

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

*COVID-19 protocols are going to become less restrictive, allowing us to enjoy many of the outdoor activities we have missed over the past two years, including family garage sales and the annual Taste of Melrose Park!*

*Please, if you would, say a prayer for a peaceful ending to the tragedy unfolding in the Ukraine.*

Dear Neighbors,

As we eagerly anticipate warmer weather, it appears the CDC and the state of Illinois COVID-19 protocols are going to become less restrictive, allowing us to enjoy many of the outdoor activities we have sorely missed for the past two years.



*Ronald M. Serpico  
Mayor*

Garage sales are now allowed, so mark your calendars for the following 2022 garage sale dates: May 19, 20 and 21; June 16, 17 and 18; July 21, 22 and 23; Aug. 18, 19 and 20; and Sept. 15, 16 and 17. For garage sale regulations visit the village website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).

And it is never too early to plan your summer block party. Residents wishing to have a block party must bring or mail in an application for a special free permit to the Building Department at the Village Hall. The permit is then submitted to the village trustees for approval since traffic must be rerouted to accommodate your party. Visit the village website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) for more information and where you can download a block party permit.

After a two-year absence, the Taste of Melrose Park is back! This year will commemorate the 40th year of the Taste, and special plans to celebrate this landmark anniversary are in the works. The dates of the Taste will be Sept. 2, 3 and 4. If you are interested in being a sponsor of the Taste of Melrose Park, please access the website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) for more information. Look for more Taste of Melrose Park details in editions of *The Rose* newsletter.

With warmer weather right around the corner, why not take advantage of our 2022 Sidewalk Program and request replacement squares to repair your broken sidewalk. Please call the Melrose Park Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

During the warmer weather, why not use our free Senior Citizen 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., (doesn't include interior painting or interior/exterior carpentry) – are encouraged to complete the MP Painting Program Request Form that can be found at the village website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org). Deadline to apply is July 31.

How about requesting a tree for the parkway (one tree per household), we are compiling a list for our 2022 Tree Planting Program. To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

You can find information on all the above plus much more at the village of Melrose Park website at [www.melrosepark.com](http://www.melrosepark.com). When you visit the site click on VILLAGE SERVICES across the top. A drop-down window will then appear and then click on Village Services A-Z. You will then be able to choose from a variety of programs and what village service or form you need to view.

Finally, let's all say a prayer for a peaceful ending to the tragedy unfolding in the Ukraine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Serpico". Below the signature, the text "Mayor Ron Serpico" is printed in a black serif font.

Mayor Ron Serpico

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



# Village of Melrose Park

**Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor**

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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.....April 25, May 9 and 23, and June 13**

**Village Hall Holiday Closings.....April 15 and May 30**

# Resident Response

### **Dear Mayor Serpico and the Village of Melrose Park ...**

Thank you so much for participating in the Destiny Adult Day Center Open House on March 10.

The story on the Melrose Park Facebook has generated a lot of interest in the program.

- Thank you again,  
Jill Nelson, RN, BSN, CDP

P.S. A special thanks to Doug Olson!

### **Dear Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame ...**

I would like to thank you and your department for the mutual aid and assistance you provided at the March 10, 2022, fire located at 1846 S. 15th Ave.

The fire started in the second-floor studio apartment and quickly spread throughout the second floor.

The victim of the fire was treated for partial thickness burns and released later that day.

The quick action of all involved helped reduce fire spread and a possible increased threat as a propane tank was later found in that same apartment.

Thank you again and I appreciate that I can always count on your department for assistance.

The medics on that call did an exceptional job! Their skills and patient care were spot on. Please let them know how much I appreciate them.

- Chief Tracy Kenny  
Broadview Fire Department

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

I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation of the assistance you provided regarding the sexual assault case from 2020.

The comments from Detective Dennis Natale brought great comfort to the family.

I am especially appreciative of this level of commitment and service.

- Sincerely,  
Richard Eddington #900, Interim Chief of Police  
City of Evanston Police Department

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

Thank you for your assistance with the Padre Pio procession. Fr. Leandro and the Padre Pio Society also extend their thanks and appreciation to you and your staff.

It seemed to go well and all the comments were positive.

- Regards,  
Lucia Esposito

Amazing. Thanks Phil for the help and for always being so kind in supporting our community.

- Blessings,  
Rev. Leandro Fossá, C.S., Pastor – Executive Director  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### **Dear Mayor Serpico ...**

Many thanks for your generous donation to support our MIsericordia fundraiser “Blast from the Past.”

Event though we were not able to hold our annual event this year in person

because of COVID, you continued to support our efforts. During this difficult time of COVID, Misericordia and its residents need our commitment. The administration and staff have done an outstanding job keeping our most vulnerable family members safe, happy and healthy. For this we are grateful.

Moving forward, we see a light at the end of the tunnel and pray that next year we will be able to celebrate Misericordia at our event in person! You have walked this journey with us for the past 14 years and we cannot thank you enough for that. In closing, I will quote Sister Rosemary Connelly saying, "God always sends the right people at the right place at the right time."

Thank you on behalf of the Halleran family and our Misericordia family.

• Warmest regards,

Jo, Tom and Matthew Halleran

## Melrose Park Welcomes New Firefighters

On Feb. 1, 2022, six new firefighters – Cid Sanchez, Daniel Lattner, Dominic Vayda, Anthony Beltrame, Anthony Silva and Juan Padilla – were sworn in by Police and Fire Commissioner Mike Caputo as family, friends and well-wishers looked on.

Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame (pictured with firefighters, bottom photo) and Mayor Serpico welcome these fine men, and wish them and their families good luck as they embark on new careers as Melrose Park firefighters.



## Woodlake Occupational Health Opens in Melrose Park Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony/Open House Scheduled for Business Reps, May 3

Woodlake Occupational Health opened its doors at 7 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, near the historic landmark once known as Westlake Hospital. The



newly renovated space boasts warm and inviting features lending to a positive patient experience, focusing strictly on occupational health.

Service offerings include work-related injury care, drug and alcohol testing pre-employment exams, DOT physicals, occupational surveillance exams, immunizations and travel medicine.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony/open house for business representatives is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Woodlake Occupational Health is located at 1111 Superior St., Suite #506, Melrose Park. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Who We Are

Woodlake Occupational Health is focused on redefining the patient experience and bringing solutions to the workplace. By treating work-related injuries only, employers can rest assured their workers will not be exposed to cold and flu symptomatic patients at Woodlake

Occupational Health. In addition to injury treatment, we offer pre-employment screening, DOT physicals, OSHA mandated

annual exams and other comprehensive services. The newly renovated clinic, with state-of-the-art equipment, provides a comfortable and welcoming environment lending to a positive patient experience.

### Our Mission

To build a healthy and productive workforce by establishing collaborative relationships with our patients to reduce the risk for injuries and disease in the most cost-effective way.

### Our Vision

To be a recognized community expert on providing quality and accessible Occupational Health Services, with reduced health care cost and man-hour loss to improve efficiency and exceed customer satisfaction.

### Our Goal

To strictly focus on the workforce population and treat patients with care, compassion, while maintaining the individual's health and well-being as priority.

For additional information, please visit [Woodlakeocchealth.com](http://Woodlakeocchealth.com) or call (708) 919-9900.



# 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

# Deceased MPPD Officer Cappello To be Honored by Illinois Police Officers Memorial Committee and National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund

Officer Joseph Cappello, who passed away in April of 2020, will be honored for his brave and exemplary service for inclusion on the Illinois Police Officer Memorial at a special ceremony hosted by the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Committee on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Cappello was recommended for recognition by Melrose Park Director of Police Sam Pitassi.

In 2021, Pitassi submitted an Application for Inclusion on the Illinois Police Officer Memorial along with a support letter regarding Officer Cappello that read as follows:



*To whom it may concern,*

*In the matter of the death of Melrose Park Police Officer Joseph Cappello on or about 24 APR 20. It is the position of this department it is more likely than not that Officer Cappello was exposed to COVID-19, which led to his death, while performing a line of duty activity or action.*

*Prior to his hospitalization at the end of March 2020, Officer Cappello generally worked a Monday through Friday day shift schedule. This included the two weeks before his last duty day 25 MAR 20.*

*He was assigned and performed duties where he interacted with large groups of people while assisting and protecting the public.*

*He performed some of these duties around a big box retailer, where during that same period of time, other police officers of our department, who provided similar activity, also contracted COVID-19.*

*Officer Cappello's schedule and duties during that time corresponds with and is consistent with Illinois HB. 2455, Page 4, Lines 1 through 20.*

*Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me.*

*Respectfully,  
Sam C. Pitassi  
Director of Police*

This past September, MPPD Deputy Police Chief Anthony Greco received an email notice from Mary Anne Blair, secretary of the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Committee (IPOMC), informing him that Officer Cappello was approved for inclusion on the memorial and will be honored as a "current" honoree at the May 5 ceremony.

Letters of invitation to the 2022 Memorial Service were sent to the family of Officer Cappello that included his spouse Barbara, his son Joseph IV and others.

Additionally, following the communication from IPOMC, Greco received a letter from National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund CEO Marcia Ferranto that stated the name of Police Officer Joseph Thomas Cappello III had been approved for inclusion to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and will formally be dedicated on May 13, 2022, during National Police Week. Cappello's name will be engraved as presented.

The Melrose Park Police Department and the village of Melrose Park stand with the family of Officer Joseph Thomas Cappello III and recognize him as a hero in his own way.

## 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).



**Melrose  
Park  
Police  
Department**

# IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE

## A QUICK NOTE TO UPDATE WEEKEND PARKING RULES ...

**As of Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, parking is no longer permitted on both sides of the street on weekends.**

**Overnight parking restrictions remain the same in the West Melrose and Winston Park areas.**

**Parking is only allowed on designated sides of the street depending on the day of the week as indicated on notice signs posted throughout the community.**

**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.**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



### Attention Residents

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





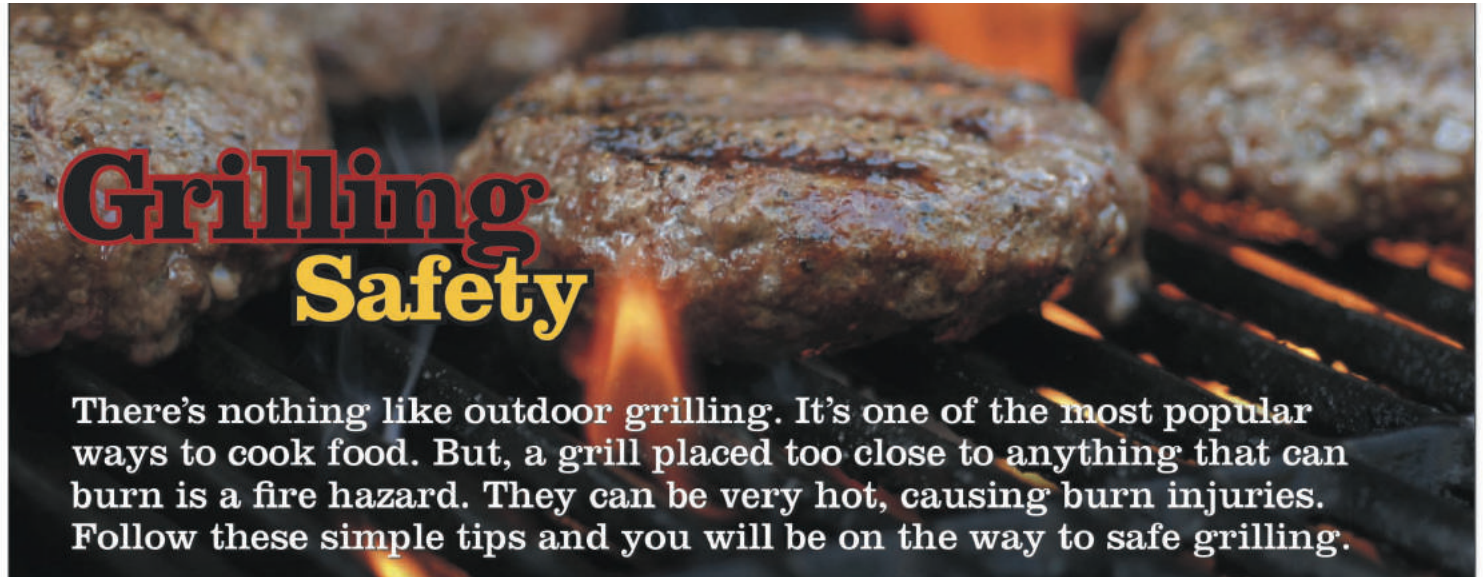
# Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



Rick Beltrame  
Director of Fire Dept.

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

With the warm weather approaching, the Melrose Park Fire Department and Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame want to ensure the safety of our residents by providing these grilling safety tips on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association. Please follow these tips to ensure the safety of your family!



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

### SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

### PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

### FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

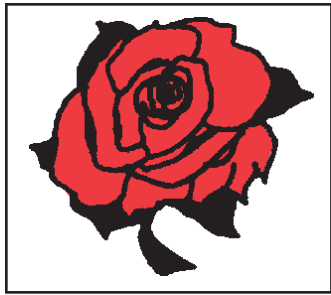


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**MELROSE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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



# Village of Melrose Park Building Dept. Report

*From the Desk of  
Ralph Sorce,  
Building Commissioner*

## A Note to All Melrose Park Residents Regarding Property Flood Protection, Flood Insurance, Village Assistance

As of Oct. 1, 2015, the Village of Melrose Park has earned a Class 8 Rating through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS); for this reason, flood insurance policies issued or renewed in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) qualify for a 10 percent discount off the premium cost.

### Flood Protection Information

The Village of Melrose Park strongly encourages these flood protection tips to be used:

- Stream Maintenance – Per the Clean Water Act and village ordinance, dumping into our ditches, creeks and sewers is strictly prohibited. This regulation helps prevent contamination to our water supply and lessens the chance of flooding. Grass clippings, leaves and branches can also cause problems as they can accumulate and plug the storm sewer channels. If your property is next to a ditch or creek, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. Please feel free to contact the Public Works Department for information regarding the Village's Creek Maintenance Program or reporting downed tree and other major blockages.

- Construction Requirements – Always check with the Building Department before you alter, re-grade or fill your property. A permit is needed to ensure that projects do not cause drainage problems to other properties and to ensure the general public welfare.

- Flood-Proofing – There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage – retrofitting (altering a building to eliminate or reduce flood damage) measures include:

- Elevations – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above protection level.
- Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood zone is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
- Floodwalls – These work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry Flood-Proofing – Makes the building's walls and floors watertight so water does not enter.
- Wet Flood-Proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little to no damage.

Important notice: Any alteration to a building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

### Flood Protection Assistance

If you have any concerns or issues with flooding or drainage, please call the Village of Melrose Park Sewer Department at (708) 531-5347 or the Building Department at (708) 343-4000. The Building Department can provide information, professional input and problem-solving measures without negatively affecting nearby neighbors. The Building Department can also provide a list of flood proofing contractors and conduct inspections.

### Sand Bags

During a rainstorm or flood, sand bags are readily available for pickup at the Melrose Park Public Works Building located at 1002 N. 27th Ave. The Public Works Department also drops off sand bags throughout the village's high impact flood areas.

