

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

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Dear Neighbors,

It's October and at long last I have decided to write about something other than COVID-19, which is that wonderful holiday we identify with autumn – Halloween.

Like many people, I believed that Halloween started here, but our spooky holiday got its start 2000 years ago with the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in), which was celebrated on Oct. 31. This day marked the end of summer and the beginning of winter.

The Celts, and later medieval Europeans, believed on Oct. 31 ghosts came back from the dead to walk the earthly world. People were afraid that if they left their homes after dark they would encounter the ghosts, so to avoid being recognized as a living soul, people wore masks to trick the ghosts into thinking they were fellow spirits. Thus, the tradition of wearing Halloween costumes was born.

By the ninth century, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands, where it gradually supplanted Celtic rites. In 1000 A.D., the church made Nov. 2 All Souls' Day to honor the dead. All Souls' Day was celebrated similarly to the Celts' Samhain Day, with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels and devils. All Saints' Day was called Hallowmas and the night before began to be called All Hallows Eve and eventually Halloween.

By the time Halloween made it to America, it became quite pared-down due to the colonial Protestant belief systems held by most New Englanders. However, as different European ethnic groups began to bring their customs to our country, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included "play parties" to celebrate the harvest. Neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing.

Later in the 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts and witchcraft. At the turn of the century, Halloween parties for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day.

By the 1920s, Americans had begun our country's version of trick-or-treating, which really dates to England's early All Souls' Day parades where the poor would beg for food and the wealthy would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for their dead relatives.

By the 1950s, Halloween was in full swing. Before this decade trick-or-treaters collected coins, apples or small trinkets in their bags, but in the 1950s candy makers promoted candy instead as the ideal Halloween treat. Today, Halloween has grown so popular that Americans spend an estimated \$6 billion annually to celebrate it, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday after Christmas.



**Ronald M. Serpico**  
Mayor

This year Melrose Park's trick-or-treat hours will be between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., on Oct. 31.  
Please keep an eye out for all the little ghosts and witches who will be haunting your neighborhood!



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



Spooktacularly yours,

*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 Meetings.....Oct. 25, Nov. 8 and 22, Dec. 13**

**Village Hall Holiday Closings .....Nov. 11, Nov. 25 and 26**

# Resident Response

## A Special Thank You Note to

**Melrose Park Resident, Dorothy Andersen ...**

On behalf of myself, as well as the entire Melrose Park Police Department, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the Grab & Go Meals you provided for us recently

At a time when there seems to be negativity towards police, it is so heartwarming to know that there are still people out there who do value our service and commitment to our community.

Your kindness and generosity, as well as your show of support, was so very much appreciated.

• Respectfully Yours,

Sam C. Pitassi, Director of Police

Melrose Park Police Department



## Dear Chief of Public Safety – Homeland Security Phil Schwartz ...

Veterans Park District would like to thank you and your Public Safety team for your continued support during the Veterans Park District Annual Softball and Bocce Ball Tournament this year.

• Sincerely,

Bill Otte, Executive Director

Veterans Park District

## A Request to Melrose Park Residents Residing in the Winston Park Area

Dear Melrose Park Residents,

If you are the original owner of a home located in the Winston Park area and still reside in the same house, we want to hear from you.

We're tracking some history and would love to see how many original homeowners still reside in their Winston Park homes from the time the homes were built and purchased.

If you are someone who qualifies or know of someone who does, please send a note (include your address and a phone number that's best to reach you at) to *The Rose* c/o Village of Melrose Park, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160, or you can send an email to [therose@melrosepark.org](mailto:therose@melrosepark.org).

We look forward to hearing from you!



# A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi  
Director of Police*



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

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

The website can be  
translated to  
Spanish and Polish.

## Melrose Park Police Department

### 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](mailto:tips@melroseparkpd.com).

## IMPORTANT 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 Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

**Trick-or-treating will be allowed in the  
village of Melrose Park on  
Sunday, Oct. 31, from 2-5 p.m.**



**Melrose  
Park  
Police  
Department**

*Connecting  
You to  
Community  
Resources!*

## Halloween Safety Tips

### Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight with you for visibility.
- Always stay in a group with an adult!
- Never enter a stranger's house or car for a treat!
- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the grass away from the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street and if you are wearing a mask, take it off.
- Wait until an adult can check your candy before you eat any of it.
- Only accept treats from neighbors or friends you know!

### Tips for Parents

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective! Consider adding more reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags. Always carry flashlights.
- Masks can limit or block eyesight, consider makeup or cut the mask eyeholes bigger so they can see. Remind children to remove their masks to cross the street!
- We recommend that children do not use props like guns, knives or swords. However, if they are used, make sure they don't look real!
- Clear hazards from your property. Remove obstacles such as flower pots and garden hoses, so children won't trip on them rushing from house to house.
- Remind your children not to eat the candy until an adult has checked their treats!
- Your child's school may be having a Halloween party. Call the school and ask.
- Please explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.

### Tips for Businesses and Motorists

- Heighten your awareness and be cautious of purchases that may have the potential to cause personal injury or property damage, such as paint ball guns or large quantities of eggs.
- Drive slowly and cautiously through your neighborhoods. Remember children may not look before crossing the street.





# Melrose Park Police Department Acquires "Barnacle"

The Barnacle is a new way for Melrose Park Police Department parking patrols to immobilize vehicles. Instead of using a boot to keep a wheel from moving, officers can apply a Barnacle across the windshield, suction it to the glass and arm it with a keypad.

The Barnacle is a bright yellow 20-pound piece of plastic that sticks to the windshield with 750 pounds of force. The officer then sets the alarm and tracking system using the keypad built into the device. The Barnacle obstructs the driver's view out the windshield. If you try to drive away with the Barnacle attached, a high-pitched alarm will sound.

The Barnacle is equipped with a GPS and tamper-proof system. Once the GPS is active, it can be tracked if someone decides to move. It's a lot faster for officers to use and it easier to immobilize your car, but it also makes it easier to get back on the road. There's a number to call if you choose to pay your tickets immediately. They'll give you a code to unlock the Barnacle and remove it from your car. Otherwise, once your fees are paid, you can have an officer come to the location to remove the Barnacle.

Just like the boot, the Barnacle isn't something you'll find on your car when your meter runs out one day. It is something you could find if you have more than 10 outstanding parking, standing or compliance tickets.

Residents should contact the Melrose Park Police Department at (708) 344-8409 if you have any questions or to discuss your payment options to avoid having your vehicle immobilized by the Barnacle.



# Melrose Park Village Hall's Secretary of State Office is Now Permanently Closed

The Secretary of State Office, which for the past year was located in the Melrose Park Village Hall Complex, is now permanently closed. The office was always meant to be a temporary site and was closed on Oct. 1.

The Secretary of State Office, located at 1903 N. Mannheim Rd. (Melrose Park), is open for business and provides the following services:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Address Change</b></li><li>• <b>Administrative Hearings Officer</b></li><li>• <b>Commercial Drivers License</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Duplicate/Corrected</li><li>Renewal</li><li>Vision Screening</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Disability Placards</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Temporary First Time Issuance</li><li>Temporary Replacement</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Drivers License</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Duplicate/Corrected</li><li>First Time Issuance</li><li>Instruction Permit Duplicate/Corrected</li><li>Instruction Permit First Time Issuance</li><li>Instruction Permit Renewal</li><li>Motorcycle Road Test</li><li>Motorcycle Written Test</li><li>Non-Visa Temporary Visitors (TVDL)</li><li>Renewal</li><li>Road Test</li><li>REAL ID</li><li>Vision Screening</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Drivers License</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Written Test</li></ul></li><li>• <b>License Plates</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Renewal Stickers</li><li>Sticker Replacement</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Non Sufficient Funds</b></li><li>• <b>Non-CDL Road Test</b></li><li>• <b>Non-CDL Written Test</b></li><li>• <b>Organ Donor Registry</b></li><li>• <b>Reinstatement Fees</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discretionary Suspension (Traffic related)</li><li>Failure to Appear Suspension</li><li>Parking Suspension</li><li>Tollway/Automated Traffic Suspension</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>State ID</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Duplicate/Corrected</li><li>First Time Issuance</li><li>Renewal</li><li>REAL ID</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Vehicle</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registration Renewal</li><li>Sticker Replacement</li><li>Seven-Day Drive Away Permits</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Voter Registration Applications</b></li></ul> <p><b>For more information, visit</b> <b><a href="http://www.ilsos.gov">www.ilsos.gov</a></b></p>
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SECRETARY OF STATE





# Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame  
Director of Fire Dept.*

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

With the cooler months fast approaching, the Melrose Park Fire Department and Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame want to ensure the safety of our residents by providing these heating safety tips on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association.

Please follow these guidelines to keep your fall and winter seasons warm and safe!

## Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

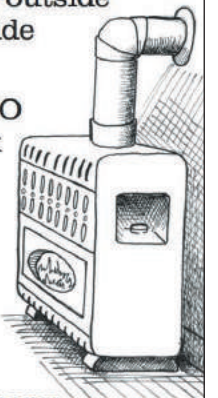
- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



### Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



### FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



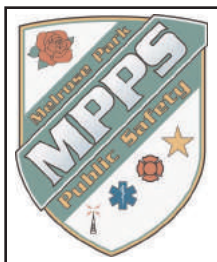
**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource  
on fire, electrical and related hazards



**MELROSE PARK  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

3601 W LAKE ST., MELROSE PARK, IL 60160 PH (708) 344-1315, FAX (708) 531-5304





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

# Get On Board! Please Get Vaccinated Why You Should ...

The COVID-19 vaccines are a critical part of ending this pandemic. Growing availability of vaccines means we can help protect ourselves, slow the spread of the virus and save as many lives as possible.

Protection vaccines go through rigorous testing to prove their protection, and all three authorized vaccines were 100 percent effective at preventing death and hospitalization from COVID-19.

End-the-pandemic vaccines are how we end this pandemic. Once enough of us have been vaccinated and build immunity, we can get back to our pre-COVID routines.

The COVID-19 vaccines are effective tools to protect you from the virus and help end this pandemic. The most important benefit of vaccination is to help prevent you from getting sick with COVID-19.

## How to Make an Appointment

Vaccines are currently available by appointment only at more than 900 locations across the state. Find a provider and more information at [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov). To make an appointment by phone, call our toll-free hotline at (833) 621-1284.

## Important Reminders

Vaccines are proven to protect you from getting sick. The vaccines help your body build protection, which will help it fight against COVID-19 if you are exposed to it.

Getting the vaccine will help bring us back to our daily lives. Once enough of us have been vaccinated and build immunity, we can get back to our pre-COVID routines and end this pandemic.

Your insurance or state government may be billed a vaccine administration fee, but there are no out-of-pocket costs.

You may experience side effects, and that's normal. They show your body has recognized the vaccine and is building protection, which means the vaccine is working. Just like the flu shot, they should go away in a day or two.

## 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](http://www.melrosepark.org)) and the Melrose Park DHS websites ([www.mpdes.org](http://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!

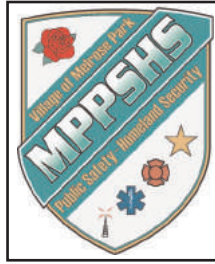


A safe and effective vaccine to protect against COVID-19 is now available.

