	
BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER		BUSINESS FAX NUMBER	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PRINCIPAL OWNER'S NAME		HOME PHONE	
PRINCIPAL OWNER'S ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)			
Job Name and Location			
The applicant herewith agrees to perform all work in conformance with all applicable State and Local regulations, code and standards. Failure to remedy non-compliance of code-related work shall result in the termination of this registration and no further work within the Village shall be performed.			
Applicant's Signature		Date Received	

#### General Information

- CONTRACTORS – Pay registration fee of \$125 upon application. Registration expires one year after issue date.
- A License & Permit Bond in the amount of \$10,000 required. Village of Melrose Park to be holder of original bond. Fax can be accepted for registration purposes only. Original must follow.
- A Certificate of Insurance (Liability) to be filed with application and bond. Holder is to be The Village of Melrose Park.
- Roofers must submit a copy of current State License, and provide Certificate of insurance and \$10,000 bond.
- Plumbers do not require Surety Bond or Certificate of Liability. Plumbers must pay \$125 registration fee and provide copy of IDPH license.
- Electricians must submit copy of license showing where they passed test from an electrical commission.
- HVAC Contractors must provide Certificate of insurance and \$10,000 bond and pay \$125 registration fee.
- Landscapers – Pay registration fee of \$130. Provide Certificate of insurance and \$10,000 bond. Valid from January to December only.

# 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.

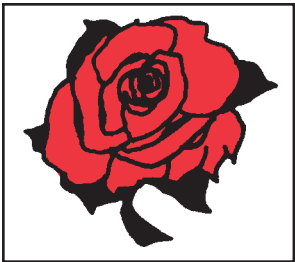
## Moisture

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.

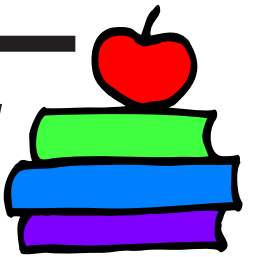
## Lift

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



[www.MPPLibrary.org](http://www.MPPLibrary.org)

## Favorite Library Apps

Available for iOS and Android



### Libby

Read or listen to books from your phone or tablet. This award winning app gives you access to thousands of titles at home or on the go.



### PrinterOn

Use the PrinterOn app to send documents and images to the library printer.



### Mango Languages

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### SWANLibraries

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## Get a Digital Library Card

You can register online for a digital card that gives you access to all our online resources including hoopla, Media on Demand, kanopy, Freegal, and more!

## Holiday Closures

December 24th  
Closing at 12pm

December 25th  
Closed

December 31st  
Closing at 12pm

January 1st  
Closed

## Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sponsored by Triton College

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program(RSVP) will return to MPPL this tax season. They provide tax preparation assistance for Seniors (60+) from low- to moderate- income households on Monday mornings.

Call Triton College 708-456-0300 ext. 3895 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required.



Check the website or call for the most current information on hours and procedures.



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# Melrose Park Public Library



M P Melrose Park  
P L Public Library

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## Youth Services



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

We are posting virtual story times online! You will find all our videos on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube channel. New videos will be posted every month. We hope you can join us from the comfort of your home!



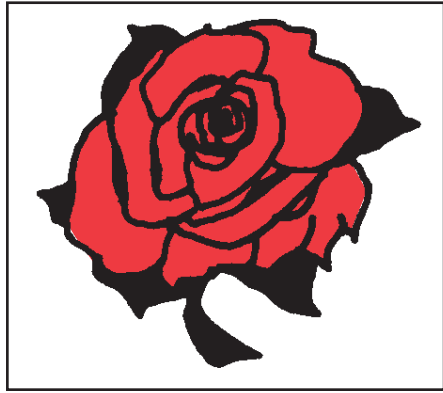
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# Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride Program for MP Residents

The Village of Melrose Park Dial a Ride Program was initiated in 2000 to provide residents of our community with a new transportation resource to any location in the Melrose Park boundaries. Residents are encouraged to use the program to do their everyday needs such as grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. We are also handicapped accessible.

This service is available to residents Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make a reservation, please call (708) 343-7047. You can make appointments from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and all major holidays. To book an appointment or make a cancellation, you must call at least 24 hours in advance.

## **Policies and Procedures**

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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

You must stay at your destination you are going to for a minimum of an hour. Any residents of Victory Centre MUST go with the group provided at their center for grocery shopping, etc. Any doctor appointment can be made with us.

Only three shopping bags per rider. Forgotten items in the van will be returned at the next pickup date. Please note that our service is getting more popular every day so we will try to accommodate your needs to the best of our ability.



***Mayor Serpico  
encourages  
residents  
to use this  
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etc.***

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





# Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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

## Senior Services

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

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

**Have questions you need resources for? We can help.**

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

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

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

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

## The ROSE AD RESERVATION FORM

### Save the Dates!

**Next Issue – February 2021**  
(Deadline for material Jan. 25, 2021.)

Schedule for 2021  
February, April, June, August, October and December

Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

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

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

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



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# Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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

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

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



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## Village Hall News

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

### **Important Melrose Park Village Hall Notice ...**

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

### **Birth Certificates**

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

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

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

### **Death Certificates**

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

### **Vehicle Sticker Information**

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

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



# *Happy Holidays!*

**M P** Melrose Park  
**P L** Public Library

**Happy Holidays!**

This holiday season we invite you to enjoy 24/7 access to online services available to you at [MPPLibrary.org](http://MPPLibrary.org).

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# **Season's Greetings!**



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PARK  
YOUTH  
COMMISSION**

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## **Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance**

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

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

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

## **Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP**

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

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

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

## **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 2020 is: Dec. 28.

The schedule for calendar year 2021 is: Jan. 11 and 25; Feb. 8 and 22; March 8 and 22; April 12 and 26; May 10 and 24; June 14 and 28; July 12 and 26; Aug. 9 and 23; Sept. 13 and 27; Tuesday, Oct. 12 and 25; Nov. 8 and 22; and Dec. 13 and 27.

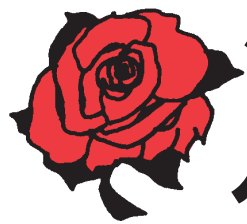
For more information, call (708) 343-4000.

## **Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings**

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020; Christmas Day – Friday, Dec. 25, 2020; New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020; New Year's Day – Friday, Jan. 1, 2021; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 18, 2021; Presidents Day – Monday, Feb. 15, 2021; Good Friday – Friday, April 2, 2021; Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2021; Independence Day – Monday, July 5, 2021; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 6, 2021; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 11, 2021; Veterans Day – Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 26, 2021; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 24, 2021; Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 27, 2021; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.

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





**Village of  
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## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Want to help others in our community?

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

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

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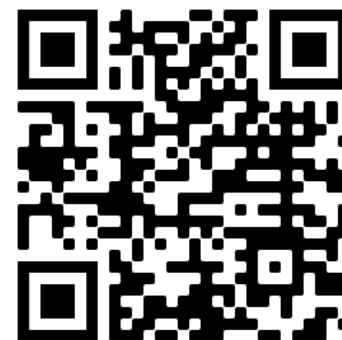




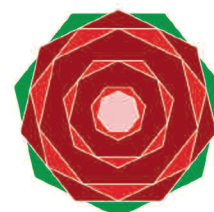
# Please Join the Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Group!

- Help promote your favorite local restaurants!
  - Support our local restaurants!
- Make recommendations or ask for recommendations from others in the group!
  - Invite people in your network to join the group!
  - Share your stories and experiences!
- Shopping and supporting businesses in the community is always important, but never as critical as it is now!

Use your QR Reader or camera  
on your phone to connect to  
Melrose Park To-Go now!



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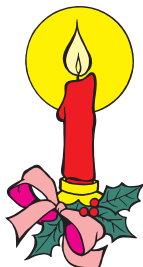


**MELROSE PARK**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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**Watch the Melrose Park To-Go Page for contest posts that will  
give you a chance to win certificates to local restaurants!**



*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*



We would like to extend our best wishes during this Holiday Season to all our friends at the Village of Melrose Park and to our friends and family, and wish you a new year full of health, peace and happiness.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jaime and Lisa Reyes



**Happy  
Holidays!**

**Veterans  
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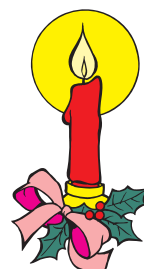
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**Season's  
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**Triton College**  
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**[www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu)**



**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!**

*On behalf of the  
Melrose Park Free Methodist Church,  
we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed 2021!*

*All are welcome to join us on  
Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 841 Elsie.*

*We are bilingual and all are welcome!  
For additional info, call (708) 343-2386.*



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

Mayor Serpico's 2020 Thanksgiving Meal Delivery was a no contact delivery. Deliveries of 140 meals prepared by Cuomo Catering were delivered to Melrose Park's senior and disabled residents by our Police, Fire and Homeland Security – Public Safety departments. A special thanks to all who took time out of their day to help!



# ILL State Truckin Hosts Toy Drive Donates Items to AMITA Presence Behavioral Health

ILL State Truckin recently donated many toys to AMITA Presence Behavioral Health that were distributed to several communities throughout the Chicagoland area. The company hosted a Toy Drive that was posted on its Facebook page and the toys just kept coming in.

Each toy will definitely bring a huge smile to a child's face during this season of giving.

Pictured with the large assortment of donated items is Patricia Camarena, Sue Warwik, Angel Alvarez and Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota.

Thank you to ILL State Truckin!



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND Happy New Year!



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

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



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

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

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

## Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



### Attention Residents

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





# A Gracious Salute to Our Veterans

*We thank you for your service!*



On Friday, Nov. 6, Veterans Park District held a socially distanced Veterans Day Observance in honor of the brave military men and women who have served or are currently serving our country as members of the U.S. Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Representatives from American Legion Franklin Park Post #974 held a flag raising, a rifle salute and a laying of the wreath ceremony assisted by VPD Commissioner Tom Olson in honor of those who proudly stood and still stand side by side with their colleagues to keep the United States of America strong and the greatest country in the world to live and raise a family.





# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### Early Childhood

#### Pee Wee Winter Picassos, Ages 2-5

Come out and beat the winter blues! Allow us to bring out your child's inner Picasso and create masterpieces they will be proud of. We will do free art with a variety of materials following the winter theme.