### Flood Event Suggestions

Please keep in mind, during a flood the less water pumped into the village's storm sewer system the better. Please avoid excessive water use such as washing clothes, showering, washing dishes and toilet flushing. This provides time for the sewer system to stabilize and catch up to the large influx of water, thus, lowering the probability of a sewer backup in a building.

### Be Prepared!

Have a plumber inspect sump pumps regularly!

If you experience flooding or drainage issues on your property, the village's staff may be able to help. Remember to televisc and clean sewer laterals to prevent sewer backups.

### Leaf Removal, Street Sweeping, Storm Sewers and Swales

It is a violation of village code and the Clean Water Act to directly or indirectly discharge illicit substances into a storm sewer. The village strongly encourages that all grass clippings, leaves and yard waste be placed in approved containers and placed at the designated location for garbage pickup on scheduled pickup days.

### Community Effort

The Public Works Department kindly requests your help. Throughout the village's corporate boundaries there are many streets with curbside storm sewer catch basins, culverts and storm sewer pipes that are prone to trouble in heavy rains when they are blocked by leaves and grass clippings. The village street sweeping vehicle is not effective in removing large quantities of wet or dry leaves off the streets and curbed areas. The street sweeper's intended use is to remove road debris such as gravel, dirt and trash from the road surface by way of water and scrubbing brushes.

The Public Works Department respectfully asks that every village resident do their part in keeping our storm sewer grates, culvert pipe and swales in front of their property free from leaves and debris throughout the year. By doing this, this will greatly diminish the need for storm sewer cleanups, as well as, eliminating street inlet flooding due to leaves clogging the designed drainage path.

### Flood Insurance

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. The village strongly encourages property owners to invest in flood insurance. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. In some cases, flood insurance is required by a bank when people purchase a property and get a mortgage or home improvement loan. These policies typically only cover the building's structure and not its contents. During the types of flooding that occur in your area, there is usually more damage to the furniture and personal items than there is to the structure. Be sure you have contents coverage! Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection! In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

**For more information regarding important Melrose Park flood information, please visit our village website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) and check under the Village Services tab. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding flooding in Melrose Park, please feel free to contact the Building Department at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4419. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**



# Important Melrose Park Flood Relief Information



It is that time of year when inclement weather can cause havoc with your most prized possession – your home. Arm yourself ahead of time by visiting the following links.

To determine if your house is in a floodplain and eligible for flood insurance:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
Determine\\_if\\_your\\_house\\_is\\_in\\_a\\_floodplain\\_  
and\\_eligible\\_for\\_flood\\_insurance.PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/Determine_if_your_house_is_in_a_floodplain_and_eligible_for_flood_insurance.PDF)

To find out what to do in case your home is flooded:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
What\\_to\\_do\\_in\\_case\\_your\\_home\\_is\\_flooded.PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/What_to_do_in_case_your_home_is_flooded.PDF)

To help prevent flooding in Melrose Park:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
Help\\_prevent\\_flooding\\_in\\_Melrose\\_Park\\_.PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/Help_prevent_flooding_in_Melrose_Park_.PDF)

For a FEMA Registration Flyer on how to apply for disaster relief:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/  
FEMA\\_REGISTRATION\\_FLYER\(1\)\\_\(1\).PDF](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/FEMA_REGISTRATION_FLYER(1)_(1).PDF)

To view Real-Time River Gauge Near Melrose Park to Determine River Level:

[www.water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=lot&gauge=rvfi2](http://www.water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=lot&gauge=rvfi2)

To view or download Flood Inundation and Response 3 Stage Map:

[www.melrosepark.org/docs/\\_inundation%20&%20Flood%20Response.pdf](http://www.melrosepark.org/docs/_inundation%20&%20Flood%20Response.pdf)

The following two links give you important information regarding flood insurance regulations, qualifications, floodplain maps, and how to apply.

FEMA Flood Insurance Program:

<http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/index.shtm>

FEMA Map Service Center:

[www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/map-service-center](http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/map-service-center)

The following link provides very important information on where to go for disaster assistance when a flood hits and answers many of a homeowner's questions regarding disaster assistance.

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

## Building Department Construction Project Resource Information

Many residents and business owners will be performing construction projects to their homes and businesses.

The Building Department of the village of Melrose Park is pleased to see the improvements within our neighborhood. Remember, before starting any construction project; obtain a building permit from the Building Department. All contractors performing work are required to obtain a contractor's license with the village. Rough and final inspections are to be performed to make sure work is being performed to code.

If you are planning to update your home or business, or if you have any questions, please come into the Building Department at 1000 N. 25th Ave., call us at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4470, or send an email to [rsorce@melrosepark.org](mailto:rsorce@melrosepark.org).

Go to [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) to obtain the following Building Department forms.

- Debris Hauling Contractor's License Application
- Vacant Property Registration
- Permit Application Page 1
- Permit Application Page 2
- Building Codes
- Certificate of Compliance Application
- Contractor's Registration Application
- Electrical Permit Application
- Form 3500
- Form 4000
- Items Covered in Cert of Compliance Inspection (Sale)
- Sign Application
- Process of Selling a Property
- Vending and Amusement License Application

Please note that registration does not replace building permits or other required information.

General contractors are responsible to assure that all their sub-contractors are licensed in Melrose Park. Failure to do so may result in citations, fines and work stoppage on site.

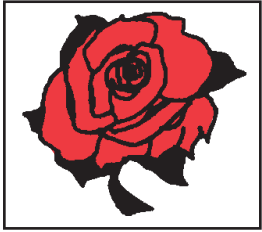
The Village Zoning Map is available on the home page of the Village of Melrose Park website [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org).

### MP Construction Hours Policy

No construction or alteration activities shall be carried on between the nighttime hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. On Saturday, no construction or alteration activities shall be carried on between the nighttime hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. On Sunday and federal holidays, no construction or alteration activities shall be carried on between the nighttime hours of 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. Construction and alteration activities on Sundays and federal holidays shall not be accompanied by loud or annoying noises except in the case of an emergency. Emergency operations necessitating deviation from this section shall not be initiated until special permission is obtained from the director of Public Works. Construction or alteration activities with regard to public improvements and public service utilities, shall be exempt from this section.

Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50), nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750), for each offense, and each day's violation of the same shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.





# 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!

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.

## 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.

The Public Works Department is in the process of building a new garage for the village buses and miscellaneous Public Works storage.

## Street Parking Restriction Signs

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



## 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.

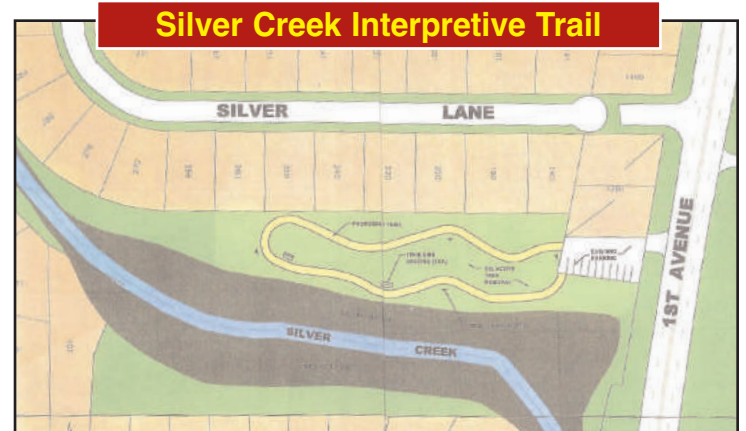
## Silver Creek Restoration Project

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 Five and Six of the Silver Creek Restoration Project 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.



*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.*

# Republic Services Announces Service Day Change for Yard Waste and Recycling

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## Public Works Department Resurfacing Projects Completed

14th Avenue from Division to LeMoyne • 15th Avenue and Main from 11th Avenue  
17th Avenue from Division to LeMoyne • Armitage Avenue from 19th Avenue to 17th Avenue  
Harold from Division to Soffel • Lee from Division • Superior Street from 11th Avenue to 14th Avenue

## 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.



## Republic Services Announces 2022 Holiday Schedule for Garbage Pickup

The 2022 holiday schedule for garbage pickup in the village of Melrose Park will be as follows:

- Memorial Day/Monday, May 30 • Independence Day/Monday, July 4  
Labor Day/Monday, Sept. 5 – Pickup will be delayed by one day.
- Thanksgiving Day/Thursday, Nov. 24 – If pickup is on a Thursday or Friday, it will be delayed by one day.
- Christmas Day/Sunday, Dec. 25 – Pickup will be delayed by one day.



# 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.**

## Donation of Mobility Need Items – Canes, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Etc.

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

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

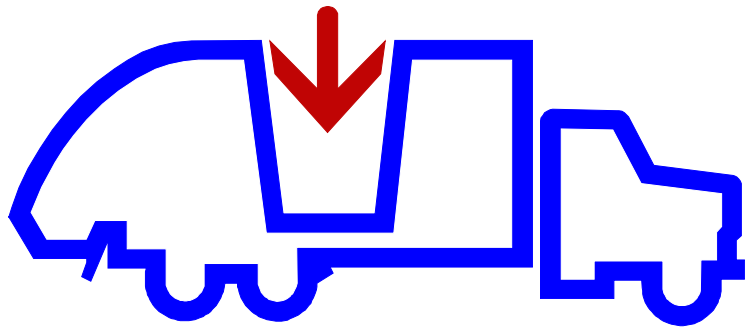
## Benefit Access Program Benefits

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

## Beneficio de Acceso para el Programa de Beneficios

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

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



# Village of Melrose Park Residential Garbage Pickup Information

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

24th Avenue to 11th Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

Winston Park Area – Tuesday and Friday

West Melrose – Tuesday and Friday

North of North Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

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

Recycling and yard waste is collected on Tuesdays 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 include

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 to 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).

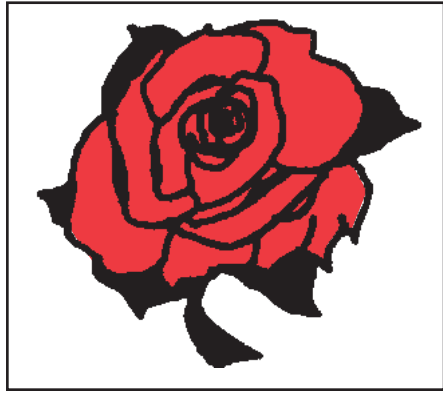
## ATTENTION RESIDENTS – CALL TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT RESIDENT GARBAGE CANS

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.



# 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.

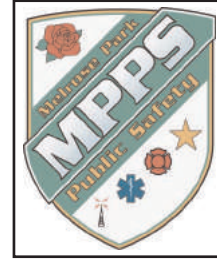
Only three shopping bags per rider. Forgotten items in the van will be returned at the next pickup date. Please note that our service is getting more popular every day so we will try to accommodate your needs to the best of our ability.



***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 Safety News



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

## Lightning: What You Need to Know

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

### Indoor Lightning Safety

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

### Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

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

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



## Lightning Safety Myths and Facts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Tornados

## Before a Tornado

Know the terms used to describe tornado threats.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



# Melrose Park Public Library



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



The MPPL was awarded an "On the Road to Recovery Grant" to purchase acrylic barriers and study carrels. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services, under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).



## Mobile Hotspots are Here!


Don't have WiFi access? Melrose Park Library cardholders 18 years and older, can now check out mobile hotspots. Once charged, the hotspot can be used indoor or outdoors, as long as you are within T-Mobile's network coverage.



## iPads are Coming Soon!

Apple iPads will be available for checkout soon. Call or visit the Melrose Park Public Library for details.

Hotspots, Data Plans, and iPads were purchased using funds provided by the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund.

 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

**COMING SOON! Another season of Summer Reading begins in June!**  
Our exciting theme this summer is “**Read Beyond the Beaten Path**”. Check out our website for more updated information and get ready to READ!

### Bilingual Storytime!

Check out our YouTube channel for new bilingual stories every month. We will also have available for pick up at the library an activity package and unique craft to celebrate the story time theme!



### 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.



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# Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

*Socially  
Distanced  
Activity*

*Face  
Masks  
Required*



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

**Monday-Friday • 9-10 a.m.**

**Melrose Park Civic Center  
1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park**

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

# Village of Melrose Park

## Garage Sale Notice

### Garage Sales are Back ...

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

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

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

The dates for 2022 are May 19-21, June 16-18, July 21-23, Aug. 18-20 and Sept. 15-17.

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

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

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

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

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





# Village of Melrose Park

**Mayor Serpico  
and the  
Village of Melrose Park  
are Seeking  
Snow Removal and  
Landscaping Professionals to  
Provide Affordably Priced  
Assistance to Our Residents  
When Needed ...**



Interested parties will be listed on a special property maintenance services page in upcoming issues of *The Rose*.

To be considered, please send a copy of your business card to Director of Senior Services Peggy DiFazio (peg@melrosepark.org) or you can call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448, for more information.

# Let Us Do the Cooking For You!



**Meals to go for anyone age 60+ at a MEALS on WHEELS location near you!**

**PROVISO  
COMMUNITY CAFE  
Sharp Community Center  
1609 N. 36th Ave.  
Melrose Park**

**Monday-Friday  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Please call (708) 316-7488  
for information or  
to reserve meals.**





# Notice Regarding Melrose Park Vehicle Stickers

**Village Vehicle Stickers Expired Dec. 31, 2021. New Stickers Can be Purchased at the Village Hall.**

**Sticker Fee for Passenger Vehicles is \$40 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.

## Vehicle Sticker Fee Details

Sticker fees are as follows: Passenger Plates – \$40 for two years (2022-2023);

Senior Citizen – One free per household for two years (2022-2023); Trucks – Good for one year (2022 only).

The fees for vehicle licenses for each vehicle are as follows if paid on the dates set forth as listed here:

	NOW-JUNE 30 \$40 Every Two Years	JULY 1 AND LATER \$55 Every Two Years
Passenger Vehicles		
B Plate	\$65	\$95
D Plate	\$90	\$145
F Plate	\$90	\$145
H Plate	\$90	\$145
J Plate	\$95	\$155
K Plate	\$95	\$155
L Plate	\$105	\$175
M Plate	\$110	\$185
N Plate	\$115	\$195
P Plate	\$120	\$205
Q Plate	\$120	\$205
R Plate	\$125	\$215
S Plate	\$130	\$225
T Plate	\$140	\$245
V Plate	\$150	\$265
X Plate	\$160	\$285
Z Plate	\$170	\$305

**ALL TRUCKS REGISTERED TO BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE MELROSE PARK VEHICLE STICKERS.**

**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.**



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## Early Voting Dates for the June 28, 2022, Gubernatorial Election Are

**Monday, June 13-  
Monday, June 27  
Village of Melrose Park  
(Gymnasium)  
1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park**  
**Early Voting Hours are:  
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**For more information,  
please call the Village Hall at (708) 343-4000.**

## Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Good Friday – Friday, April 15, 2022; Memorial Day – Monday, May 30, 2022; Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2022; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 5, 2022; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 10, 2022; Veterans Day – Friday, Nov. 11, 2022; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 25, 2022; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 23, 2022; Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 26, 2022; New Year’s Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 30, 2022; and New Year’s Day (2023) – Monday, Jan. 2.