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



# Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

## Are You Prepared for Winter Weather?

Winter weather too often catches people unprepared. Researchers say that 70 percent of the fatalities related to ice and snow occur in automobiles and about 25 percent of all winter related fatalities are people that are caught off guard, out in the storm. What winter weather preparations are being made in your area and what are the appropriate steps to take that will ensure your winter weather safety? Help your readers, viewers and listeners make sure their homes and cars are ready for the worst winter has to offer.

### Winter Weather Watches, Warnings and Advisories – What Do They all Mean?

The National Weather Service uses specific winter weather terms to ensure that people know what to expect in the coming days and hours. A Winter Storm Watch means that severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may affect your area, but its occurrence, location and timing are still uncertain. A Winter Storm Watch is issued to provide 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of severe winter weather. A Winter Storm Watch is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set plans in motion can do so. A watch is upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning when 4 or more inches of snow or sleet is expected in the next 12 hours, or 6 or more inches in 24 hours, or 1/4 inch or more of ice accretion is expected. Winter weather advisories inform you that winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is exercised, advisory situations should not become life-threatening. A Blizzard Warning means that snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts and life-threatening windchill. Be sure to listen carefully to the radio, television and NOAA Weather Radio for the latest winter storm watches, warnings and advisories.

### Why is Predicting the Exact Amount of Snowfall So Challenging?

Snow forecasts continue to improve, but they remain a challenging task for meteorologists. Heavy snow often falls in small bands that are hard to discern on larger resolution computer models. In addition, extremely small temperature differences define the boundary line between rain and snow.

### What is Wind Chill?

One of the gravest dangers of winter weather is windchill. The windchill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin by combined effects of wind and cold. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. Animals are also effected by wind-chill.

# New Wind Chill Chart

Wind (mph)

Temperature (°F)

Calm	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
40	36	34	32	30	29	28	28	27	26	26	25	25
35	31	27	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	19	18	17
30	25	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	12	11	10
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-40	-57	-66	-71	-74	-78	-80	-82	-84	-86	-88	-89	-91
-45	-63	-72	-77	-81	-84	-87	-89	-91	-93	-95	-97	-98

**Frostbite occurs in 15 minutes or less**

$$\text{Wind Chill (}^{\circ}\text{F)} = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$$

Where, T = Air Temperature (°F)

V = Wind Speed (mph)

## About Winter Storms ...

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states, while others affect only a single community. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

Regardless of the severity of a winter storm, you should be prepared in order to remain safe during these events.

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



# Know the Difference

- Winter Storm Outlook** – Winter storm conditions are possible in the next two to five days.
- Winter Weather Advisory** – Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.
- Winter Storm Watch** – Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.
- Winter Storm Warning** – Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

# How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

- Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

# Put Together a Supply Kit

- Water – at least a three-day supply; one gallon per person per day.
- Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food.
- Flashlight.
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible).
- Extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.).
- Multipurpose tool.
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items.
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies).
- Cell phone with chargers.
- Family and emergency contact information.
- Extra cash.
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers).
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl).
- Tools/supplies for securing your home.
- Sand, rock salt or non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery.
- Warm coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots, and extra blankets and warm clothing for all household members.
- Ample alternate heating methods such as fireplaces or wood- or coal-burning stoves.



# Protect Your Pets During Snowstorms

## Make Sure Your Pets are Prepared for Winter Weather

Winter weather can be hard on all of us. It can be particularly difficult on our pets that rely on us for their well-being, especially for outdoor dogs and cats. To help keep your entire family safe and warm, the American Red Cross has winter safety reminders for both you and your pets.

## Pet Safety in the Winter

- If possible, bring your pets inside during cold winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas and make sure they have access to non-frozen drinking water.
  - If the animals are outside, make sure their access to food and water is not blocked by snow drifts, ice or other obstacles.
- The following tips on winter pet safety are provided by the Humane Society of the United States:**
- If pets cannot come indoors, make sure they are protected by a dry, draft-free enclosure large enough to allow them to sit and lie down, but small enough to hold in the pet’s body heat. Raise the floor a few inches off the ground and cover it with cedar shavings or straw. Turn the enclosure away from the wind and cover the doorway with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.
  - Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate a pet’s paws. Wipe their paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth.
  - Antifreeze is a deadly poison. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach.

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



# Do You Have a Disaster Supplies Kit?


A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.

Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.

## Basic Disaster Supplies Kit



**Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit**

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Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation

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Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

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Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both

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Flashlight and extra batteries

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First aid kit

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Whistle to signal for help

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Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place

☐

Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

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Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

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Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)

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Local maps



**Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit**

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Prescription medications and glasses

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Infant formula and diapers

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Pet food and extra water for your pet

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Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container

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Cash or traveler's checks and change

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Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

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Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.

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Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.

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Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

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Fire Extinguisher

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Matches in a waterproof container

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Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items

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Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels

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Paper and pencil

☐

Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

## Maintaining Your Kit

Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life.
- Throw out any canned good that becomes swollen, dented or corroded.
- Use foods before they go bad and replace them with fresh supplies.
- Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in the front.
- Change stored food and water supplies every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.
- Keep items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trash can, camping backpack or duffel bag.

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





# Village of Melrose Park

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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





# Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

## TV Pickup

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

## Feeding Wildlife

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

## Attention Residents Along Silver Creek Embankment

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

## 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/Snowfall Restrictions

Please follow all street parking/snowfall 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.*



## Public Works Department Ongoing Projects Update

### RESURFACING

ONGOING – 14th Avenue – Division to LeMoyne

COMPLETED – 15th Avenue and Main, From 11th Avenue

17th Avenue – Division to LeMoyne

Lee – From Division

Armitage Avenue – 19th Avenue to 17th Avenue

Harold – Division to Soffel

### INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAIN

From LeMoyne and 14th Avenue to 14th Avenue and Norwood



## 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

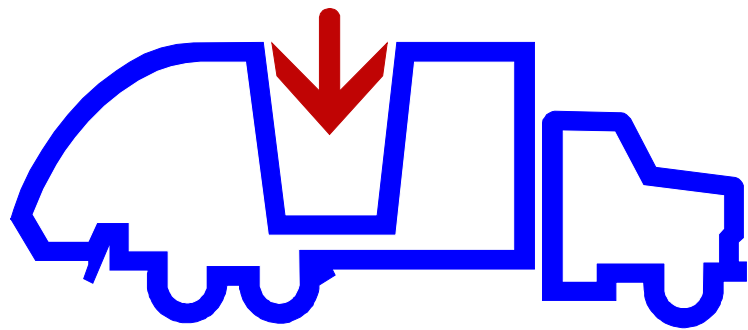
Senior Ride Free Transit Benefit • Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride • Secretary of State License Plate Discount

## 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 Secretaría 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.

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 regular hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and summer hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

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

## REPLACEMENT RESIDENT RECYCLING CANS

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

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



# 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.)**



# Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

*Socially  
Distanced  
Activity*

*Face  
Masks  
Required*



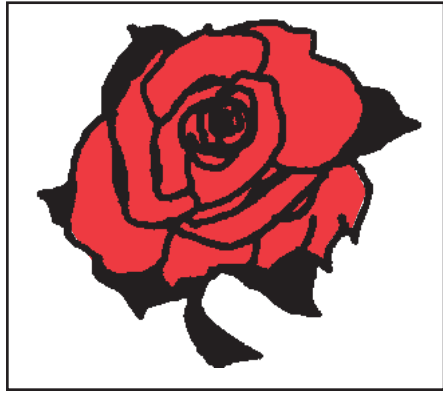
*Come Join in the Fun with  
Instructor Barb Rubright  
of Rube's Garage!*

**Monday-Friday • 9-10 a.m.**

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

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





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

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

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

## **Policies and Procedures**

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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

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

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



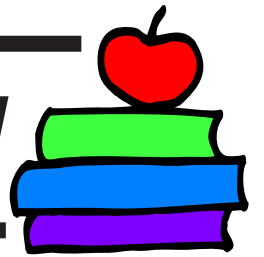
***Mayor Serpico  
encourages  
residents  
to use this  
convenient  
transportation  
resource  
for their  
everyday  
needs,  
such as  
shopping,  
doctor  
appointments,  
etc.***

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





# Melrose Park Public Library



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

## Favorite Library Apps

Available for iOS and Android



### Libby

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



### PrinterOn

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



### Mango Languages

Learn a new language on the go with Mango!



### SWANLibraries

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



### Hoopla

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



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



Libby.

The one-stop reading app from our library.

## Magazines now available on Libby!

Get the Libby app or visit Libbyapp.com to read books, audiobooks, and now magazines!



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



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

**MPPLibrary.org**

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





# Melrose Park Public Library



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

## Youth Services



### Bilingual Storytime to celebrate The Day of the Dead!

Check out our YouTube channel for new bilingual stories every month beginning in October. We will also have available for pick up at the library an activity package and unique craft to celebrate this special day!



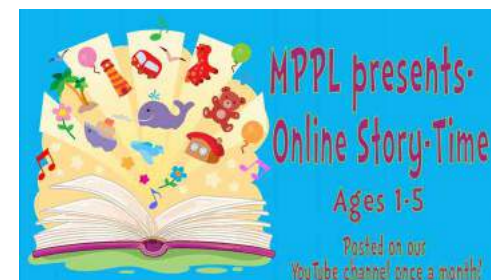
### Make It Mondays

Weekly Crafts on YouTube

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

### Online Storytime Monthly on YouTube

We are posting virtual story times online! You will find all our videos on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube channel. New videos are posted every month.



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



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>	9:00am - 5:00pm
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Thu</b>		11:00am - 7:00pm
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**MPPLLibrary.org**

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





## COMMUNITY NOTICE



### Notice Regarding Melrose Park Vehicle Stickers



**Village Vehicle Stickers  
Will Expire Dec. 31, 2021.  
New Stickers Can be Purchased at  
the Village Hall Beginning Nov. 15.**

**Sticker Fee for Passenger Vehicles is  
\$30 for Two Years (2022-2023).**

**Truck Fees Vary Based on the Type of Class/Plate  
and Are Good for One Year Only (2022).**

**Seniors Over 65 Years of Age are Free.**

One free two-year sticker for a passenger vehicle or  
one free one-year sticker for a B-Truck vehicle  
registered to a person over 65 years in age.

Limit one free sticker per household.

If there is a second passenger or B-Truck vehicle  
registered to a senior in the household,  
a second senior sticker will be sold for half price (\$15).

Acceptable proof for a senior sticker is  
a valid driver's license or state ID card.

**For more information, please call (708) 343-4000  
or visit [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).**

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION IS NEEDED TO PURCHASE STICKERS.  
NO EXCEPTIONS.  
LATE CHARGES MAY APPLY.**

### MP Leading the Way in COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

The village of Melrose Park is leading the way with the highest rate of vaccinated residents. Ninety percent of Melrose Park residents have received one vaccination shot. Seventy-one percent of the residents have received both doses. This is higher than all of suburban Cook County who have one vaccination (67 percent) and all of its surrounding areas with the possible exception of Oak Park.

*Mayor Ronald M. Serpico*



Celebrating Our 40th Year!

*See You in 2022*

**Save the Dates!  
40th Annual  
Taste of Melrose Park  
Labor Day Weekend  
Friday-Sunday, Sept. 2-4, 2022**

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *The Rose*.

