

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

A Recap of My Administration's Strategies that Helped Residents and Businesses Minimize the Effects of COVID-19 on Our Community ...

Dear Neighbors,

On the one-year anniversary of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Illinois, I want to recap my administration's strategies that helped residents and businesses minimize its effects.

We initially developed an aggressive COVID-19 information outreach program employing social media, *The Rose* newspaper, a phone notification system and the village's website.

One of our earliest efforts involved the distribution by volunteers of thousands of bags containing hand sanitizer, face masks, safety guidelines and information about the new emergency room medical services available at Gottlieb Hospital to Melrose Park residents. We then placed "Stay at Home" yard signs throughout the community in compliance with the state's stay at home pandemic mitigation orders.

We closed the Village Hall for several weeks to employ safety measures that would allow the public to safely access the hall. However, during the closure employees still worked to ensure that there was no stoppage in delivering vital services. In addition, many of our departments reinvented methods to obtain village services in a safer manner.

One of our proudest programs was the creation of a local COVID-19 Weekend Testing Clinic that provided monthly testing opportunities that started in August and will continue into the future until this disease is brought under control. Thus far, over 3,000 residents have utilized the testing clinic. Please visit the village website at www.melrosepark.org for future test dates.

Recently, our Melrose Park Homeland Security and Public Safety Department partnered with state and county officials on rolling out regional COVID-19 vaccination centers. Visit their website at www.mpdes.org.

In addition to all of the above, we assisted local community organizations in helping them facilitate COVID-19 testing operations. We also created a task force to work with our schools to help with the implementation of ways to deliver education during the pandemic and ways to eventually reopen facilities. We collaborated with representatives from Loyola Hospital to explore additional ongoing free COVID-19 testing sites in our community. I worked with the Secretary of State's Office in opening a temporary DMV site in the Melrose Park Civic Center to assist residents with various driver services.

In October, we opened a flu shot clinic to help residents immunize against the seasonal flu. The village is also involved in a partnership with community food banks to assist with getting and distributing meal resources to those residents impacted by the pandemic.

To help our children enjoy some sort of normalcy during these extraordinary times, we organized pandemic-safe events such as a Santa parade and an Easter Bunny parade that traveled throughout the town. Through donations, we secured over 200,000 units of candy and snacks which were distributed to our resident children at our Halloween Drive-Thru event which replaced trick-or-treating last year. Because graduation ceremonies were cancelled, we worked with parents and schools to recognize Melrose Park grammar and high school graduates with parades in front of their homes and throughout the community.

I am proud to proclaim that no Chicago suburban community has gone to the lengths that we have traveled in assisting our residents during this unprecedented time in our country's history.

I want to publicly thank Director of Police Pitassi and his officers, and Director of Fire Department Beltrame and the Fire Department for their unwavering devotion during the past 12 months. As we social distanced and stayed home, our police and fire officers unflinchingly moved toward possible danger. Sadly, several police and fire officers contracted the virus and tragically, police officer Joseph Cappello succumbed to the disease.

I also want to thank the village employees who continued to work during these tough times and to Homeland Security Chief Phil Schwartz and our strategy team for the hours they worked in developing and coordinating many of the programs mentioned in this letter.

The vaccine is here, but it will be months before we finally defeat this virus, so please continue to practice safety measures like wearing face masks and socially distancing. And rest assured, your village government will continue to defend our community against this deadly virus.



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

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



Stay well,

Mayor Ron Serpico



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

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Important

Melrose Park Village Hall Notice ...

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



To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Resident Response

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi,

I am writing this letter to address our special appreciation towards the Melrose Park Police Department, especially the one (Ofc. Vaughn Damron, Midnight Shift) who came to our house yesterday (Feb. 7, 2021) at 4:58 a.m. to notify that our car garage was open all night. He informed us despite heavy snow and a slippery pathway.

We wanted to show our gratitude to the respected and dedicated police officer.

It's very heartwarming to know that officers like him serve our community. We are so grateful for your service in ensuring the safety of our community.

• Sincerely,
Joy Kachappilly

Dear Mayor Serpico and Director of Fire Department Beltrame,

Thank you for the assistance your Fire Department provided to River Grove on Jan. 8, 2021, at our 2-11 Alarm Fire at 3045 Paris.

The manpower and equipment you provided gave us the tools we needed to prevent any more loss of life and property.

The River Grove Fire Department appreciates the partnership we have through MABAS Division XX and looks forward to our continued efforts.

• Respectfully,
Sean M. Flynn, Fire Chief
River Grove Fire Department

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi,

On Jan. 8, 2021, there was a funeral for the father of Bellwood Mayor Andre Harvey, Mr. Alvin Harvey.

At your permission, a Melrose Park squad car was sent to represent your department, showing condolences and respect for the extraordinary life of Mr. Alvin Harvey.

Your assigned officer conducted themselves in a professional and exempt manner.

I would like to send my appreciation to you and your department for thinking enough to show your support for this occasion.

Thanks again for your assistance.

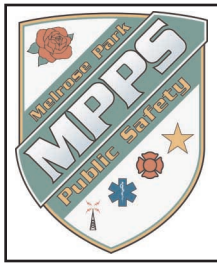
• Sincerely,
Jiminez Allen #300, Chief of Police
Bellwood Police Department

You're Making a Difference.



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

Melrose Park – COVID-19 Update



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

Vaccination Sites Nearby

Phase 1B in Illinois

On Jan. 25, 2021, Phase 1B began, allowing frontline essential workers and residents age 65 and over to get vaccinated. Below is a brief list of sites nearby, more sites are being added. For an updated list, check our website at www.mpps.us or visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location>.

WALGREENS PHARMACY – 1445 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, 60160
<https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>

JEWEL-OSCO PHARMACY – 800 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, 60160
<https://www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt>

TRITON COLLEGE (Public Health Provider) – Public Health Clinic, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, 60171
<https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/>

WALGREENS PHARMACY – 6 E. North Ave., Northlake, 60164
<https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>

Remember 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.

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.

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.



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 percent alcohol. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

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

Follow Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

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

Follow these five steps every time.

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



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 or visit our department's website at www.mpdes.org.

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

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

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

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

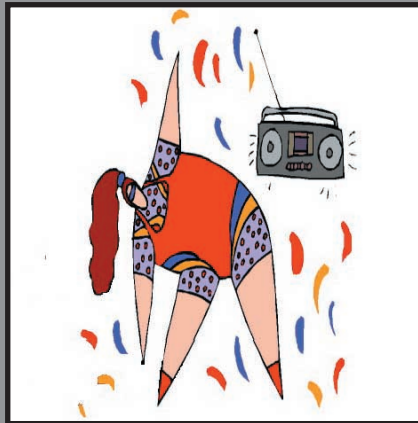
Cook County: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/information-covid-19>.

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!

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



*Socially
Distanced
Activity
Face Masks
Required*

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

Monday-Friday • 9-10 a.m.

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

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



Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Department*

A Message from Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame

MPFD Participates in Illinois Fire Service Institute Training



The Melrose Park Fire Department participated three days in a row in early December with training in an acquired building in Schiller Park. Training consisted of large area search and rescue, ventilation and breaching of walls. Training was administered by Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI).



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.

Benefit Access Program Benefits

Senior Ride Free Transit Benefit • Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride • Secretary of State License Plate Discount

Beneficio de Acceso para el Programa de Beneficios

Beneficio de Transporte Gratuito para personas Mayores de 65 años • Transporte Gratuito para Personas con Incapacidades
Descuento para la Placa de su Carro en la Secretaria del Estado

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

Melrose Park Police Department Notice



**Melrose
Park
Police
Department**

*Connecting
You to
Community
Resources!*

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.

A Message
from
Director
of Police
Sam C.
Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi
Director of Police



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

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

The website can be translated to Spanish and Polish.

CRIME TIPS
Carjackers Rely on the Element of Surprise

Carjackers rely on the element of surprise to carry out their crime. To be successful, carjackers look for victims who aren't paying attention to their surroundings. Most victims report never seeing the carjacker until they are already being approached and forced from their vehicle.

Carjackings have devastated the lives of many over the years and they continue to do so today. As a result, carjacking survivors are often left with constant fear every time they get behind the wheel. Others refuse to ever drive again.

Carjacking is a very serious crime. To reduce your chances of becoming a carjacking victim, always be on alert whenever you are exiting and entering your car, paying close attention to your surroundings.

To reduce your risk of being a carjacking victim, take heed of the following safety precautions:

- Be suspicious of anyone sitting in a nearby car.
- Don't be afraid to ask for a store security guard to walk you to your car.
- If someone tries to approach you, retreat back into the building from which you came.
- Always be cautious and look around the outside of your car and inside before entering.
- Avoiding parking near walls, bushes, dumpsters and other surroundings that someone can hide behind.
- Be aware of individuals handing out flyers, selling candy or merchandise in and around parking areas.
- If you plan to arrive or leave a place after dark, park in areas that you know will be well lit at night.
- Make sure you are not being followed and always look around as you load shopping bags and other goods into your car.
- Get into the habit of swiftly entering your vehicle, locking your doors, starting your engine, and driving away as quickly and safely as possible.
- Use valet parking whenever possible. Only supply the valet with the vehicle key.
 - Take all other keys with you when exiting the vehicle.
- Always drive with your car doors locked.
- Make sure all car doors are locked while running/warming up in front of your home.
- Listen to your instincts. If you sense something is not right, leave the area.
- Do not argue with the perpetrator.
 - Give up your keys and/or other personal items as demanded.
- Avoid driving with your windows down in areas where you have to make frequent stops at lights and intersections.
- If you are carjacked, immediately call the police.
 - Do not try to follow the carjacker!
- When in traffic, if possible, attempt to leave room between your car and the car in front of you so as you can quickly drive away if approached by a criminal.
- If an individual bumps your vehicle from behind with his own car, be suspicious.
 - Wave for him to follow you to a heavily populated area or local police.
- Never willingly get into the car with the carjacker, no matter what he says.
 - Just throw your keys, run and yell for help.
- Record your vehicle identification number and license plate number on a piece of paper and keep it with your driver's license.
 - In the case of a carjacking, the police will require this information.
 - The quicker you can provide it to them, the better.

Unemployment Identity Theft Scam

The Melrose Park Police Department has issued a warning about an unemployment and identity fraud scam that has recently affected Illinois residents. The scam involves fraudulently using individuals' identities to file for Illinois unemployment benefits.

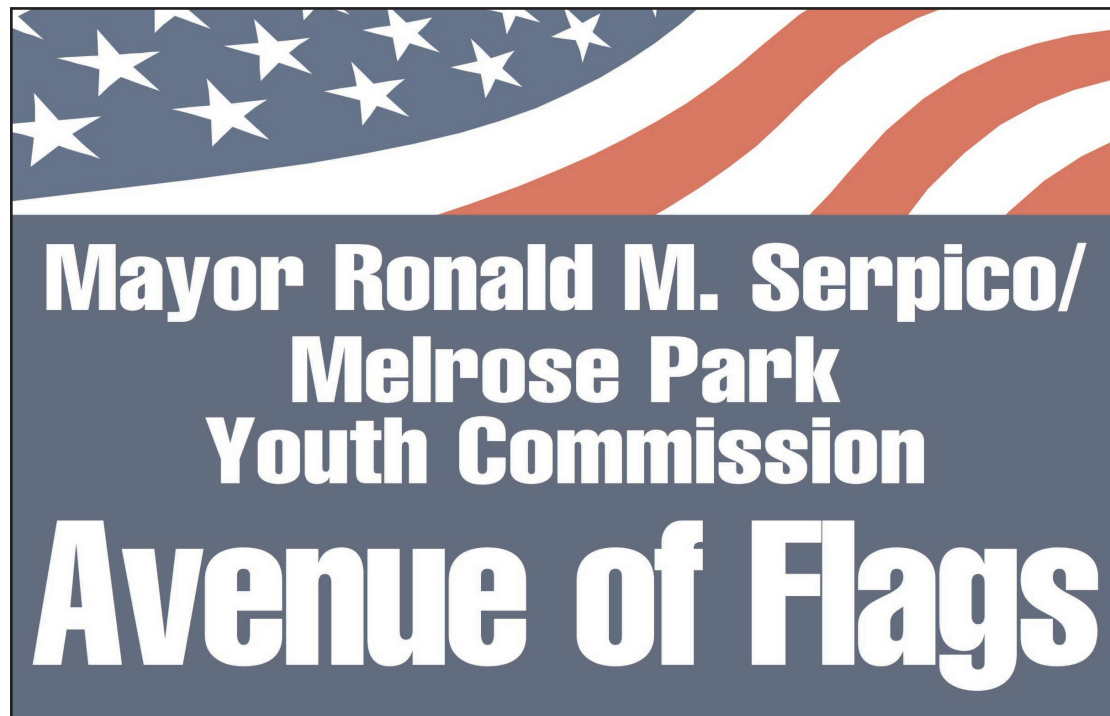
If an individual receives an unemployment benefit debit card in the mail and did not file for unemployment benefits, the Melrose Park Police Department advises them not to activate the card and to check their credit report for suspicious activity.

1. Individuals who received an unsolicited unemployment benefits debit card should file a police report.
2. Residents who have been affected by this scam should also contact the Illinois Department of Employment Security at (800) 814-0513 or visit ides.illinois.gov to report the fraudulent debit card.

Source: <https://northernstar.info/80762/news/dekalb-police-department-warns-against-unemployment-scams/>.

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

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



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

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

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

Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

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



ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 6
Early Voting Runs Monday, March 22-Monday, April 5.

RE-ELECT MELROSE VISION PARTY

MAYOR

Ronald M. Serpico Sr.

VILLAGE CLERK

Mary Ann Paolantonio

FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Anthony N. Abruzzo

Jaime Anguiano

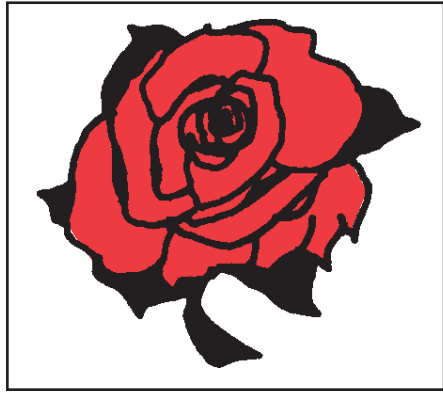
Louis T. "Sonny" Nicotera

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Mary Ramirez Taconi

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



Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride Program for MP Residents

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

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

Policies and Procedures

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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

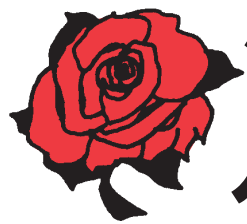
You must stay at your destination you are going to for a minimum of an hour. Any residents of Victory Centre MUST go with the group provided at their center for grocery shopping, etc. Any doctor appointment can be made with us.