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

## Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

Take notice that the village of Melrose Park, Cook County, Ill., will conduct the regular scheduled meetings of the president and the board of trustees on the second and fourth Mondays of each calendar month, unless otherwise noted, at 6 p.m. at the Village Board Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Police Department, 1 N. Broadway Ave., Melrose Park.

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2022 is: April 25; May 9 and 23; June 13; July 11; Aug. 22; Sept. 12 and 26; Tuesday, Oct. 11 and 24; Nov. 14 and 28; and Dec. 12 and Tuesday, Dec. 27.

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

## 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!

# 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.**

# We Buy Houses

**Fair Prices.  
Cash Deals.  
Quick Closings.**

*Over a decade in business in the community.*



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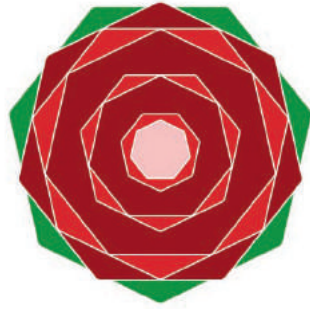
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**MELROSE PARK**  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## **The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Welcomes New Board Members and Its New Chairman for 2022!**

At the February 2022 board meeting of the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD), three new board members were nominated and accepted board seats to help guide, lead and support the work of the MPCCCD for the next three years! The newest members of the board are Tom Abruzzo, Sandy Ciancio and Dr. Anthony Martino, and they will work with current board members as well as the Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz to bring resources and programs to fuel growth, and support the local business community!

At the annual meeting of the MPCCCD on March 8, Tom Abruzzo accepted the nomination and was elected by the board of directors to serve as chairman of the board for 2022.



## **Welcome New Chamber Members!**

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomes our newest members to the organization! Please help us welcome Aqua Fiori, Inc.; Broadway Banquets; JobAnyDay; Aseptic Control Products, Inc.; Melrose Park Little League; Sonoco; Alro Steel; 3 M's Logistics Corp.; Aseret Development Series; Destiny Healthcare Services, Inc.; Zagone Studios; Consumer Packaging Co.; Forza Design & Consulting, Inc.; and Forza Construction & Consulting Group, Inc. If you are not currently a member of the MPCCCD, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at [ibazbaz@mpccd.org](mailto:ibazbaz@mpccd.org) or call (708) 731-3715, and we will schedule time to meet and discuss the benefits of partnering and working with our chamber.

## **Now is the Time to Join the Chamber and Be a Part of Something Big!**

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 today and become a member and partner supporting the MPCCCD and its efforts to support the local community!

For information about the benefits of membership and the packages available, contact Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at [ibazbaz@mpccd.org](mailto:ibazbaz@mpccd.org) or call (708) 731-3715 and we will schedule time to meet.

## **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!



# Making a Difference!

In August 2021, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) began a partnership with the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition (IBIC), and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to implement a Community Navigator program to do a better job in Melrose Park and neighboring communities to ensure that businesses are informed about resources available, and to provide training and technical assistance to help apply for resources. One of the early programs communicated to businesses was the state's Back-2-Business (B2B) Grants, which was basically the same program as the 2020 BIG Grant Program.

Based on early results from the B2B Program, its working in a big way and the businesses are engaging and getting the support they need. When comparing numbers for suburban cook County, Melrose Park and the seven neighboring communities the MPCCCD has been working with, results show that Suburban Cook County has had 28 percent reduction in grants received and statewide the number is down 41 percent. At the same time, there has been a 101 percent increase in the number of businesses in Melrose Park receiving state B2B Grants and the eight-community area that our navigators have been working with is up 67 percent. To date, the areas the MPCCCD navigators have worked account for 9.6 percent of all grants from the B2B Program in Suburban Cook County and have helped businesses receive 9.2 percent of the B2B dollars distributed to businesses in suburban Cook County.

The MPCCCD would like to thank IBIC, DCEO and our elected officials for recognizing the importance of partnering with local organizations to ensure that businesses are informed, and have the resources necessary to assist them in receiving support and financial resources to help fuel their growth and sustainability.



## In-Person Business Events and Training Sessions are Back!

During February and March, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) was able to reintroduce Business Breakfast Meetings as well as other in-person events! The most recent Access to Capital Event and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) presentation on accessing state and federal grant programs were each attended by more than 75 local business and community leaders. In addition, the MPCCCD held a job fair on March 23, and helped over 40 local businesses connect with local job seekers, filling open positions in skilled, semi-skilled and entry-level positions. Also, the MPCCCD Legislative Breakfast on April 28, is expected to be the most attended event of the year and the panel will include

Illinois Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Senate President Don Harmon. For more information on the Legislative Breakfast or future trainings and business breakfasts, sign up for the chamber newsletters and emails on the website at [mpcccd.org](http://mpcccd.org) and follow the MPCCCD on Facebook.



# Destiny Adult Day Center Grand Opening

Mayor Serpico and representatives from the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development had the opportunity to join the staff of the new Destiny Healthcare Services Adult Day Center at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 10 to celebrate the grand opening of their new facility located at 1112 N. Ninth Ave., in Melrose Park.

Destiny Adult Day Center provides daytime care to participants with an individualized person-centered plan of care. Older adults with physical and or cognitive impairments will enjoy the health benefits of engaging in meaningful social and recreational activities with peers in a safe, supervised and caring setting. For information on the center, please call (708) 838-0060.



## 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.**

*Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico*

**2022**  
*Taste of Melrose Park*

**Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary**  
September 2nd Thru September 4th

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## Your Donation Helps Underwrite More Than Just a Food Festival... It Helps Create a Better Melrose Park

Besides helping underwrite music and food, the most important result derived from your donation to the Taste of Melrose Park is the money raised for the *Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund*. Since this fund was initiated, we have raised \$1.5 million dollars from the sale of beer and wine at the three-day festival.

The *Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund* has only a 2% overhead with 98% being used to help underwrite youth athletics, senior citizen and veteran events, computer purchases for schools, donations to local charities, helping families in need, and much more.

When you donate to the Taste of Melrose Park you are not only helping underwrite a three-day food festival, but you are also helping make Melrose Park a better community to live, work and play. Long after the Taste folds its tents the smiles on the faces of those who benefit from the *Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit* will endure... and helping our neighbors is what the Taste of Melrose Park is all about.



**Attention All  
Area Businesses,  
Community and  
Public Service  
Organizations ...  
Etc., Etc., Etc.!**

The Taste of Melrose Park is looking for area businesses/organizations, etc., to purchase a spot on Information Row at the 2022 Taste of Melrose Park, Friday, Sept. 2-Sunday, Sept. 4.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your products and services to the more than half a million people expected to patronize this year's big event.

For more information, please send an email to [peg@melrosepark.org](mailto:peg@melrosepark.org) or call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

# WELCOME TO THE 40TH ANNUAL TASTE OF MELROSE PARK



Dear Friends,

I am sending this letter in the hope that you will financially participate as a sponsor of the 40th Taste of Melrose Park Anniversary, which will take place over the 2022 Labor Day weekend, September 2nd- 4th.

We understand times are tough for businesses due to product and labor shortages, but we ask you, to the best of your financial ability, to help underwrite some of the costs associated with our 40th Anniversary Celebration. Please read this flyer, it contains information about different Taste of Melrose Park sponsorship packages.

After a two-year absence, this year's Taste will once again bring people together to celebrate life and the feeling of being part of a larger community. **It is with your financial help that we can not only host this wonderful family-oriented event but also help keep our per serving price at \$3, which is the same price as in 2019, even though food costs have risen.**

If you need more information, please don't hesitate to email our Taste of Melrose Park Director Peggy DiFazio or Lorena Anguiano at: [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org) or at: 708-343-4000 ext. 4452 or 4448.

Thank you,

Handwritten signature of Ronald M. Serpico

Ronald M. Serpico  
Mayor of Melrose Park



# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

## \$8,000.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR PACKAGE

1 - Full Page Color Ad (9" wide x 10.5" tall)  
10' x 10' Hospitality Tent  
2 - Main Stage Video Walls  
1 - 4' x 6' Banner  
1 - 2' x 4' Billboard

1 - Ad (4.5" wide x 2.28" tall) to run 6 times in *The Rose* newspaper  
Public Address System Announcements  
3 - VIP Parking Passes

## \$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR PACKAGE

1 - Half Page Color Ad (9" wide x 5.5" tall)  
10' x 10' Hospitality Tent  
Main Stage Video Wall  
1 - 3' x 4' Banner  
Public Address System Announcements  
2 - VIP Parking Passes  
1 - Ad (4.5" wide x 2.28" tall) to run 6 times in *The Rose* newspaper

## More Sponsorship Opportunities

### \$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR

Your Company Logo  
Printed On 500+ Volunteer Shirts  
(T-Shirt Space Will Be Limited)  
**MUST SUBMIT BY JUNE 1ST**

## \$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR PACKAGE

1 - Full Page Color Ad  
Main Stage Video Wall  
1 - 2' x 4' Billboard  
Public Address System Announcements

### \$850.00 COLOR BANNER

1 - 3' x 4' Color Banner will be displayed throughout the grounds  
1 - Ad (4.5" wide x 2.28" tall) to run one time in *The Rose* newspaper

## \$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR PACKAGE

1 - 9.25" x 5.5" Color Ad  
1 - 3' x 4' Banner  
Public Address System Announcements

### \$500.00 COLOR BILLBOARD

1 - 2' x 4' Color Billboard, which can include your logo. Displayed the month of August facing 25th Avenue  
1 - Ad (4.5" wide x 2.28" tall) to run one time in *The Rose* newspaper

## \$1,000.00 MAIN STAGE VIDEO WALL ADVERTISING PACKAGE

Your Ad Will Scroll on an 8' x 15' Screen  
6:00 PM - Close Each Night

If none of these packages meet your needs or budget, we will work closely with you to design a sponsorship package that will.



# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK ORDER FORM

## MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

Please Return This Form With  
A Check Or Money Order

No Later Than April 29th To:

Taste Of Melrose Park  
1000 N. 25th Ave.  
Melrose Park, IL 60160

See Page 30 for the  
40th Annual  
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Please Select One of  
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\_\_\_ \$8,000.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR

\_\_\_ \$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR

\_\_\_ \$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR

\_\_\_ \$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR

\_\_\_ \$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR

**(Submit by June 1st)**

\_\_\_ \$1,000.00 VIDEO WALL SPONSOR

\_\_\_ \$850.00 3 X 4 COLOR BANNER

\_\_\_ \$500.00 2 x 4 COLOR BILLBOARD

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Call Peggy DiFazio or Lorena Anguiano at  
708-343-4000, ext. 4448 and they will work with your company  
to develop a sponsorship package that will meet your budget.

### Important Please Read!!!

No later than June 1st, we need you to email us your billboard or banner  
Camera Ready Artwork or email us the vital information we need for us  
to create your billboard or banner to: [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org)

For more information or if you have a question, please call Peggy DiFazio  
or Lorena Anguiano at 708-343-4000, ext. 4448 or email them at [taste@melrosepark.org](mailto:taste@melrosepark.org)

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 Next Issue – June 2022  
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 Schedule for 2022  
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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.

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

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



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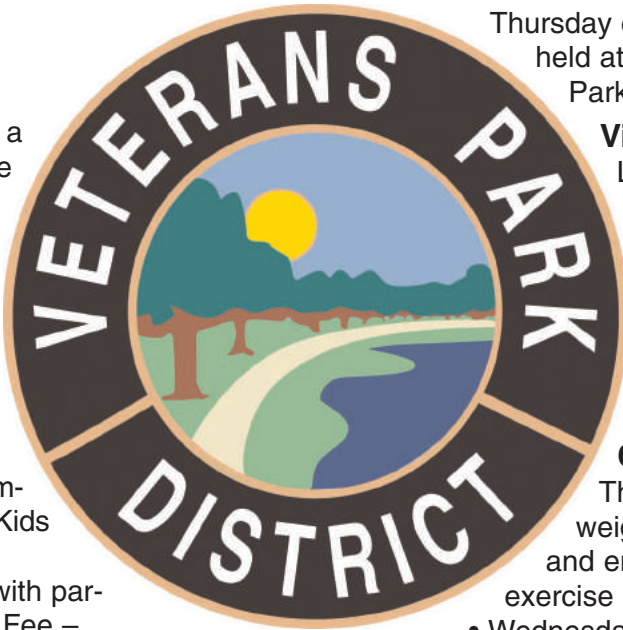
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# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings



### Early Childhood

#### Lil Nature Explorers (with Parent), Ages 2-3

Explore the great outdoors! Each week will focus on a new and exciting nature concept. Children participate in hands-on exploration, games, songs, stories and crafts. Whether we are learning about creepy crawlers or taking a nature hike, this class is sure to bring out your child's inner explorer.

- Thursdays, May 5-19, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Fee – R\$29/NR\$44; Classes are held at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Mother's Day Gift Making (with Parent), Ages 2-6

Come make a special gift for your mom or favorite family member to show how much you appreciate them! Kids might get messy, so please bring an old shirt to class.

- Thursdays, May 5-19; 3:30-4:15 p.m. (ages 2-4 with parent) or 4:30-5:15 p.m. (ages 3-6 without parent); Fee – R\$15/NR\$20; Classes are held at Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Father's Day Craft Making (with Parent), Ages 2-6

Let's show our dad or special family member how much they mean to us by creating a unique Father's Day gift from the heart! Kids might get messy, so please bring an old T-shirt to class.

- Thursdays, May 5-19; 3:30-4:15 p.m. (ages 2-4 with parent) or 4:30-5:15 p.m. (ages 3-6 without parent); Fee – R\$15/NR\$20; Classes are held at Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

### Creative Arts

#### Pour Painting, Ages 8+

Do you want to try something different? How about pour painting with acrylic paints? This class teaches the basic techniques to create art by pouring paint on a canvas. It is a fun and messy activity! Once you have developed the basic skills, you will be able to try all kinds of methods. Most of your supplies will be included. Please bring four small cans (the size of tuna cans) to your first class. Cans need to be empty, clean and the same size.

- Mondays, May 2 and 9, or May 16 and 23, 6:30-8 p.m.; Fee – R\$40/NR\$45 per session; Classes are held at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Sharpie Tie Dye T-Shirt, Ages 7-13

Create your own fashion statement! Invite your friends to make a washable Sharpie tie dye T-shirt! Please bring a washed white T-shirt and a jar with a cover to class. Please do not use fabric softener when washing the shirt. All other supplies are included in the fee.

- Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-noon; Fee – \$20 for R/NR; Classes are held at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

### Fitness Classes

#### ZUMBA®, Ages 16 and Up

Latin music and easy-to-follow moves provide a fun, energetic class that will make you forget you're even exercising.

- Class 1 is on Mondays, May 23-June 27, and Class 2 is on Thursdays, May 26-June 30; Fee – R\$40/NR\$55 Sign up for both Monday and

Thursday classes for a special rate of R\$70/NR\$100; Classes held at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Vinyasa Yoga, Ages 16 and Up

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

- Sundays, May 22-June 26, 10 a.m.; Fee – R\$40/NR\$55; Classes held at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Outdoor Bootcamp, Ages 16 and Up

This fun and exciting class combines functional body-weight movements with cardio to challenge your strength and endurance. Classes will take place at our new outdoor exercise parks!

