

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

*Please get vaccinated and support our local businesses  
who have suffered economically over the past 18 months.*

*The village of Melrose Park's pandemic planning strategies are working and  
we're leading the way with one of the highest rates of vaccinated residents.*

*Vaccinations work, so get yours today!*

Dear Neighbors,

The vaccinations and the village of Melrose Park's pandemic planning strategies are working. States across the country are experiencing significant drops in the reported number of daily COVID-19 cases. In addition, the village of Melrose Park is leading the way with one of the highest rates of vaccinated residents. As we went to press, 67.5 percent of Melrose Park residents had received one vaccination shot. This is higher than suburban Cook County (53.9 percent) and all its surrounding areas except for Oak Park. In addition, 49.6 percent of our residents have received both doses, which is also higher than suburban Cook County (42.3 percent). Due to our significant success, Loyola Hospital is studying our systematic strategies that the village initiated which led to more residents getting vaccinated. This information may help other communities increase their vaccination rates.

As someone who contracted COVID-19, prior to the COVID vaccination shot being approved, I can assure you that the disease is no picnic. I spent several days in the hospital and months later, I still feel its lingering effects. What I cannot understand is why anyone would risk getting this awful disease that can lead to a severe illness or even death. There is now six months of shots being administered and the success of these shots cannot be disputed. Most people experienced no aftereffects. Let us not forget that it was the discovery of the polio and smallpox vaccines that eradicated almost all traces of those dreaded diseases from society. Vaccinations work, so get yours today! To learn of the latest vaccination centers, in or near Melrose Park, visit our website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org). It is a lead story on the village website.



**Ronald M. Serpico**  
Mayor

And now, if you would indulge me, I would like to take a moment to brag about one of my administration's greatest accomplishments, the Maywood Park Racetrack development. The once dilapidated vacant racetrack is now home to many businesses that gainfully employ hundreds of workers, most notably an Amazon distribution warehouse. There are also assorted retail and service establishments located on the site, such as Starbucks, Aspen Dental, Discount Tire, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, Panda Express, Tropical Smoothie, Goodwill, WellNow Urgent Care and plans for more to come. Abandoned property that was once overrun with rats is now producing sales and real estate tax revenue to be used in maintaining and improving our village's appearance and infrastructure while helping to keep our property taxes in check.

On another happy note, I am pleased to announce that garage sales are back! That's right, it's time to sell all those treasures you found while cleaning during the pandemic stay-at-home. Garage sales will be allowed on the third weekends of July and August with sales conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. No sales are allowed on Sundays. For more information, visit the village's website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).

Again, please get vaccinated and support our local businesses who have suffered economically over the past 18 months.

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



Stay well,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico

**all in for the win**  
Your shot to save lives and win big.  
**\$10M**  
is up for grabs!

**State of Illinois Launches Vaccine Lottery**  
**\$7 Million in Cash Prizes for Adults,**  
**\$3 Million in Scholarships for Youth**  
See Pages 32-33 for details.

*Be Mindful of Yourself  
and Others,  
Show That You Care ...  
Get Vaccinated.*

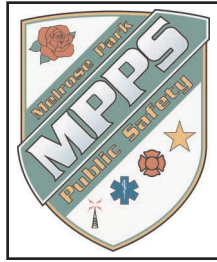
*Together,  
we'll make a difference  
and beat the pandemic.*



*Village of  
Melrose Park*

**Mayor**

**Ronald M. Serpico**



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

# COVID-19 Update Upon Melrose Park Entering Phase 5

According to the state's guidelines, upon entering Phase 5, fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, local, tribal or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. All sectors of the economy can resume at regular capacity. Illinois will continue to recommend face coverings for unvaccinated residents, however. Regardless of vaccination status, masks will still be required on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation; in transportation hubs, such as airports, and train and bus stations; in congregate facilities, such as correctional facilities, veterans' homes and long-term care facilities, group homes and residential facilities; and in health care settings. Businesses and venues should continue to allow for social distancing to the extent possible, especially indoors. Businesses and venues may also continue to put in place additional public health mitigations as they deem appropriate, including requiring face coverings.

Phase 5 also marks the return of traditional conventions and large events without capacity restrictions. Large gatherings of all sizes can resume across all industry settings and Phase 5 removes requirements that businesses institute mandatory social distancing in seated venues as well as daily health screenings of employees and visitors.

## Phase 5 Guidelines for Businesses and Venues

For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.

For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.

Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering. Persons who are immunocom-

promised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated. All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.

There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

Individuals in schools, day care settings and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.

All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms and lines/queuing.

Continue to consult the Melrose Park DHS website at [www.mpdes.org](http://www.mpdes.org), the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Thank you and be safe!







# Village of Melrose Park

**Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor**

**Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk**

### Trustees

**Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano**

**Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera**

**Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi**



## To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

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

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

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

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Village Board Meetings.....June 28, July 26, Aug. 23**

**Village Hall Holiday Closings.....July 5, Sept. 6**

# Resident Response

### **Dear Director of Senior Services, Special Events and Taste of Melrose Park Peggy DiFazio ...**

Just a note to tell you what a great job Lorena did in resolving a mix-up on my license stickers. My friend never heard of the discount, so I told her to call Lorena and her application was approved. She was happy for the savings.

• Thank you. God bless.  
Roseann Torracco

### **Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...**

I want to express our thanks for the assistance rendered by Ofc. Velazquez and Ofc. Verde during traffic fatalities which occurred in our city recently. Their experience and knowledge in these types of incidents was very helpful and evident during the investigations.

On behalf of our city, please extend my thank you for the quick and professional response.

• Yours truly,  
Norman Nissen, Jr.  
Chief of Police, City of Northlake

### **Dear Trusted 2020 Census Partner ...**

Thank you for your valued partnership during this Decennial Census. With your support, the region exceeded the National Self-Response Rate of 67 percent and had the highest self-response rate among all regions, of 69.8 percent.

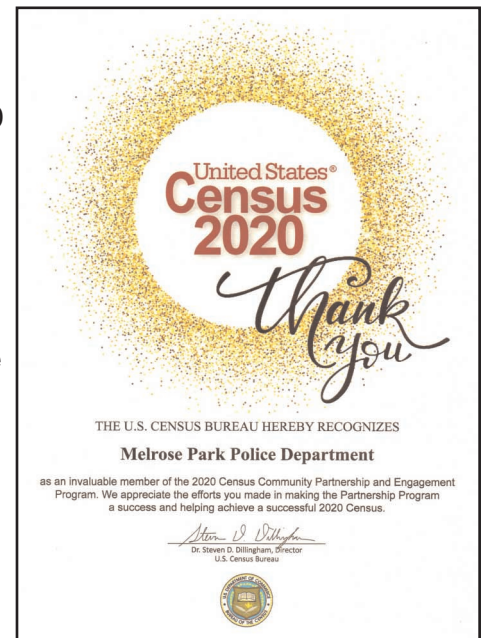
In collaboration with more than 50,550 partners, that collectively held nearly 64,750 events and made more than 70,450 commitments, you exhibited enormous dedication, creativity and support in developing outreach and marketing activities that engaged, educated and encouraged households to complete the 2020 Census, particularly in historically underserved communities.

Working alongside more than 2,015 Complete Count Committees, you and our many valuable partners hosted thousands of recruiting events to hire census workers that spoke the languages, understood the cultures and lived within the communities they were tasked to count. Your efforts also ensured a successful Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Program across our region with more than 12,819 MQA events that assisted low-responding communities in completing their census questionnaires online and by phone.

Together, we ensured the census had the most up-to-date address file, delivered paper questionnaires online to rural areas, recruited workers during one of the lowest periods of unemployment, took on a global pandemic through unique virtual engagement and engaged communities through Get Out the Count (GOTC) efforts that brought census staff to historically undercounted neighborhoods.

Your valuable contributions will ensure critical planning over the next decade. Thank you for making it count!

• Sincerely,  
Marilyn A. Sanders  
Chicago Regional Director, U.S. Census Bureau





**Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...**

Recently, the Elmhurst Police Department needed to act quickly in planning for the possibility of violence at an anti-racism protest that was being planned at a local business in our city on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

I would like to thank you and your agency for responding to our call for assistance.

As you know, balancing the constitutional rights to free speech and peaceable assembly granted by the 1st Amendment can present a challenge for law enforcement agencies, The potential for physical harm to our residents and/or property damage to our downtown area required a strong, united police presence and we sincerely appreciate Melrose Park Police Ofc. Menolascino (#29) responding to our call for aid.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to Ofc. Menolascino for his invaluable assistance on this potentially significant incident. He is a credit to your agency and our profession.

We appreciate the ongoing support and professional assistance we receive from your agency and we stand ready to reciprocate whenever we are needed. Thank you again.

- Sincerely,  
Michael R. Ruth  
Chief of Police, City of Elmhurst Police Department

**Dear Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota ...**

I am deeply touched by your generosity during these difficult times. I asked my second graders to guess what big news I wanted to share with them.

When I revealed our new PPE and cleaning supplies, my students went wild! It felt like they won the million-dollar prize on a game show. They couldn't contain their excitement. My class was overwhelmed by your selfless acts.

I appreciate the help that was offered to keep my students and me safe. This year has been challenging and scary for everyone. It's people like you who make the sunshine extra. "Thank you! Stay safe!"

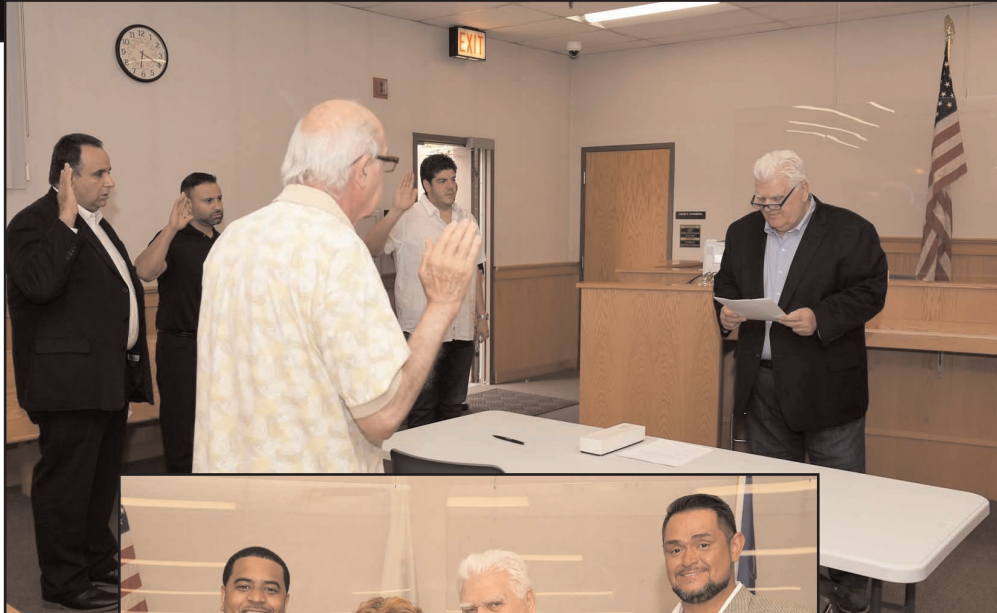
- With gratitude,  
Ms. Depa  
Grant Elementary School

**Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...**

Thank you for arranging the police escort for our mom's funeral procession. It was greatly appreciated.

Please give our thanks to the officers for a job well done.

- The Torchia Family



*Newly elected Mayor of Maywood Nathaniel George Booker (left); his grandmother, Delores Morrison; Mayor Serpico; and Maywood Trustee Tony Sanchez are pictured at the swearing-in ceremony.*



## Village of Melrose Park

# Melrose Park Village Officials Take Oath of Office

In May, a ceremony was held for Melrose Park's recently re-elected village officials who were sworn in for a new term in office.

Pictured at the swearing-in (top photo, left to right) are trustees Arturo J. Mota, Louis "Sonny" Nicotera and Mary Ramirez Taconi, Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, trustees Jaime Anguiano, Anthony N. Abruzzo and Anthony J. Prignano.

Newly elected Mayor of Maywood Nathaniel George Booker; his grandmother, Delores Morrison; and Maywood Trustee Tony Sanchez, were present at the event to offer congratulations and express their unwavering support to the Melrose Park village officials.

Mayor Serpico was honored to have Ms. Morrison, Trustee Sanchez and Mayor Booker in attendance and is looking forward to his administration working hard with the new mayor of our neighboring village to strengthen the Melrose Park-Maywood partnership and promote advancement opportunities for the well-being of the community and its residents.

# April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election Results

FOR VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK PRESIDENT  
**RONALD M. SERPICO, SR.**.....1,755

FOR VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK CLERK  
**MARY ANN PAOLANTONIO** .....1,710

FOR VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK TRUSTEE  
**ANTHONY J. "TONY" PRIGNANO** .....1,583  
**ARTURO J. MOTA** .....1,567  
**ANTHONY N. ABRUZZO** .....1,550  
**MARY RAMIREZ TACONI**.....1,535  
**JAIME ANGUIANO** .....1,508  
**LOUIS "SONNY" NICOTERA** .....1,474

Anthony Airdo .....252  
 Amber Principe .....248

FOR MELROSE PARK LIBRARY TRUSTEE  
**CARLA MODUGNO** .....1,493  
**CARL JAMES ALAIMO SR.**.....1,481  
**GERALD "JERRY" MRAZ**.....1,400  
**CHRISTINA R. GALVIN** .....Unexpired Term1,459  
**STEVE PESCE** .....Unexpired Term1,388

FOR PROVISO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR  
**MICHAEL A. CORRIGAN** .....11,489

FOR PROVISO TOWNSHIP CLERK  
**ANTHONY "TONY" WILLIAMS** .....11,708

FOR PROVISO TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
**STEVEN J. ZAWASKI** .....11,404

FOR PROVISO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE  
**EVELYN CHAVEZ**.....10,218  
**MARI HERRELL** .....10,216  
**CLARENCE THOMAS**.....10,102  
**JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER** .....10,044

FOR VETERANS PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
**TOM OLSON** .....2,076  
**DIANE SAMPSON**.....1,998

FOR MEMORIAL PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
**GWENDOLYN EVANS** .....2,793

**KAREN (SELENA) MARTINEZ** .....Unexpired Term 2,680

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 89 BOARD

**REGINA RIVERS** .....3,411

**VERONICA BONILLA-LOPEZ** .....3,256

**BARBARA J. DAHLY** .....3,163

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 88 BOARD

**DOROTHY C. SMITH** .....2,053

**TONY MORTON** .....1,816

**MARIA D. PEREZ** .....1,780

**CONSTANCE (CONNIE) RIALES** .....1,723

Deborah Long Giles .....1,036

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 84.5 BOARD

**JAMES DI PAOLA** .....143

**GINA M. LEDER** .....139

**JANICE L. ROEDER** .....124

**ANTONINA WHITE** .....118

Diane Mininni .....101

Doreen J. Gussie .....96

FOR PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 209 BOARD

**SAMUEL VALTIERREZ** .....8,157

**ARBDELLA "DELLA" PATTERSON** .....8,101

**AMANDA J. GRANT** .....8,012

**RODNEY ALEXANDER** .....7,802

FOR TRITON COLLEGE TRUSTEE

**TRACY JENNINGS** .....18,220

**MARK R. STEPHENS** .....14,347

Luke Casson .....14,323

Andrew Charles Kopinski .....7,613

**NORMA HERNANDEZ** .....Unexpired Term 12,123

Lisa Bickel .....Unexpired Term 11,954

Carolyn R. Wilhight .....Unexpired Term 6,776

FOR PROVISO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS TRUSTEE

**ANTHONY TRAVIS** .....10,913





# Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS

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



*Rick Beltrame  
Director of Fire Department*

### Leave Fireworks to the Experts Fireworks Safety Tips from the National Safety Council

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal but they are not safe.

#### If You Choose to Use Legal Fireworks

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks. • Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol. • Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands. • Never light them indoors. • Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person. • Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
  - Never ignite devices in a container. • Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire. • Never use illegal fireworks.
  - Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the fireworks show.

#### Sparklers Are Dangerous

Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25 percent of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. For children under 5 years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries. Consider using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers.



## 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 Secretaría del Estado**

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

# Summer Safety Tips



Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

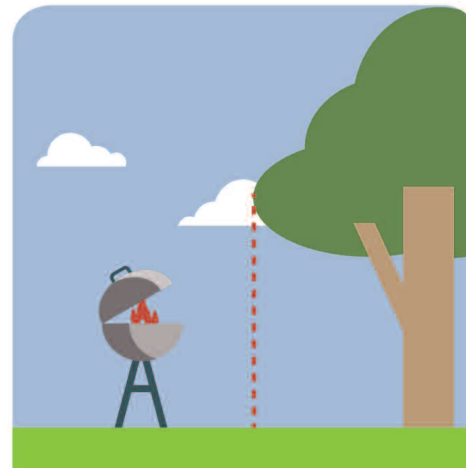
## Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.

10 feet





# A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Director of Police*



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

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

The website can be translated to Spanish and Polish.

## CRIME TIPS – Common Citizen Scams

### Imposter Burglary

- Suspect(s) will pretend to be legitimate worker(s) and approach senior citizen homeowners at their residences with a seemingly legitimate ruse. Their real purpose is to divert the homeowner while their accomplices search for currency and jewelry.
- Some of the more frequently used ploys by the suspects are indicating they are from the local gas/electric company, posing as a water department employee to inspect the water pipes and/or to replace the water meter, a request to use the bathroom, a cable TV company employee, roofing/gutter repair and paving company contractor, city inspector(s), surveyor(s) and tree trimmer(s), or government personnel from a social service agency.
- Many of the impostor burglars now have bogus photo identification cards, legitimate looking work uniforms, and vehicles made to look like government or company vehicles. They may also communicate with handheld radios or cell phones.
- Women and children may also accompany male suspects and participate in the diversion of the homeowner.
- The suspects may offer a partial rebate by giving the victim a \$100 bill and a request for change. This allows the suspect(s) to determine where the victim keeps their money. The victim is distracted either inside the house by turning a light switch on and off, knocking on water pipes, etc., or showing the victim damage outside of the home, determining property lines, etc. Once the victim is distracted, the unseen suspects enter the home, and remove the money and jewelry. In some cases, the suspects have also removed safes from the home.

### Violence

While many of these offenses are only distraction theft/burglaries, an increasing pattern of violence is emerging. Most of the violence occurs when the victim becomes aware of the distraction and tries to prevent the criminals from taking his/her valuables. In these cases, the victim is overpowered with force by the suspects; the offense then turns into an assault and robbery. In the last few years, an increasing number of offenders have begun using violence in lieu of distraction as their method of operation.