- Thursdays, Jan. 14-28; 11-11:45 a.m.; Resident \$29/Nonresident \$44; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17 Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Sweet Treats and Crafts, Ages 3-6

Join us for a heart-themed class filled with crafts, songs and making snacks. Children will make colorful Valentine-themed crafts and learn how to make yummy snacks. A fun cooking/craft combo class that will have everyone "loving" every moment!

- Wednesdays, Feb. 3-17; 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Resident \$29/Nonresident \$44; Bulger Preschool, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

### Creative Arts Classes

#### Paint Like Van Gogh, Ages 6-10

Learn how to paint with bold strokes and bright colors, just like the incredible artist. We will learn to paint beautiful masterpieces anyone would be proud to hang in their house. We will cover skies/landscapes, still lifes and portraits.

- Tuesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16; 6-7 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresident \$75; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Rd., Northlake.

#### Perfect Portraits, Ages 9+

Have you ever wanted to draw faces realistically? In this class you will learn tools and techniques necessary to draw realistic faces. We will be creating self-portraits and drawings of family members and imagined faces. We will also cover memory drawings, face mapping and feature specific tutorials.

- Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18; 5-6 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresident \$75; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Rd., Northlake.

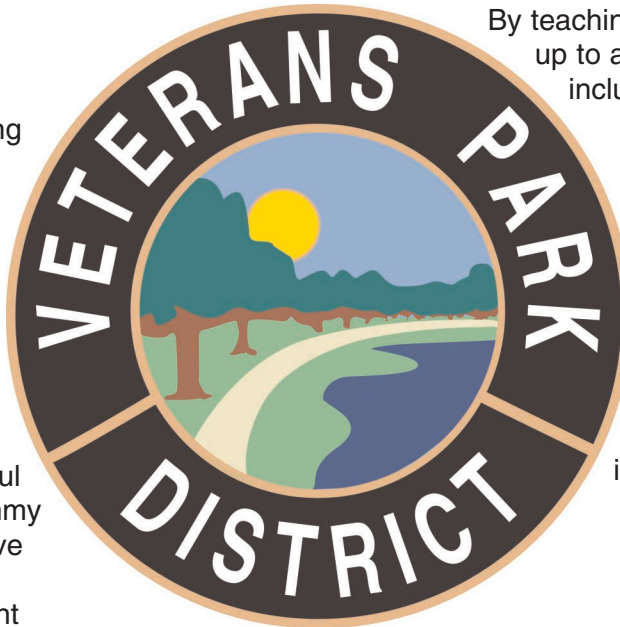
#### Exploring Plants with Art, Ages 8+

Go beyond drawing what you see and create something totally new in this class. We will be studying nature around us and creating drawings using many kinds of materials and experiments. Through studying anatomy and textures or plant structures, you will be able to create a completely new species of plants on your own. We will cover trees, wildflowers, vines and still lifes.

- Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 17; 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresident \$75; Kahl Park, 255 Palmer, Northlake.

#### Kanvas Kids Painting Class, Ages 5+

Children who express themselves through painting take part in a fun and fulfilling activity. Through this class, children will become more creative, increase their critical-thinking skills and will gain a lifelong appreciation of art.



By teaching your children painting, you are also opening them up to an entire world of artistic expression! Supplies are included.

- Fridays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresident \$75; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Rd., Northlake.

#### Drawing for Beginners, Ages 5+

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

- Mondays, Jan. 4-Feb. 15 (No class Jan. 18); 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Resident \$60/Nonresident \$75; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Rd., Northlake

#### Intermediate Drawing

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

- Mondays, Jan. 4-Feb. 15 (No class Jan. 18); 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Resident \$65/Nonresident \$80; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Rd., Northlake.

### Dance Classes

Our popular dance program is designed to teach your child how to be creative through movement. Ballet classes will take part in a mini-recital and grand finale dance recital! Recital dress is included in the fee. Ballet or jazz shoes required.

#### Twinkling Stars, Ages 3-4: An Introduction to Ballet

- Tuesdays, Jan. 12-April 27, 5:30-6:15 p.m. or Thursdays, Jan. 14-April 29, 5:30-6:15 p.m. or Saturdays, Jan. 16-May 1, 10-10:45 a.m.; Resident \$135/Nonresident \$145; Kahl Park, 255 Palmer, Northlake

#### Ballet I, Ages 5-7: Students will Further Their Ballet Techniques

- Tuesdays, Jan. 12-April 27, 6:30-7:15 p.m. or Thursdays, Jan. 14-April 29, 6:30-7:15 p.m. or Saturdays, Jan. 16-May 1, 11-11:45 a.m.; Resident \$150/Nonresident \$160; Kahl Park, 255 Palmer, Northlake.

#### Ballet II, Ages 7-11: Students Learn Choreography of Various Steps to Create Ballet Routines

- Wednesdays, Jan. 13-April 28, 5:30-6:15 p.m. or Thursday, Jan. 14-April 29, 6:30-7:15 p.m. or Saturdays, Jan. 16-May 1, noon-12:45 p.m.; Resident \$150/Nonresident \$160; Kahl Park, 255 Palmer, Northlake.

#### Modern/Jazz, Ages 6-10: A Fun Combo Class with Partner Work, Choreography and Improvisation

- Wednesdays, Jan. 13-April 28, 6:30-7:15 p.m.; Resident \$135/Nonresident \$145; Kahl Park, 255 Palmer, Northlake.

## Youth Fit, Ages 7-14

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

- Mondays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22 (No class Jan. 18 or Feb. 15); 5-6 p.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Youth Fit Room at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

## Adult Fitness

### Wellness Challenge at Cimbalo Fitness Center, Ages 15+

It's about building healthy habits! This 10-week Wellness Challenge will introduce participants to a healthier lifestyle, incorporating fitness for improved physical and mental health. Participants will get a 10-week membership to Cimbalo in addition to weekly meetings/group training sessions with a certified personal trainer. Winner will receive a six-month membership!

- Weekly meetings – Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 4-March 15; Member \$99/Non-Member \$129; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

### Hatha Yoga – For Beginner Yogis, Ages 15+

Learn the basics of yoga, deep breathing techniques, meditation, poses, and asanas. These techniques offer many benefits, such as improved posture and balance, stronger joints and muscles, and a healthier mindset.

- Sundays, Jan. 10-Feb. 17; 9-10 a.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

### Zumba® Toning, Ages 15+

This class offers a combination of dance fitness and floor exercises synced

to music. Moves target all major muscle groups so you can firm up fast.

- Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 10; 6:45-7:45 p.m.; Resident \$35/Nonresident \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

## Active Adults

### January Socially Distant Bingos

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

- Noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person for each.

Wednesday, Jan. 6; Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch, Melrose Park.

Friday, Jan. 15; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Friday, Jan. 22; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Wednesday, Jan. 27; Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch, Melrose Park.

Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins.

### Bunco & Brunch

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

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$8 per person for each.

Monday, Jan. 11; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Monday, Jan. 25; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th, Melrose Park.

Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins.

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

**For more information, call (708) 343-5270  
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# Veterans Park District

## *Programs & Happenings*

Veterans Park District



## DANCE *Program*

Our popular dance program is designed to teach your child how to be creative through movement. Ballet classes will take part in a mini-recital and grand finale dance recital! Recital dress is included in the fee.

### **Classes offered:**

- **Twinkling Stars (Ages 3-4)**
- **Ballet I (Ages 5-7)**
- **Ballet II (Ages 7-11)**
- **Modern/Jazz (Ages 6-10)**

### **Classes Start in January!**

Please call 708-343-5270  
or email at [dance@vpdpark.org](mailto:dance@vpdpark.org)  
for more information or be  
placed on an interest list.

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# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER AND MUSEUM

A COMFORTABLE COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTER WITH FRIENDLY STAFF

#### FITNESS CENTER HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY • 6 AM-8 PM  
SATURDAY-SUNDAY • 8 AM-2 PM

**BECOME  
A MEMBER!**

Fees start as low as  
44¢ a day!  
No Joining Fees!

#### FITNESS STUDIO

Variety of group fitness classes held in our newly renovated studio, led by certified instructors.

#### YOUTH FITNESS ROOM

Youth fitness classes held in this room.

#### RACQUETBALL/ HANDBALL / PICKLEBALL COURT FEES

Non-Prime Time (9 AM to 5:30 PM)...\$7

Prime Time (6 PM to close and weekends)...\$9

**NEW! Pickleball!**

#### STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT

**Cardio Area:** Treadmills, Stair Climbers, Recumbent Bikes, Max Trainer and TV's with AudioFetch Technology.

**Strength Training:** Tons of Free Weights, Benches, Squat Racks, Olympic Plates, Squat Cage and Smith Machine.

**Circuit Training Area:** Various Circuit Training Machines to strengthen and tone all major muscle groups.

**Cross-Functional Training Room:** Interval Training, Heavy Bags, Airdyne Bike, Rowing Machine, Battle Ropes, Kettle Bells, Agility Ladder, Pull-up Mounts and much more.

#### YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES\*

When purchasing a membership, proof of residency must be a driver's license or a State ID and two utility bills.

Annual Membership	Resident	Nonresident
Adult (21 and up)	\$160	\$210
Junior (16-20)	\$150	\$190
Youth* (12-15)	\$140	\$180
Family** (4 members)	\$210	\$290
Active Adult (60 and older)	\$85	\$110

\*Youth membership needs physician approval. Must be accompanied by an adult (18 or older) at all times.

\*\* Family membership requires proof of residency for each family member to be included in membership.

**Corporate  
Memberships  
Available.**

## 2021 WELLNESS CHALLENGE!

This 10-week Wellness Challenge will introduce participants to a healthier lifestyle, incorporating fitness for improved physical and mental health. Participants will get a 10-week membership to Cimbalo, in addition to weekly meetings/group training sessions with a certified personal trainer. Winner will receive a 6-month membership!

To Register, call 708-343-5151

For a Healthier New Year!

Weekly meetings: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM

January 4-March 15

\$99 Member/\$129 Non-Member

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center,  
1203 N. 24 th Ave, Melrose Park

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# Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.