- Wednesdays, June 8-July 13, 10 a.m.; Fee – R\$40/NR\$55; Classes held at Gouin Park, 2400 Scott St., Franklin Park.

### Youth Sports

#### Youth Bocce Ball Days, Ages 8-12

This is a fun-paced class that is held at Bulger Park bocce courts. Kids learn the basic rules of bocce ball and how to score points.

- Saturdays in June, 10 a.m.; Bulger Park bocce courts; Call (708) 716-4822 for more information.

#### Free Pickleball Skills Clinic

Free pickleball at Bataan Park for all ages! Come check out Bataan Park's new pickleball courts. Our instructor will be on site teaching the rules of the game. Paddles and balls will be available for use. Call (708) 716-4822 for more information.

### Active Adults

#### Box Lunch Bingos

April 20 and 27; Noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person for each Bingo date; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Bunco and Bites

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

- Monday, April 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fee – \$8 per person; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

**Call us for more information on our upcoming summer programs, (708) 343-5270, or check our website at [www.vpdpark.org](http://www.vpdpark.org) or our Facebook Page for updates.**

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- ☑ Head Lifeguards
- ☑ Swim Instructors
- ☑ Fitness Instructors
- ☑ Summer Camp Counselors
- ☑ Youth Sport Instructors

Veterans Park District is looking for energetic and talented individuals, who want to contribute to our fun summer atmosphere. Seasonal jobs for all ages!!! (Under 16 must have a workers permit.)

Apply at the following VPD locations:

- Grant Park 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake
  - Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th, Melrose Park
  - Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th, Melrose Park
- Monday – Friday 9 AM-5 PM

Download our job application at [vdpark.org/jobs](http://vdpark.org/jobs)

# 2022 Summer camps

Call 708-343-5270 to be placed on our Summer Camp interest list !!!!!

SUMMER LEARN & PLAY PRESCHOOL ages 3-5

SUMMER FUN DAY CAMP ages 6-12

MULTISPORT CAMP ages 8-12

SWIM CAMP age 6-12

POM CAMP ages 8-14

DANCE CAMP ages 8-14

JUNIOR COUNSELOR CAMP ages 13-15

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On-site registration  
is available at our Summer Kickoff  
event on April 30 at Grant Park, 44  
W. Golfview Drive in Northlake.

For more information, please call Veterans Park District at (708) 343-5270 or visit [vdpark.org](http://vdpark.org).

# Chair Yoga

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



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

Every Tuesday 11am

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\*\*\*

# FAMILY INDOOR GARAGE SALE & Flea Market

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 • 9 AM - 2:30 PM

GRANT PARK GYMNASIUM, 44 W. GOLFVIEW DR. NORTHLAKE

Come out and shop at the VPD community garage sale. Time to clean out your attic, closets, or garage for items to sell. Upsell your baby clothes, toys, games, tools, books, or anything else you may have. Tables are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration is required to reserve your space. Set up time is 8-9 AM. Concessions will be open for snacks.

You get 2- 8x31/2 feet tables and 2 chairs. Must register for a space and fill out an application. Deadline is April 26.

SELL AND / OR SHOP  
Fee: R \$25 / N \$40





# Summertime

## Your time to save money and move ahead!

Summer classes are a great time to get ahead. You can take an extra class toward your associate degree and graduate sooner. If you attend a four-year college or university, save money and take a class while you are home for the summer! Get a jumpstart on your career and enroll in a certificate program. You may even have financial aid funds available, so **register now!**

[triton.edu/summer](https://triton.edu/summer)



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per credit  
hour.



# Triton College NEWS

## Register Now for Summer ... Classes Begin May 23!

For more information, please call  
(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or visit [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu).

## Triton College Selected for Partnership Program with Amazon

### Career Choice Program Allows Amazon Workers Free College



Megaccompany Amazon announced in the fall of 2021 that they were going to invest \$1.2 billion in their over 750,000 employees – to attend college.

The Career Choice Program is a free tuition initiative that allows employees working for Amazon to attend college for free. Employees are able to choose from 180 colleges across the country that Amazon has selected for the program. Employees can be accepted into the school of their choice based on the school's qualifications.

Triton College was one of the several Illinois colleges selected for the Career Choice Program, according to Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Jodi Koslow-Martin.

“Amazon employees will be able to continue working for Amazon while learning the skills for their next career,” she said.

Those who wish to participate in the program need to be an hourly Amazon employee and have to be with Amazon for three months. Unlike many other scholarship or tuition reimbursement programs, Amazon pays for all of the educational costs up front.

Triton was selected for the program due to the connections and resources it has to offer. The selection process was based on colleges that can provide tools and resources for what adult learners need to succeed.

“Amazon employees should check Triton’s website or talk to a Triton academic advisor if they’re interested in the Career Choice Program,” Koslow-Martin said. “We have information on our website ([triton.edu](http://triton.edu)).”

She said Triton counselors will help Amazon employees select the right program that will be a great fit for them for their future.

For more information, please contact [brandonmarks@triton.edu](mailto:brandonmarks@triton.edu).

We’re Bringing Good People  
Together Again for  
Something Incredibly Special!

# Triton College Foundation 24th Annual Golf Outing Thursday, June 30

White Pines Golf Club • Bensenville  
Individual Golfers – \$150  
Foursomes – \$600

*Hole-in-One Special!*  
**Par Sponsorships – \$800**

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

It’s that time again! The Triton College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization will host its 24th annual golf outing on Thursday, June 30, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville.

The event, open to novice and skilled golfers alike, will kick off at 10 a.m., with an 18-hole round of golf, golf carts, goodie bags, lunch, dinner and prizes.

Golfers may register as individuals for \$150 per person or as a foursome for \$600. Exclusive Friend of

the Foundation, corporate, par and hole sponsorships are also available. Sponsorships begin at \$200. The Foundation also is accepting raffle prizes. Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Proceeds from the annual golf outing will benefit Triton College Foundation scholarships and more.



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



# Make a Difference with RSVP

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

You can:

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

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

- Free membership in a national organization
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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

## 100th Day of School

Kindergarten students across District 89 celebrated the 100th Day of School.



## CPR Training

D89 coaches and some of the district administration participated in a “Train the Trainer” training for CPR and AED led by Kenneth J. Searcy, RN, EMT-B, of Searcy Medical Solutions, Inc. on March 15-16. This two-day course is intensive on comprehensive theory and practice regarding Basic Life Support Provider (BLS) CPR/AED and Heartsaver (HS) or Lay Rescuer CPR/AED, and first aid and BBP. In the event that a student, staff member or guest of District 89 experiences a medical emergency, we will have individuals trained to assist. Illinois school code requires AED machines to be located within 50 feet of an athletic field or gymnasium as most medical emergencies occur during strenuous activities.



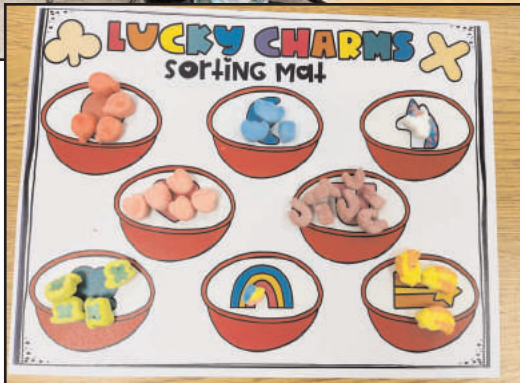
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## Jane Addams Dr. Seuss Day

Mrs. Nusbaum's kindergarten class celebrated Dr. Seuss Day by reading *The Cat in the Hat*. They also made hats, created a rhyming book, and wrote about what they would do if Thing 1 and Thing 2 came to their house. The students used phonetic spelling to spell unknown words.



## Jane Addams St. Patrick's Day

Kindergarteners from Ms. Nusbaum's class at Jane Addams School had fun learning sight words, sorting Lucky Charms, and creating leprechaun crafts to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

## Let's Talk Math



On March 1-3, kindergarten thru fifth grade math teachers had the opportunity to learn about Let's Talk Math, a series from Teacher Created Materials (TCM). The professional development was presented by Lisa Callahan from TCM. Let's Talk Math promotes mathematical discourse in the classroom, and provides teachers with predictable and structured routines that are easy to implement. The tasks are designed to engage students in making connections between mathematical ideas and facing challenges that require students to persevere.

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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

## MelroseParkSchoolFriendshipFestival

Our Mighty Mustangs enjoyed a Friendship Festival celebration as part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program. Participating students have been respectful, responsible and ready! Take a look at some pictures from the outdoor game incentive.



## MaywoodFineArtsandD89

On Wednesday, March 16, third-fourth grade students from Emerson Elementary School and Washington Dual Language Academy were treated to a seven-minute condensed performance of *Cinderella* with dancers from Maywood Fine Arts (MFA). Students were also part of a ballet workshop where they had a chance to learn some basic ballet moves such as plie (to bend), releve (to rise) and saute (to jump).

In previous years, all fourth grade students enjoyed an annual field trip to the Maywood Fine Arts Spring Ballet. But the last few years, the students couldn't attend the ballet due to COVID restrictions. To keep the tradition and our partnership with Maywood Fine Arts going, MFA developed innovative programming to bring the ballet to our students.

Last school year, their team met virtually on Zoom with every third and fourth grade class throughout the district for an interactive ballet workshop, and they shared a video link of Maywood Fine Arts students performing *Cyrano de Bergerac*. This year, with restrictions easing, they were able to bring a limited live performance to select schools.

Maywood Fine Arts scheduled a full live version of *Cinderella* on April 2, at Trinity High School. The students that participated in the ballet workshops will receive free admission with the purchase of an adult ticket. Also, District 89 purchased 40 additional tickets to share with our middle school drama students and their families to celebrate the stage and performance.

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# MelroseParkSchoolPlanets



Ms. Manzo's fifth grade students work in groups to assess how a planet's distance from the sun affects the time it takes to make one orbit.



Mighty Mustangs in Mr. Finger's fifth grade class analyzed and interpreted data to draw conclusions during science class. Take a look at their various projects!



## MP School History Project

Ms. Dior's third grade Mighty Mustangs created projects that describe actions of historical figures who helped shape the freedoms of our country's citizens.

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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



## Project Clifford

During spring break, kindergarten-second graders had the opportunity to participate in Project Clifford, which was a community partnership between D89, Scholastic and the Maywood, Melrose Park and Broadview libraries. On March 17, schools across D89 showed the *Clifford the Big Red Dog* movie and students received a free *Clifford* book to take home. Along with the book, each student received a 'points card' to keep track of each of their challenges over spring break (March 18-27). The challenges included students visiting their local library to explore, read a book and take a picture with Clifford!

## SCOTY Awards

### Congratulations to this Year's School Citizen of the Year (SCOTY) Award Winners!

On March 21, West 40 presented the 26th Annual SCOTY Awards at West Leyden High School. This year, District 89 had 12 recipients of this award! The SCOTY Award recognizes students that have been chosen by their schools as 'good school citizens and models for others to emulate.' Grades and activities are important considerations, but only a small part of the selection process. Each school is asked to develop its own criteria as a further guideline for selection. The school principal and teachers use those criteria to nominate one student per year to receive the SCOTY Award.

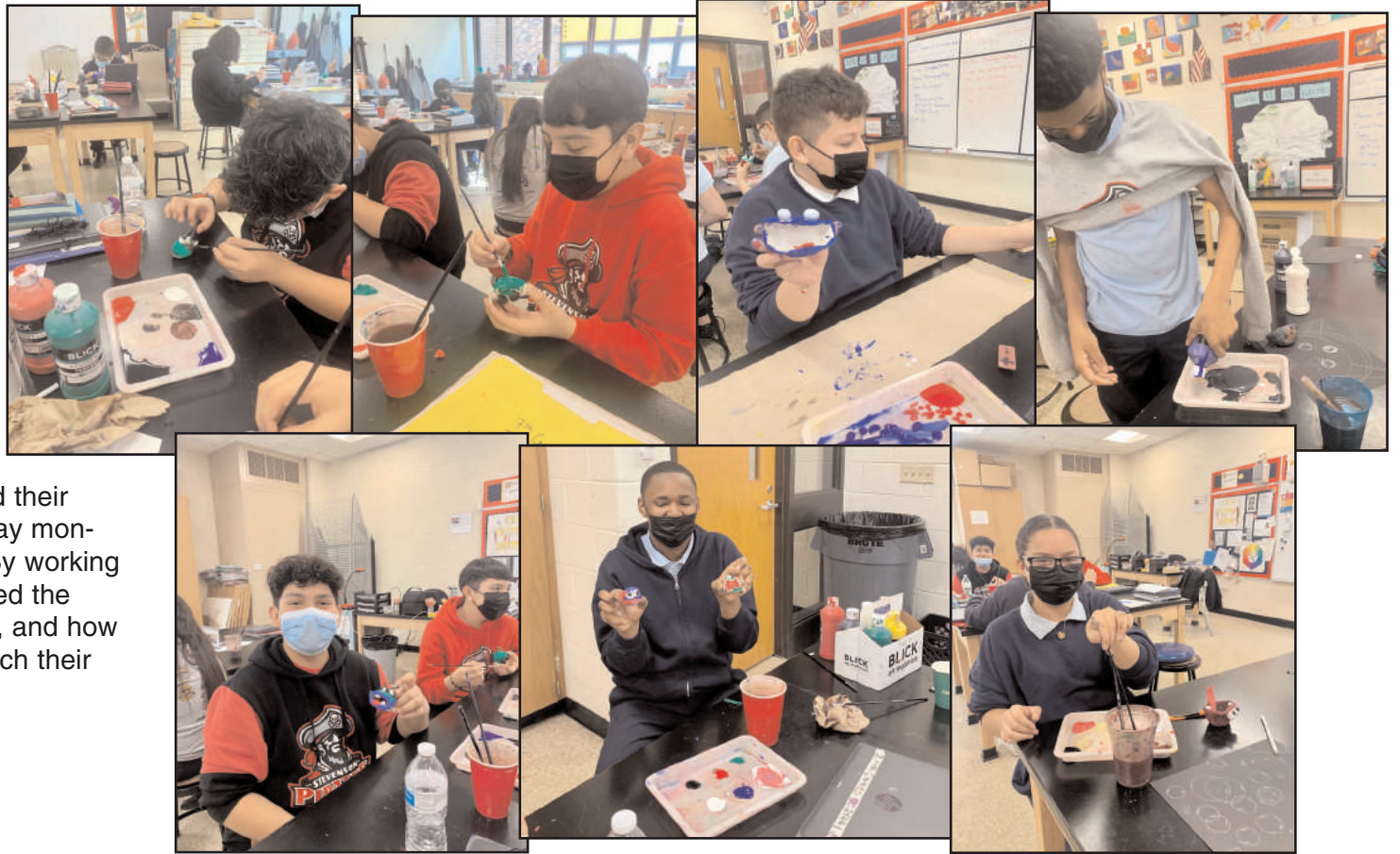
- Emerson School – Amber Scott
- Garfield School – Amiyah Leach
- Irving Middle School – Ericka Jones and Malaysia Bennett
- Jane Addams School – Annaphilo Kachappilly
- Lincoln School – Jonathan Diaz
- Melrose Park School – Giulianna Adame and Emmanuel Ramos-Magallanes
- Roosevelt School – Amina Brown
- Stevenson Middle School – Luciana Caraballo and Sofia Galvan
- Washington Dual Language Academy – Jonathan Mendoza



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# Stevenson Middle School Clay Monsters

Seventh grade students stretched their creativity by creating pinch pot clay monsters in Ms. Milinkovich's class. By working on these projects, students learned the pinch pot method of molding clay, and how to slip and score their clay to attach their pieces together.