### Home Repair Fraud

Nationwide, billions of dollars are lost every year due to home repair frauds targeted against senior citizens; however, anyone – not just senior citizens – can be the victim of a home repair fraud.

A common scenario includes:

- Senior citizens are approached by individuals offering to perform various home repair jobs, such as asphalt paving, driveway repair, roof or gutter repair, chimney cleaning, tree trimming, etc.
- The perpetrators claim to have materials left over from other jobs, can offer significant discounts or they were sent by a close relative or friend.
- Once the job is completed, however, the cost of the work is several times more than the first quote and payment is demanded in cash. To ensure payment in cash, the con artist may accompany the victim to the bank.
- If the opportunity is available, these home repair con artists may also commit a burglary.

The work is usually shoddy (inferior) and/or incomplete. Other types of repair/inspection frauds can involve furnaces, chimneys, water heaters, water pressure, electrical wiring, window repair and cement repair.

### Home Invasion Burglary

- The burglary team usually consists of two to four people. In many cases, a male will drive three females to the targeted area. The male driver either cruises the neighborhood or parks away from the targeted area.
- The female suspects will roam the neighborhood looking to approach senior citizens while working in their yards.
- One suspect will distract the homeowner by asking any number of questions. The second suspect will then go into the unlocked residence and steal cash and/or jewelry.
- Suspects will sometimes knock or ring the door bell. The suspects will pretend to be ill, ask for a drink of water, ask if the house is for sale, ask about previous owner(s), pretend to be looking for a lost pet or any excuse to get inside the home.
- If confronted by the homeowner, the burglary team will use any type of simple distraction, e.g., need a drink of water, use of phone or bathroom, looking for a lost pet or rental property and sale of tablecloths, etc.
- Theft of cash, jewelry or silver occurs with no ransacking. Several days or weeks can pass before the homeowner realizes she/he has been the victim of a burglary. The suspects are careful to put everything back in its place.

### Travel Trailer Sale Scam

- Initially, the suspect purchases a low grade of travel trailer(s) direct from a manufacturer.
- The suspect sells the travel trailer to the victim using documents which misrepresent the value of the trailer.
- The suspect fails to register the trailer, which is still titled to the manufacturer, so it can be sold as "new."



## Handkerchief Switch Scam

- The victim is approached by the first suspect, who pretends to be from out of the country and is unfamiliar with United States banking procedures, with a large sum of money.
- After the second suspect arrives, the victim is persuaded to make a bank withdrawal to show the first suspect how the bank works.
- The victim is induced to believe control of all the money will be retained by the victim, right after, the suspects will indicate they need to leave for a short time.
- All of the money is then placed into an envelope, but a switch occurs before the victim takes control of the envelope.
- Afterward, the victim opens the envelope which only contains cut-up paper.

## Landscaping Scams

- The suspect approaches the property owner/victim and offers to prune trees.
- The property owner/victim is charged per limb, it is not per tree as initially implied by the suspect.
- The cuttings are "balled" with soil and quickly sold to the property owner/victim as seedlings.

## Badge Come Back Scam

- The Badge Come Back Scam can be used after almost any criminal activity, but it is primarily seen after the Handkerchief Switch and Pigeon Drop Scams.
- The intended victim of the Handkerchief Switch is approached by the suspect who is posing as a "police officer".
- The victim is told the "police" are aware of the crime and a corrupt bank official was involved.
- The victim is then persuaded to make a bank withdrawal believing it will help catch the corrupt official and recover the lost money.
- In many cases, the victim fails to report the initial scam to the real police.
- If you are a victim of this type of scam, remember to report both scams to the police.

## Motor Vehicle Repair and Sales Scams

- The suspect does a poor quality of curb side repairs to the vehicle, a high payment is also extorted from the victim.
- The suspect sells the used vehicle after doing an odometer "rollback."
- The suspect sells the victim a vehicle which has an "open title."

## Fortune Telling – Monetary Gain

Many high school students and young adults visit fortune tellers for entertainment, however, most high school students do not possess the financial holdings a criminal fortune teller is looking for. Working professionals and senior citizens are more opportune targets. Criminal fortune tellers know most individual problems concern health, wealth or love. According to experienced investigators, initial contact with some victims is made at fairs, carnivals, newspaper ads and hand flyers. If the victim is in a vulnerable emotional state, the criminal fortune teller attempts to work a curse removal scheme or bujo (boo-joo). The following is a fictional example of how a bujo progresses.

Jane Doe is a middle-aged, well educated and professional. Her husband of 25 years dies, she has recently been diagnosed with a serious illness. Every day on her way home from the office, Jane passes "Mrs. XYZ's Psychic Readings." Jane decides to stop one afternoon for the \$5 special. After an initial tarot (pronounced ta-roe) card reading or maybe a little palm reading, the "psychic" informs Jane there is indeed some "dark evil" surrounding her life, which needs to be removed.

After several visits, Jane is told the "dark evil" surrounding her life is being caused by her late husband's insurance money. The "psychic" rubs an egg around Jane's body to absorb some of the evil. When the egg is cracked open, an ugly, disgusting mass (usually made up of hair, bread, and maybe a small plastic devil's head) is discovered inside the egg.

The "psychic" tells Jane she must bury the insurance money in the graveyard. Jane is understandably reluctant to perform such an act. The "psychic," pretending to be a compassionate person, volunteers to bury the money for Jane (the psychic buries the money right into her own pocket).

Jane's curse removal therapy continues for the next year. After several thousand dollars of her money has been "cleansed," the "psychic" suddenly disappears, probably to another state. The bujo is now complete.

### How do criminal fortune tellers convince their customers of their supernatural ability to predict the future?

They rely on a technique called "cold reading." By using a series of generalized statements, vague enough to fit anyone, the victim is convinced the statements are specific to their life. When a "cold reader" combines a gimmick such as tarot cards, tea leaves, a crystal ball or palm reading with generalized personality statements, the illusion of psychic ability created.

Theft by deception is illegal. It is the responsibility of law enforcement to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Aggressive prosecution and public education are two key factors in reducing potential victims from these con artists.

Don't let embarrassment prevent you from reporting criminal activity. The con artist relies on their victims being reluctant to admit they have been scammed.

If you have been a victim or know someone who has been victimized by a criminal fortune teller, please report the incident to your nearest law enforcement agency.

**These scams are just a few of the numerous frauds perpetrated annually. Each year thousands of victims lose millions of dollars from these scams. The deception list continues to grow each year, making scams, their victims and the exact dollar amount almost impossible to track. Anyone can become the victim. People of all ages, educational levels and incomes fall victim to scams daily.**

**Gathering and sharing of information is vital, especially when you are dealing with these transient, criminal suspects and the thefts, scams, and frauds they perpetrate.**

Source: <https://www.isp.state.il.us/crime/citizenscam.cfm>.

**Melrose Park Police Department**



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Police  
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# **SUMMER PARKING NOTICE**

**A QUICK NOTE TO  
UPDATE WEEKEND PARKING RULES ...  
PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON  
BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET  
FRIDAY, 5 P.M.-MONDAY, 9 A.M.  
NOW UNTIL DEC. 1, 2021.**

**THESE HOURS DO NOT INCLUDE THE  
WINSTON PARK OR  
WEST MELROSE AREAS.**

**REMEMBER, PARKING IS NEVER ALLOWED  
ON EAST AND WEST STREETS – 2-6 A.M.**

**ALL VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK  
PARKING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE  
STRICTLY ENFORCED AND  
TICKETS WILL BE WRITTEN.**

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# ***2021 Taste of Melrose Park Notice***

## **From the Desk of Mayor Ronald M. Serpico**

Dear Melrose Park Neighbors and Friends,

The Taste of Melrose Park is our village's premier family-affordable event that attracts thousands of attendees from the Chicago area and beyond. Unfortunately, this year, after seriously weighing the pros and cons of hosting the 2021 Taste of Melrose Park, I had to make the difficult decision to postpone this year's three-day event for the following reasons.

### **Health and Safety Concerns**

In 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic raging across the country it was a much simpler decision to forgo the Taste of Melrose Park. However, this year, with the advent of COVID vaccines, we were cautiously optimistic that we would once again host the Taste, but with the COVID numbers in a constant state of flux, it soon became apparent that this would not be possible.



My administration and I have made helping residents to safely navigate the COVID pandemic our number one priority. We distributed hand sanitizer and face masks to every Melrose Park residence and at a drive-through event. We hosted multiple free COVID-19 testing and vaccination days while conducting an aggressive social media campaign about COVID safety.

Taking all this into account, I felt it would be counterproductive to our anti COVID-19 efforts to host an event that draws over 100,000 people, who most likely would not be practicing social distancing or wearing face masks while enjoying all the tasty foods. I would never consider hosting any event if there was even the slightest risk of any attendant becoming fatally ill.

### **Our Sponsors are Financially Hurting**

It is no secret that our local businesses have suffered great economic losses over the past year. The state of Illinois estimates one-third of Illinois businesses have shut their doors. The Taste of Melrose Park could not be held without the generous financial support of our sponsors who underwrite 90 percent of the costs associated with this event. I felt that at this point in time to ask these business owners to donate \$500 or \$1000 when they have endured such great economic hardships, would be wrong.

### **Logistics**

To put on an extravaganza of this proportion, planning must begin in earnest around December. There are bands to hire, food vendors to engage, volunteers to recruit, food tents, chairs and other equipment to rent, to cite just a few of the things that must be coordinated to ensure a wonderful event. Since much of this preparation has had to be put on hold due to the volatility of the pandemic, I felt that it was really too late in the game to properly prepare for an event that lasts three days and hosts over 100,000 attendees. I will never allow the Taste of Melrose Park to not live up to the high standards we have set over the years.

In conclusion, I feel confident as vaccines continue to roll out, that next year's 40th Taste of Melrose Park will be our best event ever. Not only will we celebrate the delicious assortment of delicacies, but we will revel in the fact that we can once again gather as a community. If you have any questions concerning the Taste of Melrose Park, please call Peg DiFazio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Ron Serpico





# 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 Project

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.

## 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 constructing 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 Eagle's Nest Park will be completed this year.

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.



## Street Sweeping

The street sweeper has started street sweeping. Please follow all street sweeping signs throughout the village. Please remove your vehicle from the street to help will expedite sweeping.

## 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 Ongoing Resurfacing Project

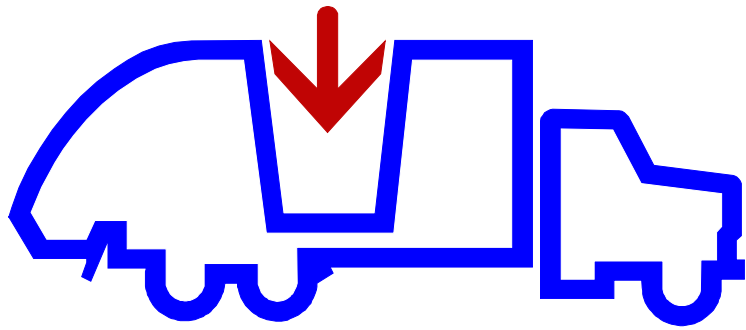
14th Avenue – Division to LeMoyne • 17th Avenue – Division to LeMoyne  
Armitage Avenue – 19th Avenue to 17th Avenue • Harold – Division to Soffel



# 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!





# Village of Melrose Park Residential Garbage Pickup Information

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

24th Avenue to 11th Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

Winston Park Area – Tuesday and Friday

West Melrose – Tuesday and Friday

North of North Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winston Park Area – Wednesday    West Melrose – Thursday    North of North Avenue – Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

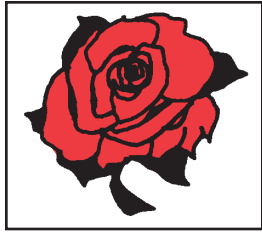
For a missing or damaged garbage can, please call Republic Services directly at (708) 345-7050 and ask for Customer Service to request a replacement garbage can.

## 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.





# Village of Melrose Park Building, Planning & Zoning Report

*From the Desk of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner*

The summer 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](http://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:

• Starbucks	640 W. North Ave.	Complete
• Aspen Dental	620 W. North Ave.	Complete
• WellNow Urgent Care	600 W. North Ave.	Complete
• Discount Tire	550 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage
• Buffalo Wild Wings to Go	530 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Unknown	520 W. North Ave.	
• Chipotle	500 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Panda Express	400 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Raising Canes	300 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Tropical Smoothie	290 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Verizon Call Me	270 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Physical Therapy	250 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Unknown	230 W. North Ave.	
• Goodwill	200 W. North Ave.	Complete
• Fuel Station	120 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage
• LBA Logistics	2065 George Street	Under Construction
• Dave's Hot Chicken	2621 W. North Ave.	Under Construction
• Belle Tire	3225 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage
• Bat-A-Ball	1425 N. First Ave.	In Planning Stage

## 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

# 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.

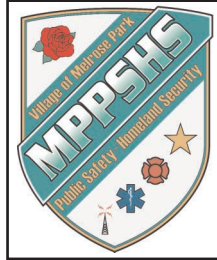
**Check for a Flood Hazard:** Before you commit yourself to buying property, do the following:

- 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 Homeland Security – Public Safety

## Lightning: What You Need to Know

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

### Indoor Lightning Safety

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

### Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

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

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



## Lightning Safety Myths and Facts

**Myth:** Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Tornados

## Before a Tornado

Know the terms used to describe tornado threats.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



# Know Your Risk When Severe Weather Occurs

Being prepared means learning about summer weather and water hazards such as hurricanes, heat, lightning, rip currents, air quality, tsunamis and wildfires.

Here's what you need to know:

- Since 2003, 43 states within the continental United States have come under a tornado watch; 49 states have come under severe thunderstorm watches; and lightning strikes occur in every state.
- Heat waves are common across the country during the summer. They are dangerous because the human body cannot cool itself properly when exposed to an extreme combination of heat and humidity.
- In 2015, there were 26 lightning fatalities.
- Flash flooding is the number one killer associated with severe weather.
- Air pollution can make it harder for people with asthma and other respiratory diseases to breathe. Children and teens may be more sensitive than adults to the health effects caused by air pollution. According to the EPA, poor air quality is responsible in the U.S. for an estimated 60,000 premature deaths each year.

## Take Action

While the weather may be wild, you are not powerless. This summer, prepare for hazards with these simple steps:

- You may have only minutes to find shelter before a tornado strikes. Practice a family tornado drill at least once a year.
- Protect yourself from extreme heat by rescheduling outdoor activities to earlier in the day.
- There is no safe place outside when lightning is in the area. If you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance of the storm. Just remember, When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.
- Whether on foot or in a car, if you encounter flood waters, Turn Around Don't Drown!
- Make sure to check the Air Quality Index for your area at <http://airnow.gov>. If the air quality is poor, avoid prolonged or extreme exertion outdoors.

## Be a Force of Nature

Your action can inspire others. Be a force of nature and share how you're working to stay safe from weather and water hazards this summer.

- Write a post on Facebook. Share with your friends and family the preparedness steps you're taking to stay safe this summer.
- Tweet that you're prepared with #SummerSafety. Tell us what you're doing to be prepared for summer hazards.
- Create a Family Communication Plan so that your loved ones know how to get in touch during an emergency. And let your friends know that they should create a plan also.
- Look for ways to help your town prepare, such as volunteering. Register for America's PrepareAthon! to learn how to stay safe during disasters.

With these steps, you'll be doing more than just protecting yourself – you'll help NOAA build a Weather-Ready Nation.

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# Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety Field Day 2021

**Saturday, June 26-Sunday, June 27, 2021  
900 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park IL 60160**

**For more information, call (708) 649-8085.**



## What is ARRL Field Day?

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the U.S. and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest, and, most of all, fun! It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate amateur radio to the organizations that amateur radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.



The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions. We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers, such as walk-a-thons; celebrations, such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums – these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities. But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems – or maybe because they are so complex – ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

**73's, See You On the Air!**

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

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

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

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

**Don't wait VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

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



# Melrose Park Public Library



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

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

## Favorite Library Apps

Available for iOS and Android



### Libby

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



### PrinterOn

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



### Mango Languages

Learn a new language on the go with Mango!



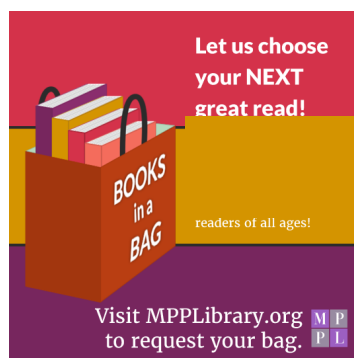
### SWANLibraries

Access the library catalog anytime! Login to your account to request holds and manage your account from anywhere.



### Hoopla

Borrow movies, TV shows, music, comics, audiobooks, and of course books! Use Hoopla on your tablet, phone, computer, or TV.



## Books in a Bag

Visit [MPPLibrary.org](http://MPPLibrary.org) to request a personalized selection of books based on your interests. This new service is available for all ages.

## Magazines now available on Libby!

Get the Libby app or visit [Libbyapp.com](http://Libbyapp.com) to read books, audiobooks, and now magazines!

Borrow ebooks, audiobooks & magazines, all in one app!



Libby. The one-tap reading app from our library



### Summer Hours at the MPPL

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED EVERY SATURDAY, MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY



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

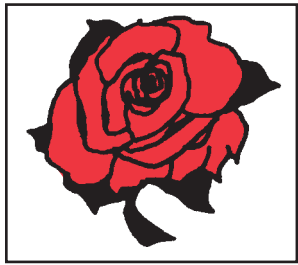


**Mon Wed Fri** 9:00am - 5:00pm  
**Tue Thu** 11:00am - 7:00pm  
**Sat** 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Last Saturday of the month - Closed  
Sunday - Closed  
Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Closed on Saturdays

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

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





# Melrose Park Public Library



M P Melrose Park  
P L Public Library

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

## Youth Services



### The Summer Reading Challenge is on!

Our online service called Beanstack is back with a new summer challenge! Go to our website for more details and the link to register today. Simply create your account, log your reading, redeem all your badges and claim your completion prize. It's that easy. All ages can join in the summer reading fun!



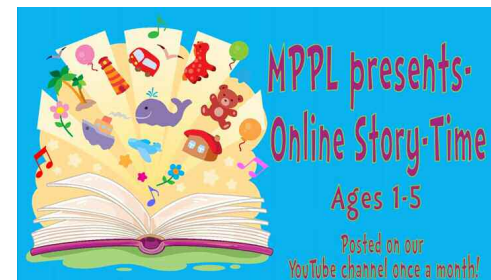
### Make It Mondays


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.