### Melrose Park Library Publishing Digital Cookbook



The Melrose Park Public Library is publishing a digital cookbook featuring many mouth-watering recipes from the community.

We would love to include your special dish!

Please share your best recipes and memories with us by mail (Melrose Park Public Library, 801 N. Broadway, Melrose Park, IL 60160) or by email ([mpref@mpplibrary.org](mailto:mpref@mpplibrary.org)).

Check out our website at [mpplibrary.org](http://mpplibrary.org) for more details!



# 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.**

## MAP of Hope Foundation Announces 500 Club Raffle \$500 Will Be Ruffled Off the First of Every Month in 2022 and on Christmas Day!

The Melrose-Park-based MAP of Hope Foundation (a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable works organization) is holding their very popular virtual 500 Club Raffle for 2022 to support their charity partners. Details are as follows:

- Tickets are available for a \$20 donation each.
- A \$500 drawing will be held the first day of each month in 2022 along with a special bonus \$500 drawing on Christmas day.
- Drawings will be held virtually via the MAP of Hope Foundation Facebook page. Winners will be contacted.
- Once a winning ticket is drawn, it is removed from future drawings.



To purchase raffle tickets and be a part of this special fundraising event, please call (708) 279-0519 or you can send an email to [MAPofHopeFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:MAPofHopeFoundation@gmail.com). Tickets must be returned with payment by Dec. 18, 2021.

Your kindness and generosity is appreciated.

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Quick Closings.**

*Over a decade in business in the community.*



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✓ Pay No Commission

**708-545-5252**

**Se Habla Español.**

Disclaimer: Sergio Aguirre, principal of Oliady Investments, LLC, is a Licensed Real Estate Broker in IL. This is not intended to solicit listings of other real estate brokers. This is an offer to buy a property for investment purposes.





# The ROSE

Advertising Contract

## Complimentary 2021 Holiday Greeting Ads

Dear community member,

This year *The Rose* (the official newsletter of the village of Melrose Park) is offering an opportunity to reserve a special complimentary greeting ad in the Holiday 2021 issue.

If you are interested in reserving an ad, please complete this form, attach a copy of your business card or ad copy, and mail it to:

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

All ads must be received on or before Friday, Nov. 26, 2021. For more information, call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

### Size/Rate

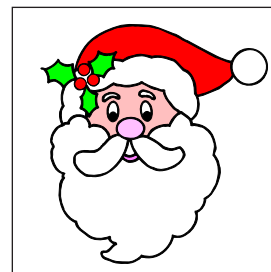
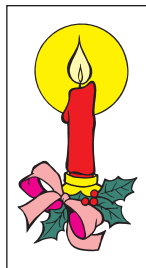
**Business Card Size.....FREE**

### Greeting (Please check)

☐ Season's Greetings    ☐ Happy Holidays    ☐ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### Art Element (Please check)

☐ Bells    ☐ Candle    ☐ Gift    ☐ Santa    ☐ Snowman    ☐ Tree



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you in advance.  
Your reservation is greatly appreciated!*



# Congratulations to the Melrose Park Shamrocks Our 2021 Illinois State Junior League Champions



The Melrose Park Shamrocks played hard all year long leading up to the Junior League State Tournament.

Through all the ups and downs, all of the girls stayed dedicated and determined to win. The girls went undefeated through their Little League qualifying games and went into the state tournament confident.

They went undefeated for four games, clinching a spot in the championship.

They lost the first game, causing the championship game to go to an "If" game, but the girls did not let that get in their heads.

In the second game, they came out hard and came out on top, winning the Junior League State Championship against Evergreen Park by a score of 7-3.

Members of the Shamrocks team include Carmen Richardson, Brianna Martinez, Lia Vargas, Gianna Olan, Jessica Craig, Sophia Fredricks, Arlette Guzman, Daija Cohen, June McMahon, Natalie Fulgencio and Alejandra Aragon, Manager Ashley Richardson, Coach Sam Richardson and Coach Estevan Martinez.

**On behalf of Mayor Serpico and the village of Melrose Park, congratulations to the Melrose Park Shamrocks on an outstanding season and a job well-done to capture the 2021 Illinois State Junior League Championship!**



**Join in  
the  
Seasonal Fun!**  
**Decorate your home  
for the holidays ...**  
**And send us a photo for the  
Winter 2022 issue of The Rose!**

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

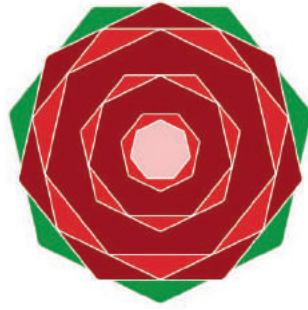
**Five top prizes (\$150 each) and  
five runners-up prizes (\$50 each)  
will be awarded for the best decorated!**

**Take a nighttime photo of your home all lit  
and email it to [therose@melrosepark.org](mailto:therose@melrosepark.org)  
on or before Jan. 7, 2022.**

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

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





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

## The MPCCCD Supports Back to School Event with District 89



On Saturday, Aug. 21, The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development joined School District 89 at their annual Back-to-School Picnic to celebrate the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year. The chamber raffled off several prizes for the students including bicycles and gift cards.

The chamber's Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz was on hand at the event and said, "it was great to meet with so many energetic students and their families that represent our next generation of employees, business owners and community leaders."

## Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers Restaurant Now Open!

Representatives from the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development, and the village of Melrose Park were on site Sept. 7-8 at the new Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers restaurant to welcome and congratulate them on the grand opening of their new location at 300 W. North Ave., Melrose Park.

No one was surprised to see several hundred customers the first couple days of business after having more than 22,000 views and several hundred likes, comments and shares after a post appeared on the Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Group early in the summer announcing the new location in Melrose Park!



## Save the Date ... Business Development Breakfast 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](mailto:Jack@MelrosePark.org)

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

To register for this upcoming business development breakfast meeting, email the chamber at [info@mpcccd.org](mailto:info@mpcccd.org). For more information on upcoming events and trainings, please follow the MPCCCD on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Melroseparkchamber> or visit <https://mpcccd.org>.

## Welcome New Chamber Members!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) is proud to welcome four new members that joined in September.

Please help us welcome Meals on Wheels of Northern Illinois, McDealz, RFL Delivery Service, Inc. and Walther Christian Academy.

If you are not currently a member of the MPCCCD, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at [lbazbaz@mpcccd.org](mailto:lbazbaz@mpcccd.org) or call (708) 731-3715 and we will schedule time to meet with you to discuss the benefits of partnering and working with our chamber.



# MPCCCD Community Navigator Program Helps Local Small Businesses Connect to Resources



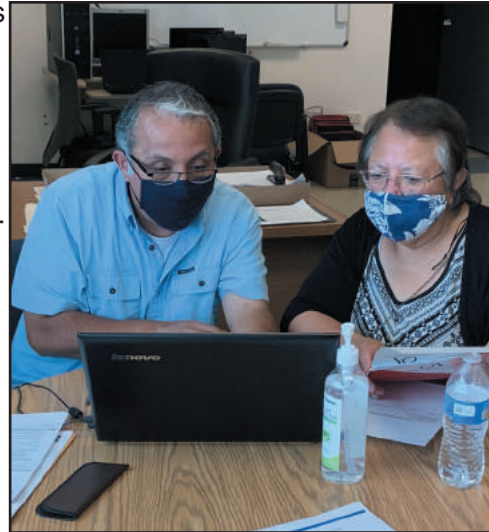
The MPCCCD is currently working with the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition (IBIC) and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development to help inform, educate, and connect small and mid-sized businesses to economic recovery grants, training programs and other resources to support their growth and sustainability as we all navigate the new normal in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most recently, the primary focus has been to inform business owners about the Illinois Back2Business (B2B) grant which provides funding between \$5,000 and \$150,000 to

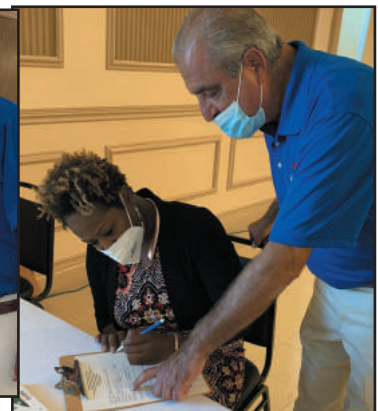
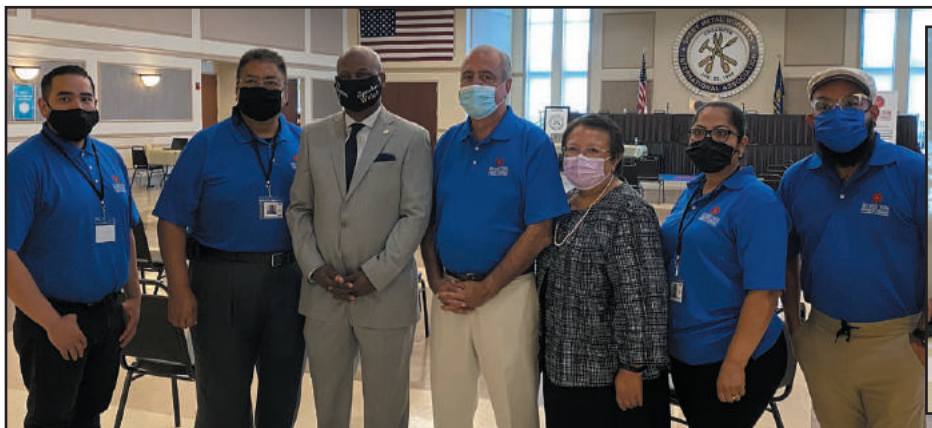
businesses experiencing sales losses in 2020 compared to 2019 revenues. A team of navigators working for the MPCCCD will continue to work with businesses through at least January 2022 to share information on other local, state, and federal resources and programs they may be eligible for.

One part of the program that has been received with great response and enthusiasm from business owners is the Technical Assistance (TA) Program where they receive hands on support to navigate the online application process.

For more information about the B2B Grant, other programs available or to schedule an in-person visit or technical assistance, please send an email to [Navigators@MPCCCD.org](mailto:Navigators@MPCCCD.org) or call (708) 731-3715.



## MPCCCD Partners with Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch to Support Local Businesses



Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Emanuel "Chris" Welch recently sponsored a Back to Business Technical Assistance Event with the MPCCCD helping local businesses apply for grant funding that would help them restart their operations. The event took place on Monday, Sept. 27 with businesses from several communities attending the event seeking technical assistance to help them submit grant applications. Staff from the MPCCCD worked closely with the businesses in attendance.

The Back to Business (B2B) Grant Program is part of Gov. JB Pritzker's \$1.5 billion economic package designed to strengthen the impact of American Rescue Plan Act funds for Illinois. This includes \$250 million for businesses that have experienced losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic as a means to support their economic recovery efforts.

