

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

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heroic American worker more than ever!*

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American workers who anonymously toil every day to provide
essential products and services so we can live in the safest, healthiest
and, as I like to think of it, the best country in the world.*

Dear Neighbors,

I am pleased to report that 84 percent of Melrose Park residents have now received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination, which is 17 percent higher than my last report. We are still one of the top towns in suburban Cook County when it comes to being vaccinated.



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

With the rapid rise in people being infected with the COVID-19 Delta strain, I implore residents who have not been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible. Visit the Melrose Park village website home page at www.melrosepark.org and click on the story titled ... Info Where to Get Your Covid 19 Vaccination and Help Keep Our Community Safe. A pop-up menu will appear that gives you locations where to receive a vaccination.

Since 1894, when Congress officially designated Labor Day a national holiday, America has honored the workingmen and work- ingwomen who have made our country the premier economic powerhouse in the world.

Steve Jobs, Thomas Edison, John Rockefeller, Bill Gates, the Wright Brothers and Henry Ford are a few of the visionaries who help make our country great, but without the everyday American worker, those dreams would never have become reality. It was and it is, the hardworking men and women who built our highways and railroads then and now, which allow us to traverse our sprawling country from sea to shining sea. It was and is, the assembly line workers who built the cars, trains and trucks that trav- el those roads and tracks. It was and is, the talented factory workers who design airplanes that allow us to soar like birds and household appliances that make our lives more comfortable. From the farmlands to the factories to the retail industry to the union halls, this nation was built and will continue to be built upon the blood and sweat of the American worker.

This Labor Day, we need to honor the heroic American worker more than ever. This past year tested our country's workforce like no other. Our teachers educated young minds remotely. Restaurant workers shouldered on through numerous shutdowns. Our police and fire officers rushed headlong into situ- ations where they were often exposed to COVID-19. Grocery and retail store clerks wore facemasks for countless hours while sanitizing shelves and counters, all so other Americans could purchase needed goods. Our highest praise is reserved for the medical community who, with little thought for their own safety, forged ahead daily under the direst of conditions to help fight a disease which at times seemed to have no end. And there are countless other professions who were also called upon to sacrifice and work tirelessly during these unprecedented times.

This Labor Day, let's teach our children that the real superheroes are the American workers who anonymously toil every day to provide essential prod- ucts and services so we can live in the safest, healthiest and, as I like to think of it, the best country in the world.

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



Stay well,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico

*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



Village of Melrose Park

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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 MeetingsSept. 13 and 27, Tuesday, Oct. 12

Village Hall Holiday ClosingsSept. 6, Oct. 11

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Serpico and Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame ...

I wish to commend two ambulance paramedics for their services on Feb. 7 and Feb. 10, 2021.

On both occasions, I was brought to the hospital emergency room in Elmhurst, Ill.

Being deaf and having a difficult time communicating with them, they were compassionate and professional. Being a 30-year veteran and a retired police officer for over 20 years, I recognized from my past experiences the duties how paramedics work. Each time I was treated with respect.

Please give my thanks and gratitude for their service and I hope they remain employees representing Melrose Park forever.

• Richard Dietrich

Dear Mayor Serpico ...

I want to bring to your attention some of the proactive work that Lt. Anthony Greco has been doing for the benefit of your community in the village of Melrose Park.

In February, the 911 Cell Phone Bank sent out postcards letting property and evidence rooms across the nation know about our service. Lt. Anthony Greco followed up on that postcard with an inquiry for more details. He learned that our mission is to clear donated phones of all data and return as many to the community as possible as 911 phones, all free of charge. He inquired how the data is cleared and found that:

- All working smartphones, tablets, laptops, thumb drives and SD cards are data erased according to the DOD NIST 800-88 Rev. 1 guidelines using third-party hardware/software solutions. Any older working cellphones (non-iOS or Android) are reset according to manufacturer's guidelines.
- Devices that are too old to be reused or cannot be erased because of a failure are disassembled for parts and sent to our certified EPA R2 recycler to reclaim precious metals. The recycler picks up the devices at our back door, so chain of custody is not broken.

Greco learned that the department would be further protected from any data breach liability by our E&O insurance policy. He further learned that the department has the option to request 911 phones for use in the community at anytime.

Proactive leadership is a real blessing in the times that we live in. Not only has Lt. Greco taken action to provide 911 phones to the community and to protect the data of the individual who lost the device, but also to help save the environment by recycling these units and keeping them out of landfills. It has been a real pleasure to work with him!

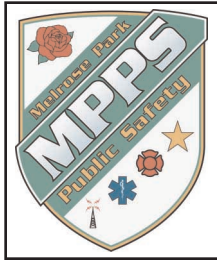
• Sincerely,
Laura L. Stanley
CellPhone Bank

Dear Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame ...

On the morning of June 15, 2021, your department assisted the Elmwood Park Fire Department by responding to our request for assistance in the extinguishment of multiple structures during a second alarm box located at 2919 N. 73rd Court. At this incident, one home was severely damaged from the fire. If not for the aid of your department, along with many other surrounding departments, the two adjacent homes may have suffered extensive damage as well. The extinguishment efforts were successful with minimal damage to the adjacent structures and no injury to residents or rescue personnel.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the help we received from you and your staff during this incident. I am truly grateful.

• Respectfully,
Michael Terzo, Fire Chief
Elmwood Park Fire Department



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

Get On Board! Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 ... Protect Yourself and Others, Get Vaccinated and Follow the Guidelines Set by Medical Professionals Masks Make a Difference

As of the writing of this article certain counties and the city of Chicago have mandated all residents age 2 and older, regardless of a person's COVID vaccination status, will be required to wear a face covering while indoors. When traveling outside of your home it is a good practice to carry a mask and be prepared as rules are different in many areas as no statewide policy is currently in place.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention uses two measures to group counties into the four levels of community transmission: the number of new cases per 100,000 residents and the percent of COVID-19 tests that are positive over the past week.

If a county has reported 50 to 100 cases per 100,000 residents over a seven-day period or has a positivity rate of 8 percent to 10 percent, it falls into the "substantial transmission" tier, while those reporting 100 cases or more per 100,000 or have a positivity rate of at least 10 percent are labeled as "high transmission." Those are the two groups for which the CDC recommends mask-wearing.

Illinois will continue to recommend face coverings for unvaccinated persons, as well as all individuals 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 healthcare 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.

COVID-19 Vaccine

A safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is a critical component of the U.S. strategy to reduce COVID-19-related illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths. Easy access to COVID-19 vaccines is equally important. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working with public health departments, health care providers and other partners to make sure people can easily get a COVID-19 vaccine and that cost is not a barrier.

A Closer Look at How COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines Work

COVID-19 mRNA vaccines give instructions for our cells to make a harmless piece of what is called the "spike protein." The spike protein is found on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-19.

1. **First**, COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are given in the upper arm muscle. Once the instructions (mRNA) are inside the muscle cells, the cells use them to make the protein piece. After the protein piece is made, the cell breaks down the instructions and gets rid of them.
2. **Next**, the cell displays the protein piece on its surface. Our immune systems recognize that the protein doesn't belong there and begin building an immune response and making antibodies, like what happens in natural infection against COVID-19.
3. **At the end of the process**, our bodies have learned how to protect against future infection. The benefit of mRNA vaccines, like all vaccines, is those vaccinated gain this protection without ever having to risk the serious consequences of getting sick with COVID-19.

What You Need to Know

The benefit of mRNA vaccines, like all vaccines, is those vaccinated gain protection without ever having to risk the serious consequences of getting sick with COVID-19.

mRNA vaccines are a new type of vaccine to protect against infectious diseases. mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein – or even just a piece of a protein – that triggers an immune response inside our bodies.

They cannot give someone COVID-19. mRNA vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19.

They do not affect or interact with our DNA in any way. mRNA never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA (genetic material) is kept. The cell breaks down and gets rid of the mRNA soon after it is finished using the instructions.

mRNA Vaccines Are New, But Not Unknown

Researchers have been studying and working with mRNA vaccines for decades. Interest has grown in these vaccines because they can be developed in a laboratory using readily available materials. This means the process can be standardized and scaled up, making vaccine development faster than traditional methods of making vaccines.

mRNA vaccines have been studied before for flu, Zika, rabies and cytomegalovirus (CMV). As soon as the necessary information about the virus that causes COVID-19 was available, scientists began designing the mRNA instructions for cells to build the unique spike protein into an mRNA vaccine.

Future mRNA vaccine technology may allow for one vaccine to provide protection for multiple diseases, thus decreasing the number of shots needed for protection against common vaccine-preventable diseases.

Please continue to consult the village of Melrose Park (www.melrosepark.org) and the Melrose Park DHS websites (www.mpdes.org), and the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Thank You and Be Safe!



A safe and effective vaccine to protect against COVID-19 is now available.

www.cdc.gov

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.

Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

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

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

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

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Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS

Save the Date!



*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Dept.*

**A Message
from
Rick Beltrame,
Director of
Fire
Department**



Melrose Park Firefighters' Association

FALL RAFFLE DINNER



Friday, Oct. 8, 2021 • 6 p.m.-???

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

**\$7000 Top Prize
(\$10,000 in Total Cash Prizes)**

**\$100 Per Ticket • Only 200 Tickets Will Be Sold
(Cost Includes raffle entry, dinner and more.)**

Proceeds will be used to make charitable contributions to various organizations.