## Stevenson Middle School IMSA

Pirates in the after-school program, IMSA, have been learning about Medieval Europe. They had a chance to create and taste their very own medieval butter!



## U89 Wrestling

On Thursday, Feb. 24, the U89 (Stevenson/Irving Middle Schools Combined) Wrestling Team took home the West Suburban Conference Championship held at Unity Middle School in Cicero.

The team moved on to the IESA Regional Tournament at Jefferson Middle School in Woodridge where three of the U89 wrestlers placed third and advanced to the IESA Sectional Tournament.

Way to go #D89Champions!

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# A Message from Fr. Leandro Fossá, C.S., Pastor The Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine

### MAY – MONTH OF MARY

Dear Friends,

The war in Ukraine shows a world that is divided, broken, in conflict, and has lost the respect for human dignity, specially of the innocent. Last March, Pope Francis has attributed Russia and Ukraine to the pure heart of Mary fulfilling a 1917 vision that was shown to Portuguese children that such a blessing would usher in an era of world peace.

Pope Francis said: Ukraine's humanitarian crisis escalates dramatically amid 'river of blood and tears. It is not just a military operation, but a war that sows the seeds of death, destruction and suffering. The number of victims is increasing, as people are fleeing, especially mothers and children.

Since May is the Marian month for Catholics, we are invited during this month to pray for peace. There are some events in our community during this month that could help us continue praying for those who have suffered the consequences of war.

- May 1: 10:30 a.m. – Festa del SS Crocifisso di Ciminna (Italian Mass)  
Noon – Mary Crowning
- May 6: 6:30 p.m. – Bilingual Mass for Cancer Victims and Survivors
- May 7: 10 a.m. – Confirmations with Bishop Kevin Birmingham  
3 p.m. – Confirmations with Bishop Kevin Birmingham
- May 13: 7 p.m. – Rosary in Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima
- May 14: 10 a.m. – First Communions  
2:30 p.m. – First Communions
- May 15: 10:30 a.m. – Mass for All Italian Societies with Reception After
- May 21: 9 a.m. – Feast of St. Rita and Mass in the Chapel
- May 29: 10:30 a.m. – Mass and Procession di San Padre Pio with Reception After

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel community is delighted to offer these services for our parishioners and visitors. You are invited to celebrate and participate.

Blessings,  
Fr. Leandro Fossá, C.S.  
Pastor and Rector





# 129th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady Mt. Carmel

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Committee recently announced that the 129th anniversary celebration schedule of events will include a return of the traditional procession comparable to years past. Please save the date and participate with us.

## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Schedule of Events

### July 8-16

7:30 p.m. – Solemn Novena Presided by Rev. Richard Fragomeni

### Tuesday, July 12

7 p.m. – Banner Presentation

### Wednesday, July 13

6 p.m. – Rose Presentation

### Thursday, July 14

7 p.m. – Memorial Service for Deceased Members of Feast Committee

7 p.m. – Caliendo's Banda Napoletana Marches Through the Streets

### Friday, July 15

6 p.m. – Feast Celebration Dinner

### Saturday, July 16

10 a.m. – Mass in English

3 p.m. – Mass in Spanish

5:30 p.m. – Mass in English

### Sunday, July 17

7:30 a.m. – Mass in English

9 a.m. – Solemn Mass in Italian

10:30 a.m. – Statue Leaves Church in Procession to the Field Mass

Noon – Field Mass on Church Grounds

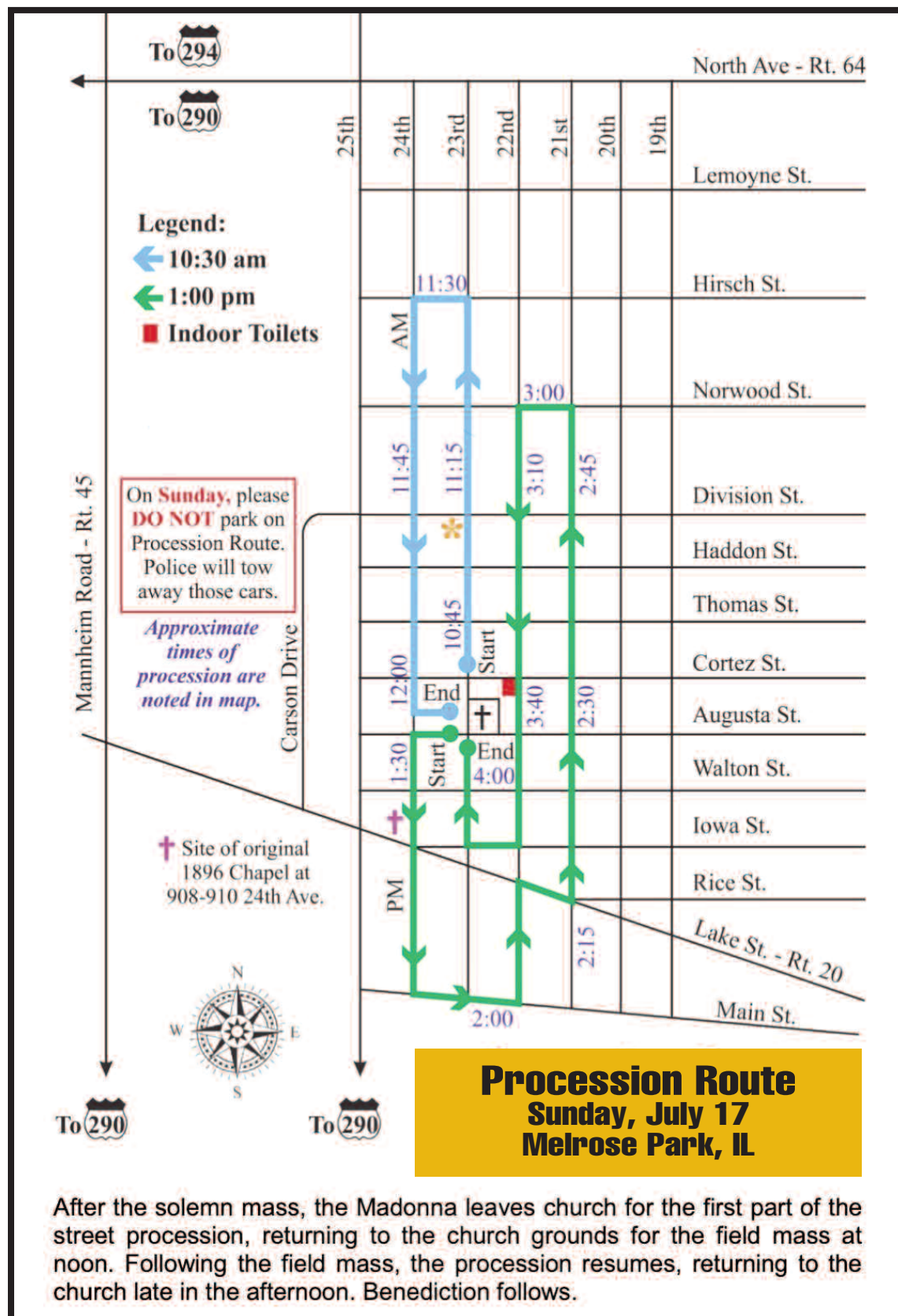
1:30 p.m. – Traditional Street Procession Continues Through the Streets

4 p.m. – Statue Returns to Church, Benediction Follows

Refreshments will be served each night after Novena.

An ad book will be available for our sponsors and friends.

Grand Raffle with drawing to be held on July 16, 2022, after Novena.



For more information, visit [www.olmcparish.org](http://www.olmcparish.org) or [www.facebook.com/olmcparish](https://www.facebook.com/olmcparish).



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***The Feast*  
of  
ST. ANTHONY**

**June  
10-13  
2022**

***FEAST***

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

Banda Napolitana.....10:00 am  
Italian-English Mass 10:30 am  
Blessing of the Bread / Veneration of the Relic  
Outdoor Procession / reception in the gym...11:30am

***TRIDIUM***

**Friday, June 10.....7:30 pm**

**Saturday, June 11.....5:30 pm**

**Monday, June 13...7:30 pm**

*Actual Feast Day of St. Anthony*

*Join us for an outdoor reception after mass*

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# Prayer to St. Peregrine

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*TO HONOR THE FEAST OF ST. PEREGRINE*

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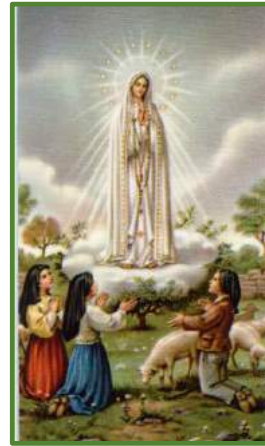
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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## **Altar & Rosary**

*vererates*

## **Our Lady of Fatima**



*With an*

## **Outdoor Rosary**

*on*

**Thursday, May 13, 2022**

**7 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Courtyard**

*Refreshments will be served after the rosary.*

**Sunday,  
May 22**  
**Trentino  
Alpine  
Club  
Feast  
Mass**  
**10:30 a.m.**

# **SAVE THE DATE**

Mass For The Italian Community at  
Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
1101 23rd Ave.  
Melrose Park, IL 60160

**Sunday May 15, 2022 at 10:30am**  
celebrated by the inspirational FR. Leandro

We encourage all clubs and societies to bring their banners to walk up the aisle for the start of mass.

Anyone interested in sponsoring some refreshments for after mass, please contact:

Carlo Vaniglia 708-217-1004 viaellera@gmail.com  
Frank Di Piero 773-307-7748 frankdp4@yahoo.com

## **THE FEAST OF ST. RITA**



**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

**9 a.m. Mass**

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH & SHRINE**

**1101 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Melrose Park, IL 60160**

**Sunday,  
May 29**  
**Ascension  
of the  
Lord  
(All Masses)**  
**St. Pio  
Mass**  
**10:30 a.m.**



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

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- You visit military bases; or
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For additional information:

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## Masses

SAT: 4:30pm English | 6:00pm Spanish  
SUN: 8:30am English  
WEEKDAYS: 8:00am English

## Masses

SUNDAYS: 10:30am English  
12:00pm Spanish

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

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

All are invited to participate in the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday June 24, 2022 and Sunday June 26, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park



## FIRST FRIDAY

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

*— Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

## FEAST SCHEDULE

Friday, June 24

8:00am Morning Mass

7:00pm Solemn Mass  
(Family Candles & Intentions with offertory of flowers)

There will be an ice cream social after Solemn Mass.

Sunday, June 26

8:30am English Mass

1:30pm Spanish Mass

The Taste of Sacred Heart will be held from 9:30am to 4:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. Food & drinks will be sold alongside entertainment and a raffle!

## Feast Raffle

1st Prize - \$1000  
2nd Prize - \$500  
3rd Prize - \$250

Tickets available at the Sacred Heart Rectory Office for \$2.00 each.

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For news and updates, please visit us at [www.shsparish.org](http://www.shsparish.org) or call 708-344-0757.



### **A Message from Tim Bouman, Head of School**

Warm Greetings from Walther!

As we begin the fourth quarter – aka “the homestretch” – of the 21-22 school year, and make plans for graduation, prom, summer school and even next school year, I’d like to take a step back and look at the big picture of why Walther is here. On the surface, it can seem like a silly question. We are here to educate our students, right? Just like we have been doing since 1954, right?

That is certainly part of it, but from time to time it is useful to remember the “why.” Our Strategic Planning Committee recently asked those big questions and out of that process came a new Mission Statement:

“Walther Christian Academy is a culturally diverse and inclusive Christian middle and high school, rooted in the Lutheran tradition. Walther nurtures and prepares learners to fulfill their unique God-given potential through academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service, leadership and enrichment opportunities.”

I love this statement. It is a strong affirmation of our values; we are Lutheran and Christian, and we see our diversity as an asset. It also answers the “why” – Walther exists to show our students that God has made each one of them unique. Our teachers help each individual learner discover his or her potential. Our students are academically prepared for college and life. Their faith lives are nurtured. They are shown the value of service and given leadership opportunities. They explore all of their talents and interests through sports, music, drama, and the many other opportunities they have both inside and outside the classroom. Our students leave Walther knowing Christ and being well-prepared for what God has in store for their lives. That is why we are here – and, with your prayers and support, why we will continue to be here for generations to come!

Tim Bouman  
Head of School/Principal

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### **A Message from Sally Ruecking, Director of Advancement**

Dear Walther Friends,

It’s spring and to me spring is about starting fresh. In a Living Devotional I read, “Christian life is a balancing act between working like everything depends on you and trusting like everything depends on God. He will send the rains you need, but you’ve also got to do your part by working the harvest.”

As alumni and friends of Walther, an engaged community of people who believe in our mission for today’s students as well as students in the future, we must all “do our part.” If you are reading this, please consider how you can help Walther Christian Academy. In the next few months, you have several ways that you can support us!

If you live in the Chicagoland area, please register on our website to attend the Bronco Benefit on May 14 in Schaumburg. There will be professional music as well as our incredibly talented Jazz Band musicians, both a silent and a live auction, and an opportunity to hear about our school. Our more formal event provides scholarships and more to support our students and school. Two drinks are included with dinner for \$150.

On May 20, we are hosting a Bronco Benefit Junior which is an affordable and casual evening at the school. There will also be music provided by Walther musicians, games, tacos and beverages. This event is \$50 and you can register on our website. This event will help classes from 1990 to 2021 stay connected with the school and to reconnect with friends.

And on May 21, for alumni who can’t make the in-person benefits, please purchase a ticket on our website to our Virtual Benefit to connect with alumni from all over the country! What a great way to still be engaged with your former school! This event was so successful last year that we are doing it again. There will be chat rooms that can be informal class reunions. Just email [Sally\\_Ruecking@WaltherAcademy.com](mailto:Sally_Ruecking@WaltherAcademy.com) to make arrangements to form your own group. There will also be a live auction. The cost of this event is \$100 and because it’s a Zoom – every dollar will go to support our students and school.

Finally, on June 4, we are hosting the second Bucking Bronco 5K Run/Walk. Last year, this event had members of the local community, elite runners, alumni, students and staff running or walking to support our school. Due to our campus upgrades to both building and grounds, our school shined! Adult registration is \$42, and \$35 for students and children 18 and under. Please register on our website soon.

Another way to support Walther is to set up a monthly recurring gift right online. It’s easy to do and by building in a small gift to Walther, you will be leaving your own legacy and doing your part to work the harvest.

Thank you for being part of the Walther family and for dedicating your life to good works.

Sally Ruecking  
Director of Advancement

# Whether You are Near or Far, You can Attend One of Three Bronco Benefits this Year!

Walther Welcomes You Home!