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

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	9:00am - 5:00pm
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Thu</b>		11:00am - 7:00pm
<b>Sat</b>			10:00am - 2:00pm

Last Saturday of the month - Closed  
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 801 N Broadway  
 Melrose Park, IL 60160  
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# Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

*Socially  
Distanced  
Activity*

*Face  
Masks  
Required*

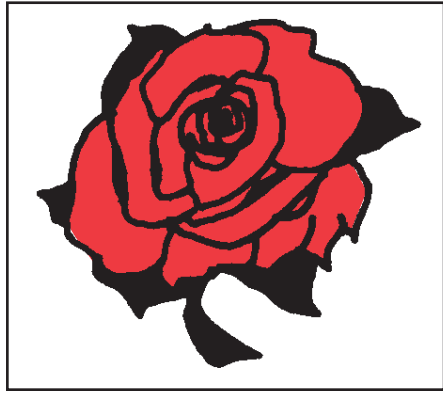


*Come Join in the Fun with  
Instructor Barb Rubright  
of Rube's Garage!*

**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.



# 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.**



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

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



**Mayor Ronald M. Serpico/  
Melrose Park  
Youth Commission  
Avenue of Flags**

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

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

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

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



### Attention Residents

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





# Village of Melrose Park

## Garage Sale Notice

**Garage Sales are Back ...**

**It's Time to Sell All Those Treasures**

The rules on garage sales held in the village of Melrose Park are as follows:

Garage sales will be held on the third weekend only during the months of July and August. Sales are to be conducted on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the designated weekends. No sales are allowed on Sundays.

The dates for 2021 are July 15-17 and Aug. 19-21.

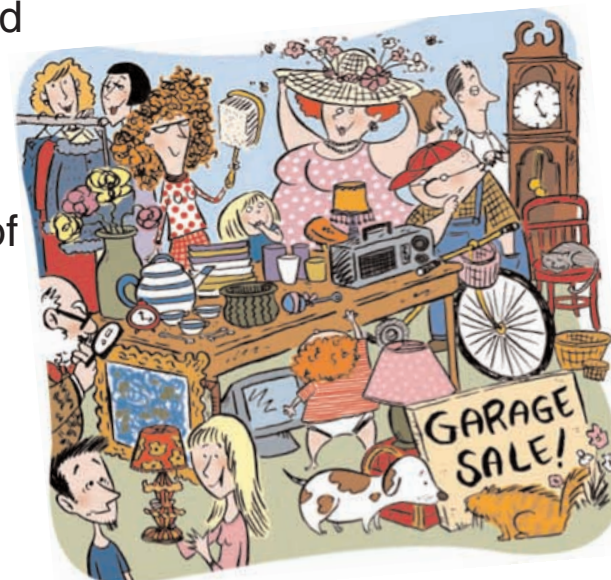
Garage sales shall be conducted only during the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

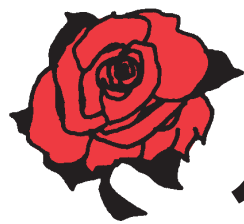
No permit is needed for garage sales, however the following rules must be followed:

- No garage sales may be conducted in apartment buildings.
- No garage sales in the frontyard, i.e. on the grass.
- All garage sales to be conducted in backyard, garage or driveway.
- All sale items to be displayed on tables not on the ground.
- No sale items shall be located and no sale activity shall be conducted in the frontyard area on the premises of any public sidewalk, parkway area or other public property.
- No sale signs, handbills or other advertising material shall be located or posted upon public parkway or on public property, signs, poles or light poles within the village of Melrose Park.
- Signs advertising the sales shall not exceed 3-by-5 feet and may be located only in the frontyard (private property) of the address having the garage sale and must be removed immediately after the sale.
- The sale will be conducted without the use of outdoor loud speakers, amplification equipment or illuminated advertising devices.

Any person violating these rules shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.

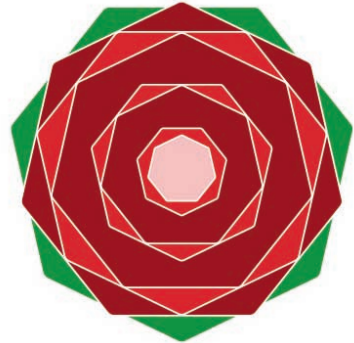
A copy of garage sale rules is available at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).





**Village of  
Melrose Park**

**COMMUNITY NOTICE**



**MELROSE PARK**  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## **Join the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce, Today!**

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development serves as a partner with our local businesses and organizations to support the development of our community. Businesses and community organizations are encouraged to join the chamber and become part of vibrant economic, business and community development opportunities! Visit our website at [www.mpcccd.org](http://www.mpcccd.org) and go to the benefits section to see the value and opportunities that exist for our members. Then select a membership plan that works for you and your organization. You can also reach out to the chamber by email at [info@mpcccd.org](mailto:info@mpcccd.org) or by calling (708) 371-3700.

## **Follow Us on Facebook!**

Stay up-to-date on what's happening at the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development by following us on Facebook!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Want to help others in our community?

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

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

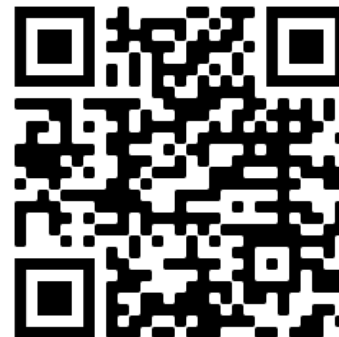




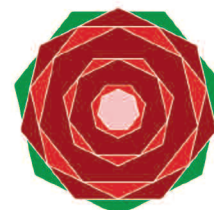
# Please Join the Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Group!

- **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!**



***Village of  
Melrose Park***



**MELROSE PARK**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

# Melrose Park Homes Built Before 1978 May Be Eligible for Lead Water Pipe Inspection and Repair

EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree that there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood. Lead is harmful to health, especially for children. If your Melrose Park home was built prior to 1978, have your water pipes checked for excessive levels of lead that can cause various health issues.

Learn how to apply for lead pipe home inspection by calling the West Suburban Neighborhood Preservation Agency at (708) 410-2300 or sending an email to [wsnpa@hotmail.com](mailto:wsnpa@hotmail.com).

# Lead Hazard Home Improvements Reduction Program Free Home LED Inspection and Repairs

Who can apply? An adult living in a grant community, who has a child under six years old living with them or visiting with them regularly or a pregnant woman in the household can apply.

Who qualifies for the program? Applicants will qualify if they...

- live in a grant community
- lived in a house built before 1978
- live with children under six years old
- babysit or have children under six years old who visit them often or
- have income below the grant program limit



## This program is available in the following communities:

Bellwood Berwyn Broadview Brookfield Cicero	Elmwood Park Forest Park Lyons Maywood Melrose Park	River Grove Stone Park
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**For more information contact the West Suburban Neighborhood Preservation Agency at 708-410-2300 or email [wsnpa@hotmail.com](mailto:wsnpa@hotmail.com).**



# Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.

## Beginning **May 3, 2023,**

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

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

### You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

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



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

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

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



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

**Current Illinois driver's licenses and identification cards will continue to be accepted at airports until May 3, 2023.**

For additional information:

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





# Illinois Launches All In For The Win Vaccine Lottery... Get Your Shot Today to Save Lives and Win Big Bucks!

Getting vaccinated protects you from catching or spreading COVID-19 — and it's our best shot at beating this pandemic and getting back to living our full lives. And now, getting the vaccine gives you a shot at winning up to \$1 million.

As an Illinois resident, if you've been vaccinated or are about to get vaccinated, you're automatically entered in for a chance at part of our \$10 million vaccine sweepstakes. Let's go all in for the win.

## Here's What You Need to Know ...

**\$10 million is up for grabs in the All In For The Win vaccine sweepstakes.**

All eligible Illinois residents will be automatically entered into two exciting programs:

- Vaccinated adults are entered into a \$7 million cash prize pool. Three \$1 million jackpots and 40 \$100k cash prizes are up for grabs.
- Vaccinated youth are entered into a \$3 million scholarship pool. Twenty \$150K scholarship awards are being offered.
- Getting vaccinated before July 1 gets you entry into every draw and the most chances to win a prize, including the first million-dollar top prize on July 8. We'll continue to check our records before each drawing.
- The first drawing takes place on Thursday, July 8 and will continue through the end of August.

## What is All In For The Win?

To incentivize Illinoisans to get vaccinated, the state of Illinois is introducing 'All In For The Win' to offer vaccinated residents \$10 million in prizes, with awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$1 million. This vaccine incentive program will award \$7 million in cash prizes to residents 18 and older and \$3 million in Bright Start 529 College Savings scholarship awards to residents ages 12 to 17 beginning on Thursday, July 8, 2021, and running until Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021.

The state will conduct a series of drawings for 43 cash prizes, including:

- 3 – \$1 million statewide cash prizes for vaccinated 18+ residents.
- 18 – \$100,000 statewide cash prizes for vaccinated 18+ residents.
- 22 – \$100,000 regional cash prizes for vaccinated 18+ residents, two in each of the 11 Restore Illinois Regions.

The state will conduct a series of drawings for 20 Bright Start 529 College Savings scholarship awards, including:

- 9 – \$150K statewide scholarship prizes for vaccinated children ages 12-17.
- 11 – \$150K regional scholarship prizes for vaccinated children ages 12-17, one in each Restore Illinois Region.

**\$10M**  
**is up for grabs!**

We're giving away  
**\$7 Million**  
in cash prizes for adults

**\$3 Million**  
in scholarships for youth

**Weekly cash drawings!**  
for all vaccinated Illinois residents

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**For more information, visit [allin.illinois.gov](https://allin.illinois.gov).**





# Let's Go All In For The Win ... First Drawing July 8!

## Vaccinated adults are entered into a \$7 million cash prize pool.

Three \$1 million jackpots and 40 \$100k cash prizes are up for grabs.

### You're eligible if:

- You're an Illinois resident age 18 or older.
- You received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in Illinois, other than a federal facility.

### When can you win?

#### First drawing: July 8

One million-dollar winner will be picked from a statewide pool.

#### Beginning July 12-Aug. 16

Three winners of \$100K cash prizes will be chosen every Monday from a statewide pool.

#### On Aug. 12

Twenty-two winners from our regional drawing will be picked, two in each of the 11 Restore Illinois regions will be drawn for \$100K cash prizes.

#### Grand Finale: Aug. 26

Two million-dollar cash prizes chosen from a statewide pool.



## Vaccinated youth are entered into a \$3 million scholarship pool.

Twenty \$150K scholarship awards are being offered.

### You're eligible if:

- You're an Illinois resident age 12 to 17.
- You received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in Illinois, other than a federal facility.

This \$150K prize is the equivalent of a full ride, including tuition and room and board, at any four-year public university in Illinois.

The scholarship will be provided as a Bright Start 529 College Savings scholarship and may be used at any educational institution that participates in the U.S. Department of Education's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) system, including:

- Public and private four-year and two-year colleges.
- Vocational and technical schools.
- Schools in all states. • Some schools abroad.

### A full list of eligible institutions is available on the FAFSA website.

Scholarship funds can be applied toward any qualified expenses for a Bright Start 529 College Savings account, including:

- Tuition and fees. • Books, supplies and equipment.
- Room and board • Computer, software and internet.
- Expenses necessary for education-related special needs services.

### Scholarship awards must be used before the age of 26 and cannot be used for K-12 educational expenses.

### When can you win?

#### First drawing: July 8

Three \$150K scholarship winners drawn from a statewide pool.

#### Grand Finale: Aug. 26

Eleven \$150K scholarships, one from each Restore Illinois region and six additional \$150K scholarships from a statewide pool will be chosen — for a total of 17 awards.

For more information, visit [allin.illinois.gov](http://allin.illinois.gov).





**The  
128th  
Annual  
Italian  
Feast of  
Our Lady  
of  
Mount  
Carmel  
Sunday,  
July 18, 2021**

**A Message from  
Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, C.S.  
Pastor and Rector  
The Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

We, God's people and devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel, with faith, trust and hope are getting ready for a remarkable feast once again to honor our Patroness Mother of Mt. Carmel as we have done for over a century with the Novena, the procession (as Civil and Religious Authority permit), and we will offer prayers, roses, candles, banners and other tributes with much love to our Patroness. Novena will start on July 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. (you need to register to attend and it will be streamed live via Facebook) and the real tribute to Our Lady will be on Sunday, July 18, 2021.

I know many had wished that we would be free of the pandemic by now and able to do things differently. Unfortunately, it is not the case. So I leave for your reflection the lesson of St. Joseph, Mary's husband, as Pope Francis reminds us on this year of St. Joseph on how he embraces God's plan. There is something to learn. Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where we are affected psychologically, spiritually, economically, religiously and socially by COVID-19, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful, optimistic and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment."

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events, and mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. It is my prayer that this spirit of acceptance helps all of us to move on positively in our life and with great and noble spirit be ready once again to venerate with much faith and devotion our beloved Patroness, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Amen.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Blessings,  
Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, C.S.  
Pastor and Rector



# Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Schedule of Events

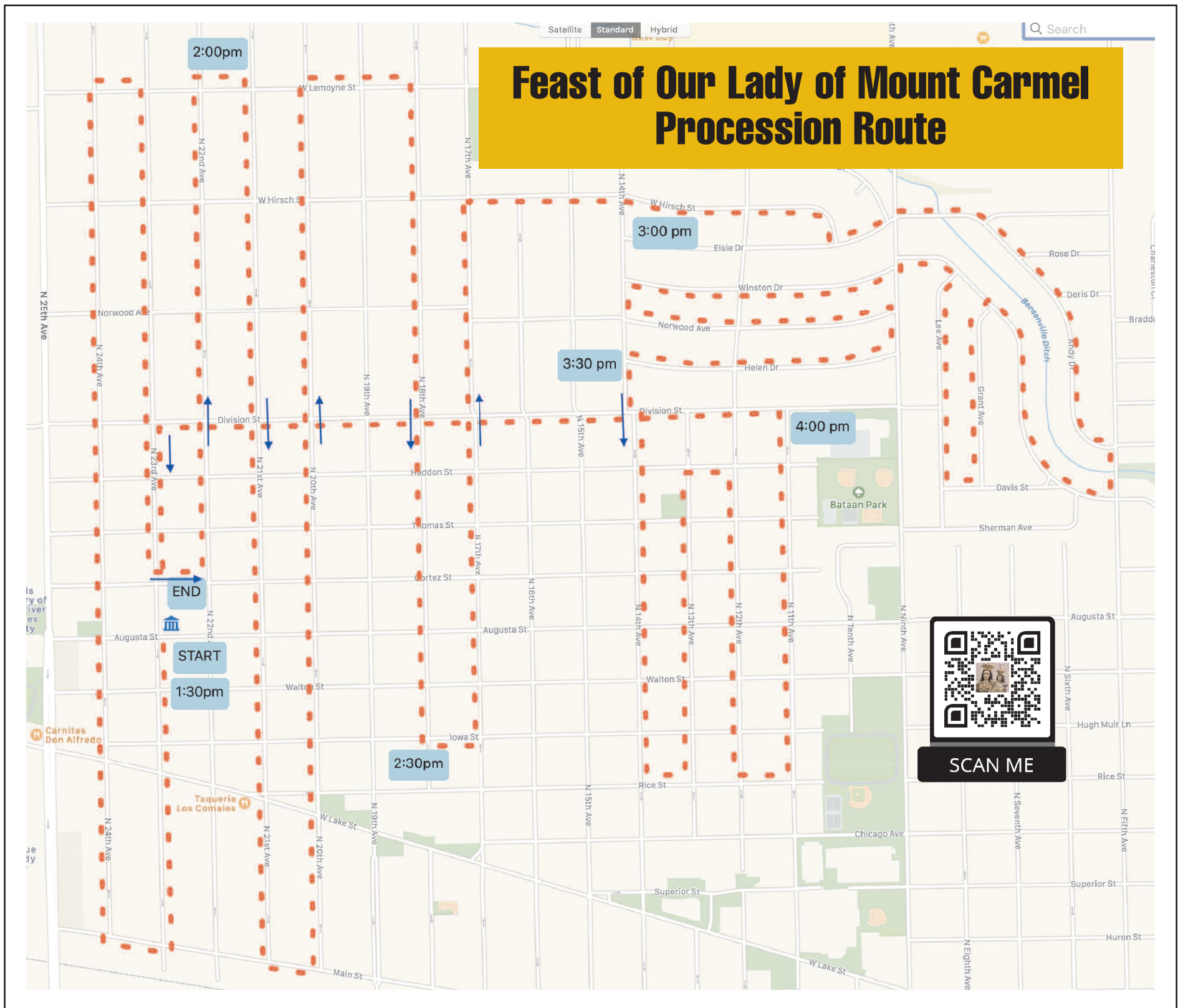
Schedule subject to change based on local and state regulations.

- July 9-17 ..Solemn Novena, 7:30 p.m.
- July 13 .....Banner Presentation, 6:45 p.m.
- July 14 .....Rose Presentation, 6 p.m.
- July 15 .....Memorial Service, 7 p.m.
- July 16 .....Combined Feast Day Mass and Novena
- July 17 .....Spanish Mass to Honor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 3 p.m.
- July 18 .....FEAST DAY

Mass at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Mobile Procession at 1:30 p.m.

All activities will be streamed live via Facebook.  
Reservations are required for Novena and Masses.

To make reservations, visit [www.olmcp parish.org](http://www.olmcp parish.org)  
or [www.facebook.com/olmcp parish](http://www.facebook.com/olmcp parish).



# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish-Shrine The Altar and Rosary Society is Selling Official Banners, Garden Flags, Window and Lawn Signs

**Get yours now! These are custom items and will sell out fast!**

**All proceeds go to the parish.**

**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel  
Parish - Shrine**



**Est. 1894  
Melrose Park, IL**

**13" X 30"  
Garden Flag  
with Stake  
\$30**

**2' X 3'  
Banner  
\$35**

**3' X 5'  
Banner  
\$45**



**18" X 30"  
Window Sign  
\$35**

*Greet the Madonna with these  
beautiful tributes as She travels  
through the streets of Melrose  
Park during the Feast*



**18" X 24"  
Lawn Sign  
\$35**

**Items are available in Parish Office during regular hours.**

**We accept credit and debit cards, checks and cash.**

**For online credit payment, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/30271>.**

**If paid online, call the office (708) 344-4140 to arrange pickup.**

**For questions, contact Linda Basili – (312) 315-9554.**



# 128th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## Feast Sponsor Order Form

Sponsor Donation - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banners/Lawn Signs

18"X30"  
Window  
Sign \$35

13"X30" Garden Flag \$30  
 2'X3' Banner \$35  
 3'X5' Banner \$45



18"X24" Lawn  
Sign \$35



	Quantity
18"x30" Window Sign \$35	_____
13"x30" Garden Flag \$30	_____
2'x3' Banner \$35	_____
3'x5' Banner \$45	_____
18"x24" Lawn Sign \$35	_____
<b>Total Banners/Signs/Flags</b> \$	_____

Roses - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to OLMC Feast Committee and mail it to the Parish.  
 For online payment, go to <https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/9521>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish**  
 1101 N. 23rd Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160 • Tel. (708) 344-4140

Feast.olmc@gmail.com • [www.olmcparish.org](http://www.olmcparish.org) • [www.facebook.com/olmcparish](http://www.facebook.com/olmcparish)



# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### NEW at VPD !