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



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

Call (708) 343-7047 for service.



***Village of
Melrose Park***

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.

Early Voting for the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election Runs Monday, March 22-Monday, April 5 Village of Melrose Park (First Floor Multi-Purpose Room) 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park

Early Voting Hours are:

Monday-Saturday, March 22-March 27 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

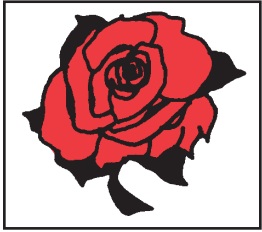
Sunday, March 28 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday-Saturday, March 29-April 3 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 4 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, April 5 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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



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.

Apply Now for the 2021 Senior Painting Program!

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.

Street Parking Restrictions

Please follow all street parking restriction signs posted throughout the village.



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 and a 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.*

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.

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 10 alley projects have been completed.

Help Keep Our Village Clean!

Help keep our village clean by making sure you keep all garbage in your 90-gallon blue garbage container to keep garbage from blowing throughout the neighborhood. The village is proud of the garbage and debris services it provides our residents. Help keep the parkways clean and in the front and rear of your house or building. The village is dedicated to working with and for our citizens – together we can make Melrose Park look even better!



Buying or selling?

Now is the time to make your move.

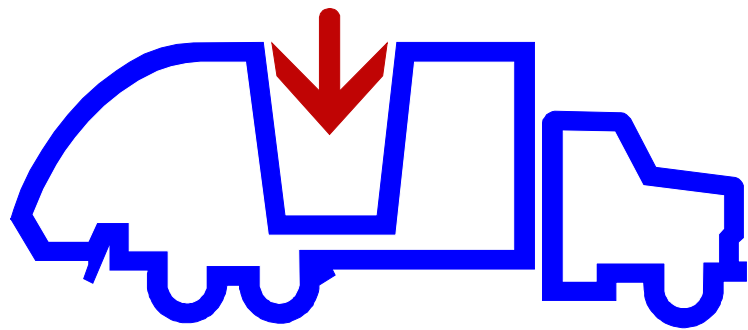


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Village of Melrose Park Residential Garbage Pickup Information

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.

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.

REPLACEMENT RESIDENT RECYCLING CANS

For the new larger recycling cans, please call Republic Service directly at (708) 345-7050 and ask for customer service to request a recycling can.

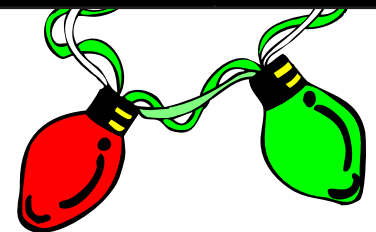
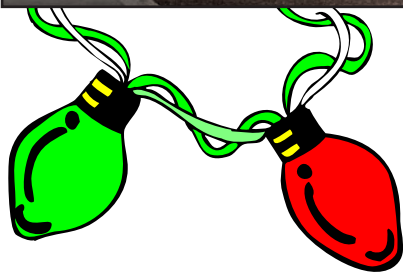
The smaller recycling can will no longer be available at the village Public Works Department or from Republic Service.

Mayor Serpico/Melrose Park Youth Commission

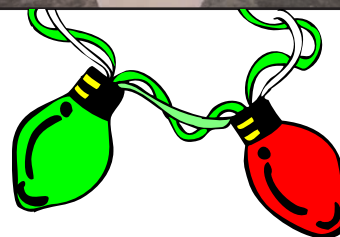
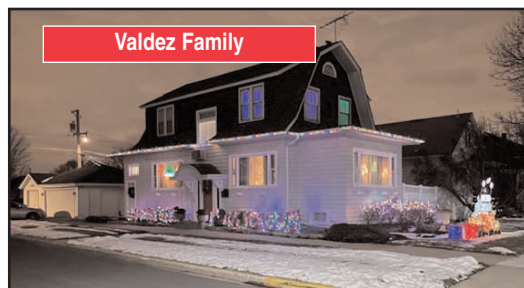
Outdoor Holiday Decorating Contest Homes



5 – \$150 Top Prize Winners



5 – \$50 Runners-Up Prize Winners



Other
Featured Homes 



Thank you to everyone for joining in the seasonal fun!
Watch for details on our 2021 Holiday Decorating Contest
in upcoming issues of *The Rose*!

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The ROSE AD RESERVATION FORM

Save the Dates!

Next Issue – April 2021

(Deadline for material March 15, 2021.)

Schedule for 2021

April, June, August, October and December

Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

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

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

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



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Contact Name _____

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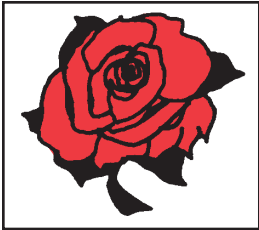
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Village of Melrose Park Building, Planning & Zoning Report

From the Desk 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.

The Building Department of the village of Melrose Park is pleased to see the improvements within our neighborhood. Remember, before starting any construction project, obtain a Building Permit from the Building Department.

All contractors performing work are required to obtain a Contractor's License with the village. Rough and final inspections are to be performed to make sure work is being performed to code.

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

For your convenience, please visit www.melrosepark.org to access the following Building Department forms: Building Codes, Certificate of Compliance Application, Contractors Registration Application, Debris Hauling Contractor's License Application, Electrical Permit Application, Form 3500, Form 4000, Items Covered in Cert of Compliance Inspection (Sale), Permit Application Page 1, Permit Application Page 2, Process of Selling a Property, Sign Application, Vacant Property Registration, and Vending and Amusement License Application.

The village zoning map is available on the home page of the village of Melrose Park website.

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:

• J&J Fish & Chicken	2037 Mannheim Road	Coming Soon
• 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.	Complete
• 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.	Complete
• Ross Dress for Less	1200 Winston Plaza	Complete

Village of Melrose Park – All Applicable Codes

- NFPA (Life Safety Code) – 2015
- Plumbing/State of Illinois – 2014
- (IBC) International Building Code – 2015
- (IRC) The One and Two Family Dwelling Code (Nationally Recognized Model Code) – 2015
- International Mechanical Code – 2015
- State of Illinois Energy Conversation Code – 2015
- International Property Maintenance – 2015
- Electric Code (Chicago) – 2014

Flood Hazard: Check Before You Buy

There are maps that show areas predicted to flood. To find out more about flood-prone area maps, check with the Melrose Park Building Department to find out more about our flood plain information services.

However, flooding and other surface drainage problems can occur well away from the coast. If you're looking at a property, it's a good idea to check out the possible flood hazard before you buy. Here's why:

- The force of moving water or waves can destroy a building.
- Slow moving floodwaters can knock people off their feet or float a car.
- Even standing water can float a building, collapse basement walls or buckle a concrete floor.
- Water-soaked contents, such as carpeting, clothing, upholstered furniture and mattresses may have to be thrown away after a flood.
- Some items, such as photographs and heirlooms, may never be restored to their original condition.
- Floodwaters are not clean – floods carry mud, farm chemicals, road oil and other noxious substances that cause health hazards.
- Flooded buildings breed mold and other problems if they are not repaired quickly and properly.
- The impact of a flood cleanup, making repairs and the personal losses can cause great stress to you, your family and your finances.

Floodplain Regulations: The village of Melrose Park regulates construction and development in the floodplain to ensure that buildings will be protected from flood damage. Filling and similar projects are prohibited in certain areas. Houses substantially damaged by fire, flood or any other cause must be elevated to or above the regulatory flood level when they are repaired. More information can be obtained from the Building Department – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4427.

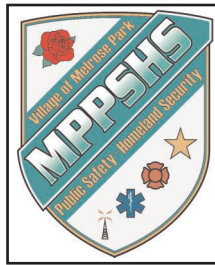
Check for a Flood Hazard: Before you commit yourself to buying property, do the following:

- Ask the Building Department – (708) 343-4000, Ext: 4427 – if the property is in a floodplain; if it has ever been flooded; what the flood depth, velocity, and warning time are; if it is subject to any other hazards; and what building or zoning regulations are in effect.
- Ask the real estate agent if the property is in a floodplain, if it has ever been flooded and if it is subject to any other hazards, such as sewer backup or subsidence.
- Ask the seller and the neighbors if the property is in a floodplain, how long they have lived there, if the property has ever been flooded and if it is subject to any other hazards.

Flood Protection: A building can be protected from most flood hazards, sometimes at a relatively low cost. New buildings and additions can be elevated above flood levels. Existing buildings can be protected from shallow floodwaters by regrading, berms or floodwalls. There are other retrofitting techniques that can protect a building from surface or subsurface water.

Flood Insurance: Homeowners insurance usually does not include coverage for a flood. One of the best protection measures for a building with a flood problem is a flood insurance policy under the National Flood Insurance Program, which can be purchased through any licensed property insurance agent. If the building is located in a floodplain, flood insurance will be required by most federally backed mortgage lenders. Ask an insurance agent how much a flood insurance policy would cost.

Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

NOAA Weather (Radio All Hazards)

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Working with the Federal Communication Commission's Emergency Alert System, NWR is an all hazards radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information.

In conjunction with emergency managers and other public officials, NWR broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards including natural events such as earthquakes and avalanches, environmental accidents such as chemical releases or oil spills, and public safety issues such as a child abduction or 911 telephone outage. Research NWR Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) for Event Codes Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service." NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, part of the Department of Commerce. NWR numbers 1000 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz) listed below.

162.400 162.425 162.450 162.475 162.500 162.525 162.550

NWS suggests listeners change the batteries in their receivers in the spring and fall when Daylight Savings Time begins and ends.

Public Alert™ Devices and NWR All Hazards Logo

We cannot recommend one brand of receiver over another, but we do recommend users look for receivers with the Public Alert and/or the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards logo. The Public Alert Standard (CEA-2009-A) was developed by the Consumer Electronics Association in conjunction with NWS. Devices carrying the Public Alert logo meet certain technical standards and come with many, if not all, of the features mentioned in this article. NWS has evaluated devices carrying the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards logo for user friendliness and performance capabilities.



Residential Grade Radios and Features

Prices vary from \$20 and up, depending on the model. Many receivers have an alarm feature, but some may not. Among the more useful features in a receiver are:

- **Tone alarm:** NWS will send a 1050 Hz tone alarm before broadcasting most warnings and many watch messages. The alarm will activate all the receivers equipped to receive it, even if the audio is turned off. This is especially useful for warnings during the night. (Public Alert™ – required)
- **SAME technology:** SAME, or Specific Alert Message Encoding allows you to specify the particular area for which you wish to receive alerts. Most warnings and watches broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio are county-based or independent city-based (parish-based in Louisiana), although in a few areas of the country the alerts are issued for portions of counties. Since most NWR transmitters are broadcasting for a number of counties, SAME receivers will respond only to alerts issued for the area (or areas) you have selected. This minimizes the number of "false alarms" for events which might be a few counties away from where you live. (Public Alert™ – required)
- **Selectable alerting of events:** While SAME allows you to specify a particular area of interest, some receivers allow you to turn off alarms for certain events which might not be important to you. For example, if you live in a coastal county, but not right at the beach, you might not care about Coastal Flood Warnings. This feature may also be called "Event Blocking" or "Defeat Siren." (Public Alert™ – optional)
- **Battery backup:** Since power outages often occur during storms, having a receiver with battery backup can be crucial. However, unless you have a portable unit which you will use away from other power sources, an AC power connection is recommended to preserve battery life. (Public Alert™ – required for radios, optional for other devices.)
- **External antenna jack:** While most receivers come with a whip antenna you usually can extend to improve reception, depending on your location you also may need an external antenna. Some receivers come with an external antenna jack so you can connect to a larger antenna indoors or outdoors. You can often buy these antennas where you bought your receiver or from most stores with an electronics department. NWR broadcasts are in the Public Service VHF frequencies, just above FM radio and between the current TV channels 6 and 7. An antenna designed for analog VHF televisions or FM radios should work.

Melrose Park Keeps Citizens Safe with Updated Everbridge Citizen Alerts System

Citizens and Businesses Can Sign Up to Receive Critical Alerts During Emergencies

The village of Melrose Park is using our newly Updated Citizen Alerts System from Everbridge the leading emergency notification system provider, to communicate with thousands of businesses and residents in minutes in an emergency.

The village is able to alert residents about severe weather, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues and other emergencies using Everbridge. Messages can be sent to residents on any communication path desired – cell phone, home phone, email, text messaging, fax, pager, PDA and more – ensuring that residents and village staff receive life-saving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes. Citizens listed in the village’s 9-1-1 database have been automatically subscribed to alerts by phone, though all citizens should self-register, to provide additional contact information and chose the alerts they would like to receive. In addition, the village plans to use the Everbridge system to notify residents about other important activities, such as weather emergencies, road closures and water utility maintenance.

Fires. Road closures. Gas leaks. How will you find out about citywide emergencies and disasters? Your safety is our top concern. Early warning helps save lives and property. That’s why Melrose Park wants to make sure you know about emergencies, severe weather and disasters as they happen.

The village of Melrose Park will use the New Everbridge SmartGIS System With Severe Weather Alerts to let you know about issues that may affect your safety. The Everbridge system will allow the village of Melrose Park to contact thousands of residents in seconds so you find out about an emergency right away.

Receive important messages from the village on your phone, email and more. Everbridge SmartGIS System can deliver messages to you any way you want – on your home phone, cell phone, email and more. This way, we can reach you in any emergency. We may also use the system in non-emergency situations to let you know about weather alerts, important village-related events, such as meetings, parade closures or street cleaning changes.

How does it work? The process begins when the village or National Weather Service issues an alert or message about a potential safety hazard or concern. Messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices, including listed land line phones, cell phones, email, and more. If you don't confirm receipt of the message, the system will try to reach your second contact number or email. The system will continue trying to contact you until it receives a confirmation from you.

What is Everbridge? Everbridge is a mass notification system which will notify you of severe weather or other emergency situations in your area.

What areas are covered? Everbridge allows you to choose multiple locations such as your home, work or child's school.

How will I be notified? You can choose to be notified by text, email phone call or all of them.

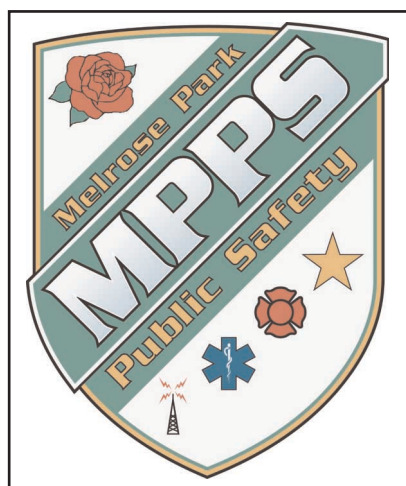


Your help by is critical. The success of this service relies on YOU.