MELROSE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT 2021 AD BOOK

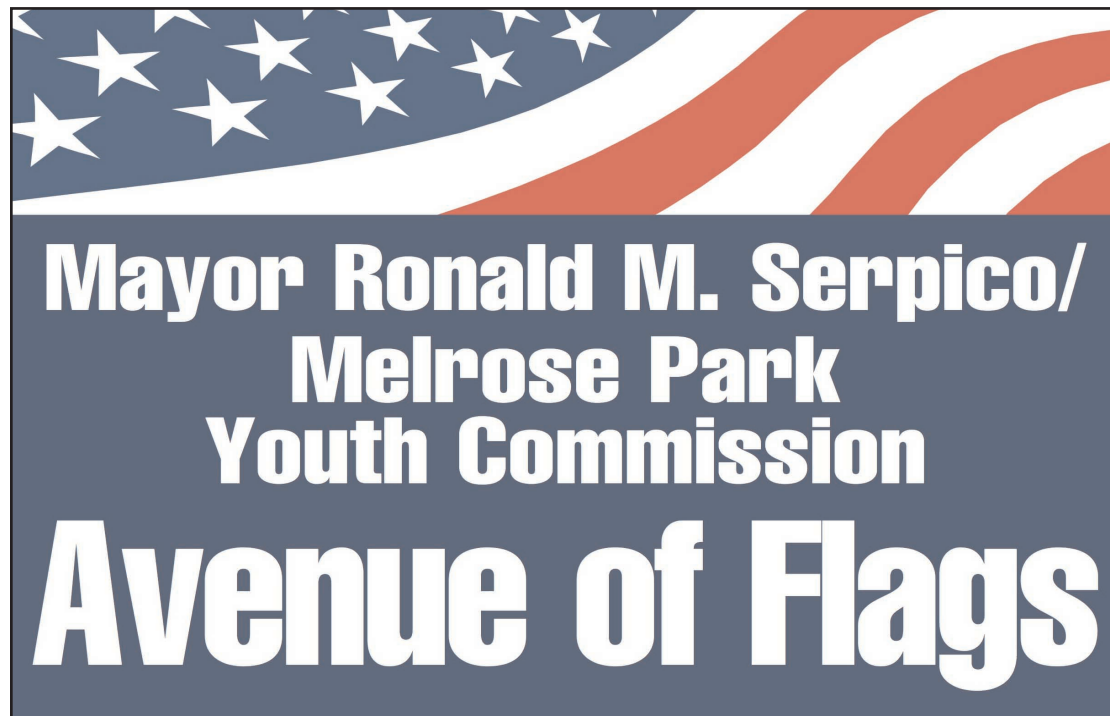
**To complement our Fall Raffle Dinner, the Melrose Park Firefighters' Association
will be producing a commemorative ad book showcasing the
many businesses that have supported us in the past.**

Cost of a full page ad is \$200 and half page ads can be purchased for \$125.

**To purchase tickets or for ad book information, please call
Steve Morella/(708) 906-9383 or Dio Vaccaro/(708) 341-4001.
Deadline to purchase raffle tickets or to reserve an ad is Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.**

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

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



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

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

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

Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

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



A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Director of Police*



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

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

The website can be
translated to
Spanish and Polish.

Melrose Park Police Department

Provide an Anonymous Crime Tip

The Melrose Park Police Department relies on individuals to help prevent and solve crimes in our community. If you have information about criminal activity, please submit it.

However, if you would like to be contacted by a police officer, just include a telephone number or email address where you can be reached.

Submit to tips@melroseparkpd.com.

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.**



Melrose Park Police Department

*Connecting
You to
Community
Resources!*

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.

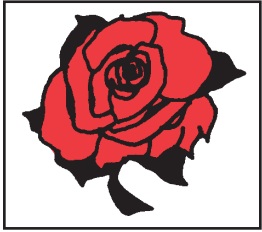
Don't let embarrassment prevent you from reporting criminal activity. The con artist relies on their victims being reluctant to admit they have been scammed.

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>.



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 2022 Senior Painting Program! 2021 Painting List is Now Closed

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**

2022 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2022.

Only one item will be painted per year.

Get your request in early as the list fills fast.

Mayor Serpico's 2022 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. 2022 list will be closed July 31, 2022.

2022 Tree Planting for Parkways

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway for 2022 (one tree per household), we are compiling a list for 2022 Fall Tree Planting. To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128. The 2021 Tree Planting Project is now closed.

2022 – 50/50 Sidewalk Project

If you would like to participate in the 2022 – 50/50 Sidewalk Project to request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information. The 2021 Sidewalk Project is now closed.

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 and Phase Five

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 is out throughout the village. Please follow all street sweeping signs located on village streets. Please remove your vehicle from the street to help expedite sweeping and do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street. Grass clippings and leaves are to be picked up and bagged in a biodegradable bag or tickets will be issued.

*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 Resurfacing Projects Update

ONGOING – 14th Avenue – Division to LeMoyne • 15th Avenue and Main – From 11th Avenue

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



Melrose Park 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.



Silver Creek Stabilization Project – Phase Five

Phase Five of the Silver Creek Stabilization and Concrete Removal Project (area on the west side of Winston Plaza up to 15th Avenue) is underway. In the past, bank erosion was impacting the roadway and guard rails along Winston Plaza. Streambank erosion along residential areas was also occurring. The plans include to improve water quality by protecting the banks with rock toe, re-grading the banks to a stable slope and installing desirable deep-rooted native vegetation. Funding for this project was provided, in part, to the village of Melrose Park by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The project is required in order to stabilize steeply eroding banks in a narrow corridor. Removal of shallow-rooted and invasive shrubs and trees is required in part because they prevent regrading of the banks to a stable and slope, they form dense shade that prevents native deep-rooted vegetation from holding the steep bank slopes and soils in place. The proposed project will be similar in appearance to past phases of work to stabilization Silver Creek extending between Elsie Drive and First Avenue.



Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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

Senior Services

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

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

Have questions you need resources for? We can help. Call Peggy DiFazio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

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

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

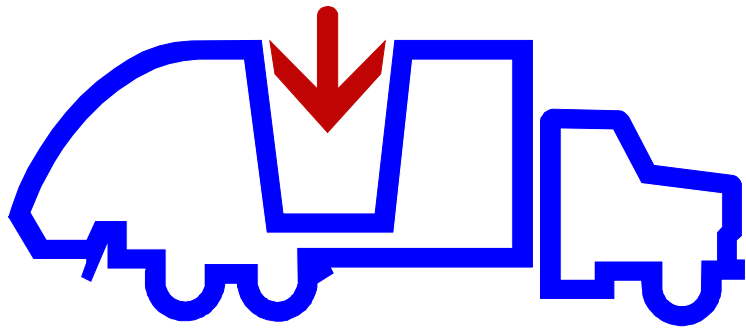
Benefit Access Program Benefits

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

Beneficio de Acceso para el Programa de Beneficios

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Residential Garbage Pickup Information

Republic Services Garbage Schedule for Residential Bi-Weekly Pickup

24th Avenue to 11th Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

Winston Park Area – Tuesday and Friday

West Melrose – Tuesday and Friday

North of North Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

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

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

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

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

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department Garbage Pickup Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This information is also available at www.melrosepark.org.

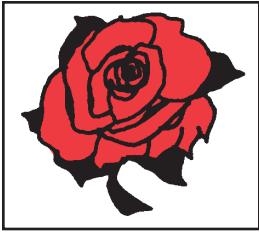
ATTENTION RESIDENTS – CALL TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT RESIDENT GARBAGE CANS

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

REPLACEMENT RESIDENT RECYCLING CANS

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Building, Planning & Zoning Report

From the Desk of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner

Building Department Development Progress – Late Summer 2021

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

• J & J Fish & Chicken	2037 Mannheim Road	Complete	• Physical Therapy Center	290 W. North Ave.	Build-Out
• Cura Leaf	1413 W. North Ave.	Complete	• Tropical Smoothie Cafe	230 W. North Ave.	Complete
• Target Remodel with New Starbucks	850 W. North Ave.	Under Construction	• Goodwill	200 W. North Ave.	Complete
• Starbucks	640 W. North Ave.	Complete	• 7-11 Gas Station/Car Wash	120 W. North Ave.	Permits Issued
• Aspen Dental	620 W. North Ave.	Complete	• LBG Logistics	2057, 2065, 2075 George Street	In Progress
• WellNow Urgent Care	600 W. North Ave.	Complete	• Fresenius Kidney Care	6 N. Ninth Ave.	Complete
• Discount Tire	550 W. North Ave.	In Planning Stage	• Ross Dress for Less	1200 Winston Plaza	Complete
• Buffalo Wild Wings to Go	530 W. North Ave.	Under Construction			
• Chipotle Mexican Grill	500 W. North Ave.	Relocating			
• Panda Express	400 W. North Ave.	Under Construction			
• Raising Canes	300 W. North Ave.	Under Construction			

Village of Melrose Park Designated as Class 7 Through FEMA National Flood Insurance Program

Rating Results in 15 Percent Discount for MP Residents

Attention Melrose Park Residents!

The FEMA National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System is a voluntary incentive program that encourages community flood plain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Going above and beyond the minimum requirements result in discounted flood insurance premium rates based on reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood damage to insurable property.
2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP.
3. Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

A community accrues points to improve its CRS Class rating and receive increasingly higher discounts. Points are awarded for engaging in any of 19 creditable activities, organized under four categories:

- Public information.
- Mapping and regulations.
- Flood damage reduction.
- Warning and response.

In the summer of 2012, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources conducted a community assistance visit with the village of Melrose Park. It was found that the village was in full compliance with the NFIP National Flood Insurance Program and OWR (Office of Water Resources) floodplain management requirements, and became eligible to apply for the CRS program.

After years of continuous hard work with the leadership of Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, the village of Melrose Park was able to achieve a class 7 rating through the National Flood Insurance Program resulting in a 15 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for residents.



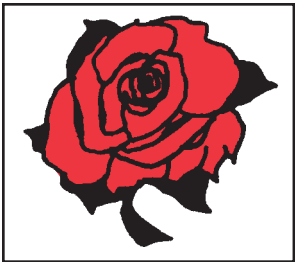
Building Commissioner Ralph Sorce (left) and Dan Adams, inspector, are pictured displaying the FEMA-issued certificate acknowledging the village's recent accomplishment.



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!



Melrose Park Public Library



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!