### 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!



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

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

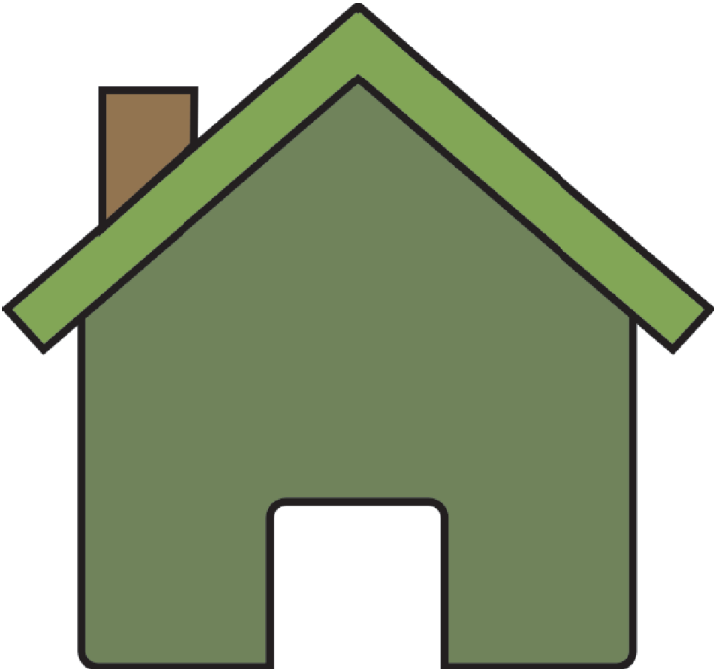
Learn how to apply for lead pipe home inspection by calling the West Suburban Neighborhood Preservation Agency at (708) 410-2300 or sending an email to [wsnpa@hotmail.com](mailto:wsnpa@hotmail.com).

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

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

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

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



**This program is available in the following communities:**

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

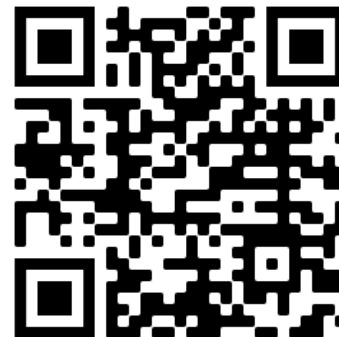




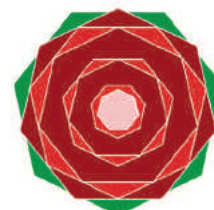
# Please Join the Melrose Park To-Go Facebook Group!

- 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**



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



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

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



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

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

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

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



### Attention Residents

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







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# VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
BULGER PARK, MELROSE PARK  
CEREMONY STARTS AT 10 AM**

Veterans Park District observes Veterans Day with a ceremony attended by community members, friends, employees, local schools, churches, and war heroes. Everyone is invited to honor our veterans and remember our soldiers during this moving ceremony.



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# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### Early Childhood

#### Music Maker (Drop off Class), Ages 3-5

Enjoy your child's abilities through fun music and movement activity. These classes encourage self-expression and a growing attention span. Music activities include singing, musical games, creative movement and rhythm instruments.

- 4:30-5:15 p.m., Mondays, Nov. 1-15; Fee – R \$30/NR \$45; Bulger Hall, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

#### Little Elf's Workshop (with parent) Ages 2-4

Enjoy time with your little one while being creative. You and your child will create a holiday project to decorate your home for the season.

- 10-10:45 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8; Fee – R \$11/NR \$16; Bulger Hall, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

### Youth Athletics

#### Basketball 101, Ages 5-7

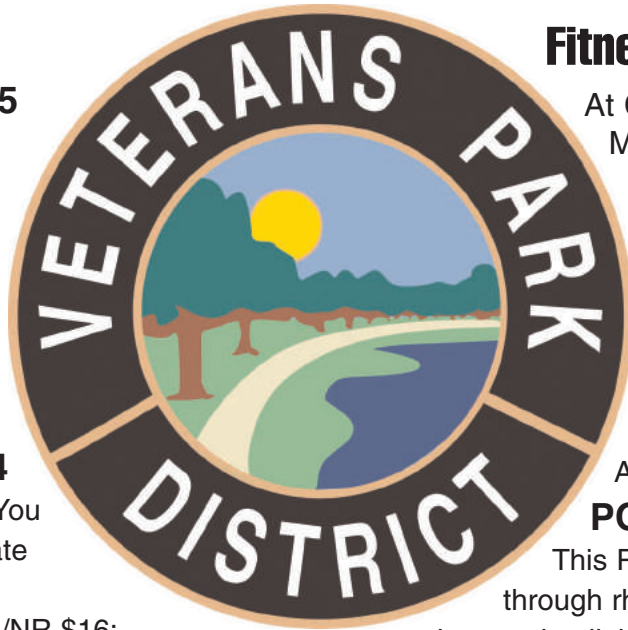
Dribbling, passing, shooting and teamwork will be taught in this instructional basketball program. All skills will be taught in a fun and easy-to-learn environment. Non-competitive games will be played during each class, allowing all participants to get involved. Smaller basketballs and age-appropriate hoops will be used to help skill development.

- Wednesdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 1, 6-7 p.m.; R \$55/N \$70; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Basketball Clinic, Ages 8-14

This four-week, co-ed clinic, led VPD staff, will focus on developing ball handling, offensive/defensive skills, passing, shooting and positioning. All players, from beginner to experienced, will improve their skills in this class.

- Wednesdays, Nov. 3-Dec 1, 7:15-8:15 p.m.; R\$55/N \$70; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.



### Fitness Classes

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

#### Zumba

A dance inspired, total body workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Latin music provides a fun, energetic class.

- Choose from Monday or Thursday nights; R \$35/N \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park. Call (708) 343-5151 to register.

#### POUND, Ages 15+

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

- Tuesdays; R \$35/N \$50; Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park. Call (708) 343-5151 to register.

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

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

**Call us at (708) 343-5270, or check our website at [www.vpdpark.org](http://www.vpdpark.org) or our Facebook page for updates.**

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

*Pardon Our Dust!*

## BATAAN PARK is Getting a Refresh ... Construction is Underway!

(Located at Ninth Avenue and Sherman.)

**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**

Watch for more information as it becomes available.



# Congrats to VPD Tournament Champs and Runners-Up!

Veterans Park District held its annual Tournament Weekend on Friday, July 30-Sunday, Aug. 1. The big event featured a men’s softball and co-ed mushball tournament as well as a bocce ball tournament.

VPD would like to congratulate the Co-ed Tournament champions – Slap N Tickle, and runners-up – TTF; Men’s Softball Tournament champions – MOIST, and runners-up – FISH; and Bocce Ball Tournament champions – Pete Eleuteri and Anthony Sabatino, and runners-up – Lou Napolitano and Giovanni Rodia.

Pictured with the teams and fans are VPD Executive Director Bill Otte, tournament assistants Pete Eleuteri and Billy Otte, and commissioners Orlando Velasquez and Tom Olson.

Thank you to our sponsors who supported this year’s Veterans Park District Tournament Weekend – Al Piemonte Nissan; Al Piemonte Ford; Albert Stellato's; Alpha Olympic Pest Control; Aqua Fiori; Automated Flagpoles; Braun Paint Company; Carbonara Funeral Home; CDE of Illinois; Chapman & Cutler; CMS Corp.; Cook County Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri; Cuomo Catering; D-R Rosemont, LLC; Dynamic Mfg.; Eco-Cleaning Maintenance; Elite Electric Co., Inc.; ET&T Distributors, Inc.; Evans Electric; Fairway Custom Landscaping; Five Roses Pub; Grand Stand Pizza; Guerine and Company; In Particular, Inc./Neighbors; JKS Ventures Inc.; Leyden Bears; Mackie Consultants; Mark’s Quality Landscaping; May Aire Htg. & Air Cond.; Mayor Barrett Pedersen/Franklin Park; Mayor Dave Guerin/River Grove; Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin/Northlake; Mayor Ron Serpico/Melrose Park; Melrose Park Little League; Melrose Park Police; Midwestern Steel Fabricators, Inc.; Molitor Athletic Fields; Nutoys Leisure Products; Olympia Maintenance, Inc.; Pan American Bank; Par-A-Dice Hotel; Petrungaro & Associates; Prate Roofing; Precision Repair; R.J.N. Supplies, Inc.; Regional Trucking; Rose's Catering; Russo's Pool & Spa; Scudiero’s Italian Bakery; SignCo; Special T Unlimited; Statewide Amusement; Storino Ramello & Durkin; The House of Safety; Triton College; Triton Steamer, Inc.; Veterans Park District Commissioner Tom Olson; and Zanies!



Co-ed Tournament Champions – Slap N Tickle



Men’s Tournament Champions – MOIST



Co-ed Tournament Runners-Up – TTF



Men’s Tournament Runners-Up – FISH



Bocce Ball Tournament Champions



Bocce Ball Tournament Runners-Up



Bocce Ball Tournament Champions, Runners-Up and Fans



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# **INDOOR GOLF SIMULATOR**



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

**Only \$ 40 per 1 hour rental.**

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-quired 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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\$1  
for ages  
55+**

# Chair Yoga



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

**Every Tuesday 11am**

**Grant Park Recreation Center**

44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

**55 & older, pay \$1 drop-in fee**

*\*\*\* Anyone under 55, will need to register at the front desk and pay a monthly fee of \$40R/\$55NR\*\*\**



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# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 10 AM-12 PM  
BULGER HALL, MELROSE PARK**

## **INCLUDES:**

Visit with Santa  
Hot Breakfast  
Gingerbread House \*  
Gift from Santa for Each Child  
Hot Cocoa Table

\* One per family, \$15 extra fee for  
each additional house



**REGISTRATION OPENS: R Oct 1 / N Nov 1**

## **FEE:**

<b>R</b>	<b>N</b>	
\$11	\$15	Ages: 3-10
\$16	\$20	Ages: 11-Adult

Children under 3 are admitted  
free, but still need to be  
registered for the gift count.  
Max 125 people.  
Registration Deadline Dec 1.



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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](http://www.tsa.gov).

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

**For additional information:**

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



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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



## D89 Board Retreat

On Friday, Aug. 13, D89's Board of Education came together with district administration for training held at Melrose Park School. Following the training, board members were given a tour of the HVAC geothermal improvements in the building as well as implementation of strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.



## Best Practices in Co-Teaching

On Aug. 10, district administrative staff came together for professional development workshop on the Best Practices in Co-Teaching. This workshop was presented by Carol O'Connor, a member of ASCD's Differentiated Instruction Cader and Building Teacher's Capacity for Success Cadre. During the workshop, staff worked on building a collaborative school culture, strategies for co-teaching and supporting co-teaching teams. Co-Teaching is known to increase instructional options for all students, enhance collaboration skills and improve student outcomes.



## Substitute Orientation and Training

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, D89 held an orientation and training for substitute teachers as a kick-off to the new school year. During this training, representatives from West 40 presented information on behavior management and instruction in the classroom.



## Mask Donation from Aetna

Thank you to our community partner, Aetna, for donating 5,000 children's masks to District 89! Pictured are kindergarten students from Ms. Kabat's classroom at Melrose Park School.

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





## BacktoSchoolPicnic

School District 89 held their 7th Annual Back to School Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Van Buren Family Center. Thank you to all that attended and very special thanks to the following Community Partners for their support: Maywood Fine Arts, Aetna, Essendant, Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce, Lakeview Bus Lines, Maywood Park District, CSPL, Girl Scouts, Small World, Preferred Meals, BorgWarner, Proviso Public Partnership, State Rep. Chris Welch and the Illinois State Police, Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson, Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico, Melrose Park Police Department, Melrose Park Fire Department, Melrose Park Public Safety and Homeland Security, West Cook YMCA, InterYouth SC, Broadview Library, Maywood Police Department, Firehouse Subs, A & M Italian Ice, Veterans Park District, D89 Board of Education, D89 Education Foundation and D89 staff.