Having your latest contact information is the only way to ensure that we can contact you in an emergency. To register or to update your contact information, please visit <https://mpdes.org/village-alerts>. Registering or updating is easy and only takes a few minutes, just go to <https://mpdes.org/village-alerts> and click on the link.

Thank you in advance for you cooperation and participation in this important program.
For more information or help in enrolling or updating your information, please call (708) 649-8000.

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.**

Mayor Serpico's Snow Removal Program Out in Full Force During Recent Snowstorms

Mayor Serpico's Snow Removal Program provided support for seniors and disabled residents during the big snowstorms that impacted the area recently.

Crews removed the snow from approximately 208 homes of Melrose Park residents who called in for assistance.

A special thank you from Mayor Serpico to all the Public Works employees and members of our community for their patience and their hard work in keeping the streets, sidewalks and alleys clean and passable.



*Help Slow the Spread ...
Wear a Mask,
Watch Your Distance,
Wash Your Hands.*

*Thank you for
making a difference
in our community.*



**Village of
Melrose Park**

Mayor

Ronald M. Serpico

*See Pages 24-30 for Restore Illinois Tier 1 Mitigation, General Prevention,
Face Covering, Social Distancing and Stopping the Spread Details.*

Melrose Park is Now in Tier 1 COVID-19 Mitigation, Learn What That Means

Restore Illinois – Tier 1 Resurgence Mitigations ... Do’s and Don’ts

Tier 1 mitigations may be applied to regions that are experiencing a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 or regions that have been under more stringent mitigations, but have not yet achieved metrics that allow for a resumption of Phase 4 Restore Illinois activities. If a region again experiences a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 with Tier 1 mitigations in place, a return to stricter measures may be necessary to curtail further spread. Tier 1 mitigations include the following:

Setting	Mitigation Requirements
Bars and Restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All bars and restaurants close at 11 p.m. and may reopen no earlier than 6 a.m. the following day.• Indoor service limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent capacity per room.• Establishments offering indoor service must serve food.• Indoor service reservations limited to two-hour maximum duration and maximum four persons per party (dining only with members of the same household recommended).• All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables.• No ordering, seating or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed).• Tables should be 6 feet apart.• No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.• No dancing or standing indoors.• Reservations required for each party.• No seating of multiple parties at one table.• Includes private clubs and country clubs.
Meetings, Social Events and Gatherings Including Weddings, Funerals, Potlucks, Etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors.• Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.• Not applicable to students participating in in-person classroom learning or sports.• This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general Phase 4 business guidance such as office, personal care, retail, etc.• No party buses.
Organized Group Recreational Activities Fitness Centers, Sports, Etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports should follow the mitigation measures set forth in the All Sport Guidelines, which outlines appropriate levels of practice and competition based on individual sport risk.• Face coverings must be worn at all times in fitness centers, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing.• Recreation, fitness centers and outdoor activities (not included in the above exposure settings) follow Phase 4 guidance.

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required or if current mitigation should remain in place.

- For regions experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19, Tier 1 mitigations may be applied in either of the two scenarios:
 - If a region's test positivity rate is greater than or equal to 8 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the seven-day rolling average).
 - If a region experiences both a sustained increase in test positivity rate (measured with the seven-day rolling average for seven of 10 days) and hospital capacity is threatened, which is measured by either:
 - A. A sustained increase in the number of COVID patients in the hospital (measured with the seven-day average for seven of 10 days), or
 - B. Staffed ICU bed availability falls below 20 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the seven-day rolling average).
- For regions experiencing declining spread of COVID-19, Tier 1 mitigations will go into effect if a region meets the following three metrics:
 - Test positivity rate between 6.5 and 8 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the seven-day rolling average).
 - Staffed intensive care unit (ICU) bed availability greater than or equal to 20 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the seven-day rolling average).
 - No sustained increase in the number of COVID-19 patients in hospitals (measured with the seven-day rolling average for seven of 10 days).

Please see the Illinois Gaming Board's website for Tier 1 and Tier 2 mitigations for casino gambling and video gaming.

Follow the latest regional metrics at: <https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>.

For more information on guidance for businesses, please visit the FAQ on the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity website at www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx.

**Restore
Illinois**



State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 General Prevention

Protect yourself from all infectious diseases by using these precautions.



Stay home when
you are sick



Avoid contact with
people who are sick



Get adequate sleep and
eat well-balanced meals



Wash hands often with soap
and water for 20 seconds or
longer and dry hands with
a clean towel or air dry



Wear a cloth face
cover when going
out in public



Avoid touching your eyes,
nose, or mouth with
unwashed hands or after
touching surfaces



Cover your mouth with
a tissue or sleeve when
coughing or sneezing



Clean and disinfect “high
touch” surfaces often



Call before visiting
your doctor

Clean all “high-touch” surfaces every day.

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tables and bedside tables. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product, including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.



Questions about COVID-19?
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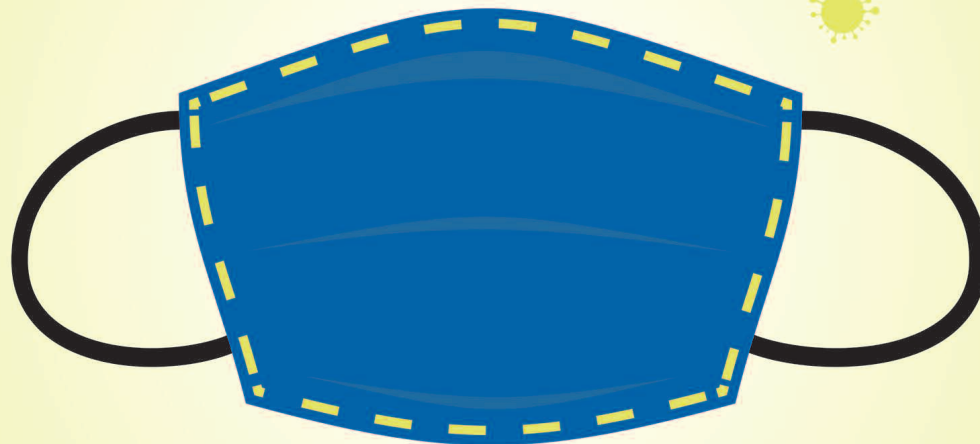
COVID-19 Face Covering Do's & Don'ts

DO:

- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

DON'T:

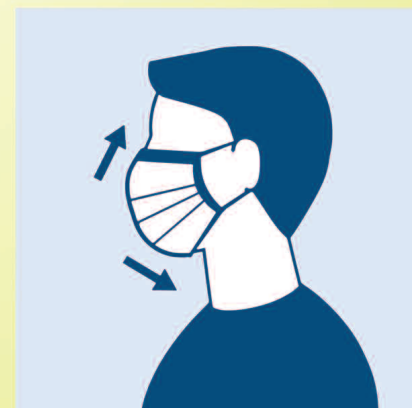
- ✗ Use on children under age 2
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for health care workers



How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering

Cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



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COVID-19

Social Distancing: What does it mean?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting groups of people coming together, closing buildings or canceling events.

AVOID

- Group Gatherings
- Sleep Overs
- Playdates
- Concerts
- Theater Outings
- Church Services
- Athletic Events
- Crowded Retail Stores
- Malls
- Workouts in Gyms
- Visitors in Your Home
- Non-essential Workers in Your Home



USE CAUTION

- Mass Transit Systems
- Visiting a Grocery Store
- Getting Take Out
- Picking Up Medications
- Playing Tennis in a Park
- Visiting the Library



SAFE TO DO

- Take a Walk
- Go for a Hike
- Yard Work
- Playing in Your Yard
- Cleaning Out a Closet
- Reading a Good Book
- Listening to Music
- Cooking a Meal
- Family Game Night
- Going for a Drive
- Stream a Favorite Show
- Check on a Friend
- Check on Elderly Neighbor



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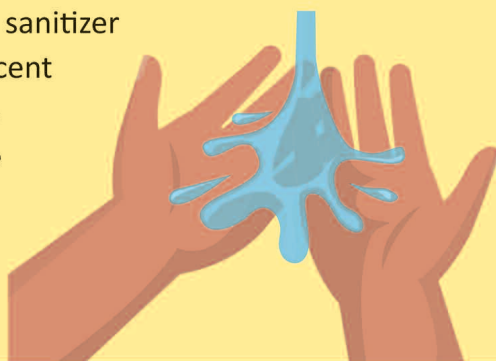
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COVID-19 Social Distancing

Social distancing actions are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or other infectious diseases in communities. Social distancing actions include prohibiting groups of people coming together, closings buildings and canceling events.

Protect yourself and your community

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you don't have soap or water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you're sick.



Change your daily habits

Avoid shopping at peak hours and take advantage of delivery or pick-up services with retailers.



Work with your employer

Cooperate with leadership to change company practices, set up flexible shift plans, have employees telecommute, and cancel large meetings or conferences.



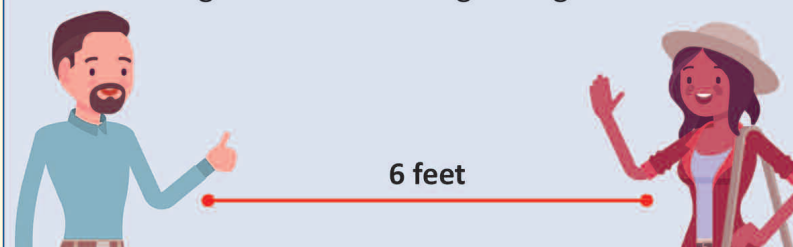
Universities and colleges

Implement web-based learning and cancel campus meetings and gatherings.



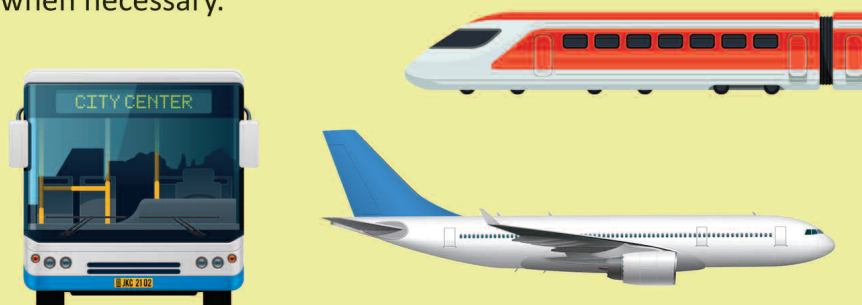
Keep at least six feet between you and others.

Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.



Public transit

Avoid public transit, if possible, and travel only when necessary.



Crowded places

Avoid crowded places. Gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people.



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COVID-19

Stay Home to Stop the Spread

Illinoisans working together and staying home can do their part to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). When you go out for essential needs, work or to get fresh air, keep distance between yourself and others, and take the following precautions.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

- Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Monitor your health closely for cold or flu symptoms.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Limit non-essential travel, shopping trips and social visits.
- Avoid people who are coughing or sneezing.



PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE

- Older adults (60+) and those with serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes or lung disease, or have a weakened immune system, should stay home.
- Stay in touch – video chat or text with family or friends who have these conditions.
- Stock up on medications and supplies to lessen travel and contact with others.



IF YOU ARE SICK

- Stay home, except to get medical care.
- If you have a cough, shortness of breath, fever, sore throat and do not feel better after 3-4 days or your condition worsens, consult your doctor.
- If you have difficulty breathing, persistent pain, inability to arouse or bluish lips or face, seek medical attention immediately.
- Separate yourself from others in your home.
- Limit contact with pets and animals.
- Wear a facemask when you are around others.



REDUCE OVERCROWDING

- Stay home.
- Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
- Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited.

If you do go out:

- Stagger work hours away from peak travel times.
- Walk or bike.
- Do not gather in crowds.
- Schedule necessary shopping during off hours when crowds are smaller.



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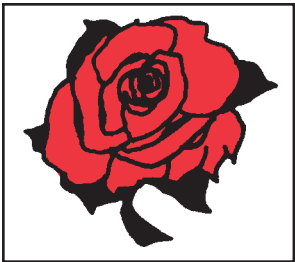
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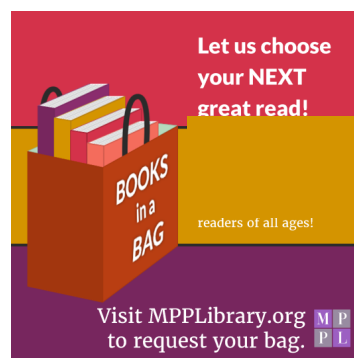
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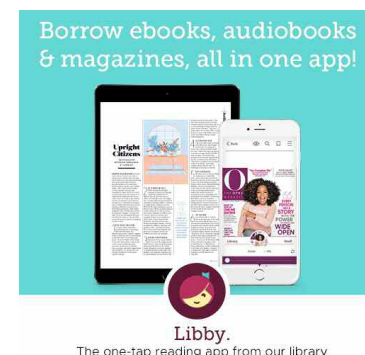


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Free Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) hosted by Triton College

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will provide tax preparation assistance for Seniors (60+) from low- to moderate- income households. **Tax preparation will take place at Triton College only.**

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



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



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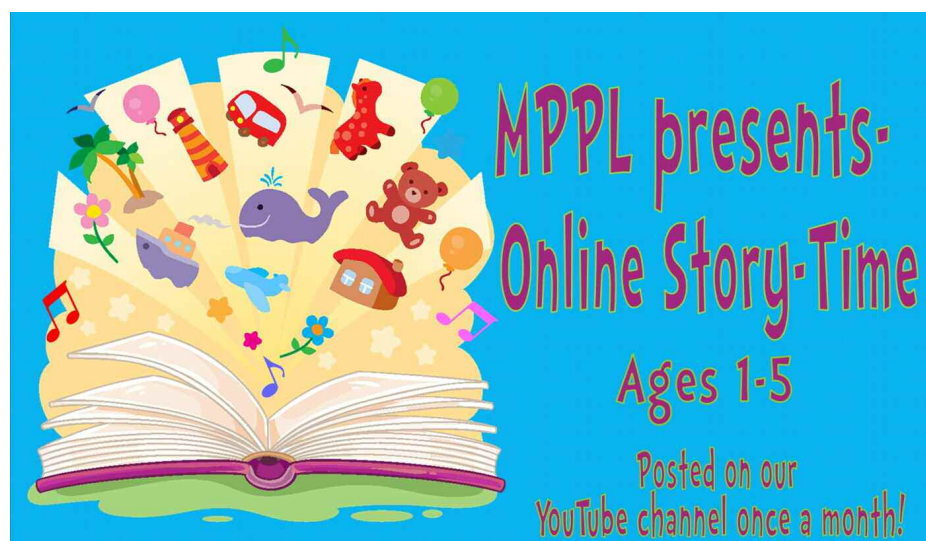



Make It Mondays Weekly Crafts on YouTube

Make something special every week with us on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube Channel! Contact us for information, or drop by the library to pick up the weekly craft supplies. Ages 3 & up.