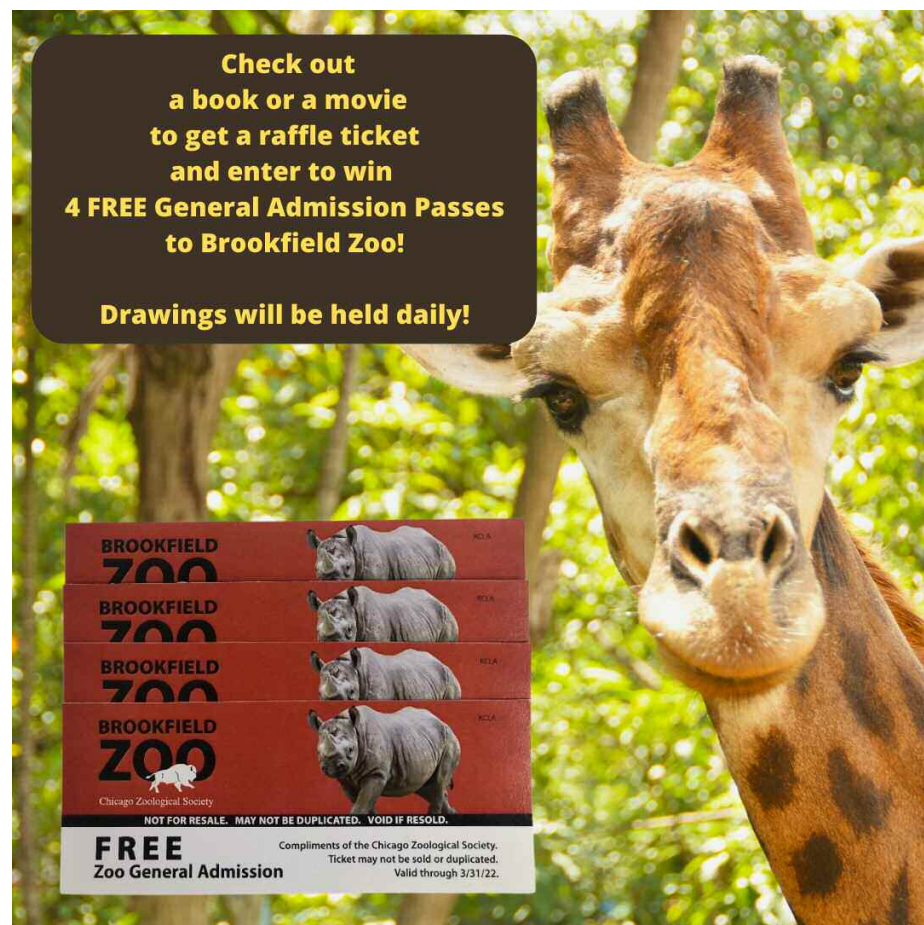
SWANLibraries

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



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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

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Youth Services



Thank you to all our participants of Summer Reading!

Everyone who completed the challenge received their prizes and were entered into the final Grand Prize Drawings for a Target Gift Card. Congratulations to our winning participants!



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.



Mon	Wed	Fri	9:00am - 5:00pm
Tue	Thu		11:00am - 7:00pm
Sat			10:00am - 2:00pm
Last Saturday of the month - Closed			
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Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

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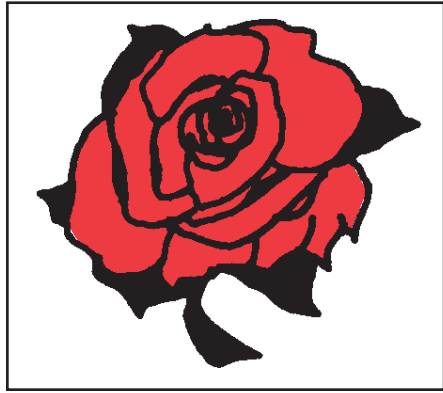


***Come Join in the Fun with
Instructor Barb Rubright
of Rube's Garage!***

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.



Village of Melrose Park

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Age _____

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

Mayor Serpico's

Thanksgiving



Dinner Delivery

**RESERVATION MUST BE
RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
NOV. 1, 2021.**

**MAYOR SERPICO AND THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK ARE NOW
ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS TO DELIVER FREE THANKSGIVING DINNERS
TO SENIORS (65 AND OLDER) AND SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS ONLY ON THURSDAY, NOV. 25.**

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

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

Volunteers Needed!

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

RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE NOV. 1, 2021.

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

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

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



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

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

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

Phone _____ / _____ Please check: ☐ Senior ☐ Special Needs ☐ One Meal ☐ Two Meals
House Cellphone

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

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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

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

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



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**Melrose
Park**

Village Hall News

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

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.

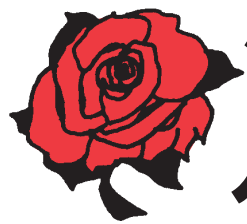
Death Certificates

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.



**Village of
Melrose Park**

COMMUNITY NOTICE



Time to Celebrate... Melrose Park Block Party with Street Closure is Now Allowed

Residents wishing to have a block party must bring or mail in an application for a special permit in the Building Department at the Village Hall. The permit is free, but must be submitted to the village trustees for approval since traffic must be rerouted to accommodate a party. The village will provide barricades on both ends of the block. Any questions, please call (708) 343-4000 and ask for the Mayor's Office.

For a Block Party Permit Application, visit MelrosePark.org.

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.

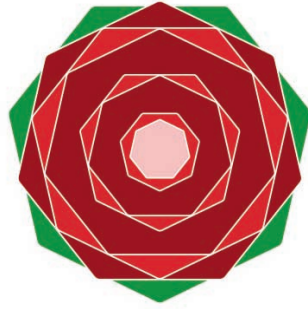
Walgreens Pharmacy
1445 W. North Ave.

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.



MELROSE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MPCCCD Hosted Job Fair on July 9

Nearly 40 local businesses across different industry sectors participated in the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development's Community Job Fair on July 9, at Jane Addams Elementary School.

Attendees had access to several hundred job opportunities being offered that included both part-time and full-time roles, and ranged from non-skilled, entry-level positions to skilled/certified positions, as well as supervisory and management opportunities. The MPCCCD responded to the needs of our local businesses by putting together this job fair and provided an opportunity for residents to seek essential employment opportunities. The MPCCCD will continue to work closely with local employers to assess the need for future job fairs this coming fall.



A special thank you to School District 89 (D89) Superintendent, Dr. David Negron, the D89 staff, Principal Scott Wold, the team at Jane Addams Elementary School, and to the village of Melrose Park for their support and partnership for this event!

Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

On July 11, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) facilitated a one-day pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Winston Plaza to provide area residents with additional access and opportunities to get vaccinated. The MPCCCD partnered with the village of Melrose Park, Winston Plaza, Newmark Merrill Companies, Inc. and the Illinois Department of Public Health to bring additional pandemic-related resources to our community.

At the event, various incentives for people to get vaccinated were offered, including gift cards from Winston Plaza. In addition, those vaccinated previously or at the event were provided an entry in a raffle for several other gift cards/prizes. The prizes included a \$1000 gift card, a \$500 gift card and four \$250 gift cards to businesses in Winston Plaza.



Pictured are JoAnn Matzorkis, Marketing and Operations manager of Winston Plaza, and Isaac Bazbaz, executive director of the MPCCCD, as well as some of the gift card raffle winners!

Welcome New Chamber Members!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) is proud to welcome nine new members since May. Please help us welcome Silvicom Incorporated, WellNow Urgent Care, Comcast Business, First Student School Bus Company, Goodwill Industries, El Picosito Bar & Grill, Westlake Urgent Care NFP, Mauser Packaging Solutions, Republic Services, La Orquidia Banquet Hall, Raising Cane's, and BMO Harris Bank to the MPCCCD! If you are not a member of the MPCCCD please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at lbazbaz@MPCCCD.org and we will schedule time to meet with you discuss the benefits of partnering and working with our chamber.

Save the Date – Business Development Meetings and Breakfasts ... Branding Your Business and Improving Your Digital Footprint

At this session, businesses will get information and support regarding improving your online brand recognition as well as insight to maximize your digital footprint through your website, social media and e-commerce efforts. The pandemic has changed how customers shop and interact with businesses. This workshop will prepare you and your business to take advantage of technology to sustain and grow our business!

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 • 9 a.m. • Location TBD

Cyber Security

During this session, experts will be discussing information technology (IT) security to help protect your business data as well as information of your customers! With the growing use of technology in our businesses, companies need to ensure that they have the necessary “locks” on the doors to protect their business! This is the new normal and you need to be prepared to prevent hacks, phishing, ransomware, etc.

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 • 9 a.m. • Location TBD

West Region Enterprise Zone

In January 2020, the West Region Enterprise Zone (WREZ) was approved by the state of Illinois and offers significant tax benefits including being exempt from paying sales taxes on building materials as well as many other benefits for businesses making capital investments of at least \$50,000. There are numerous other tax credits available to businesses investing within the boundaries of the WREZ which includes the village of Melrose Park and three neighboring communities, as well as parts of unincorporated Cook County. For more information on the WREZ and benefits, visit <https://westregionalez.com> or contact Jack Stonebraker at Jack@MelrosePark.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 • 9 a.m. • Location TBD

For more information on upcoming events and trainings, please follow MPCCCD on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Melroseparkchamber> or visit <https://mpcccd.org>.

MPCCCD Selected as Community Navigator to Help Local Small Businesses Connect to Resources

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) has been selected to work with the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition (IBIC) as part of a program funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Development to provide support and assistance to local small businesses. The primary function of this program is to provide businesses with means and technical assistance necessary to gain access to funding, resources, certifications, etc. The MPCCCD team's work for most of the remainder of 2021 will be to help educate businesses on the upcoming Back to Business (B2B) Grant from the state of Illinois.

Join Your Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Today!

The MPCCCD is a fast-growing business and community-based organization that helps drive economic development opportunities in and around the Melrose Park area. Join the MPCCCD in its endeavors by becoming a valued member. For details about the organization and for membership registration structures, visit us at <https://mpcccd.org/benefits-dues/>.

If you own or manage a local business and are not currently getting emails and newsletters from the MPCCCD, please sign up to receive newsletters from the bottom of the website at <https://mpcccd.org>.

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!