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

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

You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

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



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

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

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



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

For additional information:

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

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# MELROSE PARK LITTLE LEAGUE



Baseball/Softball season is right around the corner!

Melrose Park Little League offers a safe, positive environment for boys and girls.

## SPRING 2021 REGISTRATION

### REGISTRATION

**Online:**  
**[melroseparklittleleague.org](http://melroseparklittleleague.org)**  
**Dates: Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**In-Person:**  
**Melrose Park Civic Center**  
**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12noon**

### REGISTRATION FEE

DIVISION/AGE	FEE
T-Ball 4-6	\$65
Coach Pitch 7-8	\$90
Minors 9-10	\$105
Majors 11-12	\$125
Junior 13-14	\$155
Senior 15-16	\$175

**Fees are non-refundable**

When registering, please upload one (1) item from each group to your child's registration profile.

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
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### Volunteer Opportunities:

MPLL officials are all volunteers. There are many ways you can help the league by volunteering or coaching. If interested, please email us, **[melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:melroseparklittleleague@gmail.com)**.

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# Triton College NEWS

## Triton College Receives \$1 Million Grant to Provide No-cost Job Training and Placement

### The Workforce Equity Initiative Grant Funds Professional Certificates Earned in a Year or Less

Triton College received a \$1 million Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI) Grant for the second year from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) to provide no-cost job training to in-district residents. The grant allows residents to enroll at Triton to receive a tuition-free, industry-recognized certificate.

Qualified prospective students can apply to one of 13 pre-selected career-focused certificate programs, most of which can be completed in a year. The programs prepare students for in-demand and high-skill professional job roles. As a WEI Grant Program participant, students will receive application and enrollment guidance, admission support services, an assigned completion and transition specialist (CTS), resume-writing support and career counseling.

"The grant allows the college to provide access to education for those that have the desire to upgrade their skills, but have limited resources," said Mary-Rita Moore, Triton College president. "We are committed to serving the community and strengthening the local workforce. The grant renewal helps to close the education gap and makes access to earning higher wages more equitable."

Triton was among 48 Illinois community colleges invited to apply for funds from \$18.7 million earmarked by the Illinois General Assembly to support raising achievement and closing the skills gap in African-American communities in Illinois, driven by an Illinois Legislative Black Caucus initiative.

Triton will use the grant to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and supplies for qualified students from selected communities within the Triton College district. Financial support for transportation and childcare will also be available in some instances.

"As a recipient institution for the second year, the WEI team at Triton remains committed to helping individuals achieve their dreams," said Lee Jackson, Ed.D., executive director of the Workforce Equity Initiative. "The grant renewal comes at a time when unemployment rates are high. This program presents an opportunity for students to switch careers or advance in their current role."

"I have had the pleasure of witnessing an individual go from the point of interest in a certificate program to becoming employed in their desired industry. There is no better feeling," Jackson said.

The college has selected 13 short-term certificate programs related to professional occupations in the health care, automotive, business and information technology, and horticulture industries. The certificate programs include:

- Sterile Processing Technician.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- Phlebotomy Technician.
- EKG Technician.
- Medical Billing and Coding Specialist.
- Patient Care Technician.
- Dental Assistant.
- Pharmacy Technician.
- Contact Tracing.
- Windows Advanced Programming.
- Bookkeeper.
- Horticulture (Pesticide Applicator).
- Automotive Brake and Suspension (CVT).

Residents, current and prospective students, employers or community leaders interested in learning more about how the Workforce Equity Initiative Grant can provide no-cost training should call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3016, or [wei@triton.edu](mailto:wei@triton.edu) for more information.

## Register and Enroll Now for the Spring Semester, Classes begin Jan. 19!

Students should try to select and enroll in spring semester courses now. It might seem early to do so, but it in fact is the best way to ensure a smooth registration process.

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

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

Early registration is beneficial for the following reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We offer three easy enrollment options:

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

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

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

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

## Triton College Provides Opportunities for Veterans

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces are encouraged to consider enrolling at Triton College to further their education and earn skills to get them U.S. workforce ready. The college has over 110 degree and certificate programs which both recently discharged and retired veterans can choose from.

“Popular areas of study for veterans include law enforcement, fire science, criminal justice and youth services. Construction and professional management courses are popular too, with student-vets,” said Ken Smith, director of Admission and Veterans Resource coordinator.

“The sense of community at Triton, the ethnic diversity and the campus size helps to make the transition from Army life to civilian life much easier. In the military, we are used to having experiences with a very diverse group of individuals,” said Paul Cadogan, Army combat veteran formerly stationed at Ft. Polk, La. now studying criminal justice with plans to become a youth probation officer.

“Triton is so close to the city, making it a melting pot of students which is a great thing for an incoming veteran. I have found that it is a happy place for people continuing their education,” Cadogan said.

Enrolling at Triton provides an opportunity for veterans to study and attend classes with busy students that are in a similar life stage. Since the average age of a Triton College student is 29 the likelihood of commonalities among classmates, such as full-time responsibilities outside of class including families and jobs, is higher.

Student-vets have access to all campus resources and facilities, including the Library, fitness and health center, advising and tutoring, the Transfer Center, Career Services and the Student Center and Cafeteria, just as any other student.

Ashley Hernandez, former Army specialist, decided to enroll at Triton to study criminal justice after a 10-year break. She currently works in the

security industry for the U.S. government and plans to use her education for professional advancement.

“I want to move up the ranks. I returned to school to finish what I started years ago and to put this hard-earned degree on my resume,” Hernandez said.

“However, while the opportunities at Triton abound, the most important first step for veterans considering enrolling is to get familiar with available state and federal education benefits, understand their differences and what they will cover,” Ruby Hilker, senior financial aid specialist and school certifying official said.

### Five Steps to Enrolling at Triton College for Veterans

1. Familiarize themselves with educational benefits, including grants and scholarships.
2. Visit [ebenefits.va.gov](http://ebenefits.va.gov) to apply for federal educational benefits. Visit [isac.org](http://isac.org) to apply for state benefits.
3. Contact Ken Smith, Triton College director of Admission and the Veterans Resource coordinator, for admissions information.
4. After admission make an advising appointment to discuss areas of study and classes.
5. Meet with the school certifying official (SCO) in the Financial Aid Office.

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

## Check Out Triton’s New CCNA Program

Beginning in spring 2021, the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Department will begin offering the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Program. This program is designed to get students ready to take the CCNA Certification Exam.

Once completed, students will have the necessary requirements to begin a career in the IT field.

There are three classes in the program, but it is suggested that students begin with CIS 101 (Computer Systems & Business Applications) or CIS 102 (Pro Information Tech and Computer Science) if they do not have much computer experience or education. The whole program takes just three semesters. The classes are structured so that students take one per semester:

- CIS 216 – Introduction to Networks CCNA – 3 hrs.
- CIS 217 – Switching, Routing, Wireless Essentials CCNA – 3 hrs.
- CIS 218 – Enterprise Networking, Security, Automation CCNA – 3 hrs.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, “employment in computer and information technology occupations is projected to grow 11% from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations.”

For more information about the program, contact Michael Henson, CIS faculty and coordinator, at [michaelhenson2@triton.edu](mailto:michaelhenson2@triton.edu).



## Triton College Register Now!

A new semester means a fresh start.  
Spring back with a high-quality Triton College education  
that's close to home.

We can help you get on track and stay on track.  
We're ready to help you achieve your goals!

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[www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu) for more information.**





# NO COST JOB

## TRAINING & PLACEMENT

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## Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI)

# Go from classroom to career!

Students from selected communities within the Triton College district are invited to apply to enroll in short-term, career-focused programs **tuition-free**, that will put them on a path to a career in a year or less. Through the grant-funded Workforce Equity Initiative, Triton is offering high quality certificate programs in the fields of health, technology and business. Students who complete the program will be prepared for entry-level jobs that pay well above Cook County's minimum wage on average. Students accepted into the program will receive individualized support from staff as well as job placement assistance.



### Certificate programs offered through this grant include:

- Sterile Processing Technician
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Phlebotomy Technician
- EKG Technician
- Medical Billing and Coding Specialist
- Patient Care Technician
- Dental Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Contact Tracing
- Windows Advanced Programming
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# **A Message from Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, C.S., Pastor The Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

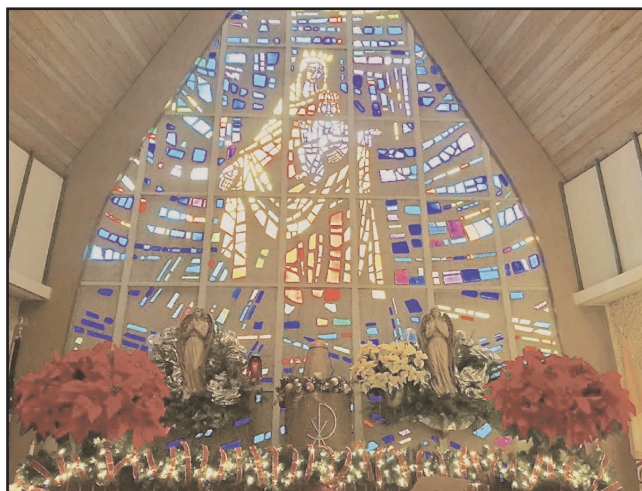
## **“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS”**

We continue our journey of life with faith and hope in these days of the COVID-19 epidemic with our hearts and minds focused on overcoming this difficult time of tribulation, lockdown and suffering that the present reality calls on us.

It is my hope and prayer that the angel's acclamation of the announcement of the birth of the Messiah, our Savior, be our song of joy. Rejoice, be glad and sing loudly to the Father: “GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.” Yes, we believe that upon Him the favor of God rests and with Him. In this Christmas season and in this New Year endeavor, with God's grace and strength we will continue fighting the epidemic. Please be a responsible citizen that with discipline and wisdom, we protect each other. Sustained also with the great news that with the new vaccines that the scientists and medical personnel will soon provide for us all we slowly and securely will look at the days and months ahead confident that the normal way of life is here! I pray that this will be our finest Christmas gift and New Year wish and blessing. No doubt, we all want soon to be able to enjoy a peaceful, free and normal life.