Online Storytime Monthly on YouTube

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

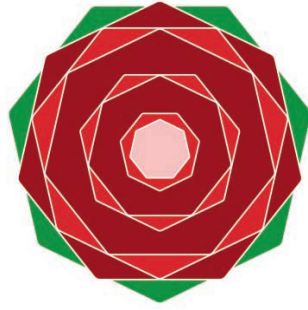


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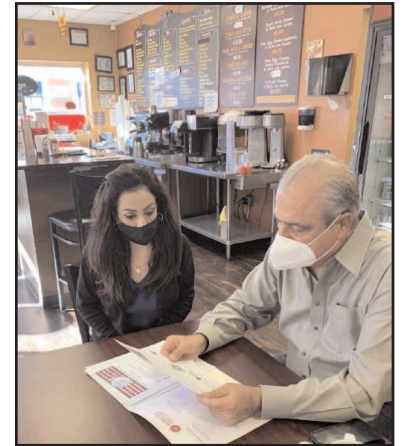


MELROSE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Access to Financial Support for Local Businesses Affected by the Pandemic

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development has been instrumental in working with our local businesses to secure economic relief resources for those affected by the pandemic. These resources include federal, state and local funding opportunities that will help sustain and keep our businesses open while providing access to capital. If you have questions or need information on these resources, please email the chamber at info@mpcccd.org and we will try to connect you with available resources.

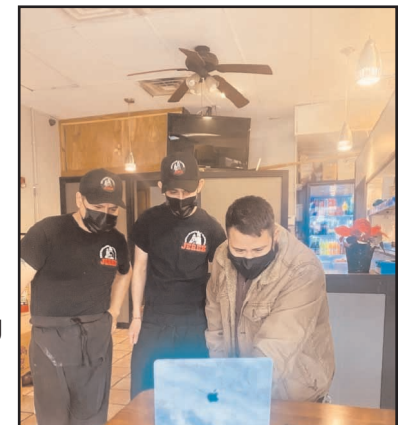
MPCCCD Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz recently met with Café 23 owner Letty Sanchez (photo at right) to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program Loan Process.



Helping Melrose Park Businesses Create an Online Presence

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development has identified a need for our local businesses to establish and strengthen their online presence. Our MPCCCD team has been working with business owners to address this gap and help them develop an online/social media presence that has been leading to increased business opportunities. If you have questions or are looking to improve your businesses online footprint and better connect with new/existing customers, please email info@MPCCCD.org.

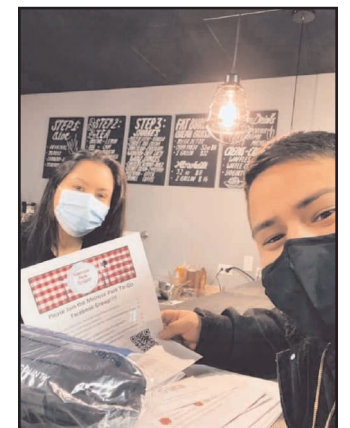
MPCCCD representative Emelio Davalos recently met with Roberto Martinez and Alvaro Garcia (owner) at Restaurante y Taqueria Jerez (photo at right).



Melrose Park To-Go

The Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Group is growing and becoming the best online restaurant directory in and around Melrose Park. In the first two months we have had over 400 unique posts and recommendations on the page with over 75 restaurants in Melrose Park featured or recommended. If you are already a member of this Facebook Group, thank you, and if not, please join the Melrose Park To-Go Group and begin sharing information about your favorite restaurant or just use the page to get recommendations for someplace new!

Emelio Davalos, MPCCCD representative, is pictured with Maria Villarreal (photo at right) after the recent grand opening of New Era Nutrition discussing the Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Page as a way of reaching new customers.



Amazon Assisting Local Businesses



Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development have been working closely with one of Melrose Park's newest businesses to secure resources for our community. Recently, Amazon donated much needed personal protective equipment (PPE) for small businesses in Melrose Park.

Dr. Nabil Saleh and Shelley Pechulis (pictured, right) from the Westlake Urgent Care Clinic, a new start up health care facility in our community, welcomed the critical PPE for their facility.



Welcome New Chamber Members...

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) is proud to welcome four new members since the first of the year. Please help us welcome National1 Energy/Engie, International House of Pancakes (IHOP), BMO Harris Bank and Liberty Tax to the MPCCCD! If you are not a member of the MPCCCD, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at lbazbaz@MPCCCD.org and we will schedule time to meet with you to discuss the benefits of partnering with our chamber.

Chamber Membership, Join Today!

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

Follow Us on Facebook!

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

NEWS FROM LOYOLA MEDICINE, A MEMBER OF TRINITY HEALTH

Big News ... MacNeal Hospital had First Loyola Medicine Baby of 2021

Congratulations to the Wilsons!

Trischen Bell was born at MacNeal Hospital at 5:01 a.m., on Jan. 1, to mother Brittnei Wilson.

Congratulations to the Wilson family and all other families who welcomed in new members of their family on the first day of 2021!



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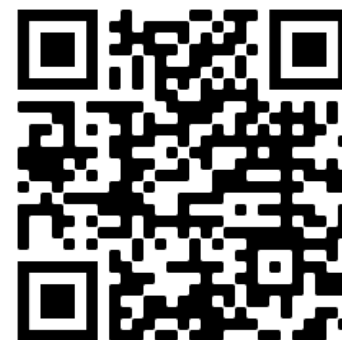
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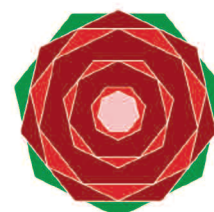
Please Join the Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Group!

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



Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.

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

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

You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

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



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

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

- You have a valid U.S. passport or passport card;
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If you have a valid U.S. passport, you are **NOT** required to have a REAL ID to fly.

For additional information:

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Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Early Childhood

Lucky Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt, Ages 3-6

Join our lucky leprechaun adventure through the park! Children will hunt for lucky leprechaun items and a special surprise at the end. (Please dress for the outdoors.)

- Monday, March 15; 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Residents \$12/Nonresidents \$16; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

All About Slime and Play-Doh, Ages 3-6

If you like to make and play with slime and play-doh, then this class is for you! Each week we will experiment with different recipes. Everyone will take home their creations. At the end of the class, each student will bring home a slime and play-doh recipe book!

- Tuesdays, March 16-30; 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Residents \$29/Nonresidents \$44; Veterans Park Preschool, 112 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake.

Creative Arts Classes

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, Now-April 15; 5-6 p.m.; Residents \$90/Nonresidents \$115; 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, Now-April 14; 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Residents \$90/Nonresidents \$115; 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, Now-April 30 (no class April 2); 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Residents \$90/Nonresidents \$115; 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, Feb. 21-April 26 (no class March 29); 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Residents \$90/Nonresidents \$115; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Rd., Northlake.

Youth Athletics

Baseball Clinic, Ages 12-15

This class is for the player looking to improve their infield and outfield skills. Students will enhance their skills by being put through several fielding drills each class. Depending on the skill level of the players, this class will cover receiving, routine ground-ball footwork, backhands, forehands/exchanges, double plays, non-routine plays and advanced outfield techniques. Students will also spend time in the batting cages working on their hitting techniques. Hard baseballs will be used. Each player must bring their own bat and baseball mitt.

- Mondays/Wednesdays, April 7-28; 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Residents \$55/Nonresidents \$70; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Volleyball, Ages 11-14

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

- Mondays/Wednesdays, March 22-April 14; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Residents \$55/Nonresidents \$70; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Sports 101, Ages 4-6

Children will learn the basics of basketball, soccer, floor hockey, volleyball, badminton, whiffle ball and other group games. The program helps kids to develop their large motor skills and hand/eye coordination while having fun. Teamwork and good sportsmanship are stressed.

- Tuesdays/Thursdays, March 23-April 15; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Residents \$55/Nonresidents \$70; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

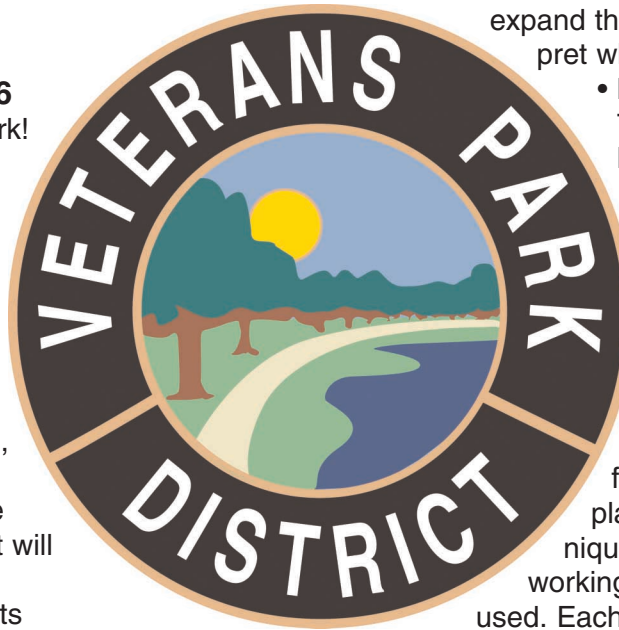
Spring Break Sport Camp, Ages 8-12

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

- Monday thru Friday; March 29-April 2; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Residents \$135/Nonresidents \$150; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Youth Fit, Ages 10-14

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, March 8-April 5; 5-6 p.m.; Residents \$35/Nonresidents \$50; Youth Fit Room at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Adult Fitness

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, Feb. 21-March 21; 9-10 a.m.; Residents \$35/Nonresidents \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

POUND, Ages 15+

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

- Tuesdays, Feb. 23-March 23; 7-8 p.m.; Residents \$35/Nonresidents \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Active Adults

March Socially Distant Bingos

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

- Noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person for each.
 - Friday, March 5; Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch, Melrose Park.
 - Wednesday, March 10; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.
 - Friday, March 26; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins.

Bunco & Brunch

Bunco returns to VPD in a socially distanced format. Come play bunco with us or just socialize. A lite box lunch is included.

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$8 per person for each.
 - Monday, March 1; Grant Park, 44 N. Golfview Dr., Northlake.
 - Monday, March 15; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins.

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

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Easter

EGG HUNTS



Flashlight Candy & Egg Hunt

AGES 6–10

Thursday, March 25 • 8 PM
Gouin Park Playground, Franklin Park

We will scatter the park with eggs and candy. THIS HUNT TAKES PLACE AT NIGHT, SO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT and a basket to collect your eggs and candy. Each hunt will be divided into age groups and start EXACTLY at 8 PM, rain or shine.

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

Egg & Candy Hunt

AGES 2–10

Saturday, March 27 • 9:30 AM
Trumbull Park Playground, River Grove

Hey, kids! The Easter Bunny will be hiding eggs at Trumbull Park. Bring your baskets to collect your eggs. Parents, bring your cameras! Each hunt will be divided into age groups and start at exactly 9:30 AM, rain or shine.

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

Egg Scrambler

AGES 2–10

Friday, March 26 • 6:30
Bulger Park Fields, Melrose Park (new location!)

We will toss out eggs and candy on the fields, then the scramble begins (divided by age groups). Remember to bring a basket to collect your goodies. Brought to you by Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission. Starts PROMPTLY at 6:30! Rain or shine.

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

Easter “EGG”stravaganza

AGES 2-10

Saturday, March 27 • 11 AM
Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake (outdoor event!)

The Veterans Park District is teaming up with the City of Northlake for our Easter “EGG”stravaganza. Remember your basket to collect your eggs! Bring your cameras! Egg hunt starts PROMPTLY at 11am! Rain or Shine.

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

**All participants must wear a mask
and practice social distancing.**

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FAMILY INDOOR GARAGE SALE & Flea Market

Saturday, April 24 • 9 AM-2:30 PM
Grant Park Gymnasium, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake

SHOP AND/OR SELL!

Shop at the VPD community garage sale.

Sell your unwanted treasures.

Fee: R \$20/N \$35 (10'x10' space, 2 tables, 2 chairs)

Sellers: Tables are available on a first come, first served basis. Must register for a space and fill out an application available at vpdpark.org. Application deadline is April 19. Set up time is from 8-9 AM day of the event. No electricity offered.

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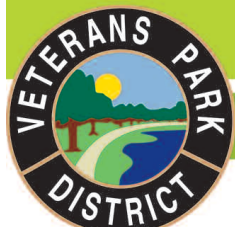
Saturday, April 24 • 11 AM-2 PM
Grant Park, Glick Hall

Register early for Summer Day Camp, Sports Camp and Gouin Pool Early Bird Passes.

FREE GIVEAWAYS • FAMILY FUN • RAFFLES • CRAFTS

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Make a Difference with RSVP

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

You can:

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

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

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

Call the RSVP Volunteer Program at Triton College!
(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3835 or 3603

Triton College Active Retired Citizens Club

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

For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3896.

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LEVEL UP YOUR MATH

Connect2College Summer Bridge

A **FREE** program designed to get your math skills to college level!

The Connect2College Summer Bridge Program is **FREE** and lets incoming freshmen get ready for college. You could place into a higher math class after the program, saving time and money. Students will have the option* of attending this program in person, remotely or as a hybrid combination of the two.

Five Weeks Long – June 14-July 15, 2021
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

To apply go to **triton.edu/summerbridge**.

For more information about the Connect2College Summer Bridge Program, please contact **Rich Zelenka** at **richardzelenka@triton.edu**.

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Triton College NEWS

Triton College Serving as COVID-19 Vaccination Site

Effective Wednesday, Feb. 3, Triton College has been serving as a Point of Distribution (POD) site for COVID-19 vaccinations. Cook County Health (CCH) will administer vaccinations Monday through Saturday by appointment only.



Mark R. Stephens
Chairman
Triton College Board of Trustees

"Triton College is here to serve and this is just another example of how we fulfill our mission to serve the community," said Mark Stephens, chairman of the Triton College Board of Trustees. "There are different ways for a community college to serve its communities and we take pride in meeting needs in this capacity."

Triton worked with Cook County and identified approximately 8,000 square feet of space on the south end of the T Building on Triton's east campus to use for administering vaccines.

Appointments can be made at vaccine.cookcountyil.gov.

Individuals without Internet access or who need assistance scheduling can call (833) 308-1988 (from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday).

Free Career Guidance at Triton College, Explore the Online Career Coach

The Triton College website offers free career interest assessment, career exploration information and a resume builder for all jobseekers through the completely online Career Coach, powered by EMSI.