#### Bocce Ball League at Bulger Park

The VPD Bocce Ball league is here! Call Veterans Park District at (708) 343-5270 for full details! All games are scheduled on Thursday nights at Bulger Park.

#### Indoor Golf Simulator at Cimbalo Fitness Center

VPD has installed a full swing golf simulator at Cimbalo Fitness Center. This advanced golf simulator uses computer vision-based camera systems that use high-speed cameras to track both the club and the golf ball after the golfer hits the ball. Projectors display the golf shot on a large screen displaying either a photorealistic or computer-generated golf course image in front of the player. The golfer stands in a 12' x 16' bay that has a very large movie-type screen in the back. Golfers use real clubs and golf balls. The ball hits the screen, drops to the floor and the virtual portion begins. Based on the information rendered from the camera and dual tracking sensors, a virtual ball continues into the virtual golf course on the screen, landing the ball exactly where it would land if playing on the real course.

Rentals are based per the hour. It might take one golfer at least one hour per 18-hole game. A foursome with a few warm-up swings could take about four hours. The E6 Software has 84 courses to choose from. You can play a full 18-hole game, a nine-hole game, or play challenge games to compete for the "Closest to the Pin," "Longest Drive," "Demolition Golf" or "Skills Challenge Course." The simulators are rented in sessions. If it's your first time, you will receive a quick tutorial on the simulator software. You can practice on the practice range or you can choose from over 84 courses to play. If you choose to play a full course, please be aware that it takes about one hour for one person to play 18 holes. We highly suggest booking at least one hour per player to allow time for practice swings and choosing a course. Golfers bring your own clubs, but please do not wear golf shoes. VPD will provide the golf balls. Clubs are required to be clean.

Reserve a tee time at the Cimbalo Fitness Center – (708) 343-5151.

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Adults – \$25 per hour. • Seniors and children – \$15 per hour.

Golf lessons coming soon!

#### Active Adults

##### Heat Wave Bingo

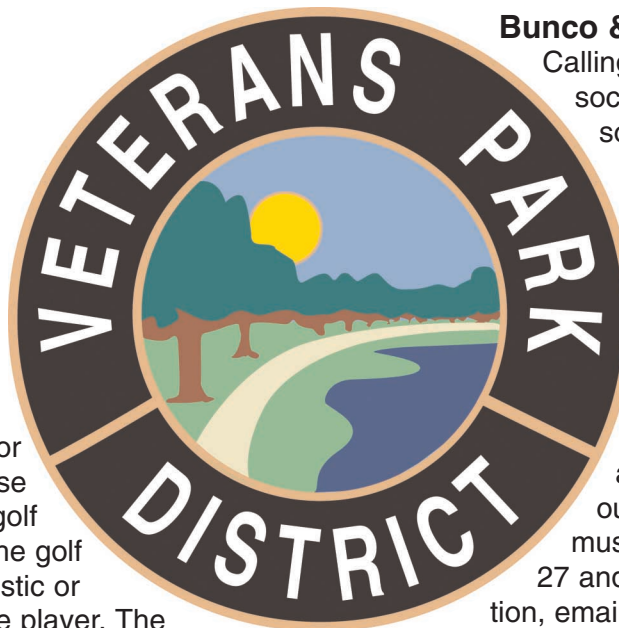
Boxed-lunch provided by Cuomo Catering.

- Wednesday, July 14, noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person; Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

##### Some Like It Hot Bingo

Boxed-lunch provided by Rose's Catering.

- Wednesday, Aug. 11, noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person; Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.



#### Bunco & Brunch

Calling all Bunco lovers. This program is designed with social butterflies in mind, but welcomes all! \$8 per person, per class.

- Monday, July 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.
- Monday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Dance/Creative Arts

##### Summer Learn & Play Preschool

Our popular Learn & Play Summer Program is a great opportunity for children ages 3-5 to socialize and enjoy fun recreational activities. Activities include outdoor games, art and craft projects, dramatic play, music and stories. Sessions run from now through Aug. 27 and we offer full- and half-day options. For more information, email [tmoskal@vpdpark.org](mailto:tmoskal@vpdpark.org) or call (708) 731-5290.

##### Creative Arts

Come join us for drawing and painting classes where you will look at the world in a different way! Our creative arts classes will teach basic and intermediate drawing techniques which will help expand your imagination. Canvas Kids Painting classes will allow children to express themselves and gain a lifelong appreciation for art. Summer classes run now through Aug. 16.

##### Dance Classes

We have fun dance workshops this summer now through Aug. 19. There are sessions available with classes that include Creative Movement, Modern/Jazz, Social Dance, Musical Theatre and Jazz/Hip-Hop. Dance classes offer an opportunity to learn various techniques, balance, flexibility, motor skills and develop emotional responsiveness. For more information, please call (708) 731-5290.

**Our ability to run these programs may depend upon local, state and federal guidelines regarding group activities.**

**We will continue to share information on our programs and events as it becomes available.**

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

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



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# Gouin Pool & Water Slides



**Come On Out for a Swim and  
Cool Off at Gouin!**



**Hours:**

**12-6 Daily**

**Daily Rate:**

**\$5 per person**



**This year only  
we will be offering a  
punch pass: 20 for \$60**

**The pool's open every day  
(weather permitting),  
now through Monday, Sept. 6.**



**Call for details on season passes – (708) 343-5270.**



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# Summer Day Camp

## Dates

**Session 1 has ended.  
Registration is open for Session 2 and Session 3.  
Please call VPD at (708) 343-5270 for options!**

### Session 2

**Monday, June 28-Friday, July 16  
(No camp Monday, July 5.)**

### Session 3

**Monday, July 19-Friday, Aug. 6**

**Fee Per Session: \$250 R/\$300 NR**

**Before Camp: \$60 R/\$75 NR**

**After Camp: \$70 R/\$85 NR**

## AGES 7-12

Play outside this summer and give yourself a break from electronics. Camp is a place where new friendships form through participation in a variety of activities including themed arts and crafts, silly competitions and crazy named games that promote teamwork and communication. Counselors promote a safe environment and camper engagement by planning themed activities. When your child participates in our daily plans, they can boost their self-confidence and improve their social skills.

NOTE: Due to Covid-19 guidelines set forth by Governor Pritzker regarding Public Pool Rules, this summer there will be no Day Camp swim lessons or All Camp Swim days at Gouin Pool. If the restrictions are lifted during the summer, the VPD Management Team will review the new guidelines and adjust appropriately.



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# Gouin Pool Swim Lessons

# VPD SWIM ACADEMY



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**All classes taught by Ellis Certified Lifeguards and Swim Instructors.**

This six-level program will teach your child to develop their swimming skills and strokes. Each level will review and enhance the skills your child has already learned and introduce them to new strokes and techniques.

**Ages 6+**

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays**

**Session 1 has ended.  
Registration is  
open for  
Session 2 and Session 3.  
Please call VPD  
at (708) 343-5270  
for options!**

**Session 2: July 5-16**

Morning Session

9:40-10:20 AM

10:25-11:05 AM

Evening Session

4:35-5:15 PM

5:20-6:00 PM

**Session 3: July 26-Aug 6**

Morning Session

9:40-10:20 AM

10:25-11:05 AM

Evening Session

4:35-5:15 PM

5:20-6:00 PM

**\$60 Resident / \$75 Nonresident**

**Registration begins May 3rd**



Ask about our  
**Adult Swim  
Lessons &  
Private Swim  
Lessons**

**Gouin Pool & Waterslides**

**2400 Scott St., Franklin Park**

**(847) 451-9396**



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# Veterans Park District **Summer** **Learn and Play** **Preschool**



## **Come Join Us For Summer Fun!**

Indoor/Outdoor Recreational & Sport Activities  
Circle Time/Story Time/Song  
Art & Dramatic Play/Group Games

**Session 1 has ended and Session 2 is currently in progress.  
Please call VPD at (708) 343-5270 for program options!**

**Session 3: Jul 12 - Jul 30**

**Session 4: Aug 2 - Aug 20**

**Session 5: Aug 23 - Aug 27**

**Full or Half day options available**

**Bulger Park Preschool, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park, IL**

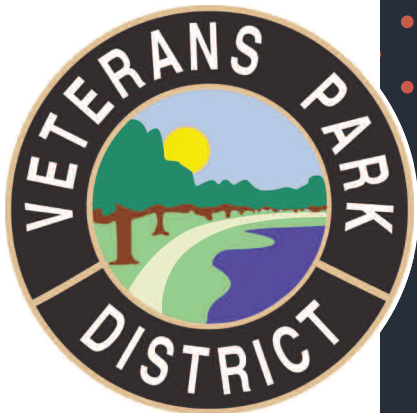
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# PRIVATE BASEBALL LESSONS

**CHOOSE FROM HITTING, FIELDING, OR PITCHING**

**AGES 8 AND OLDER**

**\$40 PER LESSON**

**LOCATION: LEONI COMPLEX**

**800 N 17TH AVE, MELROSE PARK, IL 60160**

**THIS IS YOUR PLAYER'S OPPORTUNITY TO GET AHEAD OF THE GAME AND GET THE REPS AND TOOLS NEEDED AT THE NEXT LEVEL. OUR LESSONS ARE BASED ON 1 HOUR INTERVALS. LESSONS CAN BE DONE INDIVIDUALLY OR WITH A PARTNER. SOME PARTICIPANTS PREFER LESSONS BI-WEEKLY OR SCHEDULING LESSONS WHEN THEY SEE FIT.**

**INSTRUCTOR: NICO URBINATI**



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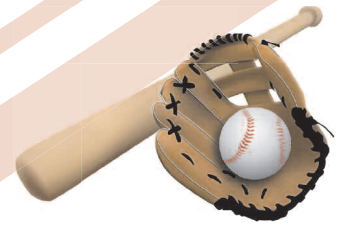


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# SUMMER



# BASEBALL CLINICS

**HITTING - TUESDAYS 4PM-6PM**

**JULY 13-27, AUGUST 10-24**

**FIELDING - WEDNESDAYS 4PM-6PM**

**JULY 14-28, AUGUST 11-25**

**PITCHING - THURSDAYS 4PM-6PM**

**JULY 15-29, AUGUST 12-26**

**AGES 8 AND OLDER**

**\$55 RESIDENT \$70 NON RESIDENT**

**INSTRUCTOR: NICO URBINATI**

**LOCATION: LEONI COMPLEX**

**800 N 17TH AVE, MELROSE PARK, IL 60160**



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# Veterans Park District SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOPS

Come join us this summer for our new, fun themed Dance Workshops!



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**Thursdays**  
**\$30R/\$45NR**  
(per session)

**Session 1: Jun 24-Jul 8**  
**Session 2: Jul 15-Jul 29**  
**Session 3: Aug 5-Aug 19**



**Location:**

**Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave. Melrose Park, IL**

**Session 1 is currently in progress.**

**Please call VPD at (708) 343-5270 for details on workshops!**

### **Session 2**

Ages 4-6  
Ages 7-9  
Ages 10+

**Carnival - Creative Movement II** 5-5:45pm  
**Smooth Sands - Modern/Jazz** 6-6:45pm  
**Time Travelers - Social Dance** 7-7:45pm

### **Session 3**

Ages 4-6  
Ages 7-9  
Ages 10 & up

**Carnival - Creative Movement III** 5-5:45pm  
**Broadway Blitz - Musical Theatre** 6-6:45pm  
**Rhythm Nation - Hip Hop/Jazz** 7-7:45pm

**Please call 708-343-5270  
or email at [dance@vpdpark.org](mailto:dance@vpdpark.org)  
for more information.**



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## Men's 16" & Co-ed 14"

**Saturday, July 31 - Sunday, Aug 1\***

*\*Tournament may extend into Friday evening, July 30th,  
depending on the number of team registrations.*

**For more information or to register,  
contact Joe Serpico at (708) 870-4780.**



**Become a  
Softball Tournament Sponsor!**

**Call Greg Stanczyk at (708) 343-5270 or email at  
gstanczyk@vpdpark.org**



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Veterans Park District will host its Annual Softball Tournament at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park. We are looking for Men's 16" and Co-ed 14" softball teams to participate in each tournament. Team spots fill up fast for this yearly event so register your team now and don't miss this action-packed weekend of softball, food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

- A deposit is required to hold your spot or you can pay the fee in full.
- Registration will be taken throughout the spring and early summer.
- Monetary prizes and trophies will be awarded to all winning teams of each tournament.

Game times to be announced.

Captains Meeting:

Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park

Men's / Co-ed: Tuesday, July 13

Non Refundable Deposit: \$100 (applied towards balance).

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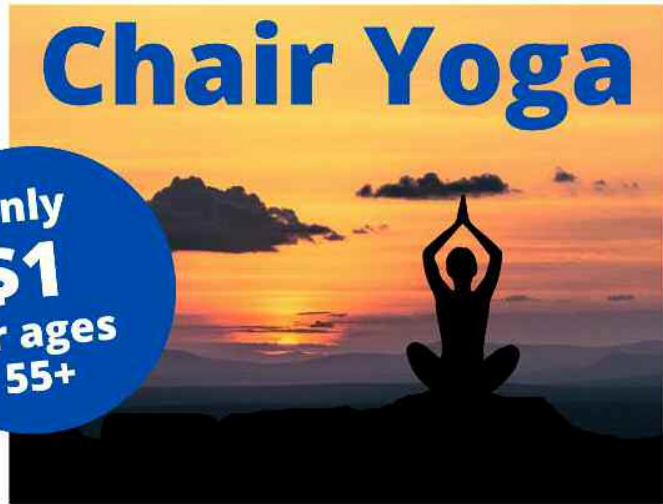
**Fee:** \$200 (Must be in by date of captain's meeting).

**Late Fee:** \$50 will be assessed to any team that has not paid the full tournament fee by the Captain's Meeting on July 13.

Any team incurring a late fee must pay the entire tournament fee (including the late fee) by 10 PM on Tuesday, July 20.

# Chair Yoga

only  
**\$1**  
for ages  
55+



A gentle yoga class that is designed to maintain healthy joints, muscular flexibility, strength, balance, and coordination. Poses can be done using a chair or free-standing according to your abilities.

**Every Tuesday 11am**

**July 20 - August 17**

55 & older, pay \$1 drop-in fee  
Under 55, register and pay \$40R/\$55NR

**Grant Park Recreation Center**  
44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

# STRONG



# NATION

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

**Saturdays 9:30am**

**July 17 - August 14**

\$40 Resident / \$55 Nonresident

**Cimbalo Fitness Center**  
1203 N 24th Ave, Melrose Park

# Hatha Yoga



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

**Sundays 9am**

**July 25 - August 22**

\$40 Residents /\$55 Nonresidents

**Cimbalo Fitness Center**  
1203 N 24th Ave, Melrose Park

# POUND



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

**Tuesdays 7pm**

**Session 2: July 20 - August 17**

\$40 Residents /\$55 Nonresidents

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# MUSIC IN THE PARK

Take a midweek break and join us for a night of great live music! Bands start at 7 PM.



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park — 1800 Riverwoods Dr., Melrose Park**

## **CHICAGO SKYLINERS BIG BAND**

Not your father's big band music, the **Chicago Skyliners** feature contemporary arrangements of traditional big band hits. The Chicago Tribune stated, "This group consistently found the ideal tempo, style and phrasing for the scores they played." Jazziz Magazine said, "The band has a surplus of exceptional soloists coupled with high powered ensemble playing." Enjoy the big band swing sounds, America's greatest contribution to world music history.



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25**

**Bulger Park — 1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park**

## **GITARRA AZUL**

Back again by popular demand! Listen to the exciting mix of Rumba, Flamenco, Latin Jazz and the World Sounds of **Guitarra Azul**. Wind down and enjoy one of the final warm weather evenings of summer.

\* These events will follow Restore Illinois Phase 4 guidelines. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Space is limited. First-come, first-serve seating. Face coverings are required. Guests must maintain social distance of six feet from other groups

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## Are You a New Student? Is it Your First Time Going to College?

At Triton College, it's about you! From the moment you enroll, you will have a network of success to ensure you reach your educational goal and beyond.

Triton should be your first and only choice. "Why?," you ask. We offer the following for our first-time, first-year students:

- Your very own advisor that will personalize your Triton experience from start to finish.
- Personalized academic plans that will map out all of the courses needed to complete your program.
- Access to a variety of support programs that will help you make it through your first year without a hitch.
- Personalized and priority registration.
- Priority access to enroll in COL 102, our college success course. COL 102 is designed to provide our students with the necessary skills and resources to enhance their college success.
- Free access to Microsoft Office Suite and other academic software.
- Smaller class sizes so students can have more personal attention and one-on-one time with instructors.
- Online course options to provide a school and life balance.
- On-demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning with our 24-hour Brainfuse online tutoring service. Free one-on-one tutoring services are offered as well.
- Need a laptop or hotspot to get your assignments completed? We have a laptop loan program for our current students.
- With the help of our dedicated advisors and Transfer Center, you will be supported in developing a tailor-fit academic plan, explore your options and transition into the university of your choice.
- There are several paths to earning a four-year degree that all begin at Triton College. Triton has:
  - Guaranteed admissions agreements with DePaul University, Elmhurst College, Governors State University and University of Illinois at Chicago.
  - University Center bachelor's degree completion programs with Benedictine University, Dominican University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, National Louis University and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
  - Transfer partner agreements and transfer guides with 35 private and public Illinois college and universities.

**Triton College is transforming lives one at a time.  
Get enrolled and get transformed.**

**Register Now for Fall ...  
Classes Begin Aug. 23!**

For more information, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130,  
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Bring Good People  
Together Again for  
Something Incredibly Special!