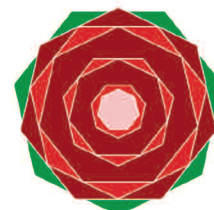
Please Join the Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Group!

- 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.

**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.

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

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.

SUMMER 2021 SPECIAL

Adults – \$25 per hour. • Seniors and children – \$15 per hour.
Golf lessons coming soon!

Active Adults

Fall Flannels Bingo

- Boxed-lunch included; Wednesday, Sept. 29, noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person; Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

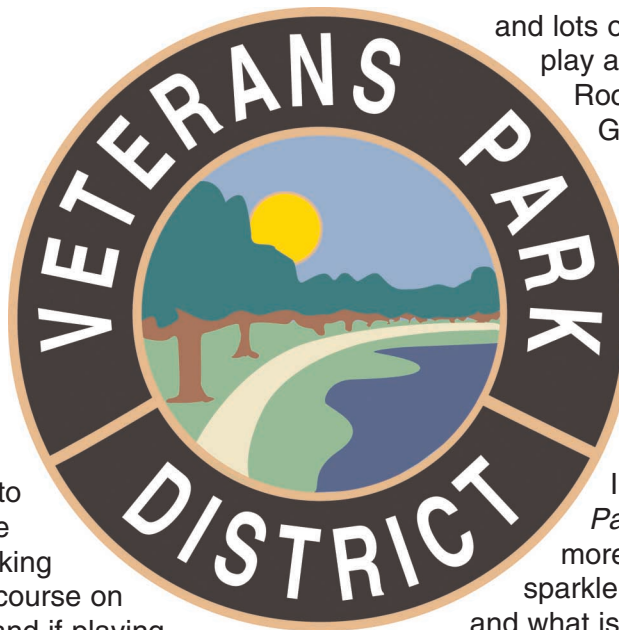
Bunco & Brunch

Calling all bunco lovers. This program is designed with social butterflies in mind but welcomes all!

- Monday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake.
- Monday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.
- \$8 per person, per class.

Travel with VPD: Four Winds Casino Resort

Take part in the Four Winds Casino adventure and try your luck. This Michigan casino offers all sorts of gaming options: table games, roulette



and lots of themed slot machines! Guest will receive \$15 in slot play and a \$10 lunch voucher. Lunch options include Hard Rock Café, Timber Fast Food & Deli, the buffet or Grab N' Go.

- Tuesday, Nov. 16; \$36 per person; Departure – 9 a.m., Cimbalo Fitness Center/9:15 a.m. Grant Park Recreation Center; Return – 4 p.m.; Location – New Buffalo, Mich.

Travel with VPD: Lunch & Holiday Show at Fireside Theatre

Join us for an early lunch followed by a matinee show. This joyous musical features thrilling dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy and a parade of hit Irving Berlin songs, including *Blue Skies*, *Easter Parade*, *Cheek to Cheek*, *White Christmas* and many more. It's a year-round classic to make any holiday sparkle! Call (708) 343-5270 to learn about the lunch menu and what is included.

- Thursday, Dec. 2; \$100 per person; Departure – 8 a.m., Cimbalo Fitness Center/8:15 a.m., Grant Park Recreation Center; Return – 6 p.m.; Location – Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Youth Sports

Volleyball

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

- Sept. 1-22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; \$55 Residents/\$70 Nonresidents.
- Oct. 6-29, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; \$55 Residents/\$70 Nonresidents.
- Nov. 3-Dec. 1, 4:30-5:30 p.m., \$55 Residents/\$70 Nonresidents; No class Nov. 26.
- Location – Grant Park Recreation Center.

Early Childhood Classes

Apple-licious

September is the month of apples. Activities will include a little math, some science, taste testing, singing, a story or two and some craft activities.

- Sept. 22-Oct. 6, 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Ages 3-5; \$30 Residents/\$45 Nonresidents; Location – Northlake Preschool.

Colors of Autumn, Ages 3-5

Brown and yellow, and orange and red – these are the colors of changing leaves in autumn. Each activity will explore this beautiful season. We will be painting, so please bring a paint shirt.

- Oct. 7-21, 4:30-5:15 p.m.; \$30 Residents/\$45 Nonresidents; Location – Bulger Hall.

For more information on Veterans Park District events and activities, call us at (708) 343-5270, visit our website at www.vdpd.org or check out our Facebook Page.



Veterans Park District

Pardon Our Dust!

BATAAN PARK

(Located at Ninth Avenue and Sherman.)

Is Getting a Refresh ... Construction is Underway!

Renovations Include ...

- **New ADA Wheelchair Accessible Playground.**
 - **New Outdoor Exercise Equipment.**
 - **Walking Track. • Outdoor Pickleball Courts.**
- **Outdoor Batting Cage. • Parking Lot Entrance to Park.**
 - **Sitting Area with Shade Canopy.**
 - **New Outdoor Washroom Facility.**
 - **Decorative Security Lights.**
- **Poured-in-Place Rubber Playground Surfacing.**

Expected Completion Date - Fall 2021/Spring 2022.

Watch for more information as it becomes available.

Veterans Park District is committed to enhancing the quality of life of our residents by offering the best in recreational and leisure services.

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INDOOR GOLF SIMULATOR



**RESERVE A TEE TIME
CALL CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER at 708-343-5151**

2021 SUMMER SPECIAL

July & August

\$25

per 1 hour rental of the golf simulator room

Rentals are based per the hour. It might take one golfer at least one hour per 18-hole game.

We highly suggest booking at least 1 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 re-required to be clean.

Cimbalo Fitness Center

**1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park
(708) 343-5151**



COMING SOON: Golf Lessons, Leagues and Tournaments!
CALL (708) 343-5151 TO BE PLACED ON THE INTEREST LIST.



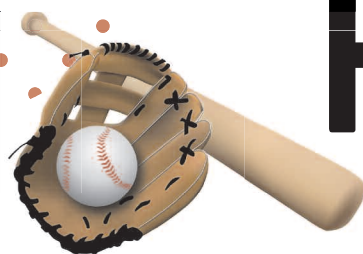
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HITTING AND FIELDING



AGES 10-16

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 5PM-6PM
SEPTEMBER 1ST-24TH
OCTOBER 5TH-28TH**

\$55 RESIDENT/\$70 NON RESIDENT

INSTRUCTOR: NICO URBINATI

**LOCATION: GEORGE A LEONI COMPLEX
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Veterans Park District **After School Care**

We provide a safe, caring, active environment that promotes education and an healthy lifestyle. Children socialize, relax, play games/sports, begin homework, engage in creative arts and form positive relationships with peers. Take advantage of this great program for your child's after school needs!

Grades: K-5 (full or afternoon Kindergarten only)

Days: 2 day minimum required

Time: After school - 6 PM

Fees: Payments Due Monthly

2 Days: \$74 per month

3 Days: \$111 per month

4 Days: \$147 per month

5 Days: \$183 per month

Location: Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake

School Transportation Available For:

District 83: Roy, Scott, Westdale

District 87: Whittier

(minimum of 5 children required at each school)

**Please call 708-343-5270
for more information**

Parents must complete a registration packet before a child is allowed to register and must wait 2 business days before they can begin. Packets are available at Grant Park and Leoni Complex.



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VETERANS PARK DISTRICT MINI SOCCER

Ages 4-6

Mondays

September 6-27

5:00pm - 6:00pm

George A Leoni Complex, Melrose Park

\$45 Resident / \$60 Non Resident



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BASKETBALL ACADEMY

**This 4 week clinic is led by USBA's Annie Roberts.
This clinic will focus on ball handling,
offensive/defensive skills, passing, and shooting.**

Ages 8-14

Tuesdays

September 7th - 28th

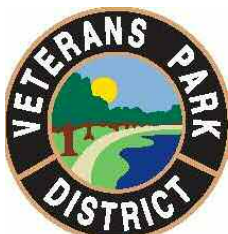
October 5th-26th

6:30-7:30pm

\$55 Resident / \$70 Nonresident

Grant Park Recreation Center

44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake



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BALLET & DANCE

Our popular dance program is designed to teach your child how to be creative through movement.

Creative Movement (Ages 3-4)

Ballet I (Ages 5-7)

Ballet II (Ages 7-11)

Modern/Jazz (Ages 7-11)



Located at
Kahl Park
255 E Palmer Ave. Northlake, IL



**Classes begin the week of
September 15th**

Please call 708-343-5270
or email at dance@vpdpark.org
for more information



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

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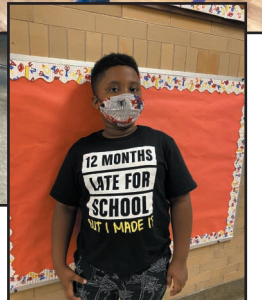
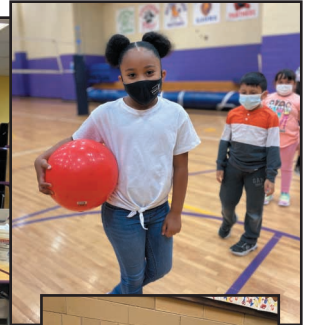
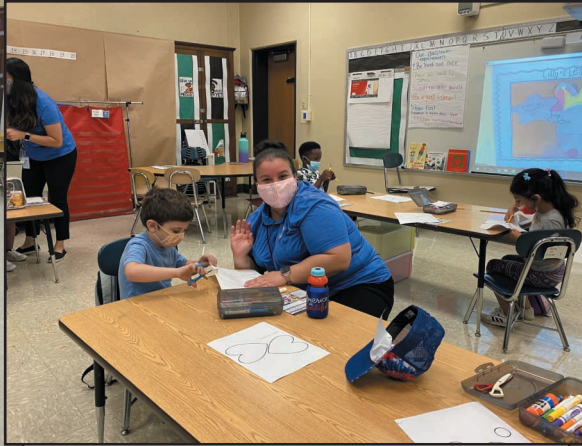
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PowerScholarsAcademy

In partnership with the West Cook YMCA, District 89 offered a five-week summer program for students across the district entering first and second grade this coming school year.