**What a great way to kick off the beginning of the new school year!**

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## D89's Parent Advisory Council

Parent advocacy is a passion for school board members. Research shows that meaningful parent involvement can increase academic achievement which is a major school board goal. It also results in improved student achievement and as well can help create better schools overall.

Through the District 89 Parent Advisory Committee the Advisory Council will serve as an advisory group to the school board by acting as liaison between the school board and the school they represent on policy and initiatives. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) consists of representatives nominated by school principals, one main delegate and one alternate delegate from each school.

On the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 28, the members of the 2021-2022 PAC were sworn in.



## Entice

Jane Addams kindergarten teacher, Sarah Matticks, has been participating in professional development through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as part of their ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) Program. In September, she participated in the Insects: Bugs and Plants workshop at the Morton Arboretum to learn more about how insects interact with plants in the environment. She gained knowledge and resources to bring back to our students to encourage a love of nature and science! Check out these great pictures from this event.

Thanks for your hard work, Ms. Matticks!



## SMS Meals on Wheels Collection

Sixth graders from the Student Council at Stevenson Middle School, under the guidance of Ms. Infante and Ms. Wanicek, collected \$147 for Meals on Wheels, exceeding their original goal of \$105! Council members encouraged their homerooms to participate. The donation will go towards providing 21 meals to senior citizens in the community.

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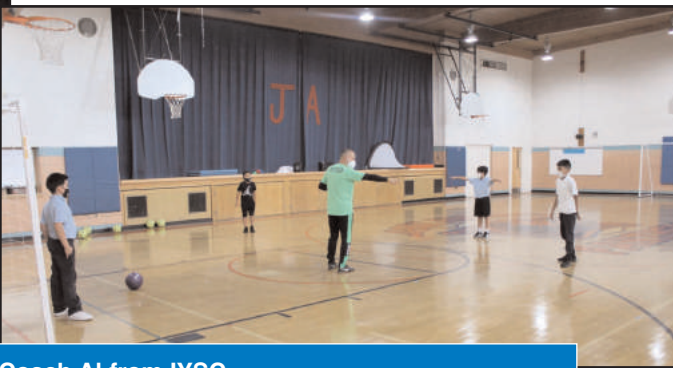


First game of the season for girls' basketball – Jane Addams defeated Washington Dual Language Academy 16-10.

## Elementary Student Sports

D89 Athletics are underway throughout the district! This year the Athletics Department has extended offerings for elementary students to include cross country, soccer, basketball and more!

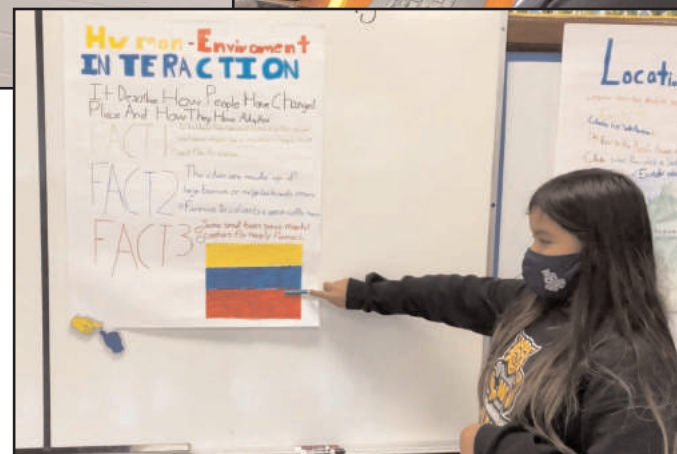
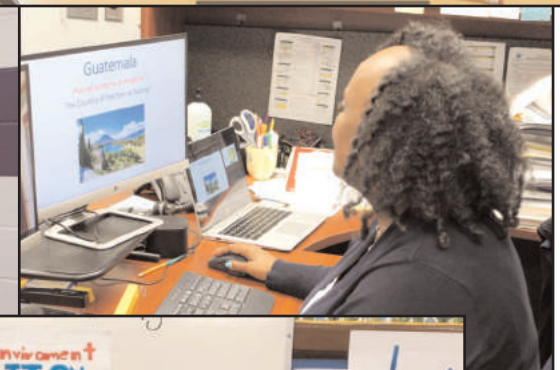
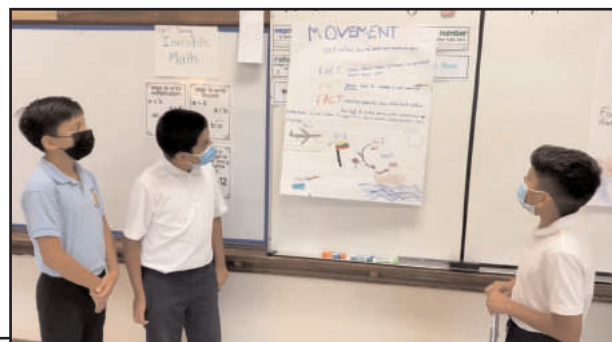
District 89 has partnered with InterYouth Soccer Club (IYSC) to offer competitive soccer for fourth-fifth grade boys in the fall and fourth-fifth grade girls in the spring.



Soccer practice with Coach AI from IYSC.

## District Family Night: Hispanic Heritage Celebration

D89 held its first district-wide family night this school year virtually on Thursday, Sept. 23. Hispanic Heritage Celebration was hosted by Melrose Park School and Washington Dual Language Academy. Families learned about many Latin American countries as presented by staff and students throughout the online event.



### Save the Dates for Future Family Night Events

Cultivating Healthy Minds and Bodies – Nov. 18  
STEAM Night – Jan. 24  
African American Celebration – Feb. 23  
Spring into a Multicultural Society – April 6  
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## Holiday Mass Schedules



### Thanksgiving - NOV 25

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8:00am English Mass at St. Eulalia



### Immaculate Conception - DEC 8

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### Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

7:00pm at St. Eulalia from  
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### Our Lady of Guadalupe - DEC 12

5:00am Mañanitas & Mass at Sacred Heart  
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### Christmas Eve - DEC 24

8:00am English Advent Mass at Sacred Heart  
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# Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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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.

# Centro De Recursos Franciscanos

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### **Minimum requirements:**

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\*Referral bonus available for staff employed at our production centers (Melrose Park, and Grand Island)  
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# Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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

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

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



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

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

We only provide birth certificates if the individual was born in Melrose Park.

Birth certificates can be only be obtained by the individual themselves,  
a parent, or legal guardian.

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

### Death Certificates

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

### Vehicle Sticker Information

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

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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.

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# Are your natural gas-fueled appliances ready for winter?



Fall is an excellent time to inspect appliances and schedule routine maintenance. As you plan to hunker down for winter, keep these tips in mind.

## Your Fall To-Do List



- ▶ Hire a qualified specialist to inspect your furnace's emergency shut-offs, controls and vents
- ▶ Clear all heating systems of flammable materials or debris that might have accumulated during the summer
- ▶ Check your vents for obstructions
- ▶ Replace air filters
- ▶ Lower your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit

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## DON'T Do This!



- ▶ NEVER use a gas range as a space heater
- ▶ NEVER put a space heater near curtains or flammable objects
- ▶ NEVER leave the fan compartment door of your furnace open

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## Signs You Need Help



- ▶ Pale or wavy gas flames
- ▶ Appliances that don't vent outside
- ▶ Missing or damaged valves
- ▶ Visible corrosion, clogs or bad seals
- ▶ Soot near burners or vents
- ▶ Discolored burners, burner access doors or vents

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## Need Financial Assistance?



Visit <[LDC energy assistance page](#)> to Learn About These Options

- ▶ Residential and Commercial Rebates
- ▶ Illinois 2-1-1 Community Resources
- ▶ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- ▶ Payment Arrangement

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# Prepare Now for Cooler Weather – Heating Assistance Available for Eligible Households

As winter months approach, lower temperatures mean thermostats tend to go up and some household budgets might not be able to keep up with the demands of winter heating costs. Nicor Gas offers financial assistance that can help offset those costs while keeping customers warm with the safe and reliable natural gas service Illinois customers deserve and expect.

Enrollment for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is underway now. The federal- and state-funded energy assistance program helps low- and fixed-income households pay for winter energy services.



A past-due balance or disconnection notice is not needed to apply for LIHEAP assistance. Eligibility is based on several factors, including household size and income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines – for a family of four that equates to \$53,000 annual salary or less. For more information or to locate a local application agency, call (877) 411-9276.

LIHEAP eligible households may also participate in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan. Eligible Nicor Gas customers pay a percentage of their monthly income to maintain utility service. PIPP offers an affordable payment plan and a chance to eliminate past-due balances.

Other energy assistance programs available to Nicor Gas customers are:

- The Nicor Gas Sharing Program, which is administered by the Salvation Army, is funded by Nicor Gas and its customers to offer bill payment assistance to eligible residential customers in need. Eligible customers can receive a Sharing Grant up to \$400, based on their account balance. To apply, contact a Salvation Army office or call (773) 205-3520.
- Nicor Gas' Energy Aide Program provides one-time grants of up to \$250 to eligible residential customers with past due balances. The grants do not need to be paid back.
- Nicor Gas Budget Plan provides a convenient way for customers to plan for and pay their monthly natural gas bill. Customers pay a consistent amount every month for a 12-month period, allowing a credit balance to build up and help offset winter bills that may be higher due to increased natural gas usage.
- Nicor Gas' Energy Efficiency Program helps customers manage their costs by lowering out-of-pocket expenses for energy efficiency improvements through rebates and a preferred contractor network, free home energy assessments and free energy saving products. Income-qualified households can receive weatherization assistance to save energy and money. Call (877) 886-4239 or visit [nicorgas.com/freeweatherization](http://nicorgas.com/freeweatherization) for more information.

Every family deserves reliable energy at a price they can afford. For more information about each of these programs or help managing natural gas costs, please visit [nicorgas.com/energyassistance](http://nicorgas.com/energyassistance).

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## The ROSE Wants to Hear Your Story ...

**We want to provide readers with helpful information and highlight local individuals, organizations, businesses or special events that make Melrose Park a unique and thriving community!**

Do you know any interesting people in town who are worthy of recognition?  
Is there great news about an organization or business that you are involved with  
that you want others to know about?

If you answered "Yes," then we want your story!

Please send all your exciting details by direct mail to:

The Rose c/o The Village of Melrose Park

1000 N. 25th Ave.

Melrose Park, IL 60160

Or you can send an email to [TheRose@melrosepark.org](mailto:TheRose@melrosepark.org).

**Please include your name and a phone number that's best to reach you at.**



# Families on a Limited Budget Encouraged to Take Advantage of ComEd Program to Save Money, Energy

On behalf of National Energy Efficiency Day, which was Wednesday, Oct. 6, ComEd encourages customers, particularly those on a limited budget, to learn more about the many available energy-efficiency services and incentives that can help them save money and energy. The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program is one of the largest programs in the nation offering residential, business and public-sector customers a variety of options that can help them cut back on their energy use, which reduces energy bills and helps the environment.

Since its launch in 2008, the program has saved customers more than \$5.7 billion on their energy bills and saved enough energy to power more than 6 million homes for a year. This is equivalent to removing more than 5.5 million cars from the road or reducing more than 56 billion pounds of carbon emissions. The program has also helped ComEd maintain rates for families and businesses that are lower than average in the 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas.