## Triton College Foundation 23rd Annual Golf Outing

**Wednesday, Aug. 25**

**White Pines Golf Club • Bensenville**

**Individual Golfers – \$135  
Foursomes – \$540**

*Hole-in-One Special!*

**Par Sponsorships – \$740**

**Includes one foursome, hole signage on two courses  
and name/logo on promotional material for event.**

It's that time again! The Triton College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization will host its 23rd annual golf outing on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. The event, open to novice and skilled golfers alike, will kick off at 10 a.m., with an 18-hole round of golf, golf carts, goodie bags, lunch, dinner and prizes.

Golfers may register as individuals for \$135 per person or as a foursome for \$540. Exclusive Friend of the Foundation, corporate, par and hole sponsorships are also available. Sponsorships begin at \$200. The Foundation also is accepting raffle prizes. Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible. Proceeds from the annual golf outing will benefit Triton College Foundation scholarships.



**To register for the event or to become a sponsor,  
contact the Triton College Foundation for details!  
Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3758, or send an email to  
[golf@triton.edu](mailto:golf@triton.edu).**





No matter who you are or what you aspire to be ...

# There's a place for you.

Register now for fall!  
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*Give Back*

Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021  
10 a.m.-Noon  
Triton College  
2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, IL

 Triton College  
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# NEWS89 School District 89 BRIEFS

## D89 Board of Education Reorganization

During the most recent local elections on April 6, our two incumbent board members, Veronica Bonilla-Lopez and Regina Rivers, were re-elected and we also welcomed a newly elected board member, Barbara Dahly. Mrs. Dahly, former assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, recently retired after a long career with District 89. Mrs. Dahly is a lifelong resident of Melrose Park, former D89 student, parent, educator and administrator. We are honored and grateful to have her join the school board where she will continue working on a different level to make sure every student succeeds. Retiring from the school board is Sally Casillas who did not seek re-election.



Barbara Dahly

*"My career in District 89, beginning in 1979, was filled with joyful teaching and learning. As a member of the Board of Education, I enthusiastically look forward to working with the dynamic team and continued service to the District 89 Community."*

• Barbara Dahly



### School District 89 Board Members

(L-R) Jesse Macias, Kasharii Parker, Barbara Dahly, Regina Rivers, Veronica Bonilla-Lopez, Gwayne Dianne Williams, Oscar Giron, Jr.



## Dr. Negrón Recognized by Board of Education

The D89 Board of Education recognized Dr. Negrón at the April 8 board meeting. Dr. Negrón was recognized for his tireless efforts in securing two COVID-19 vaccination clinics serving School District 89 and senior citizens in the Maywood, Melrose Park and Broadview communities.

## Eighth Grade Graduates

### Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

D89 eighth grade graduates were celebrated through modified in-person ceremonies, virtual graduation ceremonies, banners placed in front of the schools, as well as given their own congratulatory T-shirts and lawn signs.

Congratulations to our eighth grade graduates! We are so proud of you and wish you much success in high school and beyond.

[www.maywood89.org](http://www.maywood89.org)



# You are not alone

[afsp.org/chapters](https://afsp.org/chapters)



## D89VirtualChoir

As the 2020-2021 school year came to a close, the D89 Fine Arts Department put together a second virtual choir video. This year's video features 23 teachers, staff and administrators from School District 89, singing "You Will Be Found" (from Dear Evan Hansen). The song was chosen for its message of hope – encouraging students to reach out when they feel alone.

The video can be found on the district website at [www.maywood89.org/news/d89-virtual-choir-performs-you-will-be-found/](http://www.maywood89.org/news/d89-virtual-choir-performs-you-will-be-found/).

## It's Okay to Ask for Help

### Mental Health Resources for Yourself and Your Friends

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
Veterans: Press 1

**Crisis Text Line**  
Text TALK to 741741 to text with a trained counselor for free

**The Trevor Project**  
TrevorLifeline: 1-866-488-7386  
TrevorText: Text TREVOR to 1-202-304-1200  
TrevorChat: Via [thetrevorproject.org](https://thetrevorproject.org)

**RAINN**  
National Sexual Assault Hotline  
Lifeline: 1-800-656-4673  
Chat: Via [hotline.rainn.org](https://hotline.rainn.org)

**TWLOHA**  
Connect to mental health resources in your community  
[twloha.com/find-help](https://twloha.com/find-help)

**National Eating Disorders Association**  
Helpline: 1-800-931-2237  
Chat: Via [myneda.org](https://myneda.org)

**Seize the Awkward**  
[seizetheawkward.org](https://seizetheawkward.org)  
[@seizetheawkward](https://twitter.com/seizetheawkward)

**My3 App**  
Define your network and your plan to stay safe  
[my3app.org](https://my3app.org)

[afsp.org/resources](https://afsp.org/resources)



## D89SummerLearning

District 89 has planned for robust programming during summer break. In addition to an annual extended summer learning program, D89 has added the following programs:

- Take home paper packets for PreK-seventh grades to continue reinforcing literacy during summer break.
- Scholastic My Books Summer Reading Packet.
- Partnership with YMCA to hold a Power Scholars Academy for first graders.
- Academic Power Pods virtual lessons in reading and math for students K-seventh grades.
- Students in fourth-seventh grade also have the opportunity to join a summer athletic camp which includes the options of volleyball, golf, cheer, basketball and soccer.



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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



## Spring Reading Challenge

Students participated in the Spring Motivation to Read Challenge during Spring Break from March 18 through April 30! We are excited to announce over 300 participants in kindergarten through eighth grade.

- K-second grade students were asked to read a minimum of 15 picture books, three to four books a week or two to three chapter books.
- Third-fifth grade students were asked to read a minimum of three chapter books.
- Sixth-eighth grade students were asked to read a minimum of two novels.

All students had to complete a brief summary for each of their readings. Our students met the challenge! First and second place winners in each school received gift cards, books and school supply packs. Every participant received a certificate honoring their participation.

## D89 Partners with YMCA

The West Cook YMCA offers complimentary safety around water lessons during the summer and school year for children 3-12 years old in Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, Melrose Park and Maywood, and/or who are students in Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89, River Forest School District 90, Forest Park School District 91 or Oak Park School District 97.

### What is Safety Around Water?

Our Safety Around Water Program is designed to reduce children's risk of drowning by teaching essential water safety skills. Taught by West Cook YMCA swim lesson instructors, these lessons can reduce the risk of drowning and give youth the confidence in and around water.



## D89 Hosts Bilingual Parent Workshop



D89 hosted a parent workshop with Ferney Ramirez on June 5 with the topic focus on what parents need to know about mental and emotional manipulation through the social media networks.

[www.maywood89.org](http://www.maywood89.org)



# Online Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is Now Available!

## How Do I Register a New Student?

Parents registering new students from kindergarten-eighth grade for schools in District 89 will need to go to [www.maywood89.org/student-registration/](http://www.maywood89.org/student-registration/) and click on the New Student button. From there, parents will create an account with InfoSnap and fill out the form.

## How do I Register for PreSchool?





Parents will need to fill out a request to attend a screening online at [www.maywood89.org/preschool/](http://www.maywood89.org/preschool/).

## How do I Register a Returning Student?

Parents registering returning students from preschool-eighth grade for schools in District 89 will need to go to [www.maywood89.org/student-registration/](http://www.maywood89.org/student-registration/) and click on the Returning Students button. From there, parents will log in to their account with InfoSnap and fill out the form.

Emails containing snapcodes for returning students have been sent to families. If you did not receive your snapcode, please email us at [registration@maywood89.org](mailto:registration@maywood89.org) with your student's name and grade level and someone will get back to you.

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## D89#D89BrightFutures Spring Showcase

The Fine Arts staff and students throughout District 89 would like to celebrate the end of the school year with you. Please visit [www.maywood89.org/2021-d89brightfutures-spring-showcase/](http://www.maywood89.org/2021-d89brightfutures-spring-showcase/) to find projects created by students in Art, Band, Orchestra and Musical Theater. Please enjoy!

### Congratulations and Salute to Cheryl Ciammetti, Retiring Band Director

*Ms. Cheryl Ciammetti will take her final bow and retire this year after 34 years as District 89 band director. Ms. Ciammetti joined District 89 in 1986 after graduating from the prestigious VanderCook College of Music. Herself a French Horn player, Ms. Ciammetti always knew she wanted to pursue a career in music education. As a student in middle school, she was recruited by her band director to help tutor the Elementary Band students. It was a natural fit and Ms. Ciammetti has been playing and teaching instrumental music ever since.*

*During her time at District 89, Ms. Ciammetti has shared her love of music with generations of students in the Maywood, Melrose Park and Broadview communities. She believes learning to play an instrument sets a student up for success and feels lucky to have found a place in District 89 that she will truly miss. She shared that she loves the kids and will most miss watching them grow.*

*Dr. Algeanna Griffin, Garfield School assistant principal and former D89 Band student shared, "Ms. Ciammetti's love of music guided and provided me with the courage to take chances. In doing so, I realized my hidden talents were in music. She allowed me to explore many instruments, encouraged me to keep going and introduced me to my first love – the flute. She modeled excellence, and I took that to heart and attached that mentality to everything I do!"*

*Best wishes on your retirement and much gratitude for nurturing our students and advancing music education in District 89. Brava!*

*– D89 Fine Arts Team*

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# Congratulations School District 89 Graduates, Class of 2021!



## DISTRICT 89

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# Walther Christian Academy Bucking Broncos 5K Run/Walk Quite an Event!

On Saturday, June 5, Walther Christian Academy hosted its first annual Bucking Bronco 5K Run/Walk in Melrose Park. The race began at the football field just north of the school building and continued through the streets of Melrose Park, ending at the finish line.

The 5K run/walk was a healthy community event for all ages that featured lively music and a festive atmosphere. The registration fee supported Walther

Christian Academy, a middle school and high school that serves students from 50 zip codes.

Race shirts, nutritious snacks, water and more were provided to participants and awards were given to winners in each category.

Mayor Serpico and newly elected Mayor of Maywood Nathaniel George Booker were on hand for the festivities and to cheer on the runners and walkers!

For more information about the Bucking Bronco 5K Run/Walk, call Walther Christian Academy at (708) 344-0404.



## Time for Some Fun! Recognize Anybody?

Pictured (at left) is the Melrose Park Pony League All-Star Team circa 1973.

Get yourself some paper and a pencil, and jot down the names of everyone you know (or think you know) in the photo.

We're going to do our best to identify all those who appear in the picture and have their names listed in the next issue of *The Rose* so you can see how good you did. Stay tuned!

If you have any old Melrose Park-related photos that you would like us to publish in an upcoming newsletter, please send them via email to [therose@melrosepark.org](mailto:therose@melrosepark.org) and a representative will contact you for further details.



**Sacred Heart School**

SNIPPETS

# Congratulations Class of 2021!



Vivian Aguirre



Leonard Arguello



Kayleen Guzman



Ivan Hernandez



Vida Hernandez

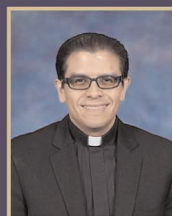


Mayte Hernandez-Morales



Legend Hudson

## *Sacred Heart School*



Rev. Ortega  
Pastor



Rev. Wajdzik  
Assoc. Pastor



Barbara Ciconte  
Principal



Michelle Arnston  
Teacher



Amanda Wall  
Teacher

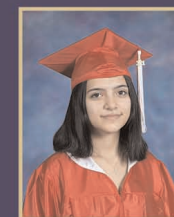


Martha Aiello  
Teacher



Elizabeth Jarillo

## *Class of 2021*



Joanna Llanes



Sofia Martinez



Dion Perales



Kenya Quirino-Cantoral



Jose Rodriguez



Tatiana Serna



Katia Torres



Paola Vargas



Cristian Vivar

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# *Sacred Heart/St. Eulalia Parish will always be there for all of you!*



Dear Melrose Park Community ...

As Sacred Heart School closes our doors for good, we would like to thank all of you for your support with our many fundraisers over all the years we have been open. The thousands of children that have passed through the school doors have been blessed to have been supported by all of you.

The memories that have been made at Sacred Heart School will be carried on in all of our hearts. It truly takes a village to raise the children – you have been there for us and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We ask you to please keep us in your prayers as we go our separate ways. Please know that Sacred Heart/St. Eulalia Parish will always be there for all of you!

“You can take the kid out of Sacred Heart School, but you can’t take Sacred Heart out of the kids!” (Words for Fr. Cosmo Militello.)

Blessings to all of you!

Sincerely,  
The Sacred Heart School Family



**Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Confirmation**



**First Holy Communion**



**The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste Collection**

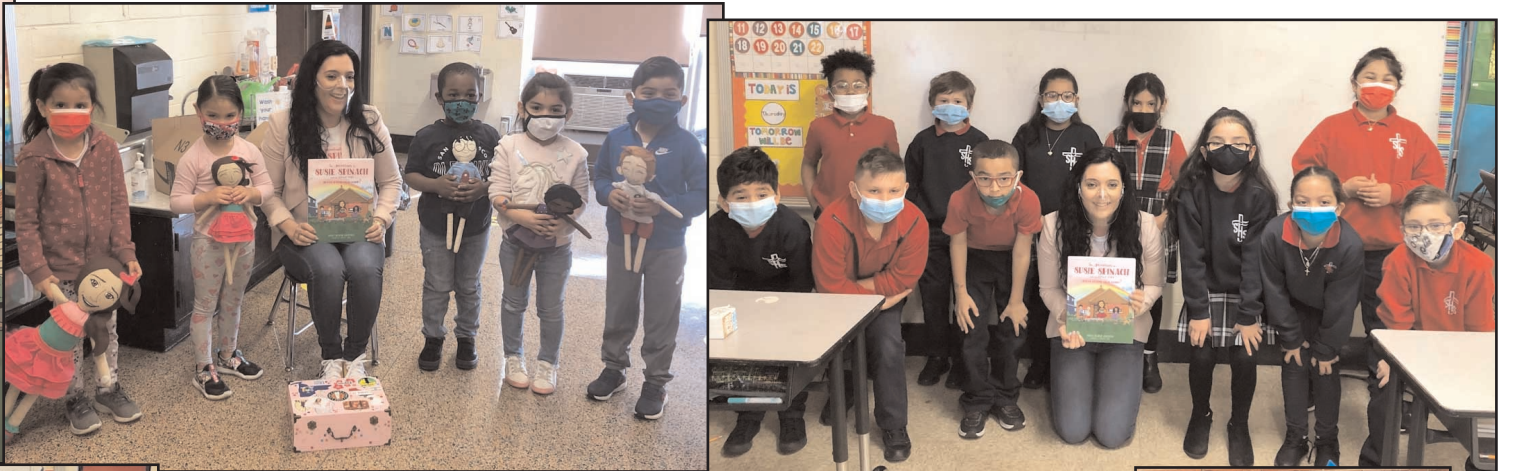
Sacred Heart School students and staff collected 329 toothbrushes and 156 tubes of toothpaste to help those in need.