I would like to use the words of Pope Francis to express my utmost deep gratitude to all those whom in the past several months have been our heroes committed to alleviate the pain, suffering and struggles of so many. We have witnessed many gestures of charitable and kind hands. Those have been a true “divine spirit of love” extended to those who needed support and comfort while facing the unpredictable. While we recognize and thank those who have given so much, I pray that you and I will be that true outstretched hand as a sign. As Pope Francis wrote: “A sign that immediately speaks of closeness, solidarity and love. In these months, when the whole world was prey to a virus that brought pain and death, despair, and bewilderment, how many outstretched hands have we seen! The outstretched hands of physicians who cared about each patient and tried to find the right cure. The outstretched hands of nurses who worked overtime, for hours on end, to look after the sick. The outstretched hands of administrators who procured the means to save as many lives as possible. The outstretched hands of pharmacists who at personal risk responded to people's pressing needs. The outstretched hands of priests whose hearts broke as they offered a blessing. The outstretched hands of volunteers who helped people living on the streets and those with a home yet nothing to eat. The outstretched hands of men and women who worked to provide essential services and security. We could continue to speak of so many other outstretched hands, all of which make up a great litany of good works. Those hands defied contagion and fear in order to offer support and consolation.”

It is my heartfelt wish that the coming Christmas season and the 2021 New Year be a blessed moment of grace to renew and refresh your spirit with the Grace of God whom you adore and believe. He may help you to embrace His will and to empower you to fulfill all your dreams. I assure you of my constant prayer that through the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel you be committed to enjoy His blessing as you work hard to make your life fruitful and prosperous with much hope, great health, love, peace and hope. I would also like to express my utmost gratitude to the entire Village of Melrose Park, the elected officials, the entire leadership authority, and the entire community. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2021. I know that the Virgin Mary understands well the difficulties and sufferings of the marginalized and of those struggling, for She herself gave birth to the Son of God in a stable. Then, due to the threat of Herod, She fled to another country with Joseph her spouse and the child Jesus. For several years the Holy Family lived as refugees. We continue to pray to Mary, Mother of the Church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel that under Her garment we will all enjoy God's care, love, and protection.



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year**  
Dec. 24, 2020 – • 5 p.m. (English Mass) • 7 p.m. (Spanish Mass) • 8:30 p.m. (Carols) • 9 p.m. (English)  
Dec. 25, 2020 – • 10 a.m. (Italian) • 11:30 a.m. (English) • 1 p.m. (Spanish) • 6 p.m. (Spanish)  
Dec. 31, 2020 – 6 p.m. (Thanksgiving Mass)  
Jan. 1, 2021 – • 10 a.m. (Italian) • 11:30 a.m. (English) • 1 p.m. (Spanish) • 6 p.m. (Spanish)



# NEWS89 **School District89** BRIEFS

## D89GrabandGoMeals

D89 Grab and Go Meals are available for all students. Children age 18 and under are eligible for free meals regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in District 89.

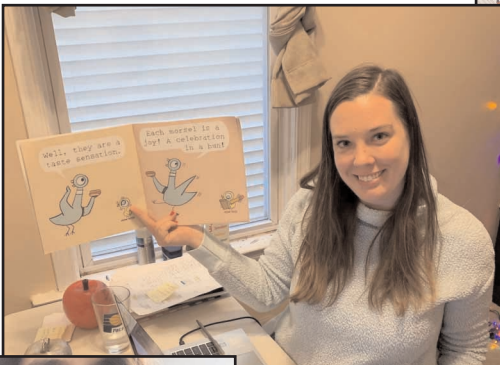
The free meals are available for parents and guardians to pick up every Monday from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at District 89 schools except Washington. Afternoon pickup is also available at Irving and Stevenson from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Children do not need to be present at time of pick-up.

Each child receives a week's worth of breakfast and lunch.



## MelroseParkSchool SupportsHopeProgram

Ms. Pazaran, student advocate for Melrose Park School through West 40, assisted in handing out turkeys and Thanksgiving meals to Melrose Park families who are part of the Hope Program. The program works specifically with students and their families to provide a foundational support system.



## VirtualFamilyNight atMelrosePark School

On Thursday, Nov. 19, Melrose Park School hosted a Virtual Family Literacy Night in which the staff read stories enjoyed by Mighty Mustang students and their families.

# Happy Holidays!



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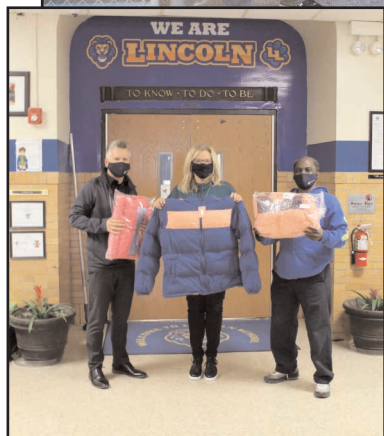




## District 89 STARS Program

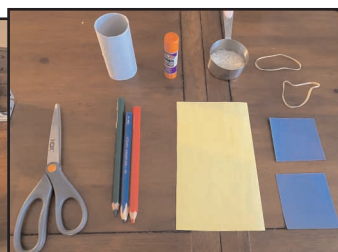
The STARS Program (Successful Transitions Achieved with Responsive Support) provides academic and functional programs that aim to create a safe and meaningful learning environment for students with low-incidence disabilities. In recent life-skills curriculum, students learned about creating and eating healthy snacks.

Pictured is a student sharing her smiley face healthy snack of various fruits with peanut butter.



## District 89 Partners with Operation North Pole

District 89 has once again partnered with Operation North Pole to give winter coats to students. This year, students from preschool through fifth grade at Emerson, Garfield, Lincoln and Washington Dual Language Academy received a coat. Thank you Operation North Pole for your generosity throughout the years!



## Power of Play Parent Workshop

The physical therapist (PT) and occupational therapists (OT) presented an online workshop titled, *The Power of Play*, for early childhood families in District 89. The PT and OT explained how the importance of play helps young children's brains develop their motor skills and problem-solving skills in early learning.

Pictured (far left) is the physical therapist showing how to create a rain stick with simple household materials.



## Preschool for All Students Prepare for Winter Weather

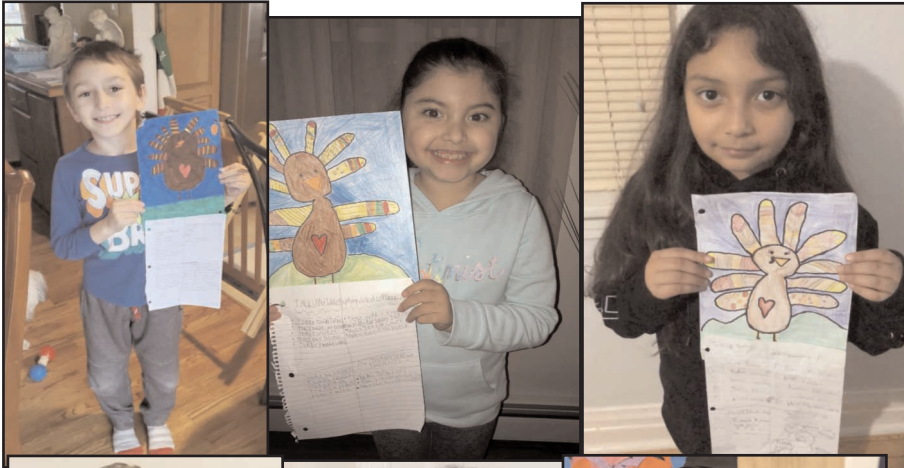


Our youngest students in the Preschool for All Program have been learning all about gearing up for the winter season. One of the best ways to be prepared for the weather is to know what type of clothing to wear in order to stay warm!

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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



## We are Thankful for... Jane Addams School Students Show Off Thankful Turkey Drawings

Third graders worked on a directed turkey drawing and wrote notes on videos and books they listened to and read.

Kindergartners at Jane Addams read *The Great Turkey Race* by Steve Matzker and then completed a turkey-directed drawing.

Second graders at Jane Addams School explored and practiced what it means to feel gratitude after reading *Scholastic News Issue, I am Thankful*. Students drew turkeys and wrote things that they are thankful for on each feather. Students were thankful for their family, home, pets, and of course, their teacher!



Third Graders



Kindergartners



Second Graders

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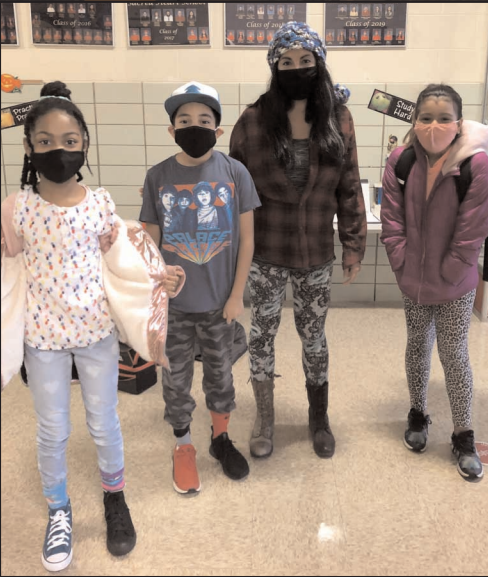
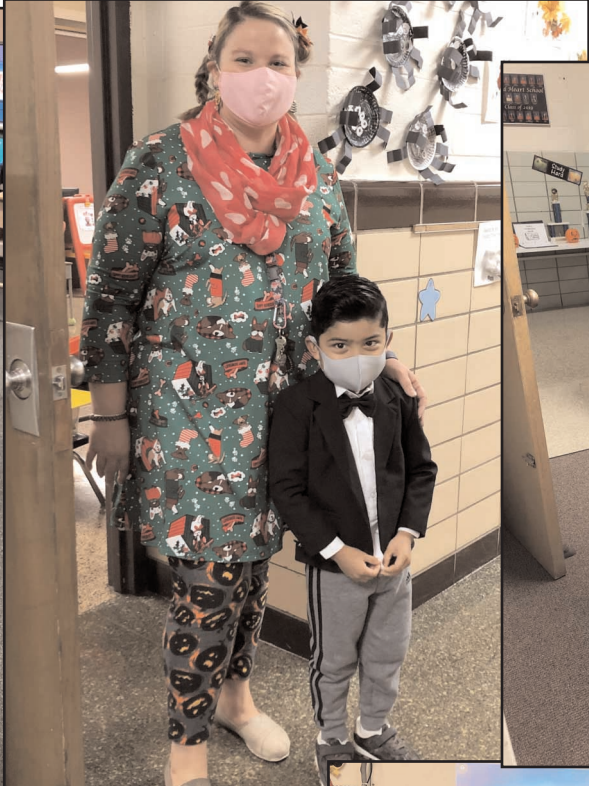


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# Sacred Heart School SNIPPETS



**Sacred Heart School  
Red Ribbon Week**



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# Pope Francis Names Three New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago

## Friend of Melrose Park, Fr. Bob Lombardo, Recently Ordained

In September, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed three new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago: Bishops-elect Kevin M. Birmingham, Jeffrey S. Grob and Robert J. Lombardo, CFR. The episcopal ordination of the bishops took place on the feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Nov. 13, 2020.