"ComEd is committed to safely delivering clean, reliable and affordable energy needed to power the lives of our families, communities and businesses," said Jane S. Park, ComEd's chief customer officer and senior vice president of Customer Operations. "ComEd's energy-efficiency offerings not only drive environmental sustainability through reduced energy use, these award-winning programs can also help hard-working families and businesses – many still facing economic hardships – to reduce their electric bills and save."



The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program provides the following energy-saving offers to customers whose household income is at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI):

- **Home Energy Upgrades** – To help improve the energy efficiency of their homes and lower energy costs, eligible customers receive free weatherization which includes air sealing and insulation in walls and attic spaces completed by trained installers. They also receive free energy-saving products installed at no charge, including ENERGY STAR-certified LED light bulbs, a programmable or smart thermostat, advanced power strip, WaterSense-certified showerheads and faucet aerators, and hot-water pipe insulation.
- **Instant Discounts** – Eligible customers can receive instant, in-store discounts on ENERGY STAR-certified LED bulbs and fixtures that can help reduce electric bills. That's because ENERGY STAR-certified LED bulbs use up to 90 percent less energy than standard bulbs and last at least 15 times longer than traditional incandescent light bulbs. Similar discounts are available on advanced power strips, ENERGY STAR-certified room air conditioners, air purifiers and dehumidifiers. To take advantage of instant, in-store discounts, customers are encouraged to visit a participating neighborhood retailer and look for the ComEd Lower Price sticker.
- **Energy Saving Kits** – ComEd works with local community action agencies across northern Illinois to provide free energy savings kits to eligible customers. Each kit includes energy-efficient LED bulbs, water-saving showerheads, an advanced power strip and more. It also comes with an instructional booklet with links to installation videos and useful tips that can help customers reduce their energy bills and save even more.

Families on a limited budget can learn more about these energy-saving offers, including eligibility guidelines, by visiting [ComEd.com/IncomeEligible](http://ComEd.com/IncomeEligible). The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program also has offerings for residential customers of all income levels as well as business customers. For more information, visit [ComEd.com/HomeSavings](http://ComEd.com/HomeSavings) for residential customers and [ComEd.com/BizSavings](http://ComEd.com/BizSavings) for business customers. The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program is funded in compliance with state law.

## ComEd Receives National Recognition for Impact on Economic Development

In recognition of ComEd's contribution to economic growth and job creation across the northern Illinois communities it serves, *Site Selection* magazine named the energy company to its annual list of Top 20 Utilities in Economic Development. Selected from more than 3,300 electric companies across the country, ComEd is among the top 1 percent of all utilities in attracting new businesses, jobs and investments.

In 2020, infrastructure projects designed to improve and modernize the power grid created an additional \$2.7 billion in spending and 6,400 jobs. Further, ComEd's grid investments are creating the infrastructure required to support new, job-generating industries like data centers.

"ComEd is committed to transforming more than just the power grid," said Diana Sharpe, vice president of Economic and Workforce Development at ComEd. "Our infrastructure improvements have been recognized for spurring much-needed investment and life-transforming jobs in the communities we serve."

In recognizing the energy company, the magazine cites actions taken by ComEd that are key factors in creating jobs and attracting new businesses to Illinois, including:

- **Industry-Leading Reliability** – Since 2012, ComEd has made investments in the grid that have helped it withstand more frequent severe weather associated with climate change and avoid more than 16 million customer interruptions by automatically rerouting power around problem areas.
- **Fleet Electrification** – ComEd plans to electrify 30 percent of its vehicle fleet by 2025 and 50 percent by 2030.
- **Workforce Training** – ComEd-led job training programs resulted in approximately 1,690 trainees completing the Craft Apprenticeship Program, Solar Pipeline and Multicultural programs with 25 percent securing jobs.
- **Renewable Energy Solutions** – Through the Future Energy Jobs Act enacted in 2016, ComEd commercial and industrial customers can apply for distributed generation (DG) rebates designed to reduce up-front installation costs for renewable energy and spur renewable development. ComEd has received 180 DG rebate applications this year and paid rebates of \$33.6 million. In August, the company also placed its 50th community solar project in service. Each project serves homeowner, renter and business subscribers who receive bill credits for their portion of the energy produced by the community solar farm.

"Illinois' low and stable power prices, industry-leading reliability performance and clean energy solutions are critical components we leverage to drive economic growth, business development and job creation in the region," said Paulina San Millan, vice president of Business Development at Illinois economic development organization Intersect Illinois. "We value the proactive, positive and prompt collaboration that ComEd's high performing economic development team provides, and this recognition reinforces why they are such an important developmental asset and partner for Illinois."

"We applaud *Site Selection* magazine's recognition of ComEd as a top utility in economic development," said Mark Goode, founding principal at developer Venture One Real Estate. "Venture One Real Estate values our relationship with the ComEd team and our collaborative efforts to drive investment, create jobs and grow the Illinois economy."

**This is the eighth time ComEd has been recognized as a top utility in economic development by Site Selection magazine.**



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# Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle Announces \$75M for Additional Round of Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance

## ERA 2 will Provide Assistance with Rent, Utilities and Other Housing Expenses for Residents in Suburban Cook County

On Friday, Oct. 1, Cook County Board President Preckwinkle, County Board Commissioners Donna Miller, Brandon Johnson and Frank J. Aguilar, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development and the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) announced another round of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 2) to support residents of suburban Cook County who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability due to the pandemic.

The program will dedicate an additional \$75M, funded through the American Rescue Plan, to provide emergency rental assistance to both tenants and landlords, with prioritization preference given to suburban Cook County's most vulnerable residents. The program began accepting applications on Monday, Oct. 4 and will remain open until Friday, Oct. 29.



"This is a crucial extension of our Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which has provided aid to nearly 8,000 tenants and landlords during this difficult time. It was top priority for the county to continue this program and make critical improvements, such as covering relocation, security deposits and other housing-related expenses that our residents so desperately need," said Cook County Board President Preckwinkle.

Designed to prevent and relieve housing instability for suburban Cook County renters and landlords who have experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ERA 2 can help with up to 18 months of rental assistance. The program will cover past and current utility expenses or other related housing expenses, including relocation costs, security deposits, processing fees and temporary housing solutions. In addition, under ERA 2, public housing residents and families with housing choice vouchers are eligible to apply for assistance with their portion of rent.

"Because the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on our most vulnerable residents, ERA 2 allows residents and landlords who have received rental assistance from Cook County's ERA 1 Program to apply for an additional three months of assistance," states Xochitl Flores, bureau chief of Economic Development of Cook County. "This program has been instrumental in providing direct rental assistance, preventing evictions and helping ensure our residents can maintain a stable home, even in the face of unprecedented financial hardships caused by the pandemic."

To qualify for assistance under ERA 2, applicants must live in suburban Cook County and rent their place of residence. They must have a current or future obligation to pay rent, utilities, and/or other housing-related expenses and have a household annual income at or below established requirements (ranging from \$52,200 for single-person households up to \$98,450 for eight-person households). Additionally, applicants must have proof of financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic such as losing income, working fewer hours, being furloughed, needing to stay home because of risk of infection or to care for a child, or incurring significant costs during COVID-19.

"Stable housing is the cornerstone to health and safety, so keeping our residents in their homes has been paramount during the past 18 months of hardship," said Richard Monocchio, executive director of the Housing Authority of Cook County. "Cook County urges landlords to consider their options before filing for an eviction. We want to help landlords and tenants work out solutions to keep families in their homes while they wait on these crucial financial resources, which is why we are also spreading the word about our county-wide initiative to provide free legal assistance and mediation."

Beyond meeting the eligibility requirements, priority will be given to eligible households that have received an eviction notice, households where at least one member has been unemployed for 90 days prior to applying, households where an individual pays more than 50 percent of income on rent and households that are considered overcrowded. Priority applications will be processed before non-priority applications.

"I would not have been able to see clearly and stand tall if it wasn't for the financial help I received from the Emergency Rental Assistance," said Melanie Marshall, a past ERA participant. "I would like to personally thank those who have been working through these tough times in the office, on the front lines, for they too have struggles that require support. We must remember together we stand."

Landlords and tenants in suburban Cook County who wish to apply for ERA 2 funding can do so by visiting [www.cookcountyiil.gov/rent-help](http://www.cookcountyiil.gov/rent-help). All applications opened Oct. 4 and will be accepted until Oct. 29, 2021. For additional information, visit the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development or call (833) 221-9821. Help is available in multiple languages.

Residents and landlords dealing with issues surrounding evictions and debt are also encouraged to contact Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt (CCLAHD) at [www.cookcountylegalaid.org](http://www.cookcountylegalaid.org) or by calling (855) 956-5763 to get free legal aid and mediation services to help resolve issues.





# Check Out These October and November Events and Activities at the Cook County Forest Preserves

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

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

## **Ask a Bird Nerd – Tuesday, Oct. 26 • 1 p.m. • Facebook Live • Free**

Bring your bird and birding questions to have them answered during this interactive Facebook Live.

Contact: (708) 868-0606 • [sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Family Pond Paddle – Wednesday, Oct. 27 • 4 p.m. • Trailside Museum • 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

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

## **Conservation@Home: Native Pollinators – Wednesday, Oct. 27 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Zoom • Free**

When it comes to pollination, honey bees get a majority of the attention. However, many insects play a role in pollination. This presentation will discuss different native pollinators, including beetles and flies, and tips on how to make your landscape attractive to them, including providing habitat.

Registration required: Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/NativePollinators>.

Contact: (708) 771-1573 • [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Oaktoberfest Afternoon Activities – Thursday, Oct. 28 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Join the Illinois Extension Master Naturalists for simple outdoor fun, including kid's make-and-take crafts, games, and fall gardening guidance and free native plant seeds. For adults and families, no registration. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Be a Better Birder: Intermediate Bird ID – Thursday, Oct. 28 • 6 p.m. • Zoom • Free**

Step up your birding game by learning how to identify the complexities of birds.

Registration required: Register at <https://intermediateid.eventbrite.com/>. Contact: (708) 305-2168.

## **Stars, Stories, & S'mores – Thursday, Oct. 28 • 7 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Join a family-friendly evening with a cozy fire, s'mores, a "spooky" story trail, star gazing, pumpkin painting and more. Costumes encouraged! 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible. Contact: (312) 533-5751 • [experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Story Trail: "It's Fall" – Saturday, Oct. 30-Sunday, Oct. 31 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Trailside Museum • Free**

Take a walk on a short trail near Trailside Museum and read a posted story along the way. Afterwards, get an activity bag at the museum so you can start your own adventure with crafts and activities. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Fitness Hike – Saturday, Oct. 30 • 9 a.m. • Wolf Road Woods • Free**

Fitness hikes are for those looking to get some exercise outdoors. Fitness hikes will be faster paced with little to no stopping or interpretation. 5.5-mile, unpaved trail hike. Fast walk and slower-paced options available. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

Registration required: Register at <https://tinyurl.com/wrwfitness>.