The Career Coach takes users through a job interest assessment by asking questions about what type of tasks would they rather do regardless of education or training. Then, based on the responses, the Career Coach determines personality traits and gives career field suggestions based on those traits. Potential students can then explore job roles in the suggested career fields by getting an overview of the role, median salary and what level of education is needed to perform the role. The Career Coach will even connect students to academic programs at Triton related to the selected career field.

To use the free career assessment tool and resume builder, visit <https://triton.emsicc.com>.

Interested in Pursuing a Health Care Career But Undecided on Which Profession to Choose?

Are you interested in pursuing a health care career but aren't sure which profession to choose?

Our AHL 113 Survey of Health Careers can help! This one-credit-hour class explores different health care career options, giving you a deeper understanding of the variety of available health care professions and will allow you to make an informed decision when choosing your degree path at Triton College.

For more information, email peterjaswilko@triton.edu or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3928

Sharpen Your Skill Sets, Learn to Administer Vaccine and Immunization Injections

Calling all licensed pharmacy technicians and CPR-certified professionals!

You can now gain the skills and knowledge to administer vaccine and immunization injections. Our 20-hour Pharmacy Technician Vaccinology and Immunization course will teach you how to safely administer injections in a commercial setting, including hands-on practice.

If you're ready to register, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3500, or email katierullo@triton.edu.

Virtual Criminal Justice Career Fair Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The need for qualified criminal justice professionals in our increasingly security-conscious society is expected to grow.

Attend the Triton College Virtual Criminal Justice Job Fair on Tuesday, March 2, and learn what law enforcement opportunities are available.

The event will be held via Zoom, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Employers scheduled are the Cook County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police and Target Loss Prevention.

Join this job fair from the comfort of your own home, office or even a mobile phone.

Register today to reserve your space on Zoom: <http://bit.ly/TritonCJFair>.

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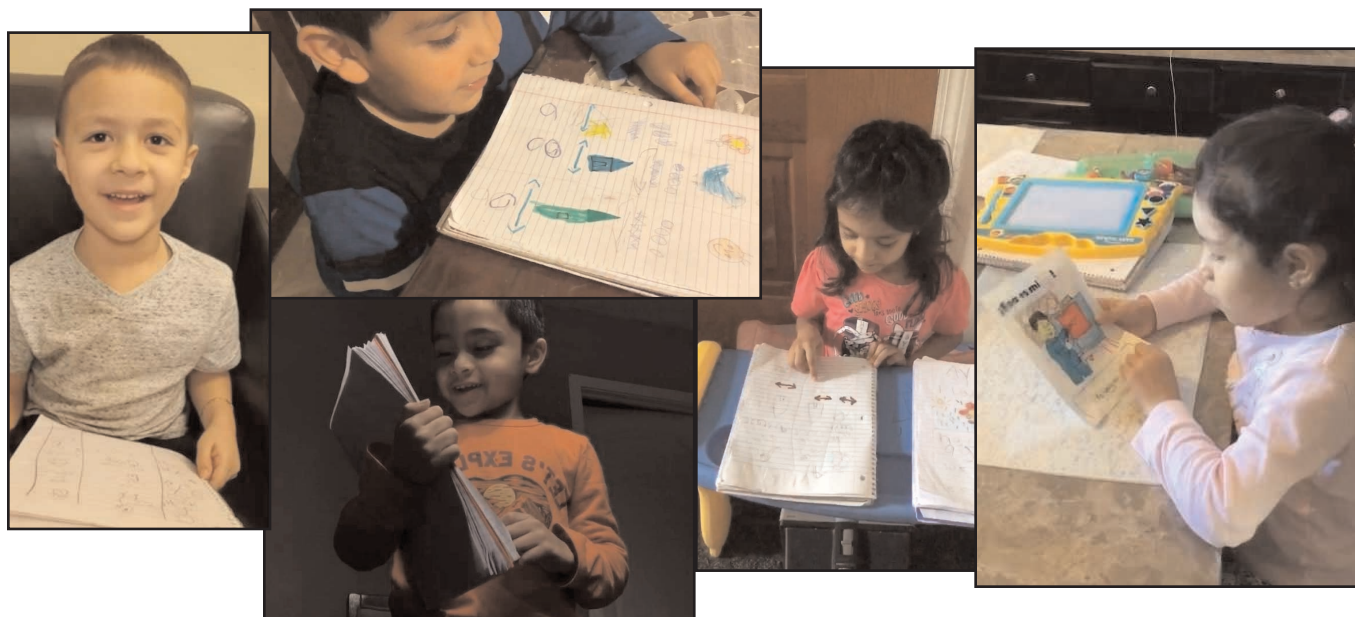
JA Kindergarten Snow People

Young Panthers in Mrs. Kiwan's Jane Addams' kindergarten class worked with two dimensional shapes to create a snow person.



MPSchool MightyMustangs ExploreNeedsof PlantsandAnimals

Our young Mighty Mustangs in Ms. Negron's Kindergarten Dual Language classroom have been exploring how plants and animals survive. Students made drawings showing the similarities and differences between the needs of plants and animals.



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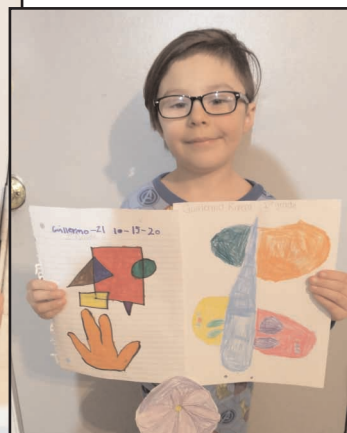
MP School National Winners, Named to 2020 Imagine Español Hall of Fame

Melrose Park School won the National Knock It Out of the Park with Imagine Español, was named to the “2020 Imagine Español Hall of Fame” and received a \$50 Amazon gift card for student efforts in using the program.

Imagine Español is a personalized learning solution that accelerates grade-level reading and language proficiency in Spanish for students in grades PreK-2. Designed to address the diverse instructional needs of native speakers, Imagine Español teaches foundational literacy skills in an engaging, game-like environment that celebrates the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Raul Lopez is a true Mighty Mustang! He is a grand prize winner of the 2020 Imagine Math Winter MATH-A-thon, and received a Fire Tablet and a solar-powered backpack. His supporting teacher, Ms. Castillo, has been awarded a \$50 Amazon gift card. Students who participated in the MATH-a-thon needed to complete five lessons in the Imagine Math Program. Raul passed 47 lessons over winter break!

Imagine Math support students and teacher with personalized, interactive math fluency within a fun, game-based environment.



Washington Dual Language Academy Students Display Artistic Talents

Students from Washington Dual Language Academy have been using their artistic talents to convey positive messages during the COVID pandemic. Project Hope is inspired by artist Robert Indiana. Students were also inspired by the works of M.C. Escher and looked to him for inspiration in creating their own tessellations while studying the elements of shape in art.

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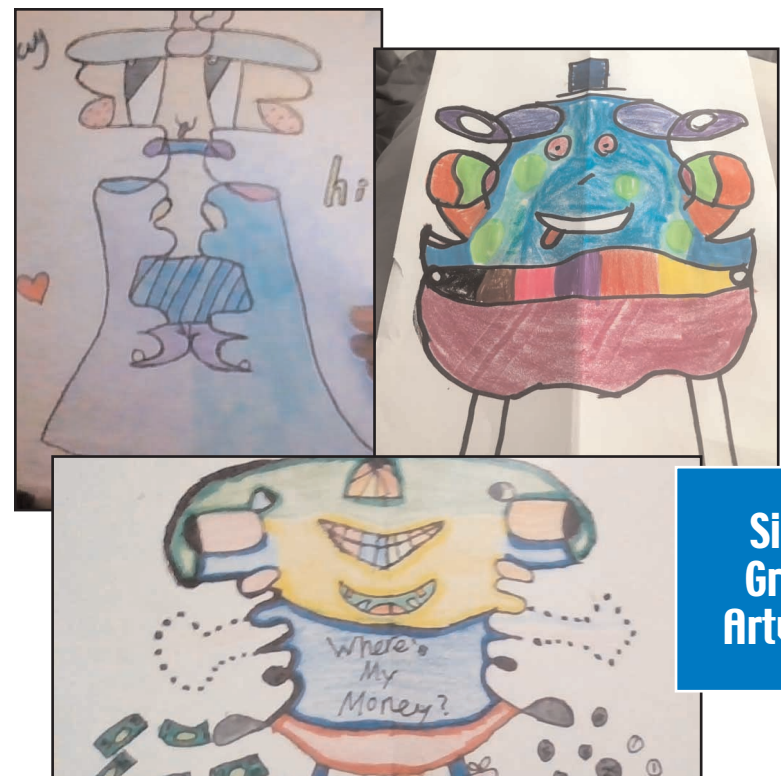
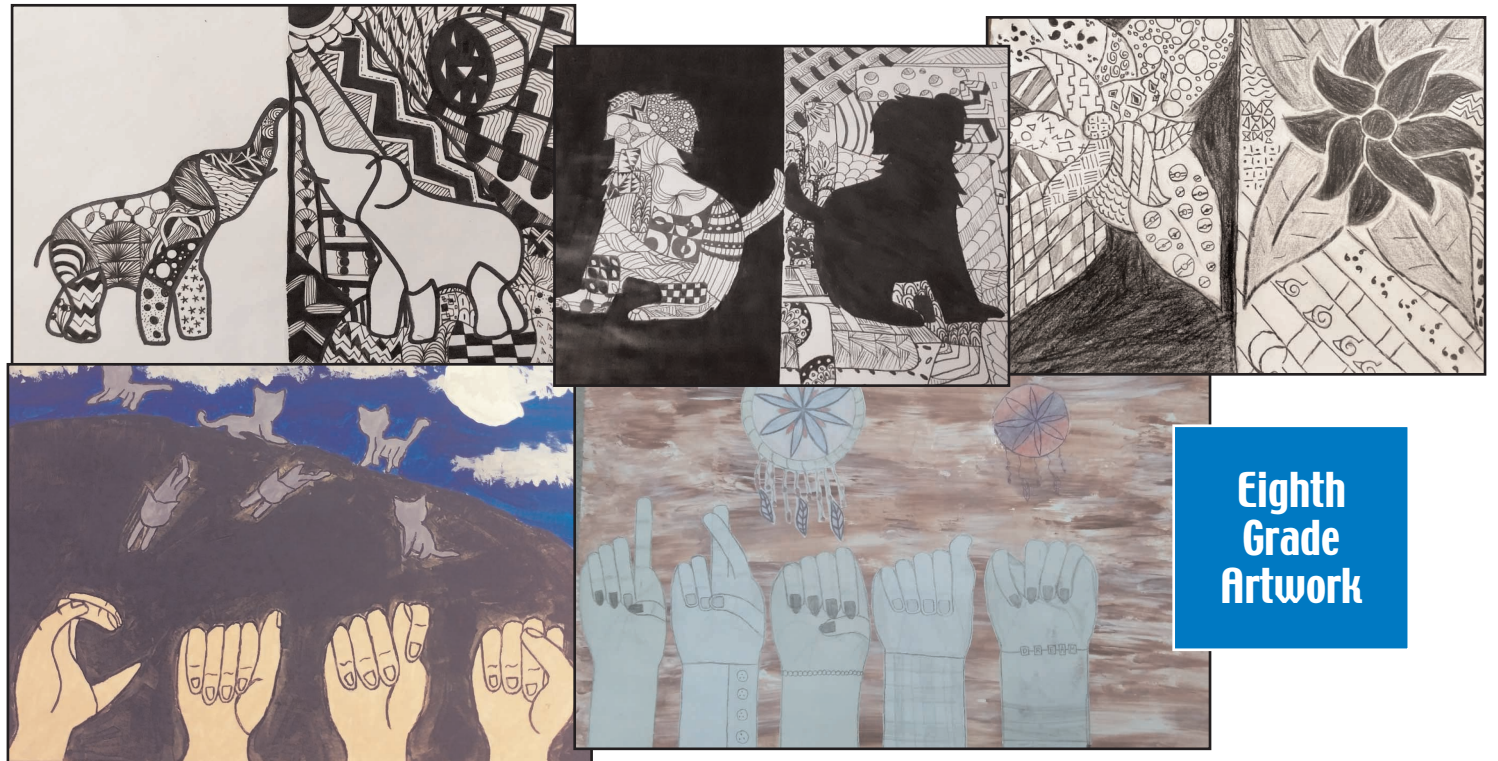
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Stevenson Middle School Students Design Meaningful Masterpieces

Stevenson Middle School eighth graders worked on artwork that demonstrates their knowledge of positive and negative space, incorporating a mirror image of an object of their choice as well as intricate patterns and details within the confines of the space. Students also learned the sign language alphabet (ASL) and designed artwork using a meaningful word of their choice.

Seventh graders learned the rules of drawing in one-point perspective and added creativity and design elements from personal interests and experiences.

Sixth graders worked on practicing their names in cursive. Students learned how to transfer the mirror image of their name on the opposite side of their paper and then added their own creativity and details, using their imagination to create a completely original cursive creature.



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Sacred Heart School SNIPPETS



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January 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of Sacred Heart School,

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I regret to inform you of some difficult news. As you know, enrollment at Sacred Heart School has fallen in recent years, jeopardizing the future of the school. The low enrollment and corresponding large financial debt make it necessary to close Sacred Heart at the end of the current academic year.

I recognize this news presents you and your family with challenges. We are committed to making the transitions caused by this closure as easy as possible. Within the next week, a representative from the Archdiocese of Chicago will reach out to you via email about Catholic schools ready to accept your children. I hope you will consider keeping your child in Catholic school and continuing his or her learning experience in a faith-filled environment.

To assist you in this transition, we have prepared materials to prepare you for conversations with your children about these tough issues. You will also receive a map of alternative Catholic schools. We realize you may have questions. Our transition support coordinator, Daniela Polanco, will be available to answer your questions about Catholic school options and discuss next steps at dpolanco@archchicago.org or 312.534.5215. She speaks both English and Spanish.

I commend the dedicated leaders, faculty and staff of Sacred Heart School for their tireless work to foster an academically rigorous and faith-filled community. Sacred Heart School has provided a strong education to generations of young men and women, helping them develop intellectually, physically and spiritually.

Please know we remain committed to your children's Catholic education and will do everything we can to assist you in the days, weeks and months ahead. I am praying for you, your family and the Sacred Heart School community.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Rigg".

Jim Rigg, Ph. D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Chicago

A Nombre de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago ...

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21 de enero de 2021.

Estimados padres y tutores de la escuela Sacred Heart:

A nombre de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago lamento informarles noticias difíciles. Como saben, el número de inscritos en la escuela Sacred Heart ha disminuido en años recientes, poniendo en peligro el futuro de la escuela. El bajo número de inscritos y la correspondiente gran deuda financiera hacen que sea necesario cerrar Sacred Heart al final del presente año académico.