# Sacred Heart School SNIPPETS



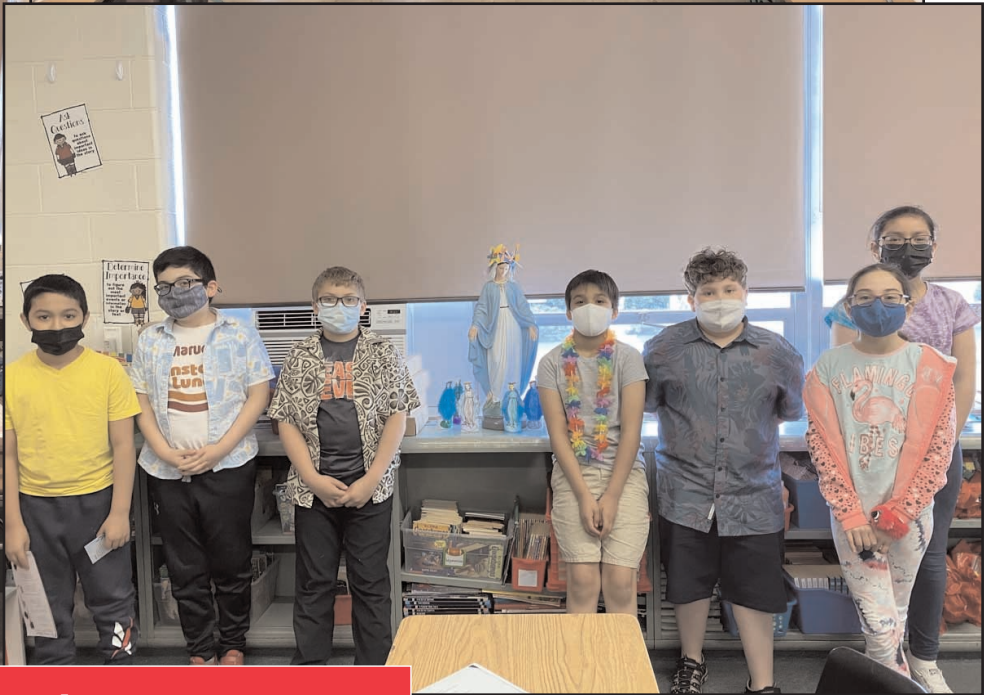
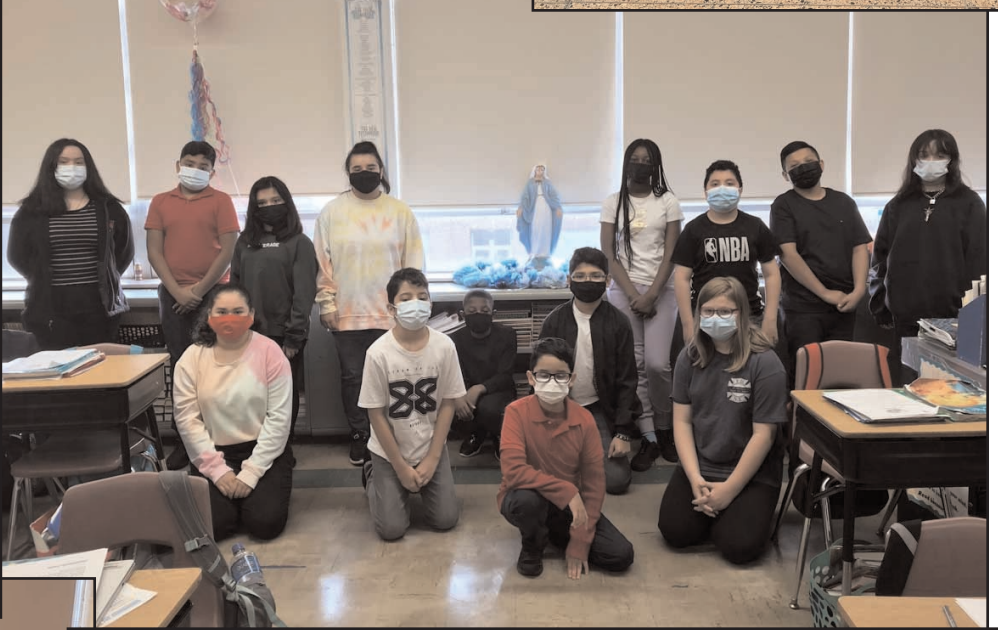
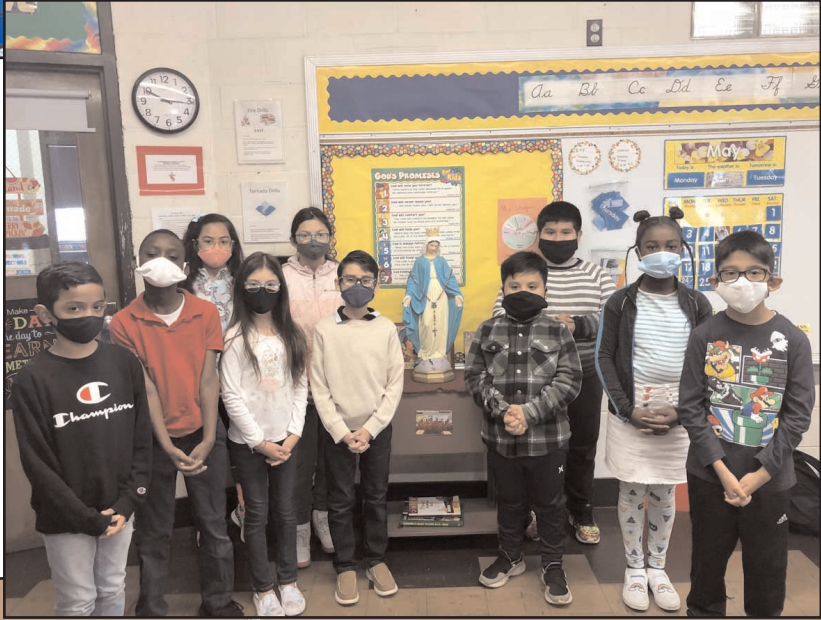
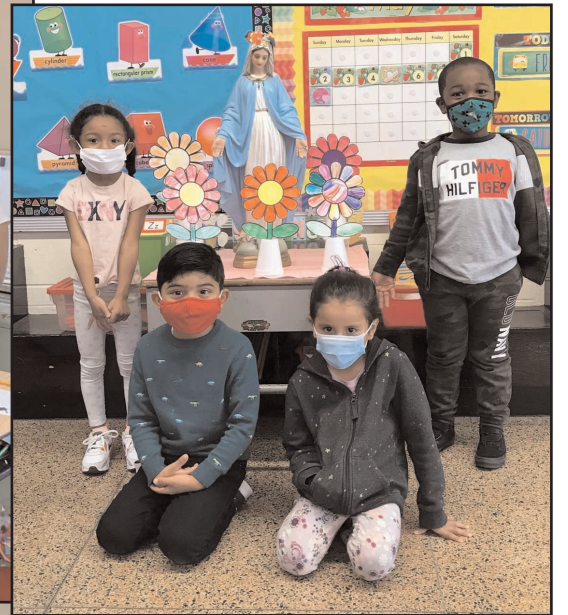
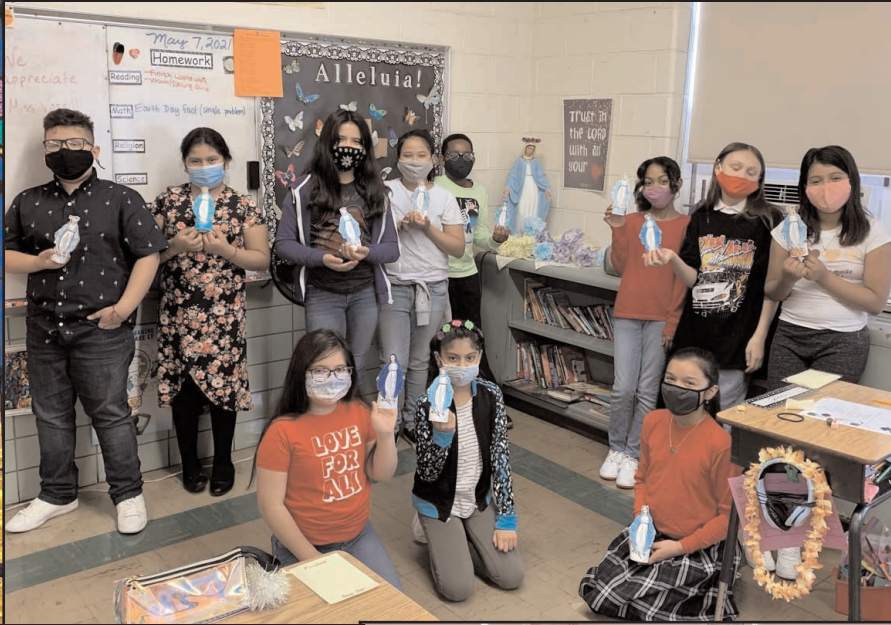
**Sacred Heart Drama Club Presentation**



**Former Sacred Heart Student is an Author**

Anna Marie Giuffre, former Sacred Heart student, came back to read and share her new book with Sacred Heart students.





**May Crowning**



# Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Receives Eighth Consecutive 'A' Safety Rating from Leapfrog Group

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital received its eighth consecutive 'A' grade from the Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety.

Gottlieb, part of Loyola Medicine, received a spring 2021 'A' rating. The Safety Grade, considered the “gold measure” of patient safety, is a letter grade assigned to 2,600 general, acute care hospitals across the country based on how well the hospital protects its patients from errors, injuries, accidents and infections. Leapfrog assigns hospital safety grades biannually in the fall and spring.

“We are extremely proud of Gottlieb’s successive ‘A’ safety ratings,” said Loyola Medicine President and CEO Shawn P. Vincent. “Gottlieb’s health care team is a model for prioritizing safety as part of a focus on patient-centered care.”

“There is no greater priority at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital than the safety of our patients,” said Elizabeth E. Early, Loyola Medicine regional vice president of Professional and Support Services, and interim president of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. “This eighth consecutive ‘A’ rating is a reflection of our dedicated physicians and colleagues, and their commitment to providing outstanding patient care.”

Developed under the guidance of a national expert panel, comprised of some of the nation’s leading quality and patient safety experts, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades. The hospital safety grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Gottlieb also was recognized as “high performing” in heart failure in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2020-2021 Best Hospital’s rankings. To achieve a high performing specialty ranking, a hospital must be among the top 10 percent in the nation. Gottlieb also received a three-year, silver-level Beacon Award for Excellence from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) “for providing safe, patient-centered and evidence-based care to patients.” Gottlieb is one of only 21 patient care units in Illinois, and just 580 in the U.S., that have received a Beacon Award for Excellence.

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital is located at 701 W. North Ave. in Melrose Park, Ill.

## About Loyola Medicine

Loyola Medicine, a member of Trinity Health, is a nationally ranked academic, quaternary care system based in Chicago's western suburbs. The three-hospital system includes Loyola University Medical Center, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital and MacNeal Hospital, as well as convenient locations offering primary care, specialty care and immediate care services from more than 1,800 physicians throughout Cook, Will and

DuPage counties. Loyola is a 547-licensed-bed hospital in Maywood that includes the William G. & Mary A. Ryan Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine, the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, a Level 1 trauma center, Illinois's largest burn center, a certified comprehensive stroke center and a children’s hospital. Loyola also trains the next generation of caregivers through its academic affiliation with Loyola University Chicago’s Stritch School of Medicine and Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. Gottlieb is a 247-licensed-bed community hospital in Melrose Park with the newly renovated Judd A. Weinberg Emergency Department, the Loyola Center for Metabolic Surgery and Bariatric Care and the Loyola Cancer Care & Research facility at the Marjorie G. Weinberg Cancer Center. MacNeal is a 374-licensed-bed teaching hospital in Berwyn with advanced medical, surgical and psychiatric services, acute rehabilitation, an inpatient skilled nursing facility and a 68-bed behavioral health program and community clinics. Loyola Medical Group, a team of primary and specialty care physicians, offers care at over 15 Chicago-area locations. For more information, visit [loyolamedicine.org](http://loyolamedicine.org). You can also follow Loyola Medicine on LinkedIn, Facebook or Twitter.

## About Trinity Health

Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation, serving diverse communities that include more than 30 million people across 22 states. Trinity Health includes 92 hospitals, as well as 100 continuing care locations that include PACE programs, senior living facilities, and home care and hospice services. Its continuing care programs provide nearly 2.5 million visits annually. Based in Livonia, Mich., and with annual operating revenues of \$18.8 billion and assets of \$30.5 billion, the organization returns \$1.3 billion to its communities annually in the form of charity care and other community benefit programs. Trinity Health employs about 123,000 colleagues, including 6,800 employed physicians and clinicians. Committed to those who are poor and underserved in its communities, Trinity Health is known for its focus on the country's aging population. As a single, unified ministry, the organization is the innovator of Senior Emergency Departments, the largest not-for-profit provider of home health care services — ranked by number of visits — in the nation, as well as the nation’s leading provider of PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) based on the number of available programs. For more information, visit [trinity-health.org](http://trinity-health.org). You can also follow Trinity Health on LinkedIn, Facebook or Twitter.



# The 12th Big Bash Buffet for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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All Have Donated Their Talent and Their Time to Help Save a Child's Life at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.  
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# ComEd Offers Options to Help Customers Manage Electric Bills

## Flexible Payment Arrangements Help Address Past-due Balances; Energy-efficiency Offerings Help Manage Future Bills

As many northern Illinois residents experience mounting expenses as a result of the pandemic, ComEd offers payment assistance programs that may help with past-due balances now and energy-saving tools that can lower bills in the future.

"To support our customers and communities working to rebuild from COVID-19, ComEd is offering more options for customers to help them maintain their service and save money on their electric bills," said Jane S. Park, ComEd's chief customer officer and senior vice president of Customer Operations. "We are offering hardship grants to eligible customers through our CARE Program, assistance grants to small businesses that need support, \$0-dollar down extended payment plans, and easy-to-use online tools and award-winning energy efficiency programs designed to help customers manage their energy and save money."

Through June 30, 2021, ComEd offers extended payment arrangements to eligible residential customers facing financial hardship. These extended payment arrangements allow eligible customers to spread outstanding balances over 18 monthly installments with no money down through June 30, 2021. All other eligible residential customers with outstanding balances can enroll in an 18-month payment plan with a 10-percent down payment through June 30, 2021.

These payment plans expand ComEd's existing payment-assistance options, such as the ComEd CARE programs available for residential customers, small-business customers, nonprofit organizations, as well as activated and deployed members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, Reserves and honorably discharged veterans. These programs offer one-time grants, while funding is available, to help eligible customers pay their electric bills.

"In addition to the expanded package of financial assistance, customers can tap into a variety of energy-saving tools through our Energy Efficiency Program," said Erica Borggren, vice president of Customer Solutions, ComEd. "These tools are designed to help customers take control of their energy use and save money year-round."

ComEd provides energy-saving offerings for all customers, including those who may be experiencing difficulty paying their electric bills. With options specially designed to help manage energy use, customers can save money on their electric bills. These options include:

- **Food Bank LED Bulb Distribution** – ComEd provides ENERGY STAR® certified LED bulbs to more than 900 local food pantries through Feeding America food banks and its extended network of food banks, pantries and community-based organizations. Customers shopping at these food pantries can ask for the free LEDs.
- **Energy Savings Kits** – Customers can contact their local community agency and may receive a free energy savings kit that includes energy-efficient LED bulbs, water-saving faucet aerators, an advanced power strip and more.
- **Instant Discounts** – Customers can visit a participating neighborhood retailer and look for the ComEd lower price sticker to get instant in-store discounts on:
  - ENERGY STAR certified LED bulbs and fixtures.
  - Advanced power strips, ENERGY STAR room air conditioners, air purifiers and dehumidifiers.
- **Home Energy Upgrades** – Homeowners can sign up to receive free weatherization and energy-saving products, including: ENERGY STAR certified LED lighting, a programmable or smart thermostat, advanced power strip, WaterSense® certified showerheads and faucet aerators, pipe insulation and more.
- **Home Energy Assessment** – Customers can sign up to schedule a free in-home or virtual home energy assessment where an energy advisor will conduct a visual inspection of their home, offer free and discounted products and provide a personalized assessment report identifying additional ways to save money and energy.

Any customer experiencing a hardship or difficulty with their electric bill should call ComEd immediately at 800-334-7661 (800-EDISON1), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to learn how to apply. Information on ComEd's payment-assistance options, along with eligibility requirements, can be found at [ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance](https://www.comed.com/PaymentAssistance).

To learn more about the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, customers can call 855-433-2700 or visit [ComEd.com/IncomeEligible](https://www.comed.com/IncomeEligible). For energy-saving tips, visit [ComEd.com/WaysToSave](https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave).

Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) is a unit of Chicago-based Exelon Corporation (NASDAQ: EXC), the nation's leading competitive energy provider, with approximately 10 million customers. ComEd provides service to approximately 4 million customers across northern Illinois, or 70 percent of the state's population. For more information, visit [ComEd.com](https://www.comed.com) and connect with the company on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.





# WellNow Urgent Care, Goodwill, Meat King Open in MP

## WellNow Urgent Care Opens New Center at 600 W. North Ave.

WellNow Urgent Care, one of the country's fastest-growing urgent care providers, recently opened the doors to its newest center in Melrose Park. Located at 600 W. North Ave., the new facility offers COVID-19 testing, timely treatment for non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses, and occupational medicine services seven days a week from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. with no appointment needed.

"We're excited to open our third location in the Chicagoland area and be the convenient destination for same-day care, seven days a week, in Melrose Park," said John Radford, M.D., president at WellNow Urgent Care. "We want to provide patients with the care they need to get back to their lives in less than 40 minutes, especially now that the weather is warming up, and people and businesses alike look to safely resume their favorite Chicago activities and events."

Urgent care centers are an increasingly important part of the U.S. health care marketplace, providing patients with much-needed access to quality care with shorter wait times, walk-in and same-day care options, and lower costs than the traditional emergency room. The new center in Melrose Park will provide timely service for ailments such as sprains, burns, colds and allergies, while also providing on-site X-rays, lab testing and physicals. Rapid COVID-19 testing is also available with no appointment necessary. Patients can walk in or schedule a visit online.

Urgent care services are treated on a walk-in basis, or patients may also visit WellNow.com to check in online and view up-to-date wait times. Patients can also connect with a WellNow provider 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using the company's telehealth platform. WellNow accepts most insurance, including Medicare, Medicaid, Fidelis and Veterans Affairs TriWest. A full list of services can be found online at WellNow.com/services and additional information about COVID-19, including testing cost and insurance coverage, can be found at wellnow.com/covid-19/. To reach the Melrose Park WellNow facility by phone, call (708) 316-2058.



MP Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz (fourth from right) is pictured with reps from WellNow at the ribbon-cutting event.

## Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago Opens Melrose Park Facility

Earlier this month, Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago opened a store and donation center in Melrose Park. Goodwill is a nonprofit social enterprise providing employment, training and support for people experiencing barriers to work serving communities in metropolitan Chicago and southeastern Wisconsin.

Goodwill currently operates 70 store and donation centers across its territory which encompasses 23 counties in Illinois and Wisconsin. The organization has a focus on environmental sustainability, diverting almost 140 million pounds of clothing and household items from landfills in 2020. Revenue generated from customers and donors directly impacts the services and support Goodwill provides for people with disabilities and disadvantages.

In 2019, Goodwill served over 6,000 people in Cook County, Ill., as a part of its mission as a workforce leader, including connecting local job seekers and employers through its workforce connection centers and through Goodwill TalentBridge, a full-service staffing and recruiting firm. Goodwill also employed 1,755 Cook County residents working across various areas of the organization.

"Goodwill is excited to become part of the Melrose Park community to have the opportunity to serve its residents," said Dan Michael, vice president of Retail Stores and Donation Centers. "Beyond providing an outstanding shopping experience for our customers, we are creating jobs and awareness about our mission. We look forward to getting to know our new neighbors."

The new 18,000 square foot store and donation center is located at 200 W. North Ave. and showcases a completely updated look and feel as the thrift retailer transitions to a modern aesthetic with wood grain, brass fixtures and a warm color palate. Shoppers and donors in the Melrose Park community will enjoy a safe, contemporary shopping experience and can expect to find a great selection of items, all donated from the local communities Goodwill serves. Goodwill began accepting donations at the Melrose Park location on the same day as the official store opening.

For more information, call (708) 410-2131 or visit [www.amazinggoodwill.com](http://www.amazinggoodwill.com).



## We're Meat King – Melrose Park's Premier Butcher Shop

Meat King, the premier butcher shop in Melrose Park, recently opened its doors to members of the community. Meat King carries grass fed and organic meat that is perfect for all occasions and their premium cuts include lamb, pork, poultry, steaks, chuck roast and much more. Meat King started their business to deliver fresh and delicious meat to the community and look forward to a growing business.

Mayor Serpico and members of the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce are pictured with representatives from Meat King at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate their grand opening.

A personal invite goes out to all Melrose Park residents to stop by and try the premium daily cuts for themselves!

Meat King is located at 1710 W. Lake Street. For more information, please call (708) 223-4650 or visit [www.meatkinginc.com](http://www.meatkinginc.com).







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# State Rep. Kathleen Willis Bill to Reopen Westlake Signed into Law by Gov. Pritzker

Legislation sponsored by state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Northlake, designed to streamline reopening requirements for Westlake Hospital was signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker recently.

"I applaud Gov. Pritzker for recognizing the health care disparities that were laid bare by Westlake Hospital's 2019 closure, which left many people without access to critical treatment and care," Willis said. "I am honored to have led the effort that will enable Westlake Hospital to reopen as efficiently and effectively as possible so that it can resume treating those most in need."

Signed by Gov. Pritzker, Willis' Senate Bill 168 lays the groundwork for reopening Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, which closed in 2019. The new law establishes a streamlined process for reviving a closed hospital, including that parties seeking to reopen a hospital commit to spending at least \$20 million on improving hospital infrastructure. Once Westlake Hospital reopens its doors under new ownership, it is projected that 500 to 600 health care jobs will be created.

"The devastating blow COVID has had on countless Illinois communities only reaffirms our commitment to revitalizing and further expanding access to health care," Willis said. "Reopening Westlake Hospital will move us one step closer to making good on that goal."



## 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 franciscanresourcecenterntp@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.