The Power Scholars Academy held at Melrose Park School focused on increasing students' academic success by preventing summer learning loss and by providing whole child classroom programming designed to support healthy minds and healthy bodies while also engaging families in the education process.



Camp-Can-Do

Camp-Can-Do ushers in its 16th year in the district! In this summer school program, incoming kindergarten students get an insight of what kindergarten will be like prior to the start of the new school year. D89 dual language teachers, Norma Grajeda and Rogsilenia Fernandez, led this year's Camp-Can-Do participants!

Kindergarten JumpStart

District 89 served 70 incoming kindergartners through the Kindergarten Jump Start Program this summer. Students enjoyed a fun-filled morning of readiness skills that prepared them for the start of kindergarten in the fall.



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Basketball



D89Summer AthleticCamps

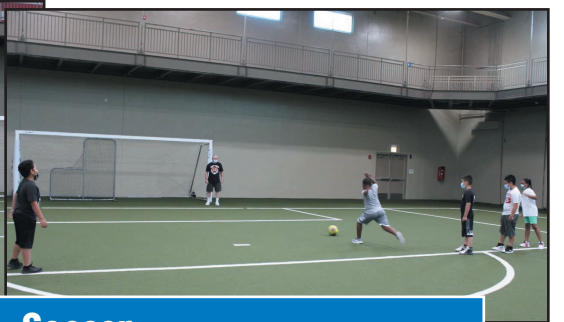
District 89 held three sessions of athletic camps over the summer for upcoming fourth-eighth graders. Students chose to learn the fundamentals of the following sports: basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf or cheer.



Volleyball



Soccer



Cheer



Golf



AdministrativeAcademy

District 89 Administrative Team met for Administrative Academy on July 28, 2021, to participate in professional learning to help them build a culture of staff wellness. Gina Sierra and Dr. Sonya Spaulding, specialists from the West 40 Regional Office of Education, shared information on leading a positive school culture, prioritizing self-care, staff wellness and compassion resilience.

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A Message from Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, C.S. Pastor and Rector The Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 128th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Celebration Sunday, July 18, 2021

God in his loving care always satisfies our needs. There is no doubt that thanks to the providential love of God the celebration honoring and venerating our Blessed Mother was a great moment of spiritual nourishment and blessings for many.



We had the honor to celebrate the Branda family Candle House for their 100th anniversary participating in our annual Feast procession. May Our Lady of Mt. Carmel continue to bless them for generations to come so that they may keep their devotion and commitment to our Blessed Mother.

To all who joined us in our celebrations, those who preached the novena, those who supported us with their generosity through the offering of roses, candles, Holy Masses, items for refreshments after novena, their donations, and the village officials and residents that welcomed us as we visited their homes during the procession, I express my heartfelt gratitude.

To the Feast Committee, Altar and Rosary and the many generous volunteers who dedicated hours of service, as I commend you for the excellent service well done, I pray that the baby Jesus that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel holds in the palm of Her hand pours abundant blessings on you and your entire family.

May our Mother Mary with Her tender care embrace you and the Madonna together with baby Jesus fill your hearts and life with God's grace and many blessings. Many thanks to all for the work and mission well accomplished.

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



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Next Issue – October 2021
(Deadline for material Sept. 25, 2021.)
Remaining Schedule for 2021
October and December

Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

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

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

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



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Masses

SAT: 4:30pm English | 6:00pm Spanish

SUN: 8:30am English

WEEKDAYS: 8:00am English

Masses

SUNDAYS: 10:30am English

12:00pm Spanish

FIRST FRIDAY

Dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Recieve His promises promoting his devotion.

The purpose and the goal of the practice of 9 consecutive First Fridays is to recieve the Holy Communion in the spirit of reparation preceded by the act of consecration and veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Holy Communion should be received with the highest reverence and the sacrament of reconciliation is strongly recommended earlier (or the same day). Confessions will be available during our Holy Hour of Adoration.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE DEVOTION OF THE MOST
SACRED HEART OF JESUS EVERY
FIRST FRIDAY AT 7:00PM
FOR NINE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS



FIRST FRIDAY

*"Those who shall
promote this
devotion shall have
their names written
in My Heart, never
to be blotted out."*

— Our Lord to St. Margaret
Mary Alacoque

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education is open for **First Communion** and **Confirmation** which are Two-Year programs per sacrament. Classes will be held at **St. Eulalia** on **Saturdays** from **8:30am to 10:00am**. Requirements include a **Baptism Certificate** and a **Birth Certificate**. A **First Communion Certificate** is required for those enrolling in the 1st year of Confirmation.

Registration

Enroll online at
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or call
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For news and updates, please visit us at
www.shsparish.org or call 708-344-0757.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe Now Open at 230 W. North Ave.



Tropical Smoothie Cafe is open for business! Mayor Serpico, Isaac Bazbaz (of the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development) and corporate team members from Tropical Smoothie Cafe are pictured at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Tropical Smoothie Cafe opened their doors recently with a warm welcome to members of the Melrose Park community.

Mayor Serpico joined in the grand opening celebration and expressed his appreciation to the franchise for its commitment to our village!

ABOUT TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE

Tropical Smoothie Cafe (TSC), sometimes referred to as Tropical Smoothie, or Tropical, is a restaurant franchise located within the United States. In addition to smoothies, the cafes offer sandwiches, wraps, salads, flat breads, and introduced bowls to their food line in 2017.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe Melrose Park's menu boasts bold, flavorful smoothies – like the Island Green® and Sunrise Sunset™ – with a healthy appeal, all made-to-order with quality ingredients. TSC finds that real fruits, veggies and juices just taste better.

Their toasted flatbreads, wraps, sandwiches, quesadillas and bowls are made to suit your tastes with quality meats, fresh produce and flavorful sauces, all with a bit of tropical fun!

Stop by the cafe and enjoy a fun, relaxing atmosphere and unparalleled hospitality. Feeling pressed for time and craving convenience? Order ahead and skip the line with the Tropical Rewards app. Need to please a crowd? Place your group or catering order on our website.

Whether you're rockin' our Watermelon Mojito® and Mango Berry Cosmo Smoothies or divin' into a Poolside Quesadilla, TSC's summer flavors are goin' wherever you're goin'. We'll bring the pool party! Get them delivered today!

**Visit TSC at 230 W. North Ave. to join in on the fun
or call (708) 223-4666 to place an order now!**

For a quick glance at the full menu, visit TropicalSmoothieCafe.com.

Presence Behavioral Health (PBH) Turns 50 this Year!



Presence Behavioral Health (PBH), now a part of AMITA Health, turns 50 this year. PBH, formerly Proviso Family Services, provides comprehensive behavioral health services to help individuals and their families improve their ability to cope with serious mental or behavioral illnesses, live productive lives and have healthy relationships. In addition, Centro de Salud, PBH's Latino outpatient program, is also celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Services are available for children, adolescents, adults and older adults. We have a 24/7 crisis hotline – (708) 681-HELP (4357) – and mobile crisis staff located at the various police departments throughout Proviso Township. We provide psychiatry and therapy in person and virtually for individual, couples, and group treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders. We offer a

comprehensive continuum of services in order to help the residents within Proviso Township and beyond throughout their recovery journey.

Our mission statement is "Extending the healing ministry of Jesus." We believe that by doing as Jesus had in serving others and making ourselves available to help those in need and by treating the whole person, mind, body and spirit, we will be able to continue to provide great care for those that come to us. We have two locations, one in Melrose Park and the other in Westchester. To schedule an appointment in English or Spanish, call (708) 410-0615 or you may also connect with us online at AHBHCentralAccess@amitahealth.org. We accept most major insurance plans as well as Medicare and Medicaid, and discounted rates are available for those that qualify. We partner with the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission and are able to provide some services to residents that reside in the township.



Congratulations to the Melrose Park Little League (MPLL) 10u All-Stars

Our Little League District 10 Champions and State of Illinois Second Place Finalists



The Melrose Park Little League 10u All-Stars defeated the River Forest 10u state team on July 9, 2021, advancing to the State of Illinois Finals in Beardstown, Ill. The Melrose Park Little League 10u All-Stars represented District 10 at the Little League State Finals on July 23-26, 2021, making it to the championship final game and walking away with second place in the state of Illinois.

Congratulation to the MPLL All Stars – Sofia Arteaga, Nayeli Bolanos, Ava Casey, Olivia Casey, Gabriella Corral, Sophia Deoudes, Sofia Kateeb, Isabella Marinaro, Leilani Orozco, Layla Trevino, Arianna Vega and Prisila Villegas.

Also, congratulations to manager, Josefina Corral, and coaches, Andrea Fuentes, Giselle Vasquez, Tony Fuentes, Luis Bolanos, James Kateeb and Raymond Vega.

The Melrose Park Little League 10u All-Stars would like to thank the families, sponsors and community for supporting them on this incredible journey.

Well, How Good Did You Do?



Remember this photo from the last issue of *The Rose*? It's the Melrose Park Pony League All-Star Team circa 1973.

We wanted to have a little fun and see if you were able to identify the full team or even a majority of the players.

After doing some serious research and talking with a few of the pictured all-stars, here's what we came up with: front row (left to right) – Anthony Pisciola, Joe Ross, Reese Marcusson, Phil Nocita; second row (left to right) – Ray Salinas, Chuckie Werckenthien, Billy Campanelli, Richie Calabrese; third row (left to right) – Nelson Gord, Anthony Sabatino, Billy Cesarini, Gary Pygman, Ricky Earnest; and top row (left to right) – Cal Gord, Mr. Gron and Danny Cesarini.

Well ... How did you do?

Melrose Park Gardeners Show Off Their Stuff!

In Melrose Park, gardening has always been a huge tradition and definitely a summer conversation piece.

And this year, it's no different.

Pictured are Pete Dargento and his son, Lino, who are some of the many Melrose Park residents known for their green thumbs and the excellent gardens they cultivate annually.

Pete says his family enjoys maintaining the herbs and vegetables, and serving the produce with their family meals every year.