We are so excited to be able to gather together at our upcoming Bronco Benefits! Our “traditional” in-person Bronco Benefit hasn’t happened in two years, and we look forward to seeing all of our alumni, friends, teachers and staff together at long last!

This year we are hosting our live Bronco Benefit at Maggiano’s Little Italy in Schaumburg. Together with our talented music students who will be performing, we welcome professional musicians The Rob Curtis Band to entertain throughout the evening. This event ticket price is \$150 which includes dinner and two cocktails.

Covid taught us all to be flexible and resilient. Last year’s ZOOM Bronco Benefit was a success and what we learned was that so many alumni lived all over the country and really appreciated seeing each other. So, we will be hosting a Virtual Bronco Benefit with break-out rooms for alumni to chat and get reacquainted. This event ticket price is \$100 which includes break-out chat rooms of your choice.

Finally, we are hosting a special Bronco Benefit Jr. for alumni who graduated in 1990 and after. This will be hosted at the school and will be a casual taco dinner and cocktails. There will be an opportunity to play bags in the halls and hear from our talented student musicians. This event price is \$50. What a fun event to reconnect with your former classmates!

Please register today! If you cannot attend any of these events, your donation is always appreciated! We hope to see you take some time out of your busy lives to support Walther Christian Academy!

**Register for One of Three Bronco Benefits! • Learn More at [Walther.com](http://Walther.com) or Call (708) 344-0404**



**Bronco Benefit Live! (Alumni and Donors)**  
 \$150 Per Person – Dinner, Two Cocktails,  
 Live Music and an Auction  
 Maggiano’s Little Italy in Schaumburg, Ill.  
 Saturday, May 14 • 6-10 p.m.

**Bronco Benefit Junior! (Alumni Class of 1990 and Later)**  
 \$50 Per Person – Taco Dinner,  
 Beer, Wine and Bag Games  
 Walther Christian Academy  
 Friday, May 20 • 6-9 p.m.

**Bronco Benefit Virtual! (Alumni Across the Country)**  
 \$100 Person – Opportunity to Reconnect with  
 Your Friends in Private Chat Rooms  
 Via Zoom  
 Saturday, May 21 • 6-7:30 p.m. (CST)

## Run/Walk with Walther

### 5K Event Set for Saturday, June 4

Second Annual 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser to support students from 50 Zip Codes throughout Chicagoland.

**Walther Christian Academy**  
 900 Chicago Ave.  
 Melrose Park, Ill.

Run/Walk Start – 9 a.m.  
 Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

\$42 – Adults 19 and Over  
 \$35 – Students and Children 18 and Under

Fees increase to \$50/runner for day-of-race registration.

**Learn more at [Walther.com](http://Walther.com) or call (708) 344-0404!**



# Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Votes Yes on Transportation Funding for Projects in Five 16th District Townships

## Cicero, Berwyn, Melrose Park, Bellwood and Northlake will Receive Nearly \$1.2 Million Total from the County's Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH)

The Cook County Board of Commissioners approved funding for transportation projects and initiatives led by the county's Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH). These vital projects boost economic development, build up regional transportation and improve the quality of life throughout Cook County. Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar joined his colleagues on the Cook County Board of Commissioners to vote yes to approve this funding.



*Cook County Commissioner  
Frank J. Aguilar*

"Bringing this historic investment into the 16th District will impact our residents' lives for the better for years to come," said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "These last two years have been tough and it can be hard to remember what life was like in our communities before COVID-19. This funding will be critical to our continued reopening of our communities, allowing residents and their family and friends to take advantage of all that these wonderful 16th District cities, towns and villages have to offer."

The five communities that received this funding are Cicero, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Berwyn and Northlake. Each project increases accessibility and equity in their communities, helping residents re-emerge from the pandemic in safe and exciting ways.

**Town of Cicero** – DoTH and the town of Cicero are partnering to begin work associated with their \$245,000 award for construction and construction engineering for the Austin Boulevard Viaduct Improvement Project at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (just north of 31st Street). The project will include the installation of new underpass lighting in addition to roadway and sidewalk upgrades.

**Village of Melrose Park** – DoTH and the village of Melrose Park are partnering to begin work associated with their \$566,000 award for the construction and construction engineering for safety improvements at IL-64 (North Avenue) and George Street. Improvements include a realigned intersection, new traffic signals, sidewalks, ADA ramps and a bike path.

**Village of Bellwood** – DoTH and the village of Bellwood have partnered to begin work associated with their \$231,000 award for design engineering services for the St. Charles Road Improvement Project, which will connect residential and commercial areas in the village. To bring this corridor up to today's design standards and best serve the community's needs, the project will resurface the roadway, repair existing drainage and pavement structures, as well as sidewalk replacement.

**City of Berwyn** – DoTH and the city of Berwyn are partnering to begin work associated with their \$88,000 award for preliminary engineering services for the 26th Street and Ridgeland Avenue Corridor Improvements Project, on 26th Street from Harlem Avenue to Lombard Avenue, as well as Ridgeland Avenue from Ogden Avenue to 26th Avenue. These corridors provide direct access to several transit options in addition to local schools, parks, business areas, churches and municipal buildings. This project will improve sidewalks, streetscaping, curb extensions at intersections that accommodate heavy pedestrian traffic, and enhance roadway and pedestrian lighting complete with activated flashing beacons or lighted crosswalks.

**City of Northlake** – DoTH and the city of Northlake are partnering to begin work associated with their \$70,000 award for the land acquisition necessary for the intersection improvements at North Avenue and Railroad Avenue. This area is a central trucking corridor within the village. This project will improve the movement of trucks by implementing modern design standards. Improvements include adding a southbound right turn lane, ADA sidewalk upgrades and new pedestrian crossing signals.

# Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Brings Government and Health Organizations Together for 16th District Health Fair

## Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Facilitated a Health Fair in Melrose Park, Connecting Government Officials with Local Health Organizations to Bring Services Directly to 16th District Residents

On Saturday, March 26, Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar was joined by Melrose Park Mayor Ronald Serpico, Rincon Family Services, CALOR and other health organizations throughout the 16th District to distribute vaccines for COVID-19, PPE equipment and general health screenings to 16th District residents. The fair, which brought nearly 30 organizations to provide services for the community, demonstrates the impact that effective communication and facilitation between local governments and private organizations can have to bring resources to residents where they live, making it as equitable and accessible as possible.

"This was a great event, connecting demanded health services directly to our residents. I am so happy that we had such a great turnout, primarily due

to the coordination between my office, Melrose Park officials, Rincon Family Services and CALOR,” said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. “We must continue to build trust between our government and those we represent, so that when we are providing opportunities to directly help the public, they trust us and are more inclined to use these opportunities.”

Commissioner Aguilar worked closely with Melrose Park Mayor Ronald Serpico, Rincon Family Services and CALOR to bring in the nearly 30 health organizations that were in attendance for the event. Rincon Family Services visited over 600 homes over the course of 25 hours to spread the word, directly going to where people live to make sure our

services were as accessible as possible. Commissioner Aguilar also made a point to not only use Melrose Park-based health organizations and businesses, but organizations throughout our district.

Only by building trust with the community Commissioner Aguilar serves, by connecting residents with health organizations that they are familiar and comfortable with, was this event able to provide critical services to residents throughout the 16th District.

“I would like to express the great work of the commissioner and his staff to put this event together,” said Pablo Cruz, community center director at Casa Esperanza and an attendee of the event. “We must always make sure that our community knows that several agencies are available to take care of their needs. It was great to collaborate together for the same objectives, helping the most vulnerable communities and creating an impact.”

Since day one on the job, Commissioner Aguilar has made it a priority to bring together all local government leaders under one umbrella to coordinate the distribution of resources throughout the 16th District. This has allowed for townships and cities to help out each other, bringing in organizations from far and wide to serve 16th District residents anywhere there is need.

“I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar and his staff for coordinating the March 26 health fair at the Melrose Park Civic Center,” said Melrose Park Mayor Ronald Serpico. “Their vigilant efforts resulted in bringing together local units of government, not-for-profits and businesses to provide needed medical services to area residents who sometimes fall through the social safety net. Great job Commissioner Aguilar.”

## Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Hosts Free Pet Food Giveaway

### Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Partnered with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart to Distribute Pet Food to Residents Free of Charge

On Wednesday, March 2, Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar partnered with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart to host a free pet food giveaway at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Community Center. The event, which went from 3:30-5:30 p.m., saw more than 80 people come to receive free pet food.

“Our pets are part of our families and government services should reflect that,” said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. “Challenging times force individuals to make tough decisions, but we must ensure that every member of our residents’ families, including the furry ones, have the food and supplies needed to live a full and healthy life. I’d like to thank Sheriff Dart and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for helping facilitate and host this event, and was thrilled to see so many of our residents there.”

Protecting loved ones is at the heart of everything Commissioner Aguilar strives to do. Commissioner Aguilar has facilitated both pet food and supplies giveaways, and also free microchip implants for dogs over the last months throughout towns in the 16th District. While these events are first-come, first-served, Commissioner Aguilar continues to take the steps to coordinate with our other hosts and suppliers to make sure we are able to serve the community in large numbers, always meeting them where they live to increase accessibility.



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### Death Certificates

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# ComEd Proposes Expansion of Initiatives to Help Low-Income Customers, Public Facilities and Businesses Save Energy and Money

## Four-year Plan Invests Approximately \$1.7 Billion in Customer Energy Efficiency

ComEd recently submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), which regulates the state's utilities, a four-year, \$1.7 billion plan to expand programs that help business, residential and public sector customers reduce energy use and save money. The plan incorporates feedback from local stakeholders and updates the energy efficiency plan the ICC approved in 2021 to reflect changes enabled by the state's new clean energy law, which expands these programs and allows energy efficiency goals to be partially met by electrification initiatives.

"ComEd fully supports the clean energy law's focus on further expanding our work to help low-income customers save energy and lower their bills," said Erica Borggren, vice president of Customer Solutions at ComEd. "We're proud to propose, for the first time, to gradually incorporate electrification into our energy efficiency offerings to customers, with a focus on those who need these savings and health benefits the most."



ComEd's 2022-2025 energy efficiency plan is designed to help customers save energy and money, with a particular focus on programs and savings for customers and communities in need. Specifically, ComEd's plan:

- Dedicates more than \$113 million per year to income-eligible programs – nearly three times the required \$40 million per year.
  - This funding will be spent on single-family and multifamily upgrades and affordable housing new construction, in addition to other programs for income-eligible customers.
- Targets \$10 million per year to support income-eligible electrification measures – for example, heating and cooling, water heating and appliances – that will save customers money and improve their quality of life.
- Expands business and public sector programs to accommodate large public customers and private customers that do not opt out.

"Our goal is to see continual growth in energy efficiency investments, as these investments save individual customers energy and money, but also provide important societal, environmental and health benefits to entire communities," said Stacey Paradis, executive director of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. "We've been impressed with ComEd's leadership having grown their energy efficiency program from its start in 2008 to their plans today to make what is the single largest energy efficiency investment in the Midwest. We are excited to see their focus on affordability, and bringing energy efficiency programs and benefits to the people that most need it. We commend them on their industry-leading work and look forward to the continued growth of the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program."

The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program is one of the largest programs in the nation, offering residents, businesses and public sector customers a variety of options that help them cut back on their energy use, which reduces energy bills and helps the environment. Since ComEd introduced its energy efficiency programs in 2008, customers have saved more than \$6 billion on their energy bills.

For more information on the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program and to enroll, visit [ComEd.com/HomeSavings](https://ComEd.com/HomeSavings) for residential customers and [ComEd.com/BizSavings](https://ComEd.com/BizSavings) for business customers.

## New Tool Makes it Easier for ComEd Customers to Take Control of Their Bills and Energy Use

### Smart Assistance Manager Guides Customers to Individualized Financial-Assistance and Energy-Saving Options

With the launch of its Smart Assistance Manager (SAM), ComEd has made it easier for families and individuals to access customized financial-assistance options, as well as programs to help them manage their electric bills.

SAM is an online self-service tool for all residential customers that finds and displays support options based on their household information, such as energy usage and billing history. Customers who create an online account with ComEd through the My Account tool can log in while using SAM to get even more personalized, targeted results.

"Previously, customers may have had to search for information to enroll in energy-assistance programs," said Nichole Owens, ComEd's vice president of Customer Channels. "With ComEd's Smart Assistance Manager, customers can access the website – anywhere and on their own time – and be guided to the options best suited for them. What's better, they will also be connected to the people and forms so they can get assistance as soon as possible to take advantage of them."

SAM matches customers with the payment-assistance programs for which they may be eligible – including deferred-payment arrangements, the Percent of Income

Payment Plan Assistance Program (PIPP) and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – then provides guidance and links to apply.

SAM also provides recommendations on energy-efficiency offerings that can save customers money and energy, including free home energy assessments and discounts on energy-saving products.

Customers interested in accessing this free tool can visit [ComEd.com/SAM](https://ComEd.com/SAM).

#### **Enhanced Bill-Assistance Options**

ComEd also reminds customers about recent changes to payment features to further support customers struggling to pay their electric bills. Eligible, low-income residential customers will no longer be assessed late payment fees or deposits and any deposits already provided to ComEd will be returned.

The company no longer assesses additional fees for any customers when they use a credit card, debit card or electronic check to pay their ComEd bills.

And, to offer more convenience, all customers can pay their ComEd bill with PayPal. More information on each of these options is available at [ComEd.com/Pay](https://ComEd.com/Pay).

## **Mobile Payment App Scams on the Rise, ComEd and Better Business Bureau Warn Utility Customers**

### **Scammers Used Payment Networks Like Cash App, QuickPay, Venmo and Zelle to Bilk Families and Businesses Out of More Than \$27,000 in January 2022**

The popularity of mobile payment apps like Cash App and Venmo is giving rise to incidents of scammers using these digital networks to bilk ComEd customers out of their hard-earned money. ComEd urges customers to be aware of these new scam attempts, so they identify and avoid them.

In January 2022, ComEd received more than 240 reports of scams from customers, a more than 150-percent increase from January 2021. Even worse, the amount of money reported lost to successful scams rose dramatically to more than \$27,000 in January 2022, 20 times more than January 2021.

Scammers are contacting ComEd customers by phone, although some contacts can be made by text or email, demanding payment to a particular account under the threat of immediate service disconnection. The imposter will instruct the customer to use a mobile payment app, which often have higher transaction limits than pre-paid cash cards.

"The ease of using mobile pay apps has made the process of scamming customers more efficient for imposters," said Melissa Washington, ComEd's chief customer officer and senior vice president of Customer Operations. "As scammers alter their schemes, ComEd will be there to alert customers of the latest attempts to con them out of money and personal information."

"Scammers keep adding new tools like payment apps to take advantage of unsuspecting victims," said Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "Along with impersonating utility representatives, there are fake calls and emails from the IRS, Social Security and other government officials demanding immediate payments. A lot of scams the BBB sees are based on unconventional payment methods. That is the tip-off to the rip-off. Never give out personal information or send money until you have contacted the company directly to check your account status."