Reconozco que esta noticia presenta desafíos para ustedes y sus familias. Estamos comprometidos a hacer las transiciones causadas por este cierre tan fáciles como sea posible. Dentro de la próxima semana, un representante de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago se comunicará con ustedes por medio de un correo electrónico acerca de las escuelas católicas que están listas para aceptar a sus hijos. Espero que consideren mantener a su hijo(a) en una escuela católica y continúen su experiencia de aprendizaje en un entorno lleno de fe.

Para asistirlos con esta transición, hemos dispuesto materiales para prepararlos para las conversaciones con sus hijos acerca de estos asuntos difíciles. También recibirán un mapa de las escuelas católicas alternas. Sabemos que pueden tener preguntas. Nuestra coordinadora de apoyo en la transición, Daniela Polanco, estará disponible para responder sus preguntas acerca de las opciones de escuela católica y discutir los próximos pasos en dpolanco@archchicago.org o 312.534.5215. Ella habla tanto inglés como español.

Felicito a los entregados líderes, facultad y personal de la escuela Sacred Heart por su incansable trabajo para fomentar una comunidad académicamente rigurosa y llena de fe. La escuela Sacred Heart ha proporcionado una educación sólida a generaciones de hombres y mujeres jóvenes, ayudándolos a desarrollarse intelectual, física y espiritualmente.

Por favor, sepan que permanecemos comprometidos con la educación católica de sus hijos y haremos todo lo posible para asistirlos en los días, semanas y meses por delante. Estoy orando por ustedes, su familia y la comunidad de la escuela Sacred Heart.

Suyo en Cristo,



Jim Rigg, Ph. D.
Superintendente de Escuelas Católicas
Arquidiócesis de Chicago

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Program Offerings

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

How do I know if I'm eligible?

Are you 16 – 24 years old?

Do you live in suburban Cook County?

Are you currently unemployed?

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

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

Apply Now!

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

For More Information

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128th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady Mt. Carmel

Save the Date!

The Feast Committee is planning this year's Feast subject to changes due to the pandemic and local regulations.

- Annual Award Dinner – Friday, June 18th
- Solemn Novena – July 9th to July 17th
- Banner Presentation – July 13th
- Rose Presentation – July 14th
- Memorial Service for Deceased Members of the Committee – July 15th
- Spanish Mass to honor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – July 17th
- Feast Day – July 18th





NEWS FROM WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Virtual Bronco Benefit, Saturday, Feb. 27 – Register Today!

Please join us for an evening of incredible music, a live auction and a chance to connect with your fellow classmates and friends from all over the United States to support Walther Christian Academy!

If you have never been to a virtual event, this one is not to be missed! To support our school in what is truly the most unusual year ever, we are asking everyone to join us – even if you live out-of-state! The uniqueness of this event is that you will be able to "see" everyone!

There will be entertainment, photos and updates on our school, a live auction and even an opportunity to attend Alumni Break-Out Sessions!

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 27, 6-7:30 p.m. CST.

Ticket packages are as follows:

- The Full Experience Event Ticket (\$200) – Includes one engraved paver (three lines, 13 characters each), a 30-minute concert with Broadway and Chicago performers, updates on the school from staff, alumni and students, a live auction featuring exciting virtual experiences and class reunion by decades in private break-out rooms.
- The Experience Ticket (\$100) – Includes a 30-minute concert with Broadway and Chicago performers, updates on the school from staff, alumni and students and a live auction featuring exciting virtual experiences. Break-out rooms are an additional \$25 with purchase of The Experience ticket.
- Privately hosted break-out rooms are available at a cost of \$500 – Invite who you want. One class representative can host a private room for their own class.

The live auction will include these featured items and more: One-hour virtual concert with Michael McAssesy, www.michaelmcassey.com; One-hour virtual concert performed by Dwayne Clark (*Spiderman, In the Heights*) and Janeece Freeman Clark (*Urine Town, Godspell*) and their children; Choose from two Pampered Chef Virtual Kitchen Shows with the original Pampered Chef!; Winning paddle raise will receive a Pampered Chef Instant Pot and a virtual 30-minute lesson in Pampered Chef's test kitchen, featuring Doris Christopher, founder of Pampered Chef; Winning paddle raise will receive a Pampered Chef Air Fryer and a virtual 30-minute lesson in Pampered Chef's test kitchen, featuring Doris Christopher, founder of Pampered Chef; Choose from two vacation three-day weekends (Thu., Fri., Sat. nights) at the Christopher Farm and Gardens in Sheboygan, Wis. (www.christopherfarmandgardens.org), spend three relaxing evenings hiking and exploring the beautiful grounds of Christopher Farm and Gardens in a beautiful home whose backyard is Lake Michigan! You can entertain friends or family for up to eight people on private property just outside of historic Sheboygan.

Help support Walther Christian Academy, purchase your ticket at www.walther.com!

Spotlight on Walther Christian Academy Students!

Meet Lawrence (LJ) Hanyzewski, WCA Senior!

LJ Hanyzewski is a senior at Walther this year. LJ is extremely involved in everything and is liked by everyone! This is what LJ says about his school experience.

"To me, Walther is like a home away from home and I really enjoy my time here. Through Walther, I was able to grow from a shy freshman to a mature senior who is ready to take on the world."

"I have not decided on a college yet, but I do plan on majoring in bioengineering or biomedical engineering. I plan to either take on this career or go to medical school and work to become a physician. I am excited for the opportunities ahead and I can say with certainty that I can thank Walther for getting me to the place where I am today."

Congratulations, LJ, for all that you have accomplished at Walther. (And, coincidentally, LJ will be speaking about his school experience at the upcoming Virtual Bronco Benefit!)



Lawrence (LJ) Hanyzewski

Meet Grace Leininger, WCA Junior!



Grace Leininger is another very involved Walther student! See what Grace says about her school experience.

"My name is Grace Leininger and I am a junior at Walther Christian Academy. Throughout my three years so far at Walther, the wonderful faculty have nurtured me in my faith and in my academics. They have also encouraged me to be involved in all of the activities that bring joy to my life. At Walther, I am very fortunate to be involved in the remarkable Fine Arts Program despite the struggles of the ongoing pandemic. Walther thankfully has the resources to safely and sensibly continue activities such as choir and band. This year, I've been lucky enough to participate in Walther's praise band, meaning I sing and play guitar in chapel services. This has been a truly joyous experience for me and I always look forward to rehearsals. This is just one activity that showcases the remarkable ways Walther helps me grow as both a musician and as a Christian. I have likewise had wonderful experiences being a part of Acapella Choir, Christian Minstrels, and Jazz Band."

"Outside of music, I have likewise flourished in the classroom. This year I am taking several AP and honors classes, which challenge my academic ability as well as prepare me for college. I love to learn and I have thoroughly enjoyed classes such as AP United States History and AP Literature. English has always been my best subject, so it is no surprise that my favorite class this year is AP Literature. In the future, I aspire to become an English teacher. I also hope to be very involved in my other passions, theater and music, in college. I truly believe that no other school would be able to encourage my ambitions in the way Walther has. A loving, Christ-centered environment was exactly what I needed for my high school experience. Through Walther, I was introduced to some of the most wonderful people I have ever had the pleasure to meet. I have gotten to know some of my best friends through Walther. I have also met some very devoted teachers who fill my life with love, encouragement and inspiration."

Walther can't wait to see what you will continue to accomplish at Walther. (Grace will also be speaking about her high school experience at our upcoming Virtual Bronco Benefit!)

Enroll today for the 2021-2022 school year! Walther.com



WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL - GRADES 6-8

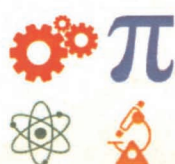
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The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Administers The Federal Fair Housing Act

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



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Village Hall News

Village Hall Hours – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday
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Important Melrose Park Village Hall Notice ...

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

Birth Certificates

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

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

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

Death Certificates

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

Vehicle Sticker Information

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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.

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.



Restoring Our Lands Now for the Future

From Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

It might seem that with winter here, not much is happening for an organization like the Forest Preserves. After all, colder temperatures entice many more residents to stay bundled up indoors. But a lot of important restoration work occurs during these fallow winter months.

Ecological restoration is an ongoing, year-round process. Work done in winter, when the ground is frozen-like using heavy machinery to remove invasive species – sets us up for greater success during spring, summer and fall. To return landscapes to health, the Forest Preserves uses scientific knowledge and best practices to create ecosystems filled with a diversity of native plants and animals.

Each year, as we steadily and methodically work to restore the Forest Preserves, we're ensuring that future generations can enjoy the tremendous asset that is our nearly 70,000 acres of land.

Guided by its Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, the Forest Preserves has made efficient and effective investments in restoration. Despite financial strain only further amplified by the ongoing pandemic, restoration work has remained a clear priority for the Forest Preserves, supported in part by strategic partnerships and grant funding.

Visitors need only visit a site like Deer Grove in Palatine or Powderhorn Lake in Burnham to see how magnificent restored natural lands look and feel. They are welcoming, they benefit our community, and they provide a haven for our native plants and animals to thrive.

Want to join us in our efforts? Visit our Volunteer Page at fpdcc.com/volunteer to learn about volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Join Our Programming Teams and Naturalists for These Upcoming Fun, Educational In-Person and Virtual Offerings Via Zoom and Facebook

Small Serendipity

Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 10 a.m. • Facebook Live from River Trail Nature Center • Free

River Trail's Ranger staff talks with you about nature and provides you with instructions for making a craft at home. Supplies for craft at home are available at River Trail for pickup, if needed starting Feb. 20, 2021. Audience: children pre-K-second grade.

• (847) 824-8360

Ask a Bird Nerd

Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 1 p.m. • Facebook Live from Sand Ridge Nature Center • Free

Have you ever had a question about birds? Do you wish you knew how to get started birding? How about how to get more birds to your yard? Program Specialist Jessica Becker is here to help! Catch her live as she answers your most burning questions regarding the birds of Cook County.

• sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 868-0606

DIY Fire Starters

Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 1 p.m. • Facebook Live from Forest Preserves Camping • Free

Learn how to make easy, eco-friendly fire starters at home for your next campfire.

• experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 386-4042

Open Nature Play Day

Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center • Free • Registration Required

Register your little one for an hour-long open nature play time. Enjoy the Dan Ryan Woods Nature Play space while helping your children connect with nature. Registration for timed entry is required.

All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Registration required, call or email to register at Jessica.Becker@cook-countyil.gov or (312) 415-2970.

• (312) 415-2970

Creative Reuse to Reduce

Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 10 a.m. • Facebook Live from River Trail Nature Center • Free

In this tutorial demonstrating at-home projects to reduce waste and repurpose winter home goods, learn how to create planters from candleholders.

• experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov

Facebook Live at Lunchtime: Local Birds and Pine Cone Bird Feeder Craft

Wednesday, Feb. 24 • Noon • Facebook Live from Trailside Museum • Free

Learn about some of our local seed-eating birds at a virtual presentation on Facebook Live on Feb. 24, and help feed birds by creating a simple pine cone bird feeder at home. Pick up a materials bag at Trailside Museum from Feb. 22 through Feb. 28. All bird feeder materials are included except the peanut butter/nut butter or lard.

• trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 366-6530

Winter Photography Skills Workshop

Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Zoom Presentation • Free • Registration Required

This online workshop over Zoom will cover photography basics with a focus on composition in the winter. We will cover issues you may experience while out taking pictures when there is snowfall, and provide tips and best practices for you to use on your next winter photography adventure. The presentation will include recommendations on some of our most picturesque preserves for you to explore with your camera. Q&A will be held at the conclusion of the program. Registration required in order to obtain the Zoom link, register at <https://winterphotoskills2.eventbrite.com>.

• experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 386-4042

Samplin' Syrup

Thursday, Feb. 25 • 2 p.m. • Facebook Live from River Trail Nature Center • Free

Trees provide us with an abundance of resources. Each week during the maple sap run we'll talk trees and show you a new or interesting way to eat maple syrup. Send in your weird and crazy suggestions and see if our staff picks yours to try!

• (847) 824-8360

How Long Do They Live?

Friday, Feb. 26 • 11 a.m. • Facebook Live from Little Red Schoolhouse • Free

Have you ever wondered how long animals live? Join us as we explore amphibians and their winter survival tactics at the nature center. All ages.

• little.red.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 839-6897

Open Nature Play Day

Friday, Feb. 26 • Noon-4 p.m. • Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center • Free • Registration Required

Register your little one for an hour-long open nature play time. Enjoy the Dan Ryan Woods Nature Play space while helping your children connect with nature. Registration for timed entry is required. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Registration required, call or email to register at Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov or (312) 415-2970.

• (312) 415-2970

Winter Story Trail

Saturday, Feb. 27-Sunday, Feb. 28 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sand Ridge Nature Center • Free

Walk our Redwing Trail anytime during weekends this February and experience a story unfold with every step. This month's story is "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats. No registration required. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing.

• sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 868-0606

Black History Month: Underground Railroad Walks

Saturday, Feb. 27 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sand Ridge Nature Center • Free

Join us on a self-guided journey that follows the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800s. All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing.

• sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 868-0606

Explore: Westchester Woods

Saturday, Feb. 27 • 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. • Westchester Woods • Free

Adults and families, come explore at Westchester Woods! Grab one of our provided self-guided nature activities. Roam around the preserve and try to discover animal tracks! If conditions are right, bring your sled and hit the sledding hill! Remember to take one of the take-home nature craft kits for you to continue your adventure at home.

• experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 386-4042

This Old Birdhouse

Saturday, Feb. 27 • 1 p.m. • Facebook Live from Crabtree Nature Center • Cost: \$5 • Registration Required

Prepare your backyard for the upcoming nesting season with a birdhouse. Call to reserve your pre-cut kit and follow along with construction guidance on Facebook Live. Registration required, call Crabtree at (847) 381-6592.

• Crabtree.NatureCenter@cookcountyil.gov • (847) 381-6592

Zoology Club: Hibernate, Migrate or Tolerate

Saturday, Feb. 27 • 1:30 p.m. • Zoom Presentation • Free • Registration Required

Participants, 12+ years of age, will be introduced to the discipline and profession of zoology virtually, with the topic for this meeting being how wildlife survives freezing temperatures. Registration required, register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/129035401359>.

• little.red.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 839-6897

Nature in Spanish: Sand Ridge Geology

Sun, Feb. 28 • 1:30 p.m. • Facebook Live from Sand Ridge Nature Center • Free

Learn some common nature words and phrases in Spanish as we explore a different nature topic each month. Beginners welcome.

• sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov • (708) 868-0606

Take some time to explore our website at www.fpdcc.com for additional events and valuable information linked to the Cook County Forest Preserves experience!