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

## **Fall Color Walk – Saturday, Oct. 30 • 10 a.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Join us for a naturalist-guided walk to view autumn colors along our trails near the museum. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

Registration required: Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Nature in Spanish: Mover (To move) – Sunday, Oct. 31 • 10 a.m. • Facebook Live • Free**

Learn some common nature words and phrases in Spanish as we explore a different nature topic each month. Beginners welcome. Contact: (708) 868-0606 • [sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Giant's Hollow-ween Hunt – Sunday, Oct. 31 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Crabtree Nature Center • Free**

Take a self-guided hike on our Giant's Hollow Trail to hunt for hidden Halloween clues to earn a treat. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

Registration required: Call Crabtree at (847) 381-6592.

Contact: (847) 381-6592 • [Crabtree.NatureCenter@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Crabtree.NatureCenter@cookcountyil.gov).



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### **The Un-haunted Forest – Sunday, Oct. 31 • 10:30 a.m. • River Trail Nature Center • \$3**

Come in costume for a magical hike through the forest. \$3/child. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible. Registration required: Call River Trail at (847) 824-8360 (deadline: Oct. 28). Contact: (847) 824-8360.

### **Camping With Your Dog – Thursday, Nov. 4 • 1 p.m. • Facebook Live • Free**

Did you know our campgrounds are dog-friendly? Learn tips and tricks to successfully camp with your four-legged companion.

Contact: (708) 386-4042 • [experience.camping@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:experience.camping@cookcountyiil.gov).

### **Seed Collecting Workday – Saturday, Nov. 6 • 10 a.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Join us to collect native flower and grass seeds in a nearby preserve to spread into Forest Preserves areas that need more biodiversity. For adults and older children; dress for rough, off-trail conditions. Call to register and get location of meeting place. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

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

### **5K Trail Run for Beginners – Sunday, Nov. 7 • 10 a.m. • Evans Field • Free**

Join us for a slow, easy trail run on the Des Plaines Trail. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

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

### **Fitness Hike – Wednesday, Nov. 10 • 10 a.m. • Sunset Bridge Meadow • Free**

Fitness hikes are for those looking to get some exercise outdoors. Fitness hikes will be faster paced with little to no stopping or interpretation. Seven-mile, non-looped hike. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

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

### **Nature Story Trail: “Giving Thanks” – Friday, Nov. 12-Sunday, Nov. 14 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Follow a short trail near the museum and read a posted story along the way. Afterwards, pick up an activity kit in our lobby so you can start your own adventure with crafts and activities. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible. Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov).

### **Thanksgiving Drive and Drop Food Drive – Saturday, Nov. 13 • 9 a.m.-Noon • Trailside Museum • Free**

Help your neighbors in a safe way! In partnership with Proviso Partners for Health and the Maywood Park District, we are collecting healthy, non-perishable food to benefit local residents. Stop by Trailside Museum’s parking lot to drop off your donation. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov).

### **Wellness Walk – Sunday, Nov. 14 and Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 1 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Enjoy a mindful and meditative guided nature walk with Roberta Jannsen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer, to feel refreshed in body and soul. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible.

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

### **Be a Better Birder: Birding Ethics – Thursday, Nov. 18 • 6 p.m. • Zoom • Free**

Just as there are rules to any sport, there are rules to birding. Learn about the guidelines and expectations to be an ethical birder.

Registration required: Call (708) 305-2168 to register. Contact: (708) 305-2168.

### **Nature Story Trail: “Giving Thanks” – Friday, Nov. 19-Sunday, Nov. 21 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Follow a short trail near the museum and read a posted story along the way. Afterwards, pick up an activity kit in our lobby so you can start your own adventure with crafts and activities. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible. Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov).

### **Service Day: Litter Pickup – Saturday, Nov. 20 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Help us clean up your local Forest Preserves! Stop by Trailside Museum to pick up trash bags and gloves, and get guidance on where the litter is. A great service project for Scouts, students and families! 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible. Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov).

### **Ask a Bird Nerd – Tuesday, Nov. 23 • 1 p.m. • Facebook Live • Free**

Bring your bird and birding questions to have them answered during this interactive Facebook Live.

Contact: (708) 868-0606 • [sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyiil.gov).

### **Nature Story Trail: “Giving Thanks” – Friday, Nov. 26-Sunday, Nov. 28 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Follow a short trail near the museum and read a posted story along the way. Afterwards, pick up an activity kit in our lobby so you can start your own adventure with crafts and activities. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible. Contact: (708) 366-6530 • [trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov).

### **Annual Turkey Trot Hike – Friday, Nov. 26 • 1 p.m. • Trailside Museum • Free**

Walk off that turkey dinner with a naturalist as we take a special post-holiday hike on our scenic trails. Family program, no strollers. 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 (6 feet from other people) is not possible. Registration required: Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. • [trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:trailside.museum@cookcountyiil.gov).





# News from the Zoo!

## Brookfield Zoo's Calendar of Events – Now-December 2021 Check Out These Attractions Available for Zoogoers!

### Brookfield Zoo Skating Rink – Opens Nov. 13

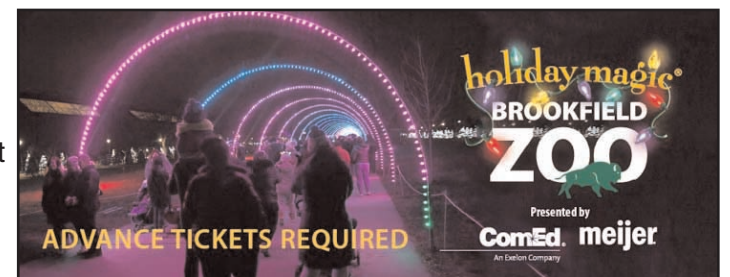
Lace up your skates and head to Brookfield Zoo this fall and winter season – the zoo's Skating Rink opens Nov. 13. Located on the East Mall, the rink is made of a synthetic plastic known as Glice®. So even if the weather is unseasonably warm, there's no need to worry about it melting. The 40-foot x 80-foot rink is open Saturdays and Sundays. It will also be open during the zoo's Holiday Magic, 3-9 p.m. The cost for unlimited time on the rink for all skaters is \$7. A limited number of skates are available to rent for a \$5 fee. Skaters are welcome to bring their own skates. For more information, visit [CZS.org/Events](http://CZS.org/Events) or call (708) 688-8000.

### Reindeer Run – Saturday, Nov. 20

Grab your glow sticks and running shoes and join us on Saturday, Nov. 20 for the Reindeer Run! With a 2-mile course entirely within Brookfield Zoo, you and your family can "fun run" under the lights and be the first to see the lights of Holiday Magic! Get a sneak peek of Brookfield Zoo all lit up for the holidays while participating in the Reindeer Run, presented by ALDI and sponsored by Revolution Brewing. This fun-filled event features a 2-mile "fun run" or walking course adorned with more than 1 million LED lights. Participants can also enjoy a spin on The Carousel, and there will be a selection of food and beverages available for purchase. Registered participants, who are 21 or older, will receive a complimentary beer, courtesy of Revolution Brewing. Registration for Reindeer Run is \$30 per person. The non-competitive run will kick off at 7 p.m. in front of the Pavilions. Registrants should enter the zoo via the North Gate. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit [www.CZS.org/ReindeerRun](http://www.CZS.org/ReindeerRun).

### Holiday Magic – Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 and 26-31

Enjoy the festive season with family and friends at Brookfield Zoo's 40th annual Holiday Magic, presented by Meijer. Zoogoers can stroll along the walkways, lit with more than 1 million twinkling LED lights. Memorable photos are waiting to be taken inside the new illuminated gingerbread house or the ever-popular luminous 20-foot-tall orb. Guests can walk through the 600-foot-long Tunnel of Lights or pose for a selfie next to the Santa Claus cutout. The zoo's West Mall will be aglow with the new "Sea of Lights," featuring a colorful display created with lights measuring 1 mile long. Inside the North Gate, be dazzled by the 41-foot tree as it "dances" to choreographed music. Guests can also view more than 600 decorated community and corporate trees along the malls and around Roosevelt Fountain. Several animal areas will be open, including dolphin presentations at 4 and 6 p.m. In addition, restaurants will be open as well as gift shops offering an array of unique items. Both guests and zoo members must secure admission and parking tickets in advance of arriving at the zoo. Reservation times will be available in 20-minute increments. Reserve tickets at [CZS.org/OnlineTicketing](http://CZS.org/OnlineTicketing). For additional information, visit [CZS.org/Events](http://CZS.org/Events).



### Lights and Lagers – Friday, Dec. 10

Those 21 and over can enjoy the lights of Holiday Magic as you stroll through Brookfield Zoo while sampling adult beverages during Lights and Lagers, 6-10 p.m. Tasting stations will be located throughout the park staffed with representatives from participating breweries. Photo ID is required upon entry. Registration is required. Tickets include a commemorative tasting glass and 3-ounce samplings plus ticket fees. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [CZS.org/Events](http://CZS.org/Events).



### Zoo Year's Eve – Friday, Dec. 31

Ring in the New Year at Brookfield Zoo's family-friendly Zoo Year's Eve 2021 celebration. A live DJ sets the party tone in the Holly Jolly Theater, as do fun games, party favors, prizes and an early countdown at 8 p.m. For more information, visit [CZS.org/Events](http://CZS.org/Events) or call (708) 688-8000.

Admission to Brookfield Zoo is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15.

#### BROOKFIELD ZOO HOURS

Now-Oct. 24, the zoo is open weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Beginning Oct. 25, the zoo is open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • On Holiday Magic dates, hours are 3-9 p.m.

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



# Brookfield Zoo Featuring Virtual Fall Lecture Series

This fall, Brookfield Zoo is offering a virtual lecture series featuring an array of fascinating topics about its animals, conservation programs and even a behind-the-scenes look at the veterinary care the zoo's animals receive. The best part for those interested in attending, is they can do so from the comfort of their own homes. Following each presentation, there will be time for a question and answer session. Lectures, which begin at 7 p.m., are free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required and can be made at [CZS.org/LectureSeries](https://CZS.org/LectureSeries).

## Halloween Animals: Bats, Wolves, and Creepy Crawlies – Wednesday, Oct. 27

Just in time for Halloween – learn fascinating facts and fiction behind some of Brookfield Zoo's resident animals that are associated with the fall holiday. Why do wolves howl at the moon? What does spotting a spider on Oct. 31 mean? Andre Copeland, interpretative programs manager for the Chicago Zoological Society, will take you on a journey exploring these animals' connections to folklore and the idea that their long-term attachment to cultural beliefs may provide people with a sense of place. With 27 years' experience, Copeland will share his passion of creating a bridge for people to connect with nature, especially with creatures of the night.

## Between the Guano and the Sea: Exploring Punta San Juan, Peru – Tuesday, Nov. 2

The Punta San Juan Program, founded in the late 1970s, is a Peruvian based marine conservation initiative focused on one of the world's most productive marine ecosystems. A team of on-site biologists and researchers work in collaboration with others around the globe to understand the ecology, behavior, and threats of resident marine species like Humboldt penguins, guanay cormorants, South American sea lions and Peruvian fur seals. Since 2007, Chicago Zoological Society staff has been involved with this program by conducting field research and health assessments on the region's wildlife, facilitating community engagement, and helping build local capacity for marine management and conservation. Join Susana Cárdenas Alayza, director of the program, as she shares long-term lessons learned over the years and the challenges of counting animals, understanding food sources and coordinating sustainable guano harvests that will keep these charismatic animals protected for generations to come.