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## Village Hall News

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

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

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

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

### Death Certificates

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

### Vehicle Sticker Information

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

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





# Check Out These June, July and August Events and Activities at the Cook County Forest Preserves

**Join Our Programming  
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for These Upcoming  
Fun, Educational  
In-Person and  
Virtual Offerings**

**Take some time to  
explore our website at  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com).**

## **Pond Dip for Tweens and Teens**

**Saturday, June 26 • 10:30 a.m. • Free**

**Trailside Museum of Natural History, 738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill.**

Join a naturalist as we dip net in our pond to investigate macroinvertebrates and learn what they can tell us about the pond habitat at Trailside Museum. Ages 11-16. Bring your own boots or shoes that can get wet. Unvaccinated visitors must wear a mask indoors at all times and they must wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

Registration required: Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. • [trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov)

## **Nature Obstacle Course**

**Saturday, June 26 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Free**

**Twenty-Sixth Street Woods-West, 26th Street, East of S. 25th Ave., Cook County, Ill.  
(near La Grange Park)**

Families attempt an obstacle course created from natural materials. Other nature play, exploration and art activities will be available, too! This is a drop-in event. Unvaccinated visitors must wear a mask indoors at all times and they must wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible. • (312) 533-5751 • [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov)

## **Singing Insect Monitor Program Training**

**Sunday, June 27 • 1 p.m. • Free • Zoom Presentation**

Learn songs of the most heard singing insects and how to monitor for the Singing Insects Monitoring Project. This is an online presentation that you can enjoy at home via Zoom and is open to people throughout north-eastern Illinois. To register, email [Mary.Busch@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Mary.Busch@cookcountyil.gov) and include the date you wish to attend.

• (630) 257-2045

## **School's Out For Summer Hike**

**Wednesday, June 30 • 10 a.m. • Free**

**Trailside Museum of Natural History, 738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill.**

Join a naturalist for a casual nature hike to explore and enjoy early summer along our trails. For adults and children 5-12 with an adult. Unvaccinated visitors must wear a mask indoors at all times and they must wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

Registration required: Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. • [trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov)

## **Kayak the Salt Creek River Trail**

**Wednesday, June 30 • 1 p.m. • Free**

**Bemis Woods-North, Wolf Road, South of 31st Street, Cook County, Ill. (near Oak Brook)**

Join us as we paddle over eight miles of the Salt Creek River Trail from Bemis Woods to Plank Road Meadow. Instruction, sanitized equipment and kayaks provided. A shuttle will be provided back to Bemis Woods at the conclusion of the trip. Unvaccinated visitors must wear a mask indoors at all times and they must wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

Registration required: Call (312) 533-5751. • [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov)

## **Save the Planet, One Drop at a Time!**

**Wednesday, July 21 • Noon-1 pm • Free • Zoom Presentation**

Did you know the way we build can help us protect our water sources? Join the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to learn about their green stormwater infrastructure projects and projects that are coming up with the Forest Preserves. These nature-based solutions are mitigating erosion, keeping pollutants out of our waterways and reducing flooding. Featuring John Watson, PE, MSCE, CFM, associate civil engineer, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Raffle prize available. Members of the public and staff who attend will be entered in a raffle to win a clean-water prize.

Registration required: Register at <https://tinyurl.com/FPWaterConservation2>. Deadline to register – July 20. Contact: [kathleen.moriarty@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:kathleen.moriarty@cookcountyil.gov).

## **What in the World is a Circular Economy?**

**Wednesday, Aug. 18 • Noon-1 p.m. • Free • Zoom Presentation**

Learn what a circular economy is all about and how incorporating this concept into your daily life can improve your local community. Join us to learn more and be entered in a raffle to win a \$25 gift certificate from Plant Chicago. Featuring Rock Evans, education manager, Plant Chicago. Raffle prize available. Members of the public and staff who attend will be entered in a raffle to win a gift certificate to the store at Plant Chicago, 4459 S. Marshfield Ave., Chicago. Choose from a variety of different products, from food and beverages to home and garden goods, all made locally and/or with circular economy practices!

Registration required: Register at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCircularEconomies101>. Deadline to register – Aug. 17. Contact: [Lydia.Uhlir@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Lydia.Uhlir@cookcountyil.gov).

# News From the Zoo

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



## Summer at Brookfield Zoo Kicks Off with Restrictions Lifted

Online Reservations No Longer Required ...

### Dinos Everywhere!, the Carousel, New Food Offerings, and Indoor Animal Exhibits and Outdoor Attractions Available for Zoogoers this Summer

After zoos, museums, aquariums and other cultural institutions were shuttered due to COVID-19, the world is beginning to safely reopen. In accordance with the newly announced state Phase 5 guidelines, Brookfield Zoo is now able to operate at full capacity and guests can attend the zoo without prior online reservations.

Zoogoers can expect to see the animals they loved pre-pandemic, plus so much more! *Dino's Everywhere!*, which runs through Sept. 6, 2021, features over 40 animatronic dinosaurs that are bigger and badder than ever before, some now mimicking the Earth shakers' real-life bodily functions.

In addition to *Dinos Everywhere!*, guests can see many of the animals in their outdoor habitats, including Brutus and Titus, 5-year-old African lions who arrived last year; giraffes; Grevy's zebras; grey seals; Mexican wolves; polar bears; Amur tigers; bison; pygmy hippopotamus; camels; kangaroos; brown bears; Amur and snow leopards; and many more.

The zoo's famous hand-carved carousel (one of the nation's largest) has resumed operating. Additionally, restaurants are open throughout the zoo's 216-acre park, including two food trucks – Taco Caja and The COOP – that will debut mid- to late-July on the East Mall. Old favorites, such as BZ Red Hots, are offering new handmade menu items as well as refreshed décor. At Café del Sol, hungry guests can utilize mobile ordering options that allow you to order ahead, skip the line, and pick up and go. Coming soon is Bean Sprouts, a family café stand featuring kid-height counter service with Imaginibbles™ organic and seasonal snacks and meals just right for young animal lovers.

The North Gate Shop and South Gate's Wildlife Trading Post are welcoming shoppers indoors again with a larger selection of environmentally friendly apparel and more. These innovative dining and shopping opportunities are brought to the zoo by its partner, SSA Group, which in 2020 began revitalizing the culinary and retail services at Brookfield Zoo.

The reopening also kicks off a summer of beloved animal experiences, like giraffe feedings, Penguin Encounters (to begin in July with required reservations) and Hamill Family Wild Encounters, where visitors can witness three wallaby joeys hopping around outside of their moms' pouches. Guests can also see African spurred and Iguana Cove Tortoises (formerly Galapagos Tortoises) in their outdoor habitat on the north side of Pachyderm House, and take in views of the zoo's flock of white pelicans, which has doubled in size with the addition of five new birds on the Formal Pool.

Exciting experiences of all kinds await at Brookfield Zoo this summer. Current protocols include all guests over the age of 2 to continue wearing face coverings while indoors or unable to practice social distancing. Please note, Hamill Family Play Zoo will remain closed at this time. Before arriving at the zoo, guests are encouraged to visit [CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo](https://www.czs.org/KnowBeforeYouGo) to review guidelines and expectations.



Guests visiting Brookfield Zoo can see *Dinos Everywhere!*, featuring over 40 animatronic dinosaurs, including the ankylosaurus, through Sept. 6, 2021.



For \$10, Brookfield Zoo guests can feed the giraffes daily through Oct. 3 and on weekends in October.



# What to Know Before You Go

The health and safety of our animals, staff and guests are of paramount importance. As of June 11, 2021, the zoo will be operating under the Illinois Phase 5 guidelines. Please read below to learn what buildings and attractions are now open.

## ADMISSION AND PARKING

Reservations are no longer required to visit Brookfield Zoo! While you are able to reserve your tickets beforehand, members and guests are welcome to arrive at the zoo without a reservation. If you previously reserved tickets and parking for your zoo visit, you are welcome to enter the zoo at anytime during that day. If you have a general admission pass with a barcode, a member guest pass, a Chicago Public Library Museum Pass or a Museum Adventure Pass, you can bring that directly to the zoo for entry, no reservation required. Members are no longer required to reserve a time for entry, while guests can purchase admission before arrival if they wish to avoid lines and waiting. If you do purchase admission tickets online, please note that all tickets are non-refundable and no rain checks will be made. We appreciate your understanding!

## OPEN BUILDINGS (FACE COVERINGS REMAIN REQUIRED INSIDE)

The following indoor buildings are currently open or will open at designated days and times. All indoor buildings not mentioned, except for bathrooms, may be closed (check CZS.org for most recent information). Please note that masks remain required inside all buildings at Brookfield Zoo.

BZ Red Hots • Cafe del Sol • Desert's Edge • Great Bear Wilderness Underwater Viewing • Habitat Africa!: The Forest  
Habitat Africa!: The Kopje • Hamill Family Wild Encounters • Living Coast (and Splash Pad Outside) • Pinniped Point Underwater Viewing  
Regenstein Wolf Woods Indoor Viewing • Seven Seas Underwater Viewing • The Swamp  
Tropic World: South America and Tropic World: Asia.

## ATTRACTIONS

Attractions including Dolphins in Action, Butterflies!, Hamill Family Play Zoo, Motor Safari, and all playgrounds are not currently operating. The Carousel, the splash pad at The Living Coast, and the water misters are now open. Hamill Family Wild Encounters is currently open (includes attraction fees). The wallaby yard and parakeet aviary are open. While the goat yard is closed, guests can feed goats between 10 a.m. and noon or however long grain supplies last. Please note that drinking fountains are turned off.

## HELP STOP THE SPREAD

If you or a family member are sick, we ask that you please respect the safety of others and stay home. Please visit when you are feeling better!

## HAND SANITIZERS

Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the park. Please follow the CDC guidelines by washing your hands for 20 seconds.

## ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or electronic convenience vehicle ("ECV") rentals, please call (708) 688-8347 to reserve one in advance of your visit. If you call and leave a message before 5 p.m., someone will get back to you the same day. For a description of all the rentals available and associated costs, please visit our website. An advanced reservation for a stroller or wagon is not needed. Same-day reservations for wheelchairs and ECVs are not accepted.

## PARK RULES

For a full list of rules, including service animals, photography and animal safety, visit the Park Rules page on our website. We look forward to welcoming you back to Brookfield Zoo! Register now to become a member and earn lots of benefits.

Consider making a donation that will immediately support our animal care and welfare programs, as well as, other critical operations of the Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo. Your contribution is so important and will be used in the area of greatest need at the zoo.

In case you missed them, check out our "Bring The Zoo To You" Facebook Live chats to reacquaint yourself with our animals and see what they've been up to.

Stay informed on all the updates at CZS.org. Sign up for the Brookfield Zoo email newsletter and receive regular updates and special offers direct to your inbox.

The Chicago Zoological Society is a private, nonprofit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo on land owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County.



*Layla, one of Brookfield Zoo's black rhinoceros, can be seen in her outdoor habitat on the south side of Pachyderm House.*



*Orangutans can be seen in Brookfield Zoo's Tropic World: Asia habitat.*



*Hudson, an 11-year-old polar bear at Brookfield Zoo, can be seen at Great Bear Wilderness.*

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

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# 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.

It's June and it's time to enjoy your garden and listen to the birds sing! We can help you bring out your summer furniture so you can enjoy the warmth of the sun. It's also time to caulk around your windows. Call the Proviso Handyman Office to schedule an appointment or to register for our program (708) 547-4001. The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and/or disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township.



### 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)**  
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**Light Bulbs - Change**  
**Light Fixtures Repair or Replace**  
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**Outdoor Furniture Put Away/Take Out**  
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#### 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**  
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**Threshold – Repairs & Replacement**  
**Toilets – Minor Repairs – No Roding**  
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**Window Air Conditioner – Install & Remove (50lb Limit).**  
**Window Fan – Install & Remove**

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**NO GLASS REPAIR**

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

**708-547-4001**

# Obituaries

## ***Alicea***

Mike E. Alicea. Husband of Ari (nee Hernandez); loving father of King and Amaya; beloved son of Jesus Alicea and Lucy Torres; dear brother of Jazmine, Anais, Christopher, Avian, Daniel and Katyria; fond nephew, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Amidei***

Helen Amidei. Dearly beloved wife of the late Victor; loving mother of Victoria (Joseph) Cimino, Thomas (Christina) and Michael (Linda) Amidei; cherished grandmother of Claudine (Louie) Napolitano, Diana (David) Stefanik, Thomas Jr. (fiancee, Tabitha) and Christopher; great-grandmother of Louie, Joey, Anthony and Angelina; dear sister of Walter Gillette and the late Katherine, the late Fritzie, the late James, the late Dolores and the late Richard; loving aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

## ***Andrijchuk***

Sofija Andrijchuk, 72 years old, passed away peacefully Friday, April 30, surrounded by her family. She was the loving mother of Olga (Myroslav) Synkecyh and was the cherished grandmother of Michael, and a dear friend of Barbara Lang. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Arguezo***

Ernesto A. Arguezo. Beloved husband of Luisa; loving father of Ana (Mark) Hacker, Ernesto Jr., Hernando (Elizabeth) Arguezo and Beatriz (Alejandro) Arguezo-Gonzalez; fond grandfather of Caesar, Nicole, Bramante, Carson, Ethan, Allison, Delano, Sophia and Aalexi; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

## ***Cendejas***

Salvador Cendejas. Beloved husband of Domitila Cendejas (nee Lopez); loving father of Salvador Jr., Martha, Edward and Teresa (Stephen) Coco; fond grandfather of Alicia, Julia, Adrianna, Alexander and Christian; dear brother of six; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

## ***Cerqua***

Barbara J. Cerqua, nee Culotta. Dearly beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Sherry Panico, Randy and Russell (Julie) Cerqua; cherished nana of Greg, Frank, Bryan, Nick, Anthony, Jonathon, Erik, Elisa, Angela, Sara, Tommy and Sammy; great-nana of Michelle, Ryan, Lilliana, Cash, Casey, Audrey, Gracie and Frankie; dear sister of the late JoAnne Kalasa and Marjorie Prignano; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## ***Collyer***

Rose M. Collyer, nee Bocchieri. Dearly beloved life partner and companion of Leo Vinci; loving mother of Michele (Bruce) Fitzgerald, Michael (Lisa) Collyer and Diane (Charles) Ayers; cherished grandmother of Emma, Patrick, Jack, Andrew, Tiffany, Jules, Ashleigh and Justin; great-grandmother of Colton and Weston; dear sister of Angelo (the late Susan) Bocchieri and Nina (Bob) Mc Ginn; fond aunt, cousin and many friends at Grand Retirement Community. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

## ***Conchas***

Leila E. Conchas. Beloved daughter of Marcos Conchas and Guadalupe Vasquez; dear sister of Lily and Lucy; fond granddaughter of Francisco and the late Rafaela Vasquez, and Rosa Cardenas and Rafael Conchas; fond goddaughter of Jaquelin Vasquez and Guadalupe Vasquez; loving niece, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***DeBartolo***

Frances DeBartolo (nee Minore), age 82. Beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Mario (Laura) DeBartolo, Antonette (Leo) Ingrao and Joanne (James) Warfield; cherished nonna of Francesco DeBartolo, Nicholas DeBartolo, Annamaria (Adriano) Cosentino, Domenico Ingrao, Alyssa DeBartolo, Francesca Ingrao and Esmeralda Warfield; great-grandmother of Antonio Cosentino; adored daughter of the late Giuseppe and Giovanna (nee Minore); fond sister of the late Vincent (the late Theresa) Minore and the late Josephine Calvaresi; dear sister-in-law of the late Pete (Josephine) DeBartolo; devoted aunt of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery.

## ***Delgado***

Rafael Delgado. Loving father of Anthony, Brian and Vianca Delgado; cherished son of Romelia and Alejo Delgado; beloved fiancee of Vianca Macedo; fond brother of Concepcion Guzman, Emilia Delgado, Arcelia Villegas and Alejo Delgado Jr.; loving uncle of Jennifer Gutierrez, Daisy Villegas, Hector Villegas Jr., Megan Grace Delgado and Maite Ani Guzman. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## ***Edens***

Lester Eugene (Timmy) Edens has left us to join his mother, Sally; stepfather, Tony; older brothers, Wally and Orrie Edens; as well as his older sister, Betty Olmstead; leaving behind his other older sister, Caroline Adornetto, and remaining older brother Jack; along with a rather large contingent of adoring nieces, nephews and their families. He always said that he was born on the Fourth of July, and celebrated it as so, but a misprint on his birth certificate (according to Tim) celebrates him officially arriving on July 5, 1937. Following a brief stint in the Army, Tim worked all of his life, mostly in family-owned businesses, where he could be found behind the service counter, originally at Pope's Lawn and Garden, then later at Universal in Norridge, sandwiched between those two stops, he appeared in all of his leisure-suited glory at his own place, Pop's Garden of Eden, and later at Orrie's of Wheaton. His final engagement of many years was at Allstate Arena, until the COVID shutdowns temporarily retired him. We lay him to rest with the knowledge that his next destination will be a place with more fish that he could possibly fry and the ability to know how much he is missed, and how much he is loved. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## ***Fazakas***

Ida Fazakas, nee Somarai. Dearly beloved mother of Eva (the late Peter) La Porte and Ida Fazakas; cherished grandmother of Peter and Thomas La Porte; loving friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## ***Franch***

Jennie De Stefano Franch. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private. Mrs. Franch was a member of the family that originated The Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

## ***Fuentes***

Bonifacio P. Fuentes. Dearly beloved husband of Maria Fuentes; loving father of Susan Fuentes, Ralph Fuentes and Alice Zaragoza; cherished grandfather of Lorraine and Marlene Zaragoza; dear brother of nine; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



### **Gomez**

Ascencion Gomez. Dearly beloved husband of Liliana; loving father of Lexy; beloved son of Ascencion and Soledad Gomez; dearest brother of Jose, Antonio, Jessica and Nancy Gomez. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

### **Gonzalez**

Jaime Gonzalez. Beloved husband of Maria Consuelo Gonzalez; loving father of Nora Gonzalez, Anna (Juan) Gonzalez, Jaime Gonzalez Jr. and Hector (Sharon) Gonzalez; beloved son of the late Jose Antonio and Maria De La Luz Gonzalez; fond grandfather of Vanessa, Alexis, Anayeli, Juan, Jasmine, Jacqueline, Adrian and Gabriel; fond great-grandfather of Eliana Grace; dear brother of Maria De Jesus, Sergio, Anna Maria, Gustavo, Patricia, Basilio and the late Carmela; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### **Gonzalez**

Margarita Gonzalez, nee Cortes. Beloved wife of the late Hector; loving mother of Estela (Emiliano), Matilde (Walter), Sergio (Angela), Guillermina (Miguel) and Hector (Mary Lou); cherished grandmother (aka Abuelita) of Virginia (Jose Luis), Elodia (Fernando), Maria, Nancy (Tee), Carlos, Liliana, Laura (Jason), Filippo (Jael), Rosa (Greg), Margarita (Francisco), Miguel Jr, Hector Jr. and Maribel; devoted great-grandmother of Pedro, Francisco, Fernando, Daniel, Vanessa, David, Juan Angel, Jayden, Angelina, Filippo II, Luca, Payton, Isabella, Giovanni, Giuliana and Gabriella; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### **James**

Daniel Herbert James, age 89, the second youngest of five sons born to the late Herbert Owen and Helen May James (nee Callaghan), and raised in Oak Park, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2021, surrounded by family at his home in Melrose Park. Beloved husband of the late Corinne E. James (nee O' Brien) for almost 67 years, Dan was a devoted father, avid sports enthusiast, amateur oil painter, accomplished singer and daily communicant at Sacred Heart Parish. He was a loving father of seven children – Mark (Linda), Daniel Jr. (Jean), Julie (the late Terry) O'Brien, Carol (Jeff) Lemke, Margaret Reedy, Anne (Tom) Ruedi and Mary (Jim) Paschall; devoted grandfather of 26 grandchildren – Kelly, Matthew, Brian, Erin, Jennifer, Kevin, Therese, Patrick, Christopher, Nicolas, Noah, Alex, Danielle, Harry, Grace, Clare, Catherine, Daniel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Bridget, James, Theresa, Joseph, Maria and Andrew; proud great-grandfather of 11 great-grandchildren – Oliver, Sadie, Hudson, Lily, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Corinne, Santiago, Emilia, Aleksander and Benedict; dear brother of the late Richard and Helen James, the late Don and June James, the late David and Marilyn James, and the late Phillip (Nancy) James; cherished brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many.