"We are grateful to the Holy Father for the gift of these new auxiliary bishops," said Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago. "Each of these fine priests has made a unique contribution to the life of the church and society, yet they share in common a solid record of pastoral service, fidelity to the Gospel and inspiring personal witness."

At the time, Bishop Birmingham remained in his position as director of the Archdiocese's Department of Parish Vitality and Mission. Bishop Grob served as the episcopal vicar of Vicariate I and Bishop Lombardo served as episcopal vicar of Vicariate III.

Friend of Melrose Park, Bishop Lombardo, is the first Italian-American Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He will continue to live at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and will remain the Superior of the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. For more information, please visit [www.missionola.com](http://www.missionola.com).



### Bishop Robert Lombardo, CFR.

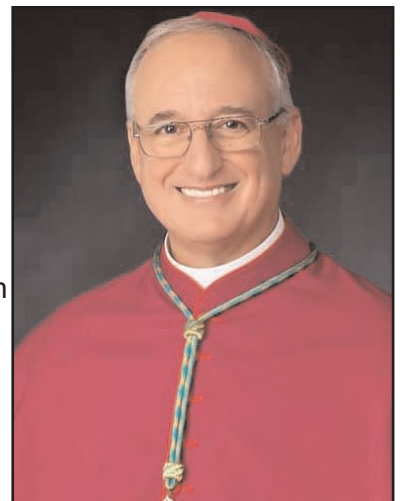
Bishop Robert Lombardo, CFR., named titular bishop of Munaziana, was born on Sept. 4, 1957, in Stamford, Conn. to Emil and Christine (Rubino) Lombardo. He attended St. Maurice Grammar School and Stamford Catholic High School, both in Stamford. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., in 1979 and worked in public accountancy at Price Waterhouse from 1979 to 1980. He received a Master of Divinity degree from the Maryknoll School of Theology in Ossining, N.Y., in 1987, and a Master of Science degree in pastoral counseling from Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y., in 1990.

Bishop Lombardo began his formation as a Capuchin friar in 1980, when he entered St. Francis Friary in Garrison, N.Y. He professed his Capuchin first vows in 1981 at the Mary Immaculate Friary in Garrison, N.Y., and his Capuchin final vows in 1986 at Sacred Heart Church in Yonkers, N.Y. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 1990, by Cardinal John O'Connor at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, N.Y., and is a founding member of his community, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR.)

As a young religious, Bishop Lombardo did missionary work in Bolivia and Honduras with orphaned street children, organized youth programs on Manhattan's lower east side and directed the Padre Pio Shelter for the Homeless in the Bronx. He held several positions in the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, including director of the St. Anthony Residence, director of the Lay Associate, local servant (guardian) of St. Crispin's Friary, director of St. Anthony's Free Medical/Dental Clinic and vicar general. He is fluent in Spanish.

Bishop Lombardo came to Chicago in 2005 at the request of Cardinal George to establish a mission outreach to the poor on the city's West Side. He is the founder and director of the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels and founder and superior of the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. The mission, located in West Humboldt Park, operates food and clothing pantries, conducts afterschool, family and senior citizens' programming and hosts retreats, Bible camps and religious education classes.

Bishop has served the archdiocese as a member of the Human Dignity and Solidarity Office and Priest Advisory Board from 2006 to 2015, adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary from 2013 to 2015, member of the Institute on Religious Life board from 2010 to the present, dean of Vicariate III A from 2015 to the present and co-lead of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Initiative on Evangelization from 2016 to the present. He is involved in Chicago civic organizations, including his service as a board member of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless from 2008 to 2010 and as a current member of the YMCA of Metro Chicago board.



# News From the Zoo

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



## Brookfield Zoo Presents Holiday Magic Zoowide Now-Dec 20 and Dec. 26-31



It's time for Holiday Magic! The 39th annual holiday lights display has been expanded this year! You don't want to miss the tunnel of light, the 20-foot orb, the 41-foot tree and so much more!

**Location: Zoowide • Dates: Wednesday through Sunday, Now-Dec. 20, Saturday through Thursday, Dec. 26-31**

### **Bright Lights. Magical Nights. Holiday Magic.**

Now in our 39th year, get ready to visit Chicagoland's largest and longest-running lights festival featuring over a million twinkling LED lights!

#### **Holiday Magic 2020 Hours – 3-9 p.m.\***

\*Please note that the zoo will not be open to guests prior to 3 p.m. on Holiday Magic days.

#### **See the Dazzling Light Displays at Holiday Magic**

- A brilliantly lit 600-foot-long tunnel featuring thousands of colored lights all synchronized to music.
- A giant 20-foot-lit orb ideal for Instagram selfies and holiday photos.
- A 41-foot-tall tree to celebrate the holidays.
- Larger-than-life LED animal sculptures of a bison, bear, and giraffe.

#### **Play the Game of Gnomes**

New this year, guests of all ages can play the Game of Gnomes. Embark on a fun-filled scavenger hunt in search of 24 whimsical and enchanting themed gnomes, measuring 12-20 inches that will be located throughout the park. Check the map for general locations. For everything you need on your quest, including a gnome guide, as well as fun gnome activities you can share on social media, check out our Game of Gnomes site.

#### **Decorated Trees**

The zoo's malls and Roosevelt Fountain are all decked out for the holidays, thanks to local community organizations and corporations that decorated 660 LED-lit trees with ornaments, many of them homemade.

#### **Santa and Selfies**

Although Santa Claus won't be making an appearance at Brookfield Zoo this year, families can still take photos next to a life-size cutout of him, as well as at other festively themed selfie frames located around the zoo. Kids will also be able to drop off their letters to Santa in the giant red box located on the south mall.

#### **Festive Food and Beverage Favorites**

Those who work up an appetite or want to warm up with a hot beverage, there will be outdoor food stands offering seasonal fare for purchase, including:

- Funnel Cakes • Praline Nuts • Cinnamon Sugar Pretzels • Popcorn • Pizza • Burgers • Spiced Wine • Hot Chocolate • Beer.

Outdoor merchandise kiosks will have unique items for guests who would like to do some holiday shopping.

#### **Know Before You Go**

Brookfield Zoo is following Phase 4 guidelines from the state of Illinois which states no buildings may be open and guest capacity must be limited.

To ensure social distancing, advance admission and parking tickets are required. Reservation times will be available in 20-minute increments.

Tickets must be reserved at [CZS.org/Tickets](https://CZS.org/Tickets). All admission and parking tickets must be secured by both zoo members and guests prior to arriving.

Those who are not familiar with the zoo's current protocols, it is recommended to review them at [CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo](https://CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo).

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



# Go Wild this Holiday Season with Gifts Featuring Animals at Brookfield Zoo

This holiday season, shop for the purr-fect present without having to leave home. The Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Adoption Program is highlighting two featured creatures: Brookfield Zoo's snow leopard and Amur leopard cubs, both born earlier this year. Donations to the program are gifts that give twice – helping to provide expert care and feeding of an animal for one year as well as giving a thoughtful and unique present to a loved one.

Adoption packages for Ahava, the zoo's 6-month-old snow leopard, and Sasha, a 9-month-old Amur leopard, range in price from \$35 to \$120. The Basic Package for \$35 includes a 5-inch by 7-inch color photo of either cat, a personalized certificate, a species fact sheet, an Animal Adoption decal, and an invitation to the Animal Adoption summer event in 2021 (subject to change based on government COVID-19 guidelines). A contribution of \$65 for the Plush Package features a 12-inch plush animal, four free tickets to the Animal Adoption summer event in 2021 and all the benefits of the Basic Package. Indecisive gift givers can choose a Basic Duo for \$65 or a Plush Duo for \$120, which gives the lucky recipient adoptions for both Ahava and Sasha.

In addition to Sasha and Ahava, several other animals are being featured this holiday season as a Basic or Plush package, including Brutus or Titus, 4-year-old African lions; Zeus, a bald eagle; Kecil or Kekasih, two of the zoo's orangutans; and a two-toed sloth named Raisin.

For more information on package benefits as well as the complete list of animals available for adoption, visit [CZS.org/AnimalAdoption](https://CZS.org/AnimalAdoption) or call (708) 688-8341. Or, if you are visiting the zoo, adoption packages may be purchased at the guest relations booth at either the north or south gates.

A gift message carrying your name can accompany the adoption package. Special holiday packages are available through Dec. 31, 2020, or while supplies last.

## Statement from the Chicago Zoological Society

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to place unanticipated and urgent pressures on many businesses, including nonprofit cultural institutions such as the Chicago Zoological Society (CZS), which manages Brookfield Zoo. As a result of these continued challenges, CZS was forced to make the difficult decision to temporarily close to the public in January and February 2021, and to place 40 staff on lay-off/furlough status, effective Jan. 1, 2021. The plan is to recall all laid-off/furloughed workers on or before March 1.

The lay-off/furloughed include staff who are not considered critically essential to support the minimum operations of the organization during the zoo's two-month closure, while keeping staff employed who ensure the health and welfare of the zoo's animal population, maintenance and protection of the buildings and grounds, and other critical operations. We value the commitment and hard work of every one of our talented employees. However, like so many other employers across the nation who depend on customers, these difficult decisions were necessary. We continue to assure the continued care and welfare of the animals in our care, as well as the safety of our guests, staff, volunteers and members.