The Dargentos are proudly showing a 15-inch cucumber that sprouted this summer. Great job, guys!



Melrose Park Residents – If you would like to have your photo in *The Rose* showing some of the masterpieces from your garden, please send them via email to therose@melrosepark.org along with your name and a phone number that's best to reach you. Please include "The Rose Garden Photo" in the subject line.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Meals on Wheels needs
Volunteer Meal Delivery Drivers
in your community!**



Drivers needed Monday thru Friday mornings*

***Routes take 90 minutes to 2 hours to complete**

**For Information or to Volunteer,
please contact us at:**

**Volunteer@cnnssa.org
or call 312-207-5290**

Please join State Representative
KATHLEEN WILLIS

with the **Cook County Sheriff's Recycling Program**

for their

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Saturday, September 25

9 a.m. to Noon

Rep. Willis' District Office

112 N. Wolf Rd. • Northlake

Help protect yourself from identity theft! Bring documents that contain your personally identifiable information—such as old bank statements, tax returns, bills, receipts, credit card applications and outdated medical records—to be safely shredded.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office is also collecting the following items for recycling:
Cardboard boxes • Magazines • Electronics • Prescription drugs
(electronics will be first come first serve.)

Please remember to remove all paper clips, staples and other bindings.

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

• **Limit two boxes per car.**

- Residential shredding only (no commercial shredding).
- Shredding accepted until shred trucks reach capacity.



For more information, please contact Rep. Willis' constituent services office at **708-562-6970** or **RepWillis77@gmail.com**.



COVID-19

Know the Difference

Is it a COLD or FLU or COVID-19?

Signs and Symptoms	COLD	FLU	COVID-19
Symptom onset	Gradual	2 days	2-14 days
Body Aches	Slight	Common	Common
Cough	Common	Common	Common
Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes	Sometimes
Fatigue/Weakness	Sometimes	Common	Common
Fever/Chills/Shaking	Rare	Common	Common
Loss of Taste or Smell	Never	Never	Sometimes
Shortness of breath or Difficulty Breathing	Rare	Common	Common
Stuffy nose	Common	Common	Rare
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes	Rare
Sore throat	Common	Common	Common
Headache	Rare	Common	Common



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serving adults and children of the community



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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.

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



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Cook County Launches Project Rainbow

New Initiative Seeks to Address Learning Loss Magnified by COVID-19 with Creation of Free Early Childhood and Family Programming through the County TV Station and a New Mobile App

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle was recently joined by community leaders, tech innovators, cultural institutions, museums, non-profits, and other partners to announce Project Rainbow: a new county-created, family-focused recovery initiative designed to address the education barriers and learning loss exacerbated by the pandemic.

Through this initiative, Cook County and its Project Rainbow partners will produce new video content, or repurpose existing informative and educational content, to be used by children and families. To broaden the scope of the initiative's possibilities, future Cook County initiatives and programming involving children, families, or the arts will now be recognized by the county as Project Rainbow initiatives.

"I am proud to introduce Project Rainbow and look forward to the educational opportunities it will provide to young children and families in Cook County and beyond," said President Preckwinkle. "We know there has been a tremendous learning loss for our children throughout our county, state and nation. Project Rainbow is a unique and creative way in which government and our partners can provide enriching, diverse programming for our children to supplement their education."

As the content library builds over time, Project Rainbow programming will appear on Cook County's cable channel (channel 22/900 on Comcast) at 10 a.m. and repeats at 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The broadcasts began Thursday, Aug. 12.

The concept for Project Rainbow was created by Nick Shields, Director of Communications and Public Affairs for the Office of the President and was made possible with the support of the partners contributing to this initiative.

Through the generous support of the University of Chicago and Microsoft, all Project Rainbow content will also be available on-demand through a newly developed mobile app. Developed by the University of Chicago TechTeam and advised by app experts at Microsoft, the free Project Rainbow app will be available on the Google Play store as well as the Apple Store.

A portion of Project Rainbow content will draw on the partnership and expertise of Golden Apple's award-winning teachers who are also state-certified teacher evaluators. Through this partnership, Project Rainbow will provide literacy enrichment videos for early childhood learners, geared specifically for 3- to 6-year-olds. Developed by Golden Apple's mentors, the curriculum is aligned to the Common Core State Standards, Illinois Learning Standards, and Creative Curriculum. Each lesson is designed to have a predictable structure, integrated content areas, a home connection for parents and the adults in children's lives, and accessibility for diverse learners including special education and dual language learners.

The curriculum will be visually imagined by the award-winning Chicago Children's Theatre team led by Jacqueline Russell, Co-Founder and Artistic Director at the Chicago Children's Theatre and award-winning bilingual actor, educator and storyteller and Jasmin Cardenas, who will serve as the curriculum's teacher.

For a child home during the day with a caretaker, children of parents who are working from home and in need of high-quality programming on an iPad, or children coming home from school and seeking an educational alternative to afternoon TV time, Project Rainbow is intended to be a resource for residents and families in a flexible way that suits their needs.

"I'm immensely grateful to all of the partners who have rallied around our call to provide opportunity and educational resources for children and families through this unique and positive initiative," Cook County Board President Preckwinkle said.

Project Rainbow partners include Adler Planetarium, Ariel Investments, Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Children's Museum, Chicago Children's Theatre, Chicago History Museum, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Negaunee Music Institute of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Common Ground Foundation, Cook County Health, DuSable Museum of African American History, Erikson Institute, Field Museum, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Golden Apple, Housing Authority of Cook County, Joffrey Ballet, Microsoft, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Museum of Science and Industry, National Museum of Mexican Art, Shedd Aquarium and The University of Chicago

For more information on Project Rainbow, please visit projectrainbow.cookcountyil.gov.



Cook County Weather Safety Tips for Pets

Cook County Animal and Rabies Control urges pet owners to take special precautions to protect the health and welfare of their pets during heat advisory days. The department offers tips for pet owners to keep in mind:

Do not leave your pet in a hot car: Even with the windows rolled down, studies have shown that the temperature inside the car can increase 15 degrees above the outside temperature. The law requires that any time the ambient temperature is above 78 degrees, you cannot leave your dog in a car.

Keep your pets cool when outside: All dogs should be provided with cool water and shade, and monitored when outside. Short-coated animals and animals with white or tan fur are susceptible to sunburn, especially on their noses.

Consider a haircut: If your dog has a thick coat, consider a haircut for summer. One inch is a good length to keep your dog comfortable while avoiding sunburn.

Take care of your dog's paws: Remember that asphalt and sidewalks are hotter than grass and dogs' paw pads are highly sensitive to heat. Whenever possible, walk your dog on grass, dirt or gravel, and avoid asphalt and concrete during a heat wave.

Keep inside temperatures cool: Make sure your indoor pets have water and are comfortable when in the home. And don't be alarmed if you see your cat sleeping somewhere odd, like the bathtub or the closet. Cats look for the coolest spot in the home.

Ensure window screens are secure: Before opening any windows in your home this summer, make sure there is a screen installed. Keep windows without screens closed and ensure adjustable screens are tightly secured. Cats are curious by nature and an open window without a screen could pose as a safety risk.

Signs of heat stroke: Know the warning signs of heat stroke especially if your pet has been exposed to hot weather for a substantial amount of time. Symptoms include fatigue, excessive panting, disorientation, lethargy, discomfort, seizures and collapse. If your pet is experiencing any of these symptoms, seek veterinary help immediately.

If you see an animal in distress, call your local police department for assistance.



August, September, October Events at Trailside Museum of Natural History

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

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

Registration required
for some events.

Early Migration Bird Walk – Saturday, Aug. 28 • 7:30 a.m. • Free

Join John Elliott, of Chicago Audubon, for a casual walk on our trails to check for birds that are already starting to migrate south! All levels of birding interest are welcome. We have some binoculars to lend. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also 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

Raising Monarch Butterflies – Saturday, Aug. 28 • 1 p.m. • Free

Come to Trailside to see how we raise monarch butterflies from tiny eggs to hungry caterpillars to migrating monarchs. You will also learn why this is important and how you can help butterflies. Family program. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also 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

Family Pond Paddle – Tuesday, Aug. 31 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Free

Families, enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond, located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment and kayaks provided. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also 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

Nature Story Trail: "Senorita Mariposa" – Friday, Sept. 3-Sunday, Sept. 5 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Free

Walk a short trail near the museum while reading an English/Spanish children's book about the migration of monarch butterflies. Afterwards, stop in the museum to pick up a free bag with a related craft and outdoor activities so the adventures can continue! All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

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

Nature Story Trail: "Senorita Mariposa" – Friday, Sept. 10-Sunday, Sept. 12 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Free

Walk a short trail near the museum while reading an English/Spanish children's book about the migration of monarch butterflies. Afterwards, stop in the museum to pick up a free bag with a related craft and outdoor activities so the adventures can continue! All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

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

Guided Bird Walk – Sunday, Sept. 19 • 8 a.m. • Free

Join John Elliott, of Chicago Audubon, for a guided bird walk on our trails to see both resident and migrating birds. All levels of birding experience are welcome! We have some binoculars to lend. Ages 10 years and up. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

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

Family Pond Paddle – Wednesday, Sept. 22 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Free

Families, enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment and kayaks provided. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call (312) 533-5751.

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Family Pond Paddle • Wednesday, Sept. 22 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Free

Families, enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment and kayaks provided. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call (312) 533-5751.

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Early Autumn Nature Walk • Sunday, Sept. 26 • 11 a.m. • Free

Join us for a guided nature walk along our trails as summer transitions to fall. We will see blooming fall wildflowers, the first changes in tree leaf color, and perhaps some migrating wildlife! All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

CONTACT: (708) 366-6530 • trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov

Fall Fungi Identification Hike • Thursday, Sept. 30 • 10 a.m. • Free

Join a naturalist on a casual hike as we look for examples of the various groups of fungi found in the preserves. A special emphasis will be on key field characteristics. Ages 18 and up. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

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Special Event ...