#### **Tips to Help Identify Scams**

1. ComEd will never call or come to a customer's home or business to:

- Ask for direct payment with a prepaid cash card, cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, or third-party payment app like Cash App, QuickPay, Venmo or Zelle.
- Demand immediate payment.
- Ask for a ComEd account number or other personal information, such as a Social Security number, driver's license number or bank information.

2. To identify an actual ComEd employee or communication, remember:

- All ComEd field employees wear a uniform with the ComEd logo and visibly display a company ID badge with the logo and employee's name. ComEd recently changed its logo, so you may continue to see the former ComEd logo on uniforms, badges and vehicles until it is phased out.
- Check the name on email or websites and make sure they match the name and address of the company you do business with. Look for misspellings or slight alterations.
- Make a call to verify the suspected email or website is from a trusted source. Use a phone number from your personal business records or the company's official website and not the number provided in the email.

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

#### **Payment Assistance to Help Customers Avoid Scam Attempts**

"ComEd takes seriously its responsibility to help our customers protect themselves and we realize scammers prey on those they suspect may be behind in their bills," said Washington. "That is why we offer a number of payment-assistance options, including flexible payment options, financial assistance and usage alerts for current bills."

Any customer experiencing a hardship or difficulty with their electric bill should call ComEd immediately at 1-800-334-7661 (1-800-EDISON-1), Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., to determine which programs may be available to help with past-due balances.

For more information, visit [ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance](https://ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance).

# Spring into Energy Savings with Tips from Nicor Gas

## Company Offers Tips and Resources to Help Customers Save on Their Monthly Bills

With the arrival of spring, Nicor Gas is reminding customers that now is a good time to focus on energy-efficient improvements and activities in your home to see savings on your monthly bill.

Whether you rent or own your home, you can follow these easy tips, including:

- **Program your thermostat** – Setting a programmable thermostat to a higher setting when you are not at home can help reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.
- **Use ceiling fans** – Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. Make sure that your blades are going counterclockwise to push cool air down.
- **Cook outdoors** – Cooking with an oven heats your home, so throwing burgers or hot dogs on the grill instead, is a great alternative that will help you reduce natural gas use.
- **Caulk air leaks** – Sealing cracks and openings in your home so that heat does not come in or escape keeps cash in your wallet. Weatherizing with insulation and duct sealing can help you go the extra mile to keep your home efficient year-round while increasing overall comfort.
- **Get an equipment tune up** – Spring is a great time to get your HVAC systems and water heater inspected and tuned up. This will help prevent mechanical issues and give you peace of mind.



For a full list of energy efficiency tips, visit [nicorgas.com/tips](http://nicorgas.com/tips).

The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program offers a variety of solutions for customers to save even more money and energy.

**Schedule your virtual home energy assessment** – Free virtual home energy assessments are available for customers living in single-family homes or two-unit multi-family properties. During your virtual assessment, you'll talk with an energy advisor using a Wi-Fi connected device and show them various areas of your home to understand its energy use. Afterward, you will receive a customized report detailing opportunities for saving energy and money, as well as free products that may include faucet aerators and pipe insulation to save energy throughout your house. As an alternative, you can also take our do-it-yourself assessment on your own!

**Apply for a rebate** – Residential customers can apply for rebates for eligible products which may include smart thermostats, furnaces, boilers, combination boilers and tankless water heaters. Customers can also apply for rebates for air sealing, insulation and duct sealing improvements by working with a program-approved contractor.

**Find contractors for your project** – The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program provides a free online database to find contractors in your area for home, commercial, multi-family property or industrial projects. Visit the Find a Contractor tool at [nicorgas.com/findacontractor](http://nicorgas.com/findacontractor).

To learn more about the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program offerings, visit [nicorgas.com/waystosave](http://nicorgas.com/waystosave).

# Nicor Gas Opens Applications for Environmental Stewardship Initiative Grants

## Company Continues Support of Conservation, Sustainable Activities in the Community

Expanding on its commitment to protect the environment by caring for natural spaces in the community through investing in nonprofit organizations that contribute to clean air, conservation, preservation of green space and sustainable activities, Nicor Gas is announcing \$100,000 in funding to support environmental stewardship programs.

Community organizations and nonprofits may apply for these environmental stewardship grants from Nicor Gas to support their initiatives. Applications are available at [www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving](http://www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving) through May 31, with funding decisions by June 30.

“At Nicor Gas, we are committed to being good environmental stewards and actively working to preserve our state’s natural legacy,” said Jackie Nagel, manager of Community Engagement at Nicor Gas. “Investing in organizations that share our focus to preserve Illinois’ green space, conservation efforts and sustainability is one way we’re helping ensure future generations enjoy the benefit these projects bring for years to come.”

As the largest natural gas provider in Illinois, Nicor Gas is committed to creating, maintaining and sustaining 10,000 acres of open space in its service area, and helping to achieve equitable access to cultural, educational and recreational spaces.

Last year, the company announced a sustainability initiative to support the conservation of 10,000 acres of open land across northern Illinois, including inaugural grants to support:

- **Chicago Region Trees Initiative** – An initiative of The Morton Arboretum that aims to increase the Chicago region’s tree canopy, reduce threats to trees, enhance oak ecosystems, and inspire people to value trees and create a more sustainable future.
- **Get Growing Foundation** – Works to inspire, educate and motivate the next generation of gardeners. Last year, the Foundation partnered with the Joliet Park District to provide 500 native starter plants.

Over the decades, Nicor Gas has engaged in prairie restoration projects, participated in biodiversity-recovery efforts and supported conservation-focused organizations like the Chicago Zoological Society, Lake Katherine Nature Center & Botanic Gardens, The Conservation Foundation and more. Selected non-profits and community organizations will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funds this year.

To submit an application for the environmental stewardship grants, visit [www.nicorgas.com/company/about-us/charitable-giving.html](http://www.nicorgas.com/company/about-us/charitable-giving.html).

To learn more about Nicor Gas' commitment to the environment, visit [NicorGas.com/Environment](http://NicorGas.com/Environment).

## **Nicor Gas Named a Utility Customer Champion Company Recognized for Commitment to Customer Engagement, Environmental, Social and Governance Priorities**

Nicor Gas has been named a Utility Customer Champion among residential customers, according to a 2021 study by Escalent, a top human behavior and analytics advisory firm. The recognition is based on a nationwide survey of more than 76,000 residential electric and natural gas customers of the largest 140 utility companies to determine a Brand Trust Index score that ranks service satisfaction, product experience and brand trust

"We know that the last two years have been incredibly challenging, and the customers we serve not only rely on us to deliver the clean, safe and reliable natural gas service that they expect and deserve, but to also be active members of their communities who are committed to a sustainable future," said John O. Hudson III, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. "It is an honor to be recognized by customers for our commitment as we continue to adapt our processes to ensure we're always providing an exceptional experience."

Nicor Gas joins the list of 45 utility companies that received the designation of "Customer Champions" for their industry-leading customer engagement levels. In the Midwest region category for customer engagement benchmark performance, Nicor Gas received a score of 737 on a 1,000-point scale.

According to the 2021 Cogent Syndicated Utility Trusted Brand & Customer Engagement™: Residential study from Escalent, customer engagement with utility companies has grown a significant eight points since pre-pandemic levels in 2019 to 721 out of 1,000 points due to an increase in supporting environmental, social and governance (ESG) efforts.

"What makes the gains in customer engagement most impressive is it strengthened despite increasing bill amounts as service satisfaction metrics remained similar to prior years," said Chris Oberle, senior vice president, Escalent. "Utilities have ramped up their outreach and ESG focus during the pandemic, and the positive impact on their customer relationships was almost immediate. The nation's best utilities are strong and engaging brands customers look to as trusted energy advisers."

Last year, Nicor Gas pledged to support the conservation of 10,000 acres of open space throughout its service area and provided more than \$2.8 million to nonprofit organizations to support the company's philanthropy efforts in the areas of sustainability, economic impact and partnership initiatives to help meet the basic needs of 250,000 families who live at or below the federal poverty level. During the same year, Nicor Gas also directed more than \$50 million in bill payment assistance to customers most in need. To learn more, visit [nicorgas.com/community](http://nicorgas.com/community).

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# 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:

- **Address Change**
- **Administrative Hearings Officer**
- **Commercial Drivers License**

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Road Test  
REAL ID  
Vision Screening

- **Drivers License**

Written Test

- **License Plates**

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

For an appointment or further information, please call Sr. Nila or Sr. Jan at (708) 567-5083, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

## Centro De Recursos Franciscanos

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

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# PROVISO TOWNSHIP HANDYMAN PROGRAM

## Proviso Township Handyman News

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The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township.

Call us at (708) 547-4001 to schedule an appointment or to register for our program.

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# Check Out These April and May 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).

## **Wellness Walks – Wednesday, April 20 • 1 p.m.**

### **Thatcher Woods (Chicago Ave., West of Thatcher Ave., River Forest)**

Enjoy a mindful and meditative guided nature walk to feel refreshed in body and soul. Led by Roberta Janssen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer. Ages 18 and up.

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

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailsidemuseum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

## **Earth Day Cleanup – Friday, April 22 • Noon-2 p.m.**

### **Miller Meadow-South (First Ave., South of Roosevelt Road, Near Forest Park)**

Celebrate Earth Day by doing your part in helping clean up litter in the Preserves. We will have litter pickup supplies for individuals or families to check out during the afternoon.

Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

## **Earth Day Cleanup – Friday, April 22 • 1-3 p.m.**

### **Schiller Woods-East (Irving Park Road, West of Cumberland Ave., Chicago)**

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## **Earth Day Cleanup – Friday, April 22 • 3-6 p.m.**

### **Jerome Huppert Woods (Thatcher Ave., South of Fullerton Ave., River Grove)**

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Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

## **Earth Day: After School Earth Day Activities Drop-In – Friday, April 22 • 3:30-4:45 p.m.**

### **Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)**

Help us celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree, making a bird feeder and creating “recycled” art.

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailsidemuseum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

## **Earth Day River Cleanup – Saturday, April 23 • 8-10 a.m.**

### **Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)**

Join us to help clean up litter in Thatcher Woods in honor of Earth Day. A great service project for students, families and Scouts! Held with partner organization River Forest Park District. Bags and gloves provided.

Check in and get the supplies in Trailside Museum’s lobby.

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailsidemuseum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

## **Find the Frogs Hunt – Saturday, April 23 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

### **Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)**

Search for the many frog statues hidden in our gardens around Trailside Museum, all while being serenaded by real frogs! How observant are you?

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailsidemuseum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

## **Spring Wildflower Walk – Saturday, April 23 • 11 a.m.**

### **Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)**

Walk with us as we enjoy the beauty of early spring wildflowers on our woodland trails. Ages 18 and up.

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

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailsidemuseum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

## **Find the Frogs Hunt – Sunday, April 24 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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**“Bone” Appétit – Sunday, April 24 • 3 p.m.**

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

Drop in and join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside’s outdoor ambassador animals.

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

**Family Pond Paddle – Tuesday, April 26 • 5-7 p.m.**

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

Families enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment and kayaks provided.

Registration required – Call (312) 533-5751.

Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

**Spring Festival & Trailside’s 90th Anniversary Celebration – Sunday, May 1 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

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

Celebrate 90 years of nature education and springtime at Trailside Museum! Enjoy an ice cream social and participate in family-friendly historical activities. Enjoy animal encounters, kids’ tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, building a bird house to take home and much more!

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

**Senior Fitness Walk – Friday, May 6 • 1 p.m.**

**Thatcher Woods Pavilion (Chicago Ave., West of Thatcher Ave., River Forest)**

Join other seniors for a moderately paced, 1-mile fitness walk in beautiful Thatcher Woods. Led by senior Roberta Janssen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer.

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

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

**Morning Bird Walk – Saturday, May 7 • 9 a.m.**

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

Enjoy a casual guided walk to look for birds and bird behavior. All welcome. Binoculars available.

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

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

**Garlic Mustard Removal Workday – Saturday, May 7 • 10:30 a.m.**

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

Join us as we learn about and remove this invasive plant species around the museum. Ages 13 and up. Gloves and bags provided.

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

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

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**Nature Story Trail: “Ruby’s Birds” – Friday, May 13 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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

Follow a short trail and read a children’s nature story along the way. Afterward, stop by for an activity bag with a related craft and outdoor activities.

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

**Painting by the Pond – Friday, May 13 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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

Explore nature through painting in this instructor-led workshop. Materials provided. Ages 21 and up. BYOB (no glass).

Registration required – Call (312) 533-5751.

Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

**“The Big Sit” Birdwatching – Saturday, May 14 • 8 a.m.-Noon**

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

Stop and sit a while, as we see how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a 17-foot circle. Binoculars and guidance provided.

Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.



Your next visit to Brookfield Zoo isn't complete unless you've experienced the amazing things on hand.

Here's a list of some incredible current and upcoming attractions. Be sure to check out our website at [www.czs.org](http://www.czs.org) for additional happenings.

Want to make the most of your zoo experience? Become a member and you'll get exclusive discounts to most attractions, not to mention so much more!

## Ice Age Giants Now Open at Brookfield Zoo Temporary Exhibit Features more than 30 Animatronics

A long, long time ago – 2.6 million years to be exact – the Quaternary Ice Age began and continues today. However, it wasn't until more recently – thousands of years ago – that entire species of enormous animals began to die off around the globe. Even though they are now extinct, guests can experience a time warp like no other and see what it was like to live among these megafauna from now-Oct. 30, at Brookfield Zoo's temporary exhibit –



*The massive mastodon (pronounced MAS-tuh-dawn), which weighed up to 17,000 pounds, neared extinction about 10,000 years ago. Evidence suggests that diminishing food sources – shrubbery and leaves – due to warming temperatures, made it impossible for the massive animal to survive.*

Cathy Bazzoni/CZS-Brookfield Zoo

Ice Age Giants, sponsored by Duly Health and Care.

Throughout the 216-acre park, guests will encounter more than 30 life-sized animatronic re-creations of giants that once roamed North America and Eurasia, including a 15-foot-tall woolly mammoth, an oafish 20-foot-long giant ground sloth, a 12-foot-tall giant bird, a fearsome 5-foot-long saber-toothed cat and many more. Adding to the lifelike effects, parts of the animals such as the head, eyes, mouth and tail move, making the experience even more realistic.

Youngsters can pretend to be an ice age giant and go inside the 5-foot-long Glyptodon Shell-ter – a great place for a photo op. This giant armored creature, who is a distant prehistoric relative of the modern-day armadillo, measured about 11 feet long from head to tail tip.

Along the pathways, as zoogoers travel back in time some 20,000 years ago during the peak of the Quaternary Period, colorful graphics present fascinating facts about each of the creatures such as where on Earth they once lived, how big they were and how they compare to their modern relatives – many who are facing their own challenges to survive.

Additional illustrations present a timeline of Earth's five significant ice ages – Huronian (2.4-2.1 billion years ago), Cryogenian (720-635 million years ago), Andean-Saharan (450-420 million years ago), Late Paleozoic (360-260 million years ago) and Quaternary (2.6 million years ago to present). Also, guests can learn about the theories as to why these behemoths went extinct, including overkilling, climate change and disease. Even today, the same threats are impacting the survival of many animals like polar bears, Mexican wolves, North American river otters and frogs, which can all be seen at Brookfield Zoo.