News From the Zoo

There's no shortage of fun
to be had at Brookfield Zoo!



Hibernating for the Winter Brookfield Zoo Reopens March 1

Thank you once again for your continued support during our temporary closure through Feb. 28, 2021. We plan to reopen to the public on March 1, within state restrictions. But in the meantime, we've got plenty of virtual offerings you won't want to miss and we hope you stay connected with us. Thank you so much for your support!



Malena Amur Tiger Surgery Update

On Saturday, Jan. 30, a team of veterinary specialists performed a second surgery on Malena, a 10-year-old Amur tiger at Brookfield Zoo, just days after the big cat dislodged the custom-designed hip implant she received during a total hip arthroplasty surgery on Jan. 27 to alleviate pain caused by severe arthritis. The second procedure went as planned, she's recovering well and is under close observation from the zoo's veterinary team.



The original surgery on Malena was believed to be the first time a full hip replacement surgery with a custom, patient-designed implant was attempted on a tiger in North America. Veterinarians already had planned this secondary surgical option to relieve Malena's discomfort in the event any complications arose with the implant. During the procedure, the arthritic head and neck of the femur (thighbone) were removed, allowing a fibrous joint to form and the leg muscles to provide

stability to the joint. This procedure also alleviates arthritis pain and restores mobility.

Compared to a normal tiger, Malena's ability to perform high-energy and high-impact activities may be reduced, however, these limitations were already the case due to the severe arthritic changes in her hip.

Malena will remain under close observation at the zoo's Animal Hospital, where she will remain for one to two weeks before continuing her recovery behind the scenes at Big Cats. Malena is anemic from blood loss associated with the two surgical procedures, but the veterinary team expects her to regenerate red blood cells quickly. She is receiving pain medications to keep her comfortable and relaxed.

On Sunday, the day following the second surgery, Malena was already observed moving around the Animal Hospital ward stalls – walking, standing up, laying down and sitting. By Monday morning, she was eating and drinking water.

You can watch a video from Malena's first surgery on the zoo's YouTube channel.

We're Bringing the Zoo to You!

Just because the zoo is temporarily closed, that doesn't mean you can't still spend time with the animals here. We're Bringing the Zoo to You once more! Join us every weekday at 11 a.m. for a live chat featuring your favorite Brookfield Zoo animals. There are so many ways to experience these chats so you never have to worry about missing one.

- Tune in every weekday at 11 a.m. on our Facebook Page for a live chat.
- If you miss the live chat, they're all saved on our Facebook Page as well as on our YouTube channel.

Our most recent chats include North American Bison, Snakes on National Serpent Day, Hedgehog Day, Dolphins in Action and How We Do a Bird Inventory. Plenty more exciting animal visits coming up soon so make sure you keep an eye on the Facebook Page.



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

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

ComEd Warns of Imposters Approaching Customers at Home to Steal Money and Personal Information

Scammers Pose as ComEd or Other Service Workers to Lure Residents Outside, While Accomplices Enter Empty Homes to Steal Possessions

With people spending more time at home because of the COVID-19 pandemic, imposters are taking advantage of residents who may be alone to rob them of their possessions and financial information. These imposters can show up at small businesses as well as homes.

In this latest scam, an individual may pose as an employee from ComEd, another utility or a tree service company. They will lure the resident or small-business owner outside to discuss work that they claim needs to be completed. While the individual is outside, an accomplice will enter the home or business to steal valuables and documents containing the individual's personal or financial information.



"We see an unsettling number of scams involving imposters who take advantage of unsuspecting ComEd customers," said Nichole Owens, ComEd vice president of customer channels. "To help protect families and businesses from fraudulent activity that could affect their electric service, finances and personal property, it's important to help customers know what to look out for."

Since 2017, ComEd has tracked a 60-percent increase in reports of scams and scam attempts into its call center. For these reasons, ComEd reminds customers to be on the lookout for imposters trying to steal from them using energy-related scams.

As the COVID-19 pandemic takes a financial toll on families and businesses across northern Illinois, scammers also are increasing their efforts to take advantage of vulnerable customers who may be struggling to pay their bills. During the pandemic, ComEd has received reports of scammers posing as utility representatives who contact customers experiencing difficulty paying their bills. These imposters prey on these customers' financial situation by falsely threatening to shut off service to obtain money or a customer's personal, business or financial information.

Another common scheme involves scammers using technology to make their phone calls appear to come from a ComEd phone number and threatening to turn off a customer's service unless they make a direct payment with a prepaid cash card. Sometimes they ask victims to call back at a different phone number and provide personal information. In other attempts, scammers send emails to businesses and request that they send ComEd payments to bogus payment web sites.

Here are some tips to help identify scams.

1. ComEd will never come to a customer's home or business to:
 - Demand a payment.
 - Ask for immediate payment with a prepaid cash card.
 - Ask for their ComEd account number or other personal information, such as a driver's license number.
2. ComEd will never call a customer to:
 - Ask for their account number.
 - Ask for personal information such as their Social Security number or bank information.
 - Ask them to make a direct payment with a prepaid cash card.
3. To identify an actual ComEd employee, remember:
 - All ComEd field employees wear a uniform, including shirt and safety vest, with the ComEd logo.
 - ComEd employees visibly display a company ID badge with the ComEd logo and employee's name.

A ComEd worker who is unable to access equipment, such as the meter or pedestal transformer, may knock on a customer's door. Any customer who is unsure whether a visitor or caller is a ComEd employee or believes he or she has been a target or victim of a scam should call 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661) immediately. To learn more, visit [ComEd.com/ScamAlert](https://www.comed.com/ScamAlert).

Staying Current on Bills to Avoid Being Targeted by Scammers

ComEd understands that COVID-19 continues to create economic hardship for many customers. To help customers remain current with their bills and avoid becoming targets of scammers, ComEd offers several bill-payment assistance programs, including flexible payment options, financial assistance for past-due balances and usage alerts for current bills. In 2020 alone, ComEd helped connect customers to more than \$70 million in financial assistance, which supported more than a quarter of a million customers with stabilizing grants. 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. For more information, visit [ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance](https://www.comed.com/PaymentAssistance).

Nicor Winter Weather Tips

Customers are encouraged to know the location of their natural gas meter and are urged to report a natural gas emergency to the Nicor Gas 24-hour emergency response line at 888.Nicor4U (642.6748) and also call 9-1-1.

Here are a few important winter weather safety tips to keep in mind during the arctic blast:

- If you smell natural gas or suspect carbon monoxide is present in your home or business, immediately leave the area and call 9-1-1 or our emergency number 888.Nicor4U (642.6748) from a safe location.
- Never use natural gas appliances, such as ovens or the burners on a stove to heat your homes or businesses.
- To ensure the safe, proper operation of natural gas appliances, such as a furnace or water heater, and to prevent the potentially hazardous buildup of carbon monoxide within your home or business, ensure that outdoor vent openings and air intakes are not obstructed by snow or ice.



Appliance Safety

- Never use natural gas appliances, such as ovens or the burners on a stove, to heat your homes or businesses.
- Make sure your heating system, water heater and any other natural gas appliances are serviced and inspected annually by a qualified licensed professional.
- Do not use any defective natural gas appliance until it has been inspected, serviced and determined to be safe by a qualified plumber or heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) professional.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

- To ensure the safe, proper operation of natural gas appliances, such as a furnace or water heater, and to prevent the potentially hazardous buildup of carbon monoxide within your home or business, ensure that outdoor vent openings and air intakes are not obstructed by snow or ice.
- If you smell natural gas or suspect carbon monoxide is present in your home or business, immediately leave the area and call 9-1-1 or our emergency number 888.Nicor4U (642.6748) from a safe location.
- Seek medical attention immediately if anyone in your home or business experiences possible symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, which include headache, dizziness, fatigue, nausea and vomiting.

Meter Safety

- Know where your natural gas meter is located.
- Following a weather emergency, ensure the gas meter is visible and the area surrounding the meter is free of trash and debris.
- Mechanical equipment used after the storm to clean up a location may damage the meter if it is hidden.
- Exercise caution removing snow or ice from your natural gas meter assembly. Use your hands or a broom, not a shovel, to brush away snow or ice from your meter and regulator. Never kick or hit your gas meter or its piping with a hammer or any hard object to break away built-up snow or ice.

If a natural gas meter is damaged or underground gas line is exposed, immediately leave the area and call 9-1-1 or our 24-hour emergency response number 888.Nicor4U (642.6748) from a safe location.

Detecting Gas Leaks

- If you smell the rotten egg odor that is often associated with natural gas or suspect carbon monoxide is present, immediately leave the affected area and call 9-1-1 or the 24-hour emergency response line 888.Nicor4U (642.6748) from a safe location.
- Never try to identify the source of a leak yourself.
- If the odor of natural gas is present, do not use a telephone or cellphone in the area of the odor. Do not turn light switches on or off.
- Do not operate any appliance or do anything that might cause a spark, such as lighting a match.

Damage Prevention

Heavy snow and ice may weigh down power lines and tree limbs, causing them to fall. If a natural gas meter is damaged or underground gas line is exposed, immediately leave the area and call 9-1-1 or the 24-hour emergency response line 888.Nicor4U (642.6748) from a safe location.

The Nicor Gas Multicultural Innovator Award

Clean Energy Trust, Nicor Gas Partner to Support Entrepreneurs Who are Making a Positive Environmental Impact Throughout Illinois

Together with Clean Energy Trust, Nicor Gas is proud to support the launch of the Nicor Gas Multicultural Innovator Award – a \$25,000 equity and inclusion grant to support the development of a clean energy technology startup with a minority founder or CEO. Applications will be accepted through March 1.

“Diversity, innovation and ingenuity can help accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy,” said John O. Hudson III, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. “The Nicor Gas Multicultural Innovator Award is part of our ongoing commitment to grow economic opportunity in underserved communities and communities of color.”

In addition to the grant, recipients of the inaugural award – part of Clean Energy Trust’s Diversity Equity and Inclusion initiative – will receive 12 months of business mentorship and heightened exposure to investors and customers. Entrepreneurs and businesses making a positive environmental impact throughout the state will be considered.

“There is abundant opportunity in the clean-tech ecosystem, and we must empower and support minority startups with the tools to grow and prosper. Simply put, diversity in all forms – thought, background, experience – is what makes businesses successful,” Hudson said. “The success of the startups we’re seeking ultimately leads to thriving communities and an accessible, equitable economy.”

Small Illinois businesses, or those with a substantial presence in the state, with a focus on renewable energy, energy efficiency, smart buildings and cities, energy storage, water, ag-tech, digital solutions for operational efficiencies, reduced maintenance costs, customer engagement and/or worker training and management may be eligible to apply for the award. Other company criteria include:

- Founder or CEO who identifies as black, indigenous and/or person of color.
- 2-12 full-time employees.
- No more than \$3 million in funding raised; must be able to demonstrate at least three to six months of funding runway.
- Can be product or service-based; does not need to be market-ready, but is preferred.

“We’re excited to partner with Nicor Gas to build upon the critical work we do in support of climate entrepreneurs,” said Erik Birkerts, CEO of Clean Energy Trust. “This award will provide underrepresented entrepreneurs throughout Illinois with a crucial opportunity to expand their impact with our mentorship and assistance.”

To learn more about the Nicor Gas Multicultural Innovator Award and apply, visit the Clean Energy Trust at <https://www.cleanenergytrust.org/programs/nicor-gas-multicultural-innovator-award/>.

Obituaries

Aguirre

Florentino Aguirre. Dearly beloved father of Daniel, Catalina, Luis Gerardo, Jesus, Manuel, Jose Juan and Michael; beloved son of the late Antonio and Victoria; fond grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Alvarez

Adolfo Alvarez. Dearly beloved father of Ernesto, Lesenia, Nancy and Hector; beloved son of Sofia and the late Anastacio; cherished grandfather of Ernesto Jr., Dalia, Mellisa, Chrishtopher and Ezekiel; dear brother of nine; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Annoreno

Anita R. Annoreno. Beloved wife of Joseph Annoreno; loving mother of Joe (Brienne) and Gina (Brock); beloved daughter of the late John and Jean Giordano; adored nana of Brody, Max, Payton, Elizabeth and William; dear sister of John Giordano; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Aristodemo

Armando G. Aristodemo, proud member of the United States Army. Beloved husband for 52 years to Filomena R. (nee Seminara); loving father of Carolina Aristodemo, Amelia Aristodemo and Giovanni (Sandra) Aristodemo; fond grandfather of Jonah, Carina, Ariana, Matteo and Lily; dear brother of Emmanuele (Mary) Aristodemo, Irma (the late Settimo) Chilelli, Giuseppe (Franca) Aristodemo and the late Maria (Emilio) Natalizio; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Proud member of the Flowers of Italy Club and San Francesco Di Paola. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Basili

Dominic Basili, age 92, March 1, 1928-Dec. 25, 2020. Beloved husband of Gloria (nee DeLeo); loving father of Linda, Debra and the late Michael (Laura); caring grandpa of Michael L. and Christopher D. Basili; fond brother of Nancy (the late Robert) Nicolin, the late Caroline (the late August) Costoff and the late Josephine (James) Papa; fond uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Peterson-Bassi Chapels. Interment private.

Bellini

Madeline Bellini, nee Leoni, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, at the golden age of 99; beloved wife of the late Joseph Bellini; loving daughter of the late Salvatore and the late Agatha Leoni; dear sister of the late Richard Leoni, the late Vadie Autrey, the late Valencia Lubko, the late Alberta Provenzano, the late George Leoni, the late William Leoni, the late Aurora Simon and the late Anita Leoni; dear aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt of many. Arrangements entrusted to Russo's Hillside Chapels. Funeral services private.

Bueno

Rafaela A. Bueno, nee Bueno. Dearly beloved wife of the late Manuel Valenzuela; loving mother of Luz (Juan) Rios, Maria (Sergio) Gonzalez and Emma (Joe) Carlin; cherished grandmother of Laura Rodarte, Gricelda Rios, Michelle Carlin, Juan (Alisa) Rios and Abron Carlin; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Citarelli

Virginia Citarelli. Beloved daughter of the late Enrico and Mary Citarelli; dear sister of Florence Citarelli, Ralph Citarelli, Ellen Citarelli, Frank Citarelli, the late Dominic Citarelli, the later Antoinette Citarelli and the late Anna Citarelli. Visitation at Rago Brothers Funeral Home. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Compton

Glenn Compton, proud veteran of the United States Navy. Dearly beloved husband of Nancy (nee Palermo); loving father of Karri (the late John) Spillane, Glenn (Mary Lou) and Gerry (Greta); fond grandfather of Samantha, Charlie, Ellie, Joe, Kaitlyn, Maizy and Elizabeth; dear brother of Jim (Kay) and the late Joyce; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Dabe

April C. Dabe. Dearly beloved daughter of the late Roger Dabe and the late Jean (Louis) Engelhart; loving sister of Jackie Engelhart, Toni (Glenn) Balanay and the late Donald Engelhart; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery.