Halloween Hoot N' Howl • Friday, Oct. 8 • 5:30-8 p.m. • Free

Join our partners the River Forest Public Library and the River Forest Park District at Thatcher Woods for an evening of slightly spooky family fun featuring live music, pumpkin painting, native animals, marshmallows around a campfire, hayrides and much more. All visitors over 2 years of age must wear a mask indoors at all times. Unvaccinated visitors should also wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing (six feet from other people) is not possible.

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Plan Ahead! Join in the Seasonal Fun!

**Decorate your home
for the holidays!
Why not?**

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

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

**Watch for more information
in upcoming issues of
The Rose
or call the
Melrose Park
Youth Commission
at (708) 343-4000.**

News From the Zoo

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



Brookfield Zoo's Calendar of Events – August-October 2021 Check Out These Attractions Available for Zoogoers!

ZooBrew • Saturday, Aug. 28

ZooBrew, sponsored by Hop Valley, is on tap at Brookfield Zoo for guests 21 and over. Enjoy samplings from a selection of over 80 beers, lagers and ales at the 10th annual beer-tasting event. Beer enthusiasts can choose from three tasting options – half session (\$40) from noon-2 p.m., full session (\$60) from 3:30-7:30 p.m., or a VIP session (\$95) from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Designated driver tickets, featuring unlimited soft drinks, are also available for each session. All tickets include commemorative swag and admission to the zoo, allowing plenty of time to see your favorite animals. VIP attendees also receive exclusive samplings of select specialty brews, food and visits with animal ambassadors. Children are not allowed in the event area. Photo ID is required upon entry. For additional information and to make reservations, visit CZS.org/ZooBrew2021.



Brookfield Zoo Run • Sunday, Sept. 12

Whether you're fast like a cheetah or prefer a more leisurely stroll like a tortoise, Brookfield Zoo Run fits all paces. The fun-filled event, presented by Aquafina and Gatorade, and sponsored by DuPage Medical Group, features a chip-timed 5k race and a chip-timed one-mile race for kids ages 4-13. The 5k, which begins at 8:30 a.m., costs \$35-\$45 depending on registration date. The one-mile race for youngsters follows at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$25. Each runner will receive a sling backpack, bib containing timing chip, and snacks and beverages. Make it a full day at the zoo – bring family and friends in for free to cheer you on and visit the animals after the races! Proceeds from the event will go towards the Chicago Zoological Society's Animal Care and Conservation Fund. To register and for further information, go to CZS.org/ZooRun2021.



Howl: Helping Our WildLife • Saturday, Sept. 18

Join young professionals for an evening at Brookfield Zoo's Habitat Africa! The Savannah and Great Bear Wilderness to learn how to get involved with the Chicago Zoological Society's (CZS) Associates. These dedicated volunteers share an interest in animals and conservation. As Society ambassadors, they support CZS through fundraising events, conservation education and advocating public awareness for the animals at Brookfield Zoo, as well as its research, fieldwork and education programs. Associates provide an essential role in assisting CZS and its future. Tickets to the inaugural event, which includes hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, are \$100 for general admission and \$150 for VIP admission. Proceeds from this fun and informative evening will benefit the society's animal care and welfare initiatives as well as its conservation and education programs. To register, go to CZS.org/HOWL2021.



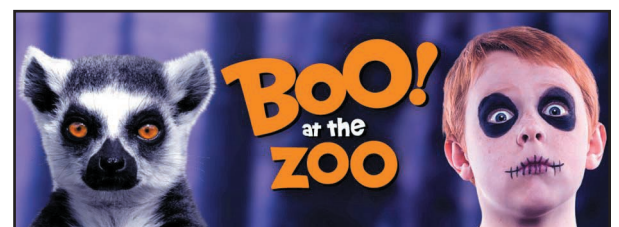
Oktoberfest at Brookfield Zoo • Saturday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 26

Zoogoers can toss on their lederhosen and enjoy live polka music at the Beer Garden from 11 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. on Brookfield Zoo's East Mall, and celebrate Oktoberfest presented by Leinenkugel. The event is free with general admission. Available for purchase will be Leinenkugel's Oktoberfest beer and a seasonal menu with bratwurst, sausages, pretzels with beer cheese and more. Spot the Leinie's mobile pedi-cab and, if you're over 21, you may just get your hands on some complimentary memorabilia.



Boo! at the Zoo • Saturdays-Sundays, Oct. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24

Families can have a howling good time at Brookfield Zoo's annual Halloween celebration. Don your favorite costume and take memorable snapshots at the many Halloween-themed photo frames and vignettes, including the new Howl-O-Scene. Backdrops feature pumpkins, bales of hay, black cat cutouts and more! Afterwards, find your way through the Craised Maize corn maze on the Zoo's West Mall or take a spin on the Creepy Carousel. Youngsters will receive sweet treats courtesy of Ferrara Candy as they exit the park. For more information, visit CZS.org/Events.



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

Better Business Bureau and ComEd Team Up to Warn Customers of Door-to-Door Energy-Related Scams

Imposters Returning to Tactics that Target Customers at Their Homes Following Lifting of Pandemic Restrictions

With the gradual lifting of COVID-19 safety restrictions, ComEd and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Chicago and Northern Illinois remind customers to be on the lookout for utility-company imposters approaching homes and businesses to steal information and valuables.

"ComEd takes seriously its responsibility to help our customers protect themselves," said Nichole Owens, ComEd vice president of Customer Channels. "As residents become more comfortable talking with people outside their household, you can bet that imposters will take advantage of this opportunity to approach people at home in an attempt to steal their personal information, financial information and even their belongings."



"With summer officially underway and the arrival of warm weather, we get the most reports of scams, including home repair, tree trimming, driveway and, of course, utility scams," said Steve Bernas, president and CEO of BBB Chicago and Northern Illinois. "We urge consumers to be extremely leery of anyone who knocks at your door or contacts you unsolicited by flyer, phone call or email. We also encourage consumers to do research on businesses and get references before you buy. A great place to start is BBB.org for free reviews and ratings."

In-person, Energy-related Scams

Utility scams consumers have reported to ComEd and the BBB include incidents of scammers who approach homes or small businesses posing as an employee from ComEd, another utility or a tree service company. They attempt to lure the resident or business owner outside to discuss work that the imposter claims needs to be completed. While the individual is outside, an accomplice will enter the home or business to steal valuables and documents containing the individual's personal or financial information.

ComEd and the BBB have also learned of individuals visiting home and business owners, then asking for a copy of their utility bill or other personal documents to steal identities or switch the owner's energy supplier without permission.

Scammers will sometimes call homes and small businesses using a number that appears to be a ComEd phone number. Offenders will also impersonate the names of ComEd and other trusted organizations by creating email addresses or websites that look like the real sites.

Tips to help identify scams

1. ComEd will never come to a customer's home or business to:
 - Demand a payment.
 - Ask for immediate payment with a prepaid cash card, cryptocurrency or third-party banking app.
 - Ask for your ComEd account number or other personal information, such as a driver's license number.
2. ComEd will never call a customer to:
 - Ask for their account number.
 - Ask for personal information such as their Social Security number or bank information.
 - Ask them to make a direct payment with a prepaid cash card, cryptocurrency or third-party banking app.
3. To identify an actual ComEd employee or communication, remember:
 - All ComEd field employees wear a uniform with the ComEd logo, including shirt and safety vest.
 - ComEd employees visibly display a company ID badge with the ComEd logo and employee's name.
 - Check the name on email or websites and make sure they match the name and address of the company you do business with. Look for misspellings or slight alterations.
 - Make a call to verify the suspected email or website is from a trusted source. Use a phone number from your personal business records or the company's official website and not the number provided in the email.

ComEd urges anyone who believes they have been a target or victim of a utility-related scam to call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661). To learn more, visit [ComEd.com/ScamAlert](https://www.comed.com/ScamAlert).

BBB also urges anyone encountering a scam to report it to the BBB Scamtracker (www.bbb.org/scamtracker) as a way to alert others and help protect the community. Consumers can also visit the BBB Scamtracker to view the latest scams nationally, right down to their community.

Nicor Gas Enables Equitable Economic Opportunity

Initial Investment Supports Minority-led Nonprofits Focused on Advancing Education, Job Training, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

Nicor Gas is committing to enable equitable economic impact opportunities across Illinois through organizations and efforts that advance education, job training, investments in entrepreneurship and economic development programs. In support of this focus, Nicor Gas is making an initial two-year, \$100,000 commitment to the United Neighborhoods Equity Fund, an impact fund administered by United Way of Metro Chicago.



"Nicor Gas is committed to bettering the communities where we live, work and play," said John O. Hudson III, president and CEO of Nicor Gas, who also serves as a board member for United Way of Metro Chicago. "This is especially true for those facing barriers to economic growth and success due to lack of equitable financial access and support. United Neighborhoods is taking steps to close those gaps while fostering pathways to opportunity."

The United Neighborhoods Equity Fund aims to support small, Black- and brown-led nonprofits by connecting them to new investment opportunities. According to research by Echoing Green and The Bridgespan Group, leaders of color face challenges connecting to funders, building rapport and securing and sustaining support for culturally relevant strategies. This has led to significant disparities in investment, such as revenue 45% lower for Black-led organizations dedicated to improving outcomes for Black men than similar organizations with white leaders. The United Neighborhoods Equity Fund is a philanthropic commitment to addressing these barriers and creating a more equitable and just Chicago region.

"Nicor Gas' ever-growing commitment to driving positive change in neighborhoods around the region continues to inspire me," said Sean Garrett, president and CEO of United Way of Metro Chicago. "We're delighted to expand our partnership with them through their sponsorship of the United Neighborhoods Equity Fund. Together, we're supporting small, Black and brown-led nonprofits by connecting them to new training, investment opportunities and strengthening their leaders, which advances equity throughout the Chicago region."

Nicor Gas is a top 25 corporate partner of United Way, a partnership that began in 1954. Over the last five years, Nicor Gas and its employees have donated \$4.7 million to 23 United Way chapters located within the company's northern Illinois service area, with the largest being United Way of Metro Chicago. That funding is shared with local affiliates and organizations in underserved communities tackling issues from food and energy insecurity to health care, education and housing initiatives.