## Check Out These Upcoming Featured Events Hosted by the Trailside Museum of Natural History

### Seed Starting Workshop

**Saturday, Dec. 19 • 2 p.m. • Facebook Live from Trailside Museum  
Free of Charge**

Learn how to start seeds of several native wildflowers to enhance your yard and benefit native wildlife.

A limited amount of seeds and seed-starting materials will be available to pick up from now-Dec. 20, until gone.

For more information, please call (708) 366-6530 or visit [trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov)

### Snowflake Craft Kit Pickup for Children

**Sunday, Dec. 20-Wednesday, Dec. 23 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Trailside Museum of Natural History • Free of Charge**

Stop by Trailside Museum (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest) between 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and pick up a bag with everything you need to make a cute snowflake decoration, except for the glue! Limit one bag per child.

For more information, please call (708) 366-6530 or visit [trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov).

# Greenhouse Opens Dispensary in Melrose Park

## Your New Home for Adult-Use Cannabis

Greenhouse Group recently opened a 5,040 square foot dispensary located at 1413 W. North Ave., Melrose Park.

"We are thrilled to extend our presence in Illinois with this Melrose Park location, connecting the community to safe and effective cannabis products through our unparalleled expertise," says Mitch Kahn, CEO. "At Greenhouse, we are committed to educating each community we serve on the benefits of cannabis. In addition to providing high-quality and innovative products, we are proud to provide an in-dispensary experience that is inclusive and welcoming to people from all walks of life."

Located on a main thoroughfare across from Winston Plaza Mall, Greenhouse has a home-grown, welcoming vibe that promotes inclusivity, inviting customers to experience the space as their new home for adult-use cannabis in Illinois.

The open-plan space was deliberately configured to offer a premium, curated customer experience, with a large focus on educational displays throughout the space. The interior includes a consultation zone dedicated to in-depth consultations with trained product specialists and has six point of sale stations with social distancing parameters put in place.

The Melrose Park location has filled 33 new jobs, with a focus on inclusive hiring that will drive equitable, diverse growth opportunities within the cannabis industry.

Hours of operation for Greenhouse Melrose Park are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Available products will include flower, vapes, extracts/oils, topicals, concentrates and edibles.

Curaleaf Holdings, Inc. closed on its acquisition of Grassroots on July 23. In connection with that acquisition, Greenhouse Melrose Park came under the Curaleaf umbrella and branding pending final regulatory approval. For more information on Greenhouse, visit the company's website at [www.greenhouseil.com](http://www.greenhouseil.com).

### About Greenhouse Group

The Greenhouse Group is committed to building lasting change in their native state of Illinois, serving both medical and recreational customers. It's where passionate product specialists know and serve people from all walks of life, connecting communities to safe, hand-selected, locally-grown products

and services. Founded in 2014, Greenhouse operates seven locations: Deerfield, Litchfield, Mokena, Morris, Northbrook, Skokie and their newest addition in Melrose Park. Greenhouse is rooted in raising the standards within cannabis and within the communities they serve. Greenhouse is your home for cannabis.



### About Curaleaf Holdings, Inc.

Curaleaf Holdings, Inc. (CSE: CURA) (OTCQX: CURLF) ("Curaleaf") is a leading U.S. provider of consumer products in cannabis, with a mission to improve lives by providing clarity around cannabis and confidence around consumption. As a vertically integrated, high-growth cannabis operator known for quality, expertise and reliability, the company and its brands, including Curaleaf and Select, provide industry-leading service, product selection and accessibility across the medical and adult-use markets. Curaleaf currently operates in 23 states with 95 dispensaries, 23 cultivation sites and over 30 processing sites, and employs over 3,000 team members across the United States. Curaleaf is listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange under the symbol CURA and trades on the OTCQX market under the symbol CURLF. For more information, please visit [www.curaleaf.com](http://www.curaleaf.com).

### Greenhouse Melrose Park

Greenhouse Melrose Park will serve recreational customers. We treat everyone like guests in our home, so don't worry if you don't know what to do or what you want. Our highly trained and super knowledgeable product specialists can help guide you through the process from start to finish. Feel free to ask any questions that come up so they can help find exactly what you need. Be sure to bring your valid photo ID with proof of age and a friend. We have ample parking on site and are looking forward to serving you.

## Brown's Chicken Reopens at 15th and North

### Stop by Today for Their 10 Pieces (DARK) for \$10 Special

After experiencing an internal fire, Brown's Chicken (located on the southwest corner of 15th and North avenues) closed its doors temporarily for a complete remodel and recently reopened for business.

For over 71 years, Brown's Chicken has tempted the taste buds of generations of Chicagoans. From humble beginnings in 1949 when John and Belva Brown opened their first location in a trailer at 80th and Harlem in Bridgeview, the company's pursuit of chicken that truly tastes better continues in a new era.

With over 19 stores in the Chicagoland market, Brown's Chicken boasts a style of chicken all our own. The recipe cooked up by John and Belva uses buttermilk batter with cottonseed oil, delivering a delicious golden crunch on the outside with a moist and flavorful inside. We've added and subtracted many products over the years, but our chicken recipe remains the same and our customers wouldn't have it any other way. Of course, we'd never mess with the mushrooms either.

Our wildly popular catering operation is the area's largest, serving businesses and home events alike. From 20 to 2,000, Brown's Catering turns every occasion into a special event.

With a jingle almost as famous as our chicken, visit the Melrose Park Brown's today for their 10-piece (DARK) special and you'll find out why "It Tastes Better." Store hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.

For more information, visit [www.brownschicken.com](http://www.brownschicken.com).





# Nicor Gas is Keeping Customers Warm this Winter Heating Season

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



As temperatures dip below freezing across the Midwest, Nicor Gas is reminding customers that it's time to prepare their homes for winter to help conserve energy and save on energy bills.

Customers can request up to two free home-weatherization kits from the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. Kits include outlets and light switch foam gaskets to help prevent drafts from exterior walls, weatherstripping and rope caulk for windows and doors, as well as a self-adhesive door sweep to prevent cold air from leaking in underneath. Customers can also request a free energy assessment in addition to energy-saving products.

"Nicor Gas remains committed to helping our customers – especially those in historically underserved communities – better manage their energy use and save on winter heating bills," said President and CEO John O. Hudson III.

Energy efficiency tools and resources give Nicor Gas customers more control over their energy consumption and bill. Little changes in the home can add up to big savings with some of these weatherization tips:

- Regularly replace air and furnace filters; most filters should be cleaned or replaced every 60-90 days. A clean filter will allow the system to run more efficiently.
- Open window coverings during the day to allow sunlight to heat your home naturally and close curtains at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- Keep furniture, drapes, stuffed animals and other objects away from heating sources.
- Adjust timer controls and programmable thermostats. Some older thermostats may not have an internal clock and need to be adjusted manually.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves this winter with public and economic impacts that persist, Nicor Gas will continue to provide resources and bill pay assistance options for all customers.

"This year has been unpredictable to say the least. For many customers, this may be the first time they've ever had to consider how they will pay their bills or meet their family's basic needs," Hudson said. "So now more than ever we want our customers to know – we're here to support and there are assistance programs available to them today."

Approximately \$4 million remains available to Nicor Gas customers who may be affected by the ongoing pandemic and have past due balances. As part of the COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program, customers with accounts in arrears are eligible for a one-time grant of up to \$300 to help with payments. More than 20,000 customers experiencing financial hardship have received this payment assistance to-date. The program will continue until funds are exhausted.

For more weatherization tips and free energy saving kits, visit [nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save.html](https://nicorgas.com/residential/ways-to-save.html).

## Nicor Gas Provides Tips for Customers to Protect Themselves During Utility Scam Awareness Week

Nov. 18 was Utility Scam Awareness Day and Nicor Gas joined 130 U.S. and Canadian energy companies Nov. 16-20 for a weeklong campaign to expose the red flags of a scam and show how customers can protect themselves.

"Impostor scams cost consumers \$667 million in 2019 alone, according to the Federal Trade Commission," said John O. Hudson III, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. "With more customers conducting personal business online due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, this year it is particularly important that people know how to identify the signs of a scam."

In recent years, scammers have expanded their schemes into digital spaces, such as email and social media. Nicor Gas strongly encourages customers to be skeptical if anyone:

- Threatens to cut off their natural gas service if payment is not made within a short timeframe.
- Requests that payments be made from a single method, such as a debit card or checking account.
- Claims they have overpaid and their banking account or credit card number is needed for a refund.
- Informs them of a need to vacate their home so that a meter or other natural gas equipment can be replaced.
- Suggests on social media that their bill will be covered by a charity after they make a partial payment by way of a wire transfer.

Nicor Gas holds itself accountable to customers and communities it serves, which is why it reminds customers that it will never use aggressive or intimidating tactics to pressure them into making a payment toward their natural gas bill.

By phone: When a customer service representative contacts a customer by phone regarding the status of their account or to discuss payment, they will identify themselves as a Nicor Gas employee. To verify legitimacy, customers can request that the representative confirm information about their account that only they and the company would know, for example:

- The date of their last payment.
- The amount of their last payment.
- Their account number.

By email: We will never ask for account or credit card information in an email. Customers can safely access and make changes to their account information and payment methods using our My Account online portal.

Customers who suspect or experience fraud should contact local authorities and then call the customer care center phone number listed on their billing statement. Customers who want to confirm that a Nicor Gas representative is scheduled to perform work at their premise should contact the customer care center at 888.Nicor4U (888-642-6748).

In addition, whenever a field service representative or one of our contractors visits a customer's home or business, they will provide Nicor Gas identification. And as an additional safety measure to protect our customers, anyone who signs up to receive our Keep Me Informed appointment status text messages can access a photo of the technician assigned to perform work at their property.

For more information, visit [nicorgas.com/fraudprotection](https://nicorgas.com/fraudprotection) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook to join in the conversation #StopScams.



# ComEd is here to help.

## BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR INCOME ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS

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

## PROGRAM DETAILS

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

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

## ELIGIBILITY

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

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

OR

Residential customers who are income eligible but not LIHEAP approved:

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

## APPLY NOW!

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

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



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# Newest ComEd Program Provides Bill Assistance to Struggling Small Businesses During Pandemic

## Small-Business Assistance Program Offers One-time Grants and Flexible Payment Options

With many restaurants, bars, retailers and other small businesses across northern Illinois struggling to stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic, ComEd today announced a new bill-assistance program to help eligible small businesses facing financial difficulties.