Di Prizio

Patricia Di Prizio. Dearly beloved wife of Ronald Di Prizio; loving mother of Debby (Kurt) Fries, Karen Di Prizio and Denise (Steve) Nagy; fond grandmother of Jordan (J.T) Di Prizio, Eve Fries, Noah Nagy, Lucy Fries and Kyle Nagy; great-grandmother of Landan and Ryker Dean-Davis; dear sister of Georgene Edwards, Mickey Petrella and Beverly Birch; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Espiritu

Joel Peter "Jimbo" Dinero Espiritu. Beloved son of Riza and Joel Espiritu; dear brother of John, Amparo and Tatiana; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Elmwood Cemetery.

Fong

Timothy Fong (Tim), age 65, passed away Feb. 2, 2021. Born in Chicago, Ill., he was the much-loved son of Chester and Helen Fong, and the beloved younger brother of Glen Fong, all of whom preceded him in death. Tim is survived by his loving nephews, Nick, his wife Rocio, Brent Fong, Christopher Fong and sister-in-law Brenda Fong. He is the beloved great-uncle of Rocco and Sienna Fong and godfather to Myalisa Miroballi and Michael Hoy. Tim is the much-loved stepfather to Dr. Brant (Melinda) Hulsebus and Cory (Aaron) Park, and to seven step grandchildren. Raised in Chicago's Chinatown, with his lifelong friend Ron Hoy, he then graduated from Lane Tech and then attended Northern Illinois University. Tim pledged Sigma Chi Fraternity, where Joe Miroballi was his pledge father and where Tim next became pledge father to Perry Miroballi, whose friendships and family ties have extended through the years. Tim was known and loved as a compassionate, loyal and giving friend to all. He became a member of so many of the families that a holiday or celebratory dinner without Tim was not the same. While Tim hated crowds, he did often help restaurant friends provide their services at Taste of Chicago because Tim was just this kind of friend. He truly did love the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Summer Tuesday night concerts on the Esplanade. A true Chicago fan, he always watched the Chicago Bears, groaning and cheering as the game dictated. It was his life dream to relocate to Cabo San Lucas to spend his retirement years with two of his nephews who live in that area.

An entrepreneur at heart, Tim at an early age embraced the two “R’s” – restaurants and real estate. He was involved in a number of successful restaurant ventures from exquisite Chinese restaurants to elegant dinner/dancing establishments in the Gold Coast and on Rush Street. The restaurant business brought out Tim’s inner chef – he was a first-class cook and was the “go to guy” for cooking questions. On the real estate side, he brokered a large number of real estate deals and ultimately settled into providing management consulting expertise to emerging businesses ranging from technology to PPE manufacturing. The consummate networker, Tim had a gift for connecting business professionals to their mutual benefit. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Garcia

Gildardo Garcia. Dearly beloved father of Edwin and Ahitza; loving grandfather of Ezra. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Burial at Fairview Memorial Park.

Gonzalez

Eulalia Gonzalez. Dearly beloved wife of the late Melquiades; loving mother of Maria Nealis, Benito (Gloria) Gonalez, Enrique (May) Gonzalez, Nelda Lugo, Cesar (Victoria) Gonzalez and Edward (Cristina) Gonzalez; fond grandmother of Natalie, Angela, Phillip, Eric, Diane, Maria, Matthew, Christina, Rick, Gabriel, Isabel, Jacqueline and Martin; fond great-grandmother of Alexandra, Kalyssa, Destyne, Emma, Sophia, Annalisa, Rhett and Teddy; loving sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Emblem Cemetery.

Herrera

Ubaldo Herrera, proud member of the United States Marines. Dearly beloved husband of Miriam Herrera; loving father of Ingrid and Ubaldo Jr.; beloved son of Socorro and Pablo Malaquias Garcia; dear brother of Sandra Garcia and Angela Grimaldo; fond nephew of Jorge Herrera; best friend of Alberto Maldonado; dear uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Julian

Mary Julian. Dearly beloved wife of the late Donald “Swede”; loving mother of Donna (Ronald) Serpico; beloved daughter of the late Vincenzo and Amabile Santacaterina; cherished grandmother of Ronald Jr. (Shannon) Serpico, Joanna (Josh) Schubkegel and Michael (Dina) Serpico; great-grandmother of Tommy, Brooklyn, Hannah, David, Naomi, Ellie, Giavanna, Adrianna and Lucianna; dear sister of the late Leno (the late Rena) Santacaterina; fond aunt of Nancy (the late Thomas) Donohoe, Susan (Chuck), Judy (Matt), Michael (Mary Ellen) and Amy; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Macino

Gaetano Macino, retired sergeant of the Melrose Park Police Force and veteran of the Korean War. Dearly beloved husband of Geraldine Macino; loving father of Michelle (Don) Balzano and Cheri (Scott) Patrick; beloved son of the late Vittoriano and Isabella; fond grandfather of Anthony Balzano, Nicole Balzano, Jack Patrick and Maxwell Patrick; dear brother of the late Joseph, Rocky, Johnny, Mikey and Mary; fond uncle of Tony Campanelli, Kathy, Mary Ellen, Teresa (T.C), Billy and many others; cherished cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Militello

Angelo Militello, of Skokie, Dec. 27, 2020. Born March 30, 1939, the eldest son of Jack and Lena (nee Cicero) Militello. Angelo was raised on the northwest side of Chicago with his siblings Regina (Scott) Gregory, John, and the late Stephen and Michael Militello. Angelo attended Steinmetz High School and in 1956 met his future wife Francine (nee Vitacco) through mutual friends. They were married for 58 years and together raised three children, Deanne (Frank) McCannon, and the late Gregory and Lisa

Militello. Angelo was the proud papa of two granddaughters, Helina and Jada McCannon, who miss him very much. Angelo will be most fondly remembered for being a father figure, mentor, role model and ear to countless nieces, nephews and family friends.

Angelo attended Notre Dame University, graduating in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering and in 1966 earned a Master in Education in supervision and administration from Loyola University. He worked as a teacher and school administrator at Ridgewood High School for 33 years where he touched the lives of too many young people to count. Following his retirement from Ridgewood, Angelo was an educational consultant and advocate for teens and young adults. He spent 10 years on staff at Jewish Children and Family Services. Over the years he was involved with many nonprofit organizations such as the Cancer Wellness Center and The Compassionate Friends, and most recently served on the Commission of Family Services for the village of Skokie. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

Minghettino

Russell Minghettino. Beloved husband of Stella (nee Selvaggio); loving father of Sara, Rocco (Nadia) and Nicolas (Meghan); cherished grandfather of Arianna, Thomas and Madeline; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Napolitano

Francesca Napolitano. Dearly beloved wife of the late Francesco Napolitano; dear sister of 10; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Ortiz

Maria E. Ortiz. Dearly beloved wife of the late Saul Rocha; loving mother of Saul (Isabel) Zamora and Yolanda (Gabriel) Lugo; beloved daughter of the late Alfonso and Josefina Ortiz; fond grandmother of Alan (Kiara), Kayla, Julius, Danny, Adrian and Nathan; dear sister of Sara, Carlos, Lourdes, Nelly, Ezekiel, Roberto, Guillermina and Elvira; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Otrosa

Barbara E. Otrosa. Dearly beloved mother of Marsha and Mark Otrosa; cherished grandmother of David and Steven Huppenbauer; great-grandmother of Ayden, Shelby, Madison, Alivia and David Michael Jr.; dear sister of James Presti Jr. and Randy Presti; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services private.

Palella

Vito Anthony Palella, celebrated his 87th birthday before embracing eternal rest on Dec. 26, 2020. He was predeceased by his wife Rose and brother Gaetano, and sister-in-law Maria. He is survived by daughter Donna Falco (Anthony) and Laura Giannini. Devoted grandfather of Grace, Rosanna, Maria Falco and Arianna, and Alexa Giannini.

He was raised in the town of Celgie Del Campo in Bari, Italy, and later migrated to the U.S. to create a life here with his family.

In 1981, Vito opened the doors to Seasons Comfort Corporation, his own HVAC company, and the business is still thriving.

Recently residing in Darien, Ill., and a great supporter to many Italian American organizations keeping his heritage and culture alive.

He recently would spend his time in Naples, Fla., opening his home to his friends and family with a happy smile and an espresso.

His life’s joy were his close relationships with his family and friends, and especially his granddaughters.

Past Casa Italia board member, 2010 Man-of-the-Year and a generous supporter to many Italian American organizations.

Arrangements entrusted to Hollowell & James Funeral Home.

Papa

James R. Papa. Beloved husband of the late Josephine; loving father of Terese (Jeff) Surges, Gina (Jason) Taylor, Jim (Michelle) Papa and Ralph (Amy) Papa; beloved son of the late Izora and Ralph Papa; fond grandfather of Nick, Josephine and Caroline Surges, Anna and Lauren Taylor, Ralph, Dominic, Matthew and Isabella Papa; dear brother of the late Donnarae (Tony) Vitale; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Perez

Oscar Perez. Dearly beloved father of Jasmin; loving son of Tiburcio and Bertha Perez; dear brother of Donna, Ceasar and David Perez; fond nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Picardi

Michael Picardi, former owner of Picardi Formal Wear on Harlem Avenue. Dearly beloved husband of the late Rita (nee Severino); loving father of James (Kathy) and Michael (Lisa) Picardi; cherished grandfather of Michael, Laura, Edward and Chantel; dear brother of the late James (Patricia) and the late Joseph (Patricia) Picardi; loving longtime companion of Vera Humphrey and daughter Jaime Humphrey; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Private family entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Pyka

Madeline Pyka, nee Albachiara. Dearly beloved wife of the late Norman; loving mother of Lynn Pyka, Dr. Manfred (Tracy) Pyka, Suzanna (Corrado) Biasi and Norman Pyka; loving daughter of the late Antonio and Maddelena Albachiara; cherished grandmother of Marisa, Manny Jr., Claudia, Sophia, Nico, Maya, Giovanna and Silvanna; dear sister of Tony, Margaret, Nick, Grace, Anna, Marie and the late Carmela; loving aunt and friend of many; dear long-time companion of George Leoni. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Ramirez

Maria Carmen Avelar Ramirez. Loving mother of Maria Mariscal, Emilia Mariscal, Martin Mariscal, Ramiro Mariscal, Guadalupe Mariscal and Rosa Mariscal; loving daughter of the late Monico and Reynalda Avelar; loving grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Rojek

August Paul Rojek, veteran of the United States Army. Dearly beloved husband of the late Lucille (nee Pacyrz); loving father of LaVerne Rojek, Bryan Rojek, Loren Rojek and the late Cindy Saatkamp; beloved son of the late John and Anna Rojek; fond grandfather of Jennifer (Nick) Bischoff, Kimberly Mikolz, Katie (Ben) Newhouse, Owen Rojek, Lucy Rojek, Sarah Rojek and Jacob Rojek; great-grandfather of Hailey Bischoff, Paige Bischoff, Bryce Newhouse and Chloe Newhouse; loving brother of Roman Rojek and the late Catherine Kuzel, Mitch Rojek, Mary Totzke, Casey Rojek, Steve Rojek, Celia Czerwinski, Charles Rojek, Edward Rojek and Julia Kitowski. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Rubino

Bettye J. Rubino. Dearly beloved wife of the late Nick; loving daughter of the late Tom and Pearl Fleming; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum.

Scarpelli

Vito Scarpelli. Beloved husband of Filomena; loving father of Lucia (Michael) Tillman, Pietro, Giuseppe (Martha) and Agata “Tina” Scarpelli; fond grandfather of Alexia, Michael, Mina and Rosaria; dear brother of Elvira (Vito) Liturri and the late Domenica (the late Vito) Diciolla; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

Soto

Aida Soto, May 27, 1946-Jan. 7, 2021.

Spiezio

Mary DiNovi Spiezio was born in Chicago on April 17, 1923, only a few short months after her father (Fiore) and mother (Adelina) immigrated from Italy to Chicago where they settled in the Little Italy community. Mary graduated from high school in 1941. She made many friends over the years through her volunteering during the war and working for the Internal Revenue Service. After the war ended, Mary met her husband Frank at a dance; they married on June 14, 1947, thus beginning their 50-yearlong matrimonial journey. After Mary was widowed, she moved to Elk Grove Village, where she began the next phase of her life volunteering at Alexian Brothers Medical Center. She worked in Medical Records for 19 years where she dearly enjoyed the people and friendships she made through her volunteering and work. Mary leaves behind her daughter Roseann (Vincent) Salemi; granddaughters Mary (Ryan) Manning and Michelle Salemi (Ian Barr, fiancée); step-granddaughter Cheryl (Derek) Crenshaw; two great-grandchildren, Jackson and Jaden Manning; three step-grandchildren, Logan, Ryan and Gabrielle; sister-in law, Marian (Michael) DiNovi; nieces and nephews, Fiore (Maggie) DiNovi, Margaret (Alex) Primiano, Jessica and Michael Primiano, Mary Ann (Christopher) Olson, Paige and Alexis Olson. Arrangements by Elmhurst Community Funeral Home, The Ahlgrim Chapel. Burial at Wheatland Cemetery.

Westberg

Mary Westberg. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Westberg; loving mother of John Westberg and Lynn (Michael) Hartzak; fond grandmother of Crystal (Joseph) Parenti and Michael (Stephanie) Hartzak; fond great-grandmother of Liliana and Leo Parenti; dear sister of the late Catherine Santiago and the late Ralph Holmes; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Maryhill Cemetery.

Zelms

Lorraine P. Zelms. Dearly beloved wife of the late Albert Michalak; loving mother of Sharon (Marty) Gerbac, Debbie (the late Anthony) Genualdi, Richard Baker, Kimberly Zelms, the late Steven Hauss and the late Edward Baker; cherished grandmother of Tim, Steven, Johanna, David, Edward, Alexis, Dominic and Michael; great-grandmother of Felix, Oliver and Danielle; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Zullo

Leonard J. Zullo, age 89 of Downers Grove, passed away peacefully on Jan. 31 at Season’s Hospice Naperville Inpatient Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 16, 1931 in Chicago, Ill., to the late Mary and Peter Zullo. Leonard is survived by his wife Phyllis (nee Palermo); daughters Mary Ann (the late Joseph) Palmer and Lena (David) Guerrieri; grandson Michael Palmer; stepson Anthony Tararo; brother to the late Donald (Diane) Zullo; uncle to Peter (Lisa) Zullo. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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 schedule for calendar year 2021 is: Feb. 22; March 22; April 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: 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.

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