The United Neighborhoods Equity Fund is the first of many strategic partners that will help Nicor Gas achieve its goal to infuse \$5 million in partnerships that enable economic opportunity in the communities it serves. These investments will support workforce development, job growth and diverse business entrepreneurship through organizations working to advance economic equity and strengthen communities. For more information about these partnerships, visit nicorgas.com/community.

Nicor Gas Receives Approval for Renewable Natural Gas Pilot Program

Interconnection Pilot Set to Help Create Economic, Environmental Benefits

Nicor Gas' Renewable Gas Interconnection Pilot received approval July 8 from the Illinois Commerce Commission. The pilot aims to encourage the development of renewable natural gas (RNG) production facilities within Nicor Gas' service territory, and allows the company to determine how RNG can be efficiently integrated into its natural gas distribution system as a safe, reliable and clean energy source for customers.

"Nicor Gas is committed to helping our communities thrive and to bettering our environment. This program seeks to do that by bringing sustainable, clean RNG to the marketplace, while creating clean energy jobs and new revenue streams for Illinois businesses," said John O. Hudson III, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. "We look forward to working with RNG producers and consumers during the pilot program while helping our state lead in the progress toward a clean energy future."

As a part of the pilot, Nicor Gas will enable the interconnection of new RNG facilities, which create a pathway for lower carbon fuels to be available to customers by displacing traditional, geologic natural gas. With an investment capped at \$16 million, the pilot marks the first time an Illinois gas utility has a tariff that allows its distribution system to interconnect renewable fuel production systems, creating a sustainable and clean energy solution for Illinois.

RNG is a sustainable and reliable non-fossil fuel produced from sources such as food and animal waste, wastewater plants and landfill gas. As these organic waste sources decompose, methane is produced. RNG projects, like those eligible to enroll in Nicor Gas' Renewable Gas Interconnection Pilot, capture the methane and convert it into RNG that is an interchangeable substitute for geologic natural gas. Converting waste to clean RNG and integrating it into Nicor Gas' distribution system reduces greenhouse gas emissions while creating new jobs and business opportunities in the community.

According to an Illinois economic impact study by EcoEngineers, just one RNG project could create up to 229 part-time jobs during construction, 46 full-time jobs during operations and \$478 million in total economic output over the 20-year project life.

For more information about RNG and Nicor Gas, please visit nicorgas.com/rng. RNG suppliers interested in the Renewable Gas Interconnection Pilot can contact renewablegas@southernco.com for more information.



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.

Are you watering your garden and lawn? Do you notice your outdoor spigot drips after you turn it off?

Keep your water bills from skyrocketing by having your spigot checked.

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

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

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

REPAIRS WE PROVIDE

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

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

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

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

708-547-4001

Obituaries

Bean

Triva Bean. Arrangements will be provided at a later date.

Carter

Dean Carter. Beloved son of Susan Flanagan and Robert E. Carter Sr.; beloved stepson of Patrick Flanagan; dear twin brother of Robert Carter; beloved step-brother of Patrick (Leah) Flanagan Jr. and Grace (Brian) Post; fond nephew of Sharon Nelson, Susan (Alan) Mc Millan and Kenneth (Rose) Dean; cherished cousin of Tame Nelson, Janelle (Dan) De Michele, David (Nancy) Dean, Thomas (Karoline) Dean, and Ryan and Kayla Nelson. dear godfather of Starla and Miya; loving nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private. Proud member of the Irish Chicago Musician Community.

Cervantes

Juan Cervantes, age 60. Loving father of Ana, Silvestre and Diana; beloved grandfather, cherished uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Chiappetta

Frances Chiappetta, nee Militello, of Norridge, Ill. Dearly beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of John (Phyllis) and the late Donald (Melody); loving grandmother of Cheryl, Frank, Anthony, Jessica, Dominick and Donny; great-grandmother of Zack, Gianna, Caden, Gwen, Mira, Emmett, Ben and A.J.; dear sister of Anna Marie (the late Joseph) Militello and the late Jo Ann Miranda, the late Marge Stomp; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation at Rago Brothers Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Member of various senior clubs at St. Eugene Church.

Ciconte

Michael Anthony Ciconte. Beloved son of Gina Ciconte (Mark Billalobos) and the late Michael Mangogna; cherished grandson of John (Seymour) Ciconte and the late Laura Ciconte; loving brother of Toni Ciconte (Ward Mc Gowan), Alicia Ciconte (fiancée Jake Chavez), Josephina Billalobos, Christina Mangogna Kentner and Domenica Mangogna; special brother to Alexander Bardesi and Krysta McIntyre; cherished nephew of Seaneen (Chuck) Snider, and the late John J. Ciconte and the late George Ciconte; dear great-nephew of Jan Ciconte and Kathleen Ciconte; fond cousin and loving friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

DeBoni

Nicolina (Bruno) DeBoni, 93, of Elmhurst and formally of Melrose Park, passed away on June 20, 2021, at home. Beloved wife of the late Gino; loving and proud mother of Judge Frank (Fran) DeBoni, the late Dennis DeBoni and Donna (LaVere) Scholl; loving and proud grandmother of Frank (Gina), Kevin (Michelle), Gina (Scott) Bogat, Gianna (Ken) Hauger, Dana and Michelle; loving great-grandmother of Valentina, Kevin Jr, Frank Luca, Sofia and Joseph; fond sister of the late Mary (John) Leccesi, the late Pearl (John) Gann, the late George (Agnes) Bruno, the late John (Barbara) Bruno, the late Ida (Jim) Payne and Helen Bruno; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Cremation private.

Dobrilla

JoAnn Dobrilla, nee Angeli. Dearly beloved wife of Mario Dobrilla; loving mother of Maryanne, Dianna (Ari), Suzanne (Michael) and Nicholas (David); beloved daughter of the late Peter and Mary Angeli; cherished

grandmother of Taylor, Austyn, Kedzie, Sophia and Ari; dear sister of Beverly Mallegni; dear sister-in-law of Bruno and Joanne Dobrilla, Renee Cavanaugh and Al Landa, and the late William Cavanaugh; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Fleming

Willie Fleming. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery.

Galinsky

Shirley A. Galinsky, nee Villa. Dearly beloved mother of Dina (the late Brady) Plimmer and James (Lisa) Galinsky; cherished grandmother of Joey, Brittany, Joe Joe, Ashley and Jimmy; dear sister of the late Bobby and Annamarie Villa, and Ray (the late Marcia) Villa; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Giordano

Vincenzo Giordano. Beloved husband of Carmela (nee Priore); loving father of Francesco (Lucia), Nicola (Jennifer) and Vittorio (Gina); cherished nonno of Daniela, Vincenzo, Adriana, Vincenzo, Giovanna and Vincenza; dear brother of Angela Giordano of Bitritto; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Cemetery.

Gustainis

Albert Richard Gustainis Jr. Beloved son of Evelyn and the late Albert Gustainis; dear brother of Elaine Gustainis and Donna (Darrel) Fuller; fond uncle of Jennifer (Kyle) Wraught, Nate (Ashley) Fuller, Nick (Kristy) Fuller, Mandy (James) Myers and Jace Fuller; great-uncle of Jenika and Kierra Wraught, Chrly, Nash and Lily Fuller, Ophelia Fuller, and Evie and Ezra Myers. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery.

Laudando

Anthony Laudando. Dearly beloved husband of Maria (nee DeRosa); loving father of Maria Nancy (Daniel) Marchese, Ignazio (Linda) and Giuseppe; beloved son of the late Ignazio and Mariannunziata; fond grandfather of Anthony, Juliana, Dominic, Annamaria, Claudia, Michael, Antonio, Dominic, and Mia; dear brother of Vincenzo, Giuseppe and Giustino; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Christ the King Mausoleum.

Ortiz

Aristeo Ortiz. Dearly beloved husband of Joanah Ortiz; loving father of Gladys Ortiz; loving grandfather of Arist, Anthony, Yaraidis and Josgar; loving brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Phillips

Rusty Phillips. Loving Father of Jenny and Stacy; beloved son of the late Russell and Beverly Phillips; fond grandfather of several; dear brother of Yvonne (Fred) Martin, Ronald (Debbie) Phillips, Billy Phillips, Russel Phillips and the late Sam Phillips. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Principe

Corinne A. Principe, very devoted to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and got the Blessed Mother ready for the Feast Day Procession, nee Ariola. Dearly beloved wife of David (RMPPD); loving mother of Dina (Tony) Sbarra and James (Amber) Principe; cherished grandmother of Anthony, Christa, Isabella, Madison and Peter; dear sister of Darlene (the late George) Kudrna and the late Lorraine Mc Kenzie, the late James Ariola and the late Louis (Carlotta) Ariola; sister-in-law of Daniel (Vera) Principe; cherished aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Member of the Mt. Carmel Altar and Rosary Society, and St. Anthony Society.

Rocca

Concetta Rocca, nee Severino (Sis), age 96. Beloved wife of the late John "Batts"; loving mother of Linda (Frank) Pizzi, Nancy (Larry) Spino, Alan and John (Jay); cherished grandmother of Brian, Christy, Lindsay (Mike), Lisa (Matt), Kendra, Debra (Jonathan), Nina (James), Laura, Alan James, Jenna and Alexa; great-grandmother of Jakob, Ethan, Alexander and Rachel; dear sister of the late Perry and Albert Severino; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Salazar

Miguel Angel Salazar. Beloved son of Maria Salazar Martinez; dear brother of Karla and Saul. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

Scavone

Donata "Marie" Scavone. Dearly beloved daughter of the late Vito and Filomena Scavone; dearest sister of Rocco Scavone and the late Vincent (Donna) Scavone, the late Catherine Scavone and the late Victor Scavone; fond aunt of Anthony (Susan), and Susan and Andrew Scavone; cherished great-aunt of Michael, Christopher, Nicole, Stacey, Jill, Donna and Samantha. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Donata was a proud member of Veterans Park District and Melrose Park Senior Club.

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: 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: 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.

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