"Small and family-owned businesses are the backbone of our communities. When they struggle, our neighborhoods struggle," said ComEd CEO Joe Dominguez. "By offering a new bill-assistance option targeting small and family-owned businesses, we hope to do our part to ensure that the businesses that we all love and depend upon continue to be a part of our lives."

ComEd's Small Business Assistance Program provides eligible small-business customers that are past due on their energy bills with a one-time grant equal to 30 percent of their total ComEd balance (up to \$1,000) for a limited time. Customers whose electric service has not been disconnected can then set up their remaining balance due on a payment plan of up to six months.

Small-business customers can visit [ComEd.com/SmallBizAssistance](https://ComEd.com/SmallBizAssistance) or call 1-877-4-COMED-1 (1-877-426-6331) to learn more or apply for the Small Business Assistance Program.

Recently, ComEd announced its new Helping Hand Program to provide more immediate aid to eligible residential customers most in need during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. For a limited time, this financial-assistance program provides an additional one-time grant of up to \$300 to help reduce past-due balances of income-eligible customers.

Assistance through the Helping Hand Program is administered directly through ComEd, which expedites the verification process so that customers can receive grants more quickly. Residential customers can apply for Helping Hand grants at [ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance](https://ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance).

### Assistance Options to Help Residential Customers

Helping Hand and the Small Business Assistance Program are the latest in a number of assistance options ComEd has developed since the pandemic to help customers, including an \$18 million bill-payment assistance program for residential customers announced earlier this summer.

ComEd has continued the suspension of service disconnections for low-income customers and those who express a financial hardship through March 31, 2021. For other customers, it's important that they continue to stay current to avoid higher past-due balances into the spring that will be harder to address.

ComEd's bill-assistance programs also include flexible payment options, financial assistance for past-due balances and usage alerts for current bills. Any customer who is experiencing a hardship or difficulty with their electric bill should call ComEd immediately at 1-800-334-7661 (1-800-EDISON-1), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to learn more and enroll in a program.

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



# ICC Approves ComEd's Third Consecutive Rate Decrease for Customers

## \$14 Million Decrease is Fifth Decrease in 10 Years

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved ComEd's request for a \$14 million decrease in delivery service charges in 2021 compared to rates in effect this past January. The approval comes after an eight-month proceeding in which regulators, the Illinois attorney general, the Illinois Industrial Energy Consumers, the Citizens Utility Board and others review the costs and investments that determine customer rates. It marks ComEd's fifth rate decrease in the past 10 years.

The new delivery rate will lower residential customer bills by about \$1 per month. This will result in an average monthly bill of close to \$82, which is lower than customer bills in 2008. Energy supply charges account for almost half of the monthly residential bill and ComEd does not mark up or profit on these costs.

"Families and businesses need to be able to count on reliable energy at this uncertain time and they need to have confidence that we're doing everything we can to keep our costs low and bills manageable," said Joe Dominguez, CEO of ComEd. "I'm proud that we're able to provide a third rate decrease in a row during this public health crisis. The 6,000 women and men of ComEd have worked to implement smart grid investments that are consistently providing record reliability, efficiencies and savings that we pass on to our customers."

ComEd's total average monthly residential rate of 13.05 per kilowatt hour (kWh) is 10% below the average of the top 20 U.S. metro areas by population, according to rates reported by the Edison Electric Institute for the 12 months ending in December 2019. ComEd's average industrial rate of 7.37 cents per kWh is 21% below the top 20 average and its average commercial rate of 9.79 cents per kWh is 18% below the top 20 average. ComEd customers are directly benefiting from fewer and shorter power outages as reliability has improved more than 70% since the smart grid program began in 2012. Customers captured \$655 million in direct economic value from avoided customer interruptions between the key smart grid investment years of 2012 to 2017. The avoided outages have resulted in \$2.4 billion in societal savings and 94 million pounds of avoided greenhouse gas pollution.

Investments recovered in this year's proceeding include fiber optics communication technology to enable monitoring and control of transmission and distribution networks, reduce frequency and duration of outages and support grid security. Investments also include digital substation upgrades to enhance resiliency and add more renewable energy sources; and voltage optimization (VO), which delivers a precise amount of electricity through sensor technology, creating up to 2% in savings for an average residential customer. ComEd also has been making grid investments to support some of the world's largest data center operators who are expanding or relocating to the Chicago area because of the superior reliability of the electric system and competitive rates.

# Proviso Township Handyman Program

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

### REPAIRS WE PROVIDE

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

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

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

### REPAIRS WE PROVIDE

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

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

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

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

**708-547-4001**



# Obituaries

## ***Alverio***

Chavelo Alverio. Dearly beloved husband of Maria Alverio (nee Quinonez); loving father of Margarita Figueroa, Isabel Alverio and Rose (Jose) Vazquez; cherished grandfather of Johnny Jason Figueroa, Jessica Aquino, Armando Diaz, Antonio Ayala, Andre Lopez, Tatiana Lopez, Tania Gayol and Stephanie Haskins; great-grandfather of Johnny Figueroa Jr., Jeanni Figueroa and Brando Guzzo; loving brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Bazzi***

Olga A. "Rusty" Bazzi, nee Melone. Dearly beloved wife of the late Nick (Iaco) Bazzi; loving daughter of the late John and Teresa Melone; dear sister of Noreen Melone, Tulio (the late Mary Jane) Melone and the late Ralf (the late Philomena) Melone. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

## ***Behrendt***

Deacon Raymond J. Behrendt, deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago at Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park. Lawyer at Solomon and Behrendt for many years. Dearly beloved husband of Lois and the late Mary; loving stepfather of Michael (Michele) Mosco and Annette (Andrew) Spencer; cherished grandfather of Joseph, Lauren, Daniel, Stefanie, Eric and Zachary; dear brother of the late Edward (Audrey) Behrendt; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Private entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Founder and member of Franciscan Outreach of Chicago. Member of the 3rd Order of Franciscans, avid bowler, golfer and fisherman. Member of Sacred Heart Parish for over 60 years and belonged to many Sacred Heart organizations. He will be missed by members of Sacred Heart and his loving family. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Bilbrey***

Linda A. "Tasha" Bilbrey. Beloved daughter of the late Russell and Margaret (nee Barber) Bilbrey; loving sister of John (Nina), Bill (Gabi), Bob (Sharon), Jim, Barb (the late Matt) Alek, Susie (Mike) Bunch and Mike Bilbrey; loving sister-in-law of the late Norene Bilbrey; also survived by her goddaughter and many loving nieces and nephews; dear friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Borjon***

Froilan Borjon. Dearly beloved husband of Maria Aguirre; loving father Luis (Nayelli), Chonita (Jamie), Rosy (Alfredo) and Celia (David); beloved son of the late Guillermo and Guadalupe; fond grandfather of Alexis, Eduardo, Maury, Alexander, Camila and Emeliano; dear brother of Irma, the late Hortenzia, Salvador, Artemia, Ubert and Elva; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery.

## ***Bova***

Louis A. Bova. Dearly beloved husband of the late Rosemarie (nee Boscia); loving father of Renee' Bova and the late Samuel Bova; dearest son of Samuel and Mary Bova; cherished grandfather of Jonathan and William Goldberg; fond brother of Amelia Bova, Rose (the late Murad) Agenlian and the late Iola (Isidora) Santorelli; dear uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Brito***

Uriel Brito. God saw him getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around him and whispered, "Come to me." With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him slowly fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-

working hands put to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes to best. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment in Mexico.

## ***Chavez***

Jesus Chavez. Dearly beloved husband of Maria Chavez; loving father of Angel, Fernando, Karina and Rocio Chavez; fond grandfather of Isaac, Damian, Jazmine, Elisa, Angelito, Aaron and Julie; loving brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Daniele***

Filomena Daniele, nee Addante. Dearly beloved wife of the late Andrew; loving mother of Pamela Valente, Anna (Angelo) Panvino and Anthony Daniele; cherished grandmother of Juliana, Alexander (Jacqui), Megan and Andrew; great-grandmother of Julian, Lucy, Layla, Liliana and Giovanni; dear sister of Giuseppe (Nina) Addante and the late Maria (the late Pasquale) Mola and the late Rocco (the late Shirley) Addante; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. Proud member of Madonna Della Croce Society.

## ***Ficarella***

Michael Ficarella. Dearly beloved husband of the late Violet; cherished grandfather of Mathew Engelhardt; devoted uncle of Josephine Lombardo and Mark Mitchell; loving son of the late Nunzio and Filomena Ficarella; dear uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Giordano***

Peter Giordano. Dearly beloved husband of the late Ella Giordano; loving father of Guy (Michelle) Giordano; beloved son of the late Gaetano and Rosina Giordano; fond grandfather of Frank (Kayla), Joseph and Alyssa (Alex); great-grandfather of Everyly and Joe; dear brother of Anna (Alex) Serpico, the late John (Jean) Giordano, the late Tony (Dolores) Giordano and the late Alfred (Bea) Giordano; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Guarisco***

William Wayne Guarisco. Dearly beloved husband of Grace (nee Lucca); loving father of John, Cheryl (Todd) Wiley and Chrissy; beloved son of the late William and Bernice; fond grandfather of Luca Wiley, Natalie Wiley and Jack Wiley; dear brother of Sandra (Gerald) Cherwin; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## ***Jamero***

Asteria Jamero. Beloved daughter of the late Pancrasio and Olimpia; dear sister of Victoria (Alex) Virador, Juanita, Conrado, Flabia (Diomadas) Enso and Demetria Jamero. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Johnson***

Elnora Johnson, daughter of Charlie and Lee Bertha Johnson, arrived to the joy of her parents on June 2, 1924. She was the youngest of six children (Charlie, Robert, Fannie, Bill and Sylvester Johnson). Her parents and all of her siblings proceeded her in death. As a child in Rosedale, Miss., she accepted Jesus Christ at an early age as a member of St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church. As a young adult Elnora decided to leave Mississippi following in the footsteps of her sister Fannie. She too went in search of a better life up north. In 1943, she met and married Alex Harrell.