## Tails from the Front: The Extraordinary Veterinary Care of the Brookfield Zoo – Tuesday, Nov. 16

Dr. Mike Adkesson, vice president of Clinical Medicine for the Chicago Zoological Society, oversees the veterinary team, hospital operations and medical care of Brookfield Zoo's animals. Join him for an enlightening presentation as he shares his knowledge and stories about several well-known and challenging medical cases. Whether it is a CT scan and sinus surgery for Layla, a black rhinoceros; a total hip replacement surgery on Malena, an aging Amur tiger; or cataract surgery on a California sea lion, the veterinary team at Brookfield Zoo is pushing the boundaries of zoological medicine.

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# Walgreens Announces Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots Now Available Nationwide for Eligible Individuals

## Individuals Can Receive Their Flu and COVID-19 Booster Shots During the Same Appointment

Walgreens recently announced that eligible individuals can now receive Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccinations in stores nationwide, following Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization and new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Walgreens has played a vital role in responding to COVID-19 as millions have turned to us as a convenient vaccination destination and critical point of community care," said John Standley, president, Walgreens. "In addition to providing booster shots, our pharmacy teams remain readily available to advise patients, address questions and co-administer flu and COVID-19 primary vaccines to help protect our communities."

### Preparing for COVID-19 Boosters and Flu Vaccinations

- **Scheduling and Preparing for an Appointment** – Appointments for a COVID-19 booster shot and additional immunizations can be scheduled through [Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine](https://Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine), by calling 1-800-Walgreens or by calling a local Walgreens store.
- New patients to Walgreens seeking a booster shot will be asked to verify eligibility when the appointment is scheduled and at the time of the appointment. Patients can either bring their COVID-19 vaccine dose card to the appointment so the booster shot can be recorded or information about their primary vaccine series to receive a new vaccine card noting the booster dose. Currently, patients with a registered Walgreens pharmacy account can access their vaccines records via the Walgreens website or mobile app.
- **Booster Eligibility** – The following populations are eligible to receive a booster dose at this time:
  - Individuals ages 65 and older.
  - Long-term care facility residents ages 18 and older.
  - Individuals ages 18 and older with underlying medical conditions. Individuals ages 18-49 should consider individual benefits and risks, according to CDC guidance.
  - Individuals ages 18-64 who are at an increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting, such as health care and essential workers.

Eligible individuals can receive their booster shot at least six months after they completed their Pfizer COVID-19 primary vaccine series.

In addition, moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals who are already eligible to receive an additional dose of a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine can also receive a booster dose at least six months following their additional dose.

- **Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Co-administration** – Based on CDC guidelines, patients are able to receive their COVID-19 and flu or other vaccinations on the same day. Patients are encouraged to get their initial COVID-19 vaccination series or booster along with their flu shot during the same visit, saving time and providing protection against both viruses.

While COVID-19 boosters are not widely available to the general population, the CDC recommends nearly everyone receive a flu shot to reduce illness and prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths. Patients may also choose to get their flu shot while getting up-to-date on other routine immunizations like shingles, pneumonia, whooping cough, meningitis, measles, tetanus, typhoid, polio and others. To schedule your flu shot appointment, go to [Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine](https://Walgreens.com/ScheduleVaccine).

- **Long-Term Care Facilities** – The company will continue to provide vaccinations to long-term care facilities that choose to work with Walgreens as their vaccine provider. Vaccinations will be offered both in-store and through off-site clinics.

- **Rewards** – To thank patients for choosing Walgreens as their vaccination destination™, Walgreens is offering a \$5 Walgreens Cash reward, when you spend \$20, after each vaccine received in store to individuals who have a registered myWalgreens account.

**For more information, visit [Walgreens.com/covidvaccine](https://Walgreens.com/covidvaccine).**





# 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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Caulking - Minor interior only - No removal of existing caulk	Outdoor Water Spigot - Shut Off/Turn On
Ceiling Fans - Repair Switches Only	Picture - Hang Only
Decks - Minor Repairs Only	Referrals for Tradesperson - Referrals Only Not Recommendations
Doorbells - Repair/Replace Buttons	Screens - Put In/Take Out (Limit 6 feet)
Door Locks - Repair/Replace	Shower Heads - Repair/Replace/Install
Door Sweeps - Repair/Replace/Install	Shower Wands - Repair/Replace/Install
Doors - Plane, Repair/Replace Hinges	Sink Drains Pipes & Stoppers - Repair or Replace
Electrical Outlets & Switches - Replace	Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors - Install or Replace Batteries
Electrical GFCI Outlets - Replace & Install	Storm Doors - Repair (No Installations)
Faucets - Repair or Replace	Storm Windows - Put In/Take Out (Limit 6 feet)
Furniture Assembly (Small pieces only) (no IKEA)	Supply Valves - Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only
Furniture Moving - 50 lbs. limit	Threshold - Repairs & Replacement
Furniture Repair - Minor Only	Toilets - Minor Repairs - <b>No Rodding</b>
Grab Bars - Install or Replace	TV/TV Converter Box - Install & Program (NO Comcast)
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# Obituaries

## *Alvarado*

Joel Alvarado. Dearly beloved husband of Andrea; loving father of Joel Jr., Lina (Anthony), Marilyn (Ismeal) and Ada (Vincent); fond grandfather of Anne (Jose), Roy, Sidney (Amber), Aaron (Keila), Nicholas (Patty), Ashley (Fabio), Alexi, Matthew, Ivan, Elisha and Isabella; great-grandfather of Melanie, Shannelle, Roy Z. and Shannon; dear brother of Daniel, Ada, Mary, the late Noel, the late Ezekiel and the late Noemi; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery.

## *Dylo*

Callie R. Dylo, nee Reed. Dearly beloved wife of Wayne; loving mother of Debra (Chuch) Cobb, Dennis (Melissa) Dylo and the late Patricia (Dale) Lehtma, late Ronald (Wanda Coulter)Dube, late Marsella (Scott) Ecklin and David Dylo; cherished grandmother of Matthew, Jaqueline, Lucille, Ronald, Michael, Cassie and Molly; dear great-grandmother, sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many; dear sister of Dolores, Robert, Sandra, Joan, Linda, and the late Thomas Norma and Johnnie. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Gomez*

Francisco Gomez. Loving father of Francis Gomez, Irene Gomez, Celia Gomez, Maria Del Carmen Gomez, Maria Joseline Gomez, Yanette Gomez and the late Rafael Gomez; fond grandfather of 14; great-grandfather of 21; dear brother of Mercedes, Idalia, Celia, Malola, Irene, Vincente, Sergio, Santo, George and Luis Manuel; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Jones*

Larry Dean Jones was surrounded by his loving family when meeting the Lord. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Kanev*

Christian D. Kanev. Beloved son of Mira and Dimitar; dear brother of Ivan; fond nephew of Johnny and cherished cousin of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Lopez*

Luis Fernando Lopez. Loving father of Jasmine (Kenny) Rector, Trey Lopez and Tyler Lopez; beloved son of David and Josefina Lopez; fond grandfather of Kiana, Kenrick, Grayson and Liam; dear brother of David (Jaqueline) Lopez, Nancy (Antonio) Medina, Nora Monreal and Hector Lopez; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Maggio*

Anthony “Rusty” Maggio. Dearly beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Sorrentino) and the late Rochelle (nee Zamboni); loving father of Anthony (Cathy) Maggio, Laura (John) Scatchell, Sammy Joe (Theresa) and Louis; cherished grandfather of Gianna, Johnny, Vanessa and Louie; dear brother of the late Charles Maggio; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Marino*

Michael A. Marino Jr. Dear father of five; loving brother of Joyce (Joseph) De Vita; fond friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

## *O'Donnell*

Thomas L. O'Donnell, of Northbrook, Ill., formerly of Glenview, Ill., passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 28. Beloved son of the late Thomas L. and Irene L. O'Donnell; dear brother of Annie (Jim Kaziukewicz) O'Donnell and Mary Beth (Steve) Jossart; proud uncle of Patrick, Maureen and Brian Jossart. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Pekala*

Kenneth F. Pekala. Dearly beloved husband of Helene (nee Carso); loving and devoted father of Lisa Pekala and Christopher Pekala; dear brother of Richard (Evie) Pekala and the late Charles Pekala; loving brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Salyer*

John Wm. Salyer, Sr., passed away on Aug. 29, at the age of 87. Survived by loving wife of 68 years, Shirley; loving father of John (Barbara) and Linda (Bruce) Keclik; survived by sister Betty Matheny; proud grandfather of Ashley (John) Kusinski, Patrick (Becky) Keclik, Kaydi Salyer and John Salyer III; great-grandfather of Molly and Colton; loved by many nieces, nephews and friends. Former past master of Laurel Masonic Lodge, lifetime member of the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as the Shriners and Scottish Rite. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Memory Gardens Cemetery.

## *Scarlato*

Carmelo Scarlato. Beloved husband of Suzanne (nee Bulger); loving father of Adam “Carmen” (Tammy), Antonio (Katrina) and Roberto (Aja), and Nichole; beloved son of the late Antonio and Mary Scarlato; fond grandfather of Nikoletta, Rocco, Sophia, Kristin, Drake, Trevor and Anna; fond great-grandfather of Jaxon, Willow and Weston Ray; dear brother of the late Pino, Lina, the late Frank, Anna and Aldo; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven.

## *Vargas*

Jaime Vargas. Beloved husband of Carmen J. Vargas Munoz; loving father of Jennifer Vargas Gill with partner Felix Cotto, Jaime Vargas Jr. with spouse Ambre Vargas, Jason Vargas with spouse Jerry Jimenez, Tania Vargas De Perez and Elliot Santiago; fond grandfather of Jonathan A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Gonzalez, Jaden R. Gill, Robert L. Gill III, Jameson W. Cotto, Jaime Vargas III, Ethan Ronald Vargas and Isabella Carmen Vargas; dear brother of many; dear companion of Carmen Santiago; beloved uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Jaime Vargas was a remarkable man with a beautifully kind and loving soul. He loved unconditionally and forgave all. Jaime was a family man through and through. He worked hard for almost 50 years at Jewel ware-house to provide for his family and to help friends, neighbors and even



strangers in need. His generosity knew no bounds! He was always sincerely concerned with the well-being of his family and friends, and known to frequently reach out to all.

Jaime is undoubtedly in Heaven watching over his many friends and family members. You can honor Jaime best by loving and giving as he did. Give from your heart and expect nothing in return, and when you are able, lend a helping hand to someone less fortunate.

Jaime's life was a blessing to all. He is loved more than words can express and he will be missed beyond measure.

**Zaldivar-Quinones**

Francisca Zaldivar-Quinones. Beloved wife of the late Ranulfo Carrera Herrera; loving mother of Victor Manuel, Rosa Amalia, Arnolfo, Maria Eugenia and Lorena; fond grandmother of Denise, Paola, Emmanuel, Jocelyn, Miguel Angel, Adilene, Ruby, Fernando, Jose Paz, Francisco, Kenia Itzel, Emilio, Jesica, Miguel Angel and Osvaldo; fond great-grandmother of Fernando Jr., Daniela and Kimberly; dear sister of Elvira, the late Socorro, Rosario, Luz, Pascual, Nasario and Jose; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

# 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: Oct. 25; Nov. 8 and 22; and Dec. 13 and 27.

# Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: 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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