Admission to Brookfield Zoo, which includes access to Ice Age Giants, is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15. The zoo is open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with extended hours of 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., from Memorial Day to Labor Day. To learn more about the temporary exhibit before it goes extinct, visit [CZS.org/IceAgeGiants](http://CZS.org/IceAgeGiants).

## Bottlenose Dolphin Returns to Brookfield Zoo as Another Departs

On March 21, the marine mammal team at Brookfield Zoo welcomed home Kai, a 27-year-old bottlenose dolphin after being away for 16 years at Texas State Aquarium. The same day, they bid a very fond farewell to Merlin, an 8-year-old bottlenose dolphin born at the zoo in 2013, who will now make Texas his new home at the aquarium. Accompanying both Merlin and Kai to their destinations were veterinary and animal care staff from Brookfield Zoo and Texas State Aquarium, who monitored the animals during the flights between Chicago and Corpus Christi.

Kai, who was born at Brookfield Zoo in October 1994, is the zoo's second successful dolphin calf birth and currently the oldest living dolphin that was born at the zoo. He rejoins several resident dolphins – Lucky, Tapeko, Allie, Noelani and Allison – who he may remember from his past time spent at the zoo. New to Kai is Spree, one of the female dolphins.

The decision to move Merlin out of the maternal group at Brookfield Zoo is based on knowledge known about these marine mammals in the wild.



*Kai, a 27-year-old bottlenose dolphin who recently returned to Brookfield Zoo, and Nicole Booton, a senior animal care specialist, during a training/husbandry session.*  
Jim Schulz/CZS-Brookfield Zoo

“We know that juvenile dolphins, especially young males, leave their maternal group to spend increasingly more time with other animals their age, which is a normal milestone in a dolphin’s life,” said Rita Stacey, vice president of Animal Programs for the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo. “Merlin will join the group of dolphins at Texas State Aquarium and will be paired with another male dolphin named Schooner, who is just a few years older and has a similar playful personality.”

In preparation for the two dolphins’ moves, an animal care specialist from Brookfield Zoo spent time with Kai at the aquarium and a staff member from Texas State Aquarium spent time at the zoo with Merlin. In addition, staff at both institutions began additional welfare monitoring with all the dolphins prior to their departures and will continue sharing this information as the dolphins acclimate to their new homes. This monitoring includes welfare indicators, such as endocrine biomarkers, behavioral observations, CZS’s WelfareTrak® surveys, body condition scores and more. Brookfield Zoo and Texas State Aquarium are sending additional animal care specialists most familiar with Kai and Merlin to assure their successful acclimation to their new homes. Both the zoo and aquarium have a long history of partnership and are committed to providing the very best care and welfare to these two individual dolphins.

At Brookfield Zoo, Kai will first meet Lucky before being introduced to the females in the group. Once all the introductions are complete and Kai has reacclimated to being back home at Brookfield Zoo, guests will be able to see him at the zoo’s Seven Seas.

## Earth Day is a Very Special Day at Brookfield Zoo! Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • Brookfield Zoo North Parking Lot

Every day is Earth Day at Brookfield Zoo, but on this very special day, we’ll be showcasing some of the steps you can take that will truly make a difference for animals across the globe!

If you’ve been storing items in your basement and garage, waiting for the perfect time and most Earth-friendly way to dispose of them, you can recycle them at Brookfield Zoo!

On Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the zoo will be collecting electronics, textiles and used books. There is no charge to drop off recycling, however, tickets or membership is required if you plan to visit the zoo.

The process is easy. Drive into the north parking lot and representatives from the zoo and its partnering organizations will collect your items for recycling. To check out the list of items that are acceptable, as well as items that will not be accepted, please visit [www.czs.org](http://www.czs.org).

Thank you for your donations!

For additional information, please contact us at [marketingteam@czs.org](mailto:marketingteam@czs.org).



## Wines in the Wild – The Perfect Blend of Wildlife and Wine! Saturday, June 11, 6-9 p.m. • Discovery Center at Brookfield Zoo



Wines in the Wild features the perfect blend of wildlife and – you guessed it – wine!

On Saturday, June 11, 6-9 p.m., guests will have the opportunity to sample a wide variety of wines provided by the evening’s purveyor, Prestige Countryside Liquors, and enjoy some wonderful food from our catering partner, SSA Group. Guests will be able to discover new favorites and purchase bottles of wine during the event with 10 percent of all proceeds from the evening’s purchases being donated back to Brookfield Zoo. In addition, there will be a silent auction, premier silent auction, an Animal Ambassador experience and more. Join us for this exciting evening of Wines in the Wild!

**New this Year** – Get a jump-start on Wines in the Wild by donating towards one of

our exciting pre-event wine packages! Hand-selected by the experienced staff at Prestige Countryside Liquors, guests have the option of two levels of wine packages, super-premium and premium. Guests attending Wines in the Wild can pick up their package on the day of the event. Unable to attend? No worries! You can still participate in this exciting event by ordering one of our wine packages for delivery straight to your home. No ticket required!

For more information about Wines in the Wild, ticket and wine packages, please visit [czs.org](http://czs.org) or reach out to us at [CZSWomensBoard@czs.org](mailto:CZSWomensBoard@czs.org).

**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.**

# Obituaries

## **Ayala**

Jose M Ayala. Beloved son of Carmelo and Felicitas Ayala; dear brother of Mayra (Vaughn) Damron and Rocio Ayala; fond uncle of Niko and Daniella Damron; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## **Bonilla**

Jesus Maria Bonilla. Beloved husband of Rita (nee Gaeta); loving father of Victor (Maria), Dora (Alfredo), Jesus (Sonia), Oliva (Raymundo), Mario (Veronica), Maria Magdalena (Bernell) and Gabriel (Yessenia); fond abuelo of Raymundo, Adan, Jesus Thomas, Samantha, Yoenia, Adriana, Sarai, Gabriella, Azucena, Juliza, Alfredo, Guadalupe, Alexa, Eric, Liliana, Emiliano, Benjamin and Emilia; dear brother of Concepcion, Victoriana, Maria, Josefa and Enrique; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven.

## **Casciaro**

Giuseppe Casciaro. Beloved husband of Maria (nee Guzzo); loving father of Frank (Joy) and Vince "Jimmy" (Mary); fond grandfather of Bruno (Rose), Phillip, Christina (DJ) Hammett, Joey and Stephanie (Marco) DeBiasio; fond great-grandfather of Isabella, Arianna, Nello, Dominic DeBiasio, Luca DeBiasio and Nico DeBiasio; dear brother of six; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

## **Chiarito**

Robert J. Chiarito. Dearly beloved husband of Carlye (nee Mazzei); loving father of Robert, Anthony (Jamie) Chiarito and Caira (Roberto) Barbanente; cherished papa of Sofia, James, Emma, Lana, Rena, Vincent and Claudia; dear brother of Joseph and the late George Chiarito; fond uncle of Gina Patti, Joseph Chiarito, Angelica Asencio and George Chiarito; fond godfather and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## **Farina**

Kathleen A. Farina, nee Regillio. Dearly beloved wife of the late Salvatore "Sam"; loving mother of Joseph (Yvonne), Salvatore "Sam" (Trisha) and Nicole (the late Eugene) Williams; cherished grandmother of Salvatore, Stefano, Anna, Frankie, Santino, Vincent, Nico, Salvatore and Bennett; dear brother of Daniel (Sue) Regillio; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

## **Fernandez**

Helen Fernandez. Loving mother of Frank Aviles and Dan (Michelle) Aviles; cherished grandmother of Frank, Christina, Danny, Isabella and Vivian; dear sister of Albert (the late Sandra) Chapa and Eddie Chapa; loving aunt and friend to many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Proud member of the Lyons Club.

## **Fioccola**

Maria Fioccola. Beloved wife of the late Giovanni; loving mother of Sebastiano (Olivia) Fioccola, Concetta (the late Vincenzo) Vaccaro, Rosa (Jose) Fajardo, Maria (Mike) Donahoo, Josephine (Alan) Quale, Teresa (Scott) Soren and Pasquale (Megan) Fioccola; cherished grandmother of 18; cherished great-grandmother of 13; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## **Fioccola**

Pasquale Fioccola. Dearly beloved husband of the late Mafalda; loving

father of Sebastiano (Jena) and Concetta "Tina" (Angelo) Campanella; fond grandfather of Emma, Francesco, Grace, Luca, Liliana and Layla; dear brother of Giuseppe, the late Giovanni, the late Teresa and the late Rosa; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

## **Giglio**

Michael J. Giglio. Dearly beloved husband of the late Barbara (nee Gnutek); loving father of Michael, Lisa (William) Andrews and Frank (Michele) Giglio; beloved son of the late Frank and Marie Giglio; cherished grandfather of Stephanie, Jenna, Alisha, Max, Nicole, Geneva, Joey and Mia; great-grandfather of Noah and Elliana; dear brother of Joseph (Marguerite) and Frank (the late Theresa) Giglio; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Future interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## **Johnson**

Rose Marie Johnson. She leaves to cherish her memory: daughter – Netricia Johnson Smith (Jeffrey); son – Michael Johnson; eight grandchildren – Lamitria Johnson, Dominique L. Smith, Angelique Smith, Netricia M. Smith, Isiah Johnson, Micha Johnson, Zaria Johnson and Dominique Easton; nine great-grandchildren – Tyrone, Khyla, Ali, Lauryan, Adonis, Amir, Londel, Londe and Zyrie; one sister – Diane Pitts; one brother – Felton Johnson; one aunt – Annie Mae Euell; cousins – Kathleen Johnson Williams, Marcy Euell Dotson (Bryan), Odis Johnson and Afred Euell; father – Robert Williams Jr. of St. Louis, Mo.; paternal siblings: sister – Ramona Williams; brothers – Terry Williams, Sam Williams of Minnesota, and Maurice Porter of St. Louis; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and post family friends. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## **Katsoolias**

Bill Katsoolias. Dearly beloved husband of Pat (nee Giuffre); loving father of Sara Spahn and Bill (Maria) Katsoolias; beloved son of the late Alexander and the late Esther Katsoolias (nee Bakaris); cherished grandfather of Anthony, Alexandra and Robert Francis "Trey"; dear brother of Elaine (Angelo) Sellis, John (Joanne) Katsoolias, Alex (Donna) Katsoolias and the late Dolly (George) Damos, late Ernie (the late Joan) Katsoolias, the late Georgia (Ted) Kanelos, the late Effie (Steve) Tsoronis, the late Theodore Katsoolias, the late Sam Katsoolias and the late Jeanie Harrison. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## **Kawahara**

Danny Kawahara. Beloved son of Daniel and Suzanne "Sue" Kawahara; dear brother of Danielle (Will) Nelson; fond grandson of Ike "Mano" Kawahara, Marion Lavenu, the late Pauline (the late Frank) Kawahara-Enoki, the late Ernie Lavenu; loving and fun uncle of Megan, Will, Sarah, and Ava Nelson; loving father of Freedom; loving nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## **Lullo**

Michael Justin Lullo. Dearly beloved son of Michael and Sandra Lullo; dear brother of Lauren (Amer) and Stephanie; fond uncle of Amir; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## **Morrissey**

John E. Morrissey, U.S. Army veteran. Dearly beloved husband of the late Helen (nee Hennigan); loving father of Daniel (Lisa) and Joseph (Guy Sullivan); cherished grandfather of John (fiancee Billy Trahan), Tony (fiancee Liz Mielke), Danielle (fiancee Joe Ahsmann) and Nick Morrissey;

dear brother of Thomas (the late Carolyn); fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment St. Michael the Archangel Mausoleum.

#### **Parra**

Alfonso Parra. Loving father of Carina, Esmeralda, Yadira and Gabriela; loving papaus of Jocelyn, Gabriel, Jayleen, Mario, Aiden, Julian, Matthew and Baby Galarza; loving brother, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. "Now you can dance away with your angels in heaven."

#### **Perritano**

Mary Rose Perritano, nee Franchi, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Joseph R.; devoted mother of Nancy, Joseph (Cathy), Rosanne (Mark) Sitkowski, Anthony and Mark (Heather); loving grandmother of Vincent (Hatice Unsal), Michael Sitkowski (Elizabeth Lehman), Jaclyn Sitkowski (Jay Matuska), Natalie and Christine; loving great-grandmother of Oliver; cherished sister of Gloria Franchi and Ben Franchi (Glenna). Mary lived her life in service of others, through friends, through her family and through her work. She always made everyone feel welcome and her sense of humor was contagious. Such a wonderful person, Mary will always be a part of our lives. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Inurnment private.

#### **Posada**

Javier Posada. Dearly beloved husband of Elida Posada; loving father of Celia Posada, Carlos (Damayanti) Posada, Alejandra Posada, Diana Posada and Evelyn Posada; fond grandfather of Daniela, Emmanuel, Fabian, Alexandra, Lilani, Enrique, Juan, Carlos, Damaris, Javier and Ximena; dear brother of Ernesto, Gloria, Delfina, Socorro, Lidia, Adolfo, Saul, Sofia and the late Idalia; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

#### **Rodriguez**

Jesus Rodriguez, age 65, passed away Feb. 23, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Husband of Gloria (nee Anaya) for over 40 years; devoted father of Adriana (Sergio) Aguirre, Jorge Luis Rodriguez and Karina (Joseph) Cervantes; best abuelo in the world of Joseph, Isabella, Cain, Mia,

Sergio, Nicolas, Lucas and the late Mila; loving son of the late Jose Guadalupe and Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez; dear brother of nine siblings; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He enjoyed every opportunity to show off his grill-master skills. Always an open invitation for all to enjoy. His summer drink of choice was always the best tequila that he sincerely loved to share. His music was constantly set on the highest of volume. An assortment of all the greats. His grandchildren were his world. The love they all had for each other was the truest of loves. His favorite days were spent watching them play all together in his yard, which, lucky for them, was a weekly occurrence. He would always say that being surrounded by family was all he ever wanted. All he ever needed. He had an incredibly strong work ethic. A trait passed down to his children among many others. He could and would fix anything that ever needed fixing. An amazing trait especially for a self-taught man. He was the pillar of his family and will be truly missed. The beautiful memories he created for us all will forever be cherished. He will forever live in all of our hearts. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Interment at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery.

#### **Serrano**

Francisco Serrano. Dearly beloved husband of Socorro Serrano; loving father of Arturo (Patricia) and Maria Elena (Jose Alfaro) Serrano; cherished abuelo of Irene Alfaro, Cassandra, Antonio and Samanta; dear brother of Rafael, Carlos and the late Arsenio, Ramiro and Alvaro; fond tio and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

#### **Simpson**

John Francis Simpson Jr., 87, of Oakbrook Terrace and Melrose Park. Son of the late John Sr. and Kathleen (nee McCallion) Simpson; devoted companion to Irene Fahey; loving father of John (Lisa) Simpson III, Gina (Frank) Zangara and the late Rita Simpson; grandfather to John (Disa) Simpson IV, Sam (Chloe) Zangara and Amanda Zangara; great-grandfather to Siena Simpson; brother to the late Marian (Howard) Mota and Kathleen (the late Lee) Ahlstrom; uncle, mentor and friend of many. Former executive director and 30+ year police captain of the Veterans Park District Police. Arrangements by Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory.

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