Dan spent most of his years in the western suburbs of Chicago attending grade school at Saint Giles Parish and Fenwick High School. After earning his degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1953, Dan joined the D.O. James Gear Manufacturing Company. In July 1954, he married Corinne the love of his life, in a storybook wedding. Upon joining the U.S. Army they moved to Fort Eustis Army Base in Newport News, Va., where their first-born son arrived. Upon completion of his military service Dan returned to the Chicago area where their remaining six children were born, raised and influenced by Dan's strong faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother nurtured as a member of Opus Dei. Dan's career included time with Brown Wood Products, Jamestown Forest Products, Inc., the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT), The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, where he ended his career before retiring in 1999. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### **Kanzia**

Matthew A. Kanzia Jr. Dearly beloved husband of Anna (nee Vaccaro); loving father of Nicholas, Gianna and Christopher; beloved son of Matthew and Bonnie Kanzia; dear son-in-law of Concetta and the late Vincenzo Vaccaro; loving brother of John (Kris), Mark and Steve (Nikki); brother-in-law of Lisa (Anthony) Recchia and Giuseppina (Kenny) Krozel; loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

### **Lerch**

Thomas E. Lerch. Loving father of Natalie Lerch; dearly beloved son of Edward and Audrey Lerch; dear brother of John Lerch and Lisa (Ronald) Gianakopoulos; fond uncle of Scott, Jammie and Shawn; cherished nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private. Memorial Service will be Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Carbonara Funeral Home, 1515 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, noon-3 p.m. When attending the memorial service, please wear your facial covering and adhere to the social distancing.

### **Ljubenko**

Luka J. Ljubenko, age 87, of Chicago, passed away in Overland Park, Kan., surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of the late Lucille (nee Acocella); loving father of Michael (Deborah), John (Cheryl), Donna (Peter), Bajich and Luka Jr.; cherished grandfather of Jacqueline (Aaron), Jeanette (Nicholas), Lauren (Kevin), Mary, Samuel, Caden and Seja; devoted great-grandfather of Caroline, John, Jenna, Kayla, Anthony and Andrew; dear brother of the late Dusan (Olga) and the late Kosto; proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Montrose Cemetery (Serbian Triangle).

### **Messina**

Gail T. Messina, nee Patti, of Rosemont, age 84, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 25. Beloved wife of the late Sam; loving mother of Paul (Mary) and Jack; cherished grandmother of Joseph, Kelly, Dominic, Allie, Clarissa and Spenser; great-grandmother of Bear; dear sister of Antonia, Laura (Tom), Dominick, Anthony, Jack and Anne Marie (Joe); devoted aunt of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### **McHugh**

Joanne McHugh, nee Blum. Dearly beloved wife of the late Edward McHugh and the late Fred Zobel; loving mother of Karen (Peter) Caracci, Frances (Joseph) Weidman and the late Walter (Judy) Zobel; cherished grandmother of Rebecca, Jori, Kimberly, Melissa and Michael; great-grandmother of eight; dear aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery.

### **Navarro**

Graciela Navarro De Puentes. Beloved wife of the late Manuel De Jesus Puentes; loving mother of Carmen Puentes; dear sister of Juan Navarro and Augustin Navarro; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial.

### **Panik**

Rosemary Panik, nee Carroo. Dearly beloved mother of Nicholette (Timothy) Mueller, Michael and the late Mary Panik; cherished grandmother of Troy. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### **Rajcevich**

Josephine Rajcevich. Dearly beloved wife of the late Mike; loving mother of Debbie (the late Pete) Ferraro; beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Constance "Gussie" DeAngelis; fond grandmother of Peter and Sal Ferraro; cherished nana of Savannah Ferraro; dear sister of the late Ruth (Earl) Brown and Marie (Mike) Antonovich; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.



**Scafidi**

Agnes J. Scafidi, nee Frisque. Dearly beloved wife of the late Sam; loving mother of Robert (Judy), Judy (Michael) Kocent, Linda (Bill) Schmitt, and the late Ron and the late Gary (Jan) Scafidi; cherished grandmother of Ron and Chris (Dawn) Kocent, Nicholas and Erik Scafidi, Joey Schmitt and Jennifer (Steven) Byrne; great-grandmother of Brooklyn, Maddie and Jack, and Dominic Scafidi; fond sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

**Vega**

Enrique Vega. Husband of Maria (nee Raygoza); loving father of Lupe (Antonio) Villegas, Belen (Ricardo) Olvera, Manuela (Anthony) Alonzo, Josephina Vega, Mari (Juan) Cuellar, the late Gonzalo Vega and the late Raquel Vega; loving son of the late Julian and Josefina Vega; cherished grandfather of Freddie, Elizabeth, Rolando, Jesse, Monique, Kathy, Andrew, Sara, Gonzalo, Rocio, Anthony, Aaron, Abigail, Melissa, Vanessa, Miguel, Jonny and Emily; dearest great-grandfather of many; fond brother of Chayo Marquez, Carmen Mayorga, Chole Avila, Gabriel Vega and the late Delfina Vega; dear uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Vences**

Porfirio Vences. Dearly beloved husband of Mirian Vences; loving father of Samantha Vences; beloved son of Porfirio and Ma Del Carmen Vences; dear brother of Yolanda (Luis Dotor) Vences, Edith (Eduardo) Aleman, Joel (Cesy) Vences, Mirella Vences and Maria (Marco) Soria; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

**Witczak**

Peter J. Witczak. Dearly beloved son of Ann (nee Matranga) and the late Raymond "Smitty" Witczak; cherished brother of Bonnie Witczak; loving nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral private.

## 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: June 28; July 26; Aug. 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: 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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# 2020 Village of Melrose Park RE: 0311860 Consumer Confidence Annual Water Quality Report Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2020

This publication conforms to the new federal regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act that requires water utilities to provide a detailed water quality report to each of their customers annually. The Village of Melrose Park must provide you with this information. The Village also believes that knowledgeable customers are the Village's best allies in support of improving high drinking water standard.

If you have any questions relating to your water supply, and this report, please contact Mr. Mike Carpanzano, Water Superintendent (708-531-5360).

## SPANISH NOTICE

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The report outlines the processes involved in delivering to you the highest quality drinking water available.

1. Where does my water come from?
2. How is my water treated and purified?
3. How safe is my drinking water?

## SOURCE WATER (MANDATORY)

### VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK DRINKING WATER SOURCE

Lake Michigan is the surface water supply used to provide drinking water for Chicago and 123 suburban communities. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past 21 years. Lake Michigan, by volume, is the second largest Great Lake and the only one located totally within the United States. It serves as a source of drinking water, as a place for swimming and fishing, and as a scenic wonderland. Sources of drinking water used for both tap water and bottled water can pick up contaminants as water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground. The drinking water source is vulnerable to industrial waste and runoff from surrounding lands. Potential sources of pollution such as pesticides, herbicides, radioactive materials, and organic and inorganic petroleum and gas production by-products can impact the source water. We do not have indications of the presence of these contaminants at this time, mainly because of restrictions, which prohibit industrial effluents from entering Lake Michigan, Sewage treatment plant effluents are not discharged into the lake, thereby reducing the threat of microbial contamination. All 63 miles of shoreline within Illinois are now considered to be in good condition. The Illinois EPA Office of Groundwater will be doing a source water assessment within the next three years. When completed, all sources of Pollutants into Lake Michigan will be identified and there will be information regarding the source water's susceptibility to contaminants based on the findings of the assessment. Since the quality of the raw water source is good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation, and sand filtration are adequate for producing a water that is free of harmful contaminants.

## HOW IS MY WATER TREATED AND PURIFIED?

The City of Chicago Water Department provides the water treatment necessary to safeguard the water delivered to Melrose Park. Water is taken from Lake Michigan at several water inlets located about 3 miles from shore. Chlorine is then injected into the water for disinfection. The water then flows through a series of settling and filtration basins where small amounts of polymer and sedimentation chemicals are added. After this process is complete, the water is filtered to remove the sediment. At this point the water is filtered through layers of fine charcoal and silicate sand. Small particles are removed and pure clean water is ready to be re-chlorinated as a safeguard and precaution against any microorganisms.

## VOLUNTARY TESTING (OPTIONAL)

The Chicago Water Department monitors for contaminants which are proposed to be regulated or for which no standards currently exist but which could provide useful information in assessing the quality of the source water or the drinking water.

**Cryptosporidium** – Analyses have been conducted monthly on the source water since April 1993. Cryptosporidium has not been detected in these samples. Treatment processes have been optimized to ensure that if there are cryptosporidium cysts in the source water, they will be removed during the treatment process. By maintaining a low turbidity and thereby removing the particles from the water, the threat of cryptosporidium organisms getting into the drinking water system is greatly reduced.

**Asbestos** – Samples are examined for asbestos fibers in the source water and finished water on a routine basis. The EPA has determined that asbestos fibers greater than 10 microns in length could potentially cause lung cancer. We did not find fibers that are in this size category.

**Taste and odor compounds** – MIB and geosmin are monitored both in the source water and finished water. These analyses assist the personnel to determine the effectiveness of the treatment process as they strive to reduce these compounds and provide a drinking water without detectable tastes and odors.

The City of Chicago carefully monitors the chlorine, using just enough chlorine to protect its customers, without compromising taste. Lastly, fluoride is added to inhibit tooth decay. A corrosive inhibitor is added to protect the distribution system pipes.

The finished water is pumped into the City of Chicago supply system. The water there is pumped westerly by the city's Springfield Pumping Station through a 48"-36" supply line to the Village of Melrose Park's connection at Harlem and Wabansia.

Water is stored in the Village's 2 million gallon reservoir and again pumped by a booster station at 8300 North Avenue. The water travels through a 42" supply line to 2-4 million gallon reservoirs at the 15th Avenue pumping station and a 2 million gallon reservoir at the 23rd Avenue Main Pumping Station. At those points the water is pumped into the local water distribution lines. The Village of Melrose Park once again tests the water for chlorine levels, and adds the required chlorine to insure clean and safe water to its consumers.

## SUBSTANCE EXPECTED IN DRINKING WATER

Under The Safe Drinking Water Act. S.D.W.A., the U.S.A. Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for establishing national limits for hundreds of substances in drinking water. The Act also specifies various treatments that water systems must use to remove these substances.

The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village Of Melrose Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## IF THERE WERE A PROBLEM WITH WATER CONTAMINANT, WHO WOULD NOTIFY ME?

If contaminant levels were to exceed the M.C.L. for safe use, the Village of Melrose Park Department of Public Works will notify you with newspaper, TV and radio announcements. Also, the Village's Emergency Services/Public Safety would patrol the streets of Melrose Park instructing you of what appropriate action you can use to protect your family's health. These actions might include boiling the water for a particular period of time.

## TABULAR INFORMATION

This report includes tables of contaminants found in drinking water. The tables do not list contaminants that were not found in the Chicago and Melrose Park water supply. Any contaminants detected in Melrose Park's water were under maximum contaminants levels (M.C.L.) within the safe drinking water guidelines set by U.S. EPA and are not expected to cause any health risks. However, it is important for you to know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in the water.

The Village of Melrose Park hopes this information helps make its water customers better informed on the water we use in our homes and businesses.

### 2020 NON-DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The following table includes contaminants monitored for, but not detected in the most recent sample. The CCR rule does not require that this information be reported; however, monitoring had indicated that these contaminants were not present in the water supply. In some cases, if a contaminant is not detected in a water supply, monitoring can be reduced to once every three or six years, however, the Village monitors every year.

### DATA TABULATED BY CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT 2020 WATER QUALITY DATA

#### -Definition of Terms;

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Level Found:** This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

**Range of Detections:** This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

**Date of Sample:** If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which water systems must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Nd:** Not detectable at testing limits. **n/a:** not applicable

### DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
<b>TURBIDITY DATA</b>						
Turbidity (%<0.3 NTU) Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit.	N/a	TT(Limit 95% 0.3NTU)	Lowest Monthly %	100%-100%		
Turbidity (NTU) Soil runoff. Highest single measurement.	N/a	TT(Limit 1NTU)	0.16	N/a		
<b>INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>						
Barium (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.	2	2	0.0201	0.0198-0.0201		
Nitrate (As Nitrogen) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.42	0.35-0.42		
Total Nitrate & Nitrite (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.42	0.35-0.42		
TOC (Total Organic Carbon) The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA.						
<b>UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS</b>						
Sulfate (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits	n/a	n/a	27.8	27.5-27.8		
Sodium (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener.	N/a	n/a	9.55	8.73-9.55		
<b>STATE REGULATED CONTAMINANTS</b>						
Fluoride (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth.	4	4	0.75	0.65-0.75		
<b>RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS</b>						
Combined Radium (226/228) (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits	0	5	0.95	0.83-0.95	2/4/2020	
GROSS ALPHA excluding radon and uranium Decay of natural and man-made deposits	0	15	3.1	2.8-3.1	2/4/2020	

### UNIT OF MEASUREMENT

ppm - Parts per million, or milligrams per liter      ppb - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter      NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water  
%<0.5 NTU – Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU  
pCi/l – Picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity.

### WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE FOOTNOTES

#### **Turbidity**

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

#### **Unregulated Contaminants:**

A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

#### **Fluoride**

Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

#### **Sodium**

There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.



**2020 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR CHICAGO**

Contaminant or Program	Violation Type	Monitoring Period Start Date-End Date	Violation Explanation
None	None	None	None
Health Effects (if Applicable)	None	None	None
Actions we took:	None		

**WHAT'S IN MY WATER?**

Each year, the Village analyzes hundreds of water samples for bacteria, turbidity, inorganic contaminants, lead and copper, nitrate, volatile organic contaminants, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic contaminants. For your information, we have compiled a list in the table below showing what substances were detected in our drinking water.

**VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK**

Lead & Copper – Lead and copper samples were collected from 30 area homes. None were found to exceed the Action Level. The 90th percentile values are shown.

**Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2020 (Collected in 2020.)**

Lead and Copper Date Sampled 8/2020						
Lead MCLG	Lead Action	Lead 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
0 ppb	15 ppb	3.23 ppb	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits
Copper MCLG	Copper Action	Copper 90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
ND	ND	ND	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits

**WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS**

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

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**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. **mg/l:** milligrams per litre or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

**Ug/l:** micrograms per litre or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**Na:** not applicable.

**Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDLG):** The level of disinfectant to drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Regulated Contaminants		Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
				MCLG	MCL			
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	25	15.3-25.6	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes)	2020	35	16.95-47.8	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	2020	1.1	0.9-1.2	MRDLG=4	MDRL=4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes

\*MCL Statement: The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM and HAA5 is 80 ppm and 60 ppm respectively and is currently only applicable to surface water supplies that serve 10,000 or more people. These MCLs will become effective 01/01/2005 for all groundwater supplies and surface supplies serving less than 10,000 people. Until 01/01/2005, surface water supplies serving less than 10,000 people, any size water supply that purchase from a surface water source, and groundwater supplies serving more than 10,000 people must meet a state imposed TTHM MCL of 100 ppm. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years experience problems with their livers, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

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UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING**

Collection Point	Contaminant Name	Decetion Range	Limit Range	Collection Year
Distribution System	HAA5	10.3-10.38 u/gl	10.3-10.38 u/gl	2020
Distribution System	HAA6Br	8.98-9.3 u/gl	8.98-9.3 u/gl	2020
Distribution System	HAA9	18.38-18.6 u/gl	18.38-18.6 u/gl	2020
EP from CC#3	Manganese	0.41-0.41 u/gl	0.41-0.41 u/gl	2020

> HAA5 includes: dibromoacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, monobromacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid trichloroacetic acid.

> HAA6Br includes: bromochloroacetic acid, bromodichloroacetic acid, dibromoacetic acid, chlorodibrom monobromoacetic acid, tribromoacetic acid.

> HAA9 includes: bromochloroacetic acid, bromodichloroacetic acid, chlorodibromoacetic acid, dibromoacetic dichloroacetic acid, monochloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, tribromoacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid.

< Manganese: Erosion of natural deposits.

**2020 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR MELOSE PARK**

No violations were found for year 2020.

**WATER CONSERVATION TIPS**

Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply. Such measures not only save the supply of our source water, but can also save you money by reducing your water and sewer bills. Here are a few suggestions.

**Conservation measures you can use inside your home include:**

- Fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc. • Replace old fixtures, install water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances.
- Wash only full loads of laundry. • Do not use the toilet for trash disposal.
- Take shorter showers. • Do not let water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Soak dishes before washing. • Run the dishwasher only when full.

**You can conserve outdoors as well:**

- Water the lawn and garden in the early morning or evening. • Use mulch around plants and shrubs.
- Repair leaks in faucets and hoses. • Use water-saving nozzles.
- Use water from a bucket to wash your car and save the hose for rinsing.

**For questions or concerns regarding this report, please call the Melrose Park Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.**



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