He was affectionally known as "Brown." Alex proceeded her in death and no children were born to this union. She later married Eugene Burrage, who also proceeded her in death and also to this union no children were born. Elnora was a hard worker, everything she did, she did with an attitude of gratitude and a heart of love! She began as a domestic worker. Despite some unfavorable conditions, she never complained. She was also employed at Malmount, where auto parts were made. Later she became a home health care worker for Bethel New Life in Chicago. Elnora was a member of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #3. She was a faithful member of the New Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Cleveland Whittington. She served on the usher board until her health began to fail her. She then made her presence at Rush Barton Senior Apartments on Wood Street. In November of 2011, she once again followed her sister Fannie and took up a residence at Belhaven Senior Residence and Rehabilitation Center. There they were dubbed "The Golden Girls." Elnora made her transition on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Little Company of Mary Hospital. "Aunt Honey," as she was so affectionately called, was always as sweet as honey! Always giving, never looking for anything in return. Love just oozed out of her very being. She truly was a dispenser of unconditional love for her fellow men and women. A phenomenal woman of God, Elnora never had any biological children, but she mothered a village! She was not just Aunt Honey ... she was "Mother Aunt" to many. She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy, two matriarchal nieces – Annie Mae Euell (Kathleen, Odis, Alfred and Marcy) and Mary Lee Pitts (Rose, Tiara, Felton, Diane, Susie); a devoted great-niece – Kathleen Williams (Karinne, Samuel); a special daughter – Kimberley Baker (Kenyanna); special nieces – Barbara Shakoor (Laron, Shannell) Julita Phillips (Seretha, Aubrey), Shirley Richmond (Latacia, Gemae), Ollie Hall (Jordell), Lee Bertha Johnson (Joe, Nathan), Rosie Lee Toy Johnson, Eunice Slaton (Micah, Erica and Randall) and Maple Johnson (Ann, Laney and Carol); nephews – Charles Barnes, Gabe Barnes Jr., Earl Johnson, Ozell Johnson, Milton Johnson, Leroy Johnson and Charles Sammie Johnson; extended family nieces and nephews – Freddie Mae Johnson, Fannie Mae Johnson, Lonnie Johnson, Sylvester Johnson Jr., Willie Johnson, Lucille Johnson, Rosie Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Monroe Johnson, Willie Johnson II, Sylvester Johnson III and Charlie Johnson; a great host of first great-, second great-, third great- and fourth great-grand nieces and nephews; cousins – Elnora Wesley, Audisteen Euell and Joe Eddie James; along with many other family and friends. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

**Johnson**

Laura Johnson. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery.

**Lomedico**

Laura Lomedico. Dearly beloved daughter of the late John and Joyce Lomedico; loving friend of John and Concetta Conenna, who took care of her for many years. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

**Maucieri**

Maria Maucieri. Loving sister of Marilyn, Lawrence (Rose), Phil (Jean) and the late Tony, Joan and Ralph; aunt to many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

**Molina**

Juan Jose Molina. Dearly beloved son of Juan and Rosario Molina; loving brother of Jorge (Margaret), Javier, Otto (Pamela), Dagoberto (Maria) and Gabriel (fiancee Mileddez); cherished nephew, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

**Morrissey**

Helen F. Morrissey, nee Hennigan. Dearly beloved wife of John; loving mother of Daniel (Lisa) and Joseph (Guy Sullivan) Morrissey; cherished grandmother of John, Tony (fiancee Liz Mielke), Danielle and Nick Morrissey; dear sister of Christine (the late John) Doherty, Kathleen (the

late Ed) Smith, James and the late Mary Therese Hennigan; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Inurnment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery.

**Pape**

Dominic K. Pape. Dearly beloved son of Joseph S. Pape and Nancy J. Pape; dearly loved brother of Lynn (Max) Chamberlain, Tammy (Scott) Braam and Marjorie O'Benar (Eric Coleman); cherished uncle of Alexandra (Nicholas) Koop, Samantha (Thomas) Kurtz, Robert Baur and David Baur. When you think of Nick, celebrate the good memories you have of him. Remember that life is fragile, short and should be lived to the fullest. Nick was outgoing, funny and proud of his Italian heritage. He loved his work both as a truck driver and as a classroom assistant. Working with children was his passion that brought many smiles to both Nick and the children whose lives he touched. Nick enjoyed his motorcycles, no matter whether they were cruisers or crotch rockets. The louder and faster the better. Da Bears! May the force be with you. Above all, Nick loved Jesus. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Pokuta**

Florence Pokuta. Dearly beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Susan (Jerry) Feldman and Paul (Kelly); cherished grandmother of Richard Feldman; dear sister of the late Ted Burakowski; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment private. Florence was the former president of Winston Park Women's Club.

**Puccio**

John A. Puccio, veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of Janice (nee Turilli); loving father of Linda and Carl Puccio; dear brother of Mary Louise (Robert) Szostek; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

**Qualeatti**

Carl M. Qualeatti, age 95, of Elmhurst, passed away Friday, Nov. 13, at his daughter's home with his loving family by his side. He was born on May 6, 1925, in Melrose Park, the son of Vito and Constance (Palermo) Qualeatti. Carl earned a Bronze Star as an Army PFC in the liberation of Europe during World War II. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 5979 and a proud member of the Plumbers Union 130 for 71 years. Carl was active in the Melrose Park ASO Appennini Society, enjoyed golfing, and cheered for Notre Dame football and the Chicago Cubs. He was preceded in death by his sisters – Rose, Lucy, Mary, Esther and Eva; daughter – Janis Orchell; and his dear wife – Antoinette “Nettie” (Pontrelli). Carl is survived by his daughters – Gail (of Pingree Grove) and Donna (Steve) Sherbondy (of Fox River Grove); grandchildren – Katelyn Breen (Ethan) and 2nd Lt. Matthew (Samantha) Breen; dear friend – Laura Sloan; and newest family members – Uma and Gabe. He will be dearly missed by all. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

**Quaranta**

Mary Ann Quaranta. Dearly beloved wife of Matthew; loving mother of Anamarie and Frank (Cathy) Quaranta; cherished grandmother of Melissa, Alexandra, John Matthew, Anna Maria and Frankie; dear sister of the late Raymond; fond sister-in-law, great-grandmother, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Proud member of Madonna Crucifisso.

**Rocha**

Saul Rocha. Dearly beloved husband of Maria E. Ortiz; loving father of Saul (Maria) Zamora and Yolanda (Gabriel) Lugo; cherished grandfather of Alan (Kiara), Kayla, Julius, Danny, Adrian and Nathan; dear brother of



Esperanza, Elvira, Francisco, Evalicia, Roberto, Josephina, Estella and Ruben; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

**Rociola**

Annette M. Rociola, nee Prestia. Dearly beloved wife of Louis; loving mother of Vincent (fiancee Marina); cherished grandmother of Stella; dear sister of Fran (Donna Clesen) Prestia; sister-in-law of Denise Rociola; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

**Ruggiero**

Gina Ruggiero, nee Minervini. Dearly beloved wife of the late Angelo; loving mother of Nicholas, Anna Jean (Brian) Flanagan, Richard (Gina) and Michael (Diana) Ruggiero; cherished grandmother of Angelo, Robert, Sarah (Mike), Sherry, Jennifer (Grant) Dawson, Allison Flanagan, Mia, Elisabeth, Anna and Angelo; great-grandmother of Olivia, Madeleine, Alex, Chloe and Max; fond sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

**Sabatino**

Russell R. Sabatino, veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Rosemary (nee Guarino); loving father of Russell (Victoria), Joseph (Ann) and John (Ann); beloved son of the late Russell and Isabella Sabatino; cherished grandfather of Steven, Michael (Melissa), Tricia (Brian) Schroeder, John (Anne), Deanna (Matt) Boyes, Nicolette (Kerry) Anderson and Joseph (Jackie); great-grandfather of Tyler, Milo, Andrea Rose, Patrick and Leo; fond brother of Anthony, Michael, Barbara and James; loving brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

**Somers**

Rita Ann Somers, nee Cardamone, passed away peacefully on Oct. 12. Beloved wife of the late Glen R. Somers; devoted mother of Glen S. (Cathy) Sr., Frank and Marianne; loving daughter of the late Frank and the late Anne (nee Marchante) Cardamone; fond grandmother of Glen S. Jr. and Robert; dear sister of the late Marie (the late James) Baskerville and the late Francine MacTavish; dear aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Stellato**

Joseph Anthony "Pepe" Stellato, passed away suddenly at his home on Nov. 27. Loving father of Joseph and Anthony Stellato; loving son of June Stellato (nee Sperando) and the late Anthony Stellato Jr.; dear brother of Kerry Jo; cherished nephew of Marie Sperando, Jerry Sperando, the late Richard (Patti), the late Frances Sperando and the late Angie (Carmen) Fiorvanti; dear cousin of Richard, Vincent, Dina and Joe Sperando; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

**Swanson**

Ruth E. Swanson. Passed away peacefully on July 6, at the age of 98. Ruth grew up on a farm during the great depression. She became an officer in the Navy during World War II, serving as a nurse. She married Arthur after the war and worked as a registered nurse at Westlake Hospital for many years. She loved playing pinochle, bowling, going to the casino and doting on her grandchildren. Beloved mother of Paul, Diane Minch, Richard (Mary), Carl (Kim) and Donald (Socorro); cherished grandmother of 11; great-grandmother of 17; many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, her parents and siblings. Private memorial.

**Tropea**

Nicola Tropea. Dearly beloved husband of Maria (nee Cristiano); loving father of Salvatore MPPD (Robin), Giuseppe MPFD (Melanie) and Michele (Michelle) Tropea; cherished nonno of Joseph, Lea, Ava and Peyton; dear brother of Giovanna (Mario) Barbaro and the late Elizabeth (Eddie) Gualteri, the late Michele Tropea and Rosita (Stefano) De Rose; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private. Proud member of The Flowers of Italy of Melrose Park.

**Viramontes**

Delfina Viramontes. Beloved wife of Roberto Botello; loving mother of Baudelio Botello, Elena Botello, Jaime Botello, Efren Botello, Patricia Botello, Cristina Botello and Roberto Botello; loving grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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