

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

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equal a monthly auto payment.
Americans are beginning to feel the inflationary pinch.*

Dear Neighbors,

Wow, inflation is causing havoc everywhere! Filling up your car's tank with gasoline is starting to equal a monthly auto payment. Credit card interest fees are rising, mortgage rates have nearly doubled from a few months ago and food prices are almost 9 percent higher than last year. Most Americans are really beginning to feel the inflationary pinch.

And it is this rise in food prices that leads me to write about the Taste of Melrose Park. Over the past 24 years our vendors never sold a food item for more than \$3. This allowed us to proudly advertise our festival as the most affordable food festival in all of Illinois. Unfortunately, this year our food purveyors are also experiencing the high costs of inflation. Several informed us that it would be impossible for them to take part if forced to hold their prices to \$3, claiming the increased cost of ingredients and the escalated cost of paying help would actually incur a great loss to them if they participated. As a result, 2022 Taste of Melrose Park food items will now sell for \$4 or less. I do wish to point out that other food festivals are experiencing the same inflationary pressures and will also be forced to raise their prices as well, which in turn will allow us to keep boasting that our food festival is still the most affordable in the state.

I am happy to report that the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will once again return with a full schedule of events after a two-year absence. This year will mark the Feast's 129th celebration. The dates of the Feast are July 8 through July 17. The Feast has become so synonymous with our community that when Chicago area residents think of Melrose Park, they immediately think of this sacred festival. Once again, on Sunday there will be families marching behind the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as it is reverently paraded down several streets. Visit the church's website for more information at www.olmcp parish.org/.

Lastly, the war being waged by the Russians on Ukraine has resulted in untold devastation. Over 3,000 Ukraine citizens have been killed, a number that includes several hundred children. Reputable social, government and news organizations are reporting almost 8 million Ukrainian refugees have fled the country and another 7 million have been displaced within the country.

Below are a few organizations that need monetary donations to help their Ukrainian relief efforts. Please give what you can or look online for additional humanitarian charities dedicated to aiding the people of Ukraine.

- unicefusa.org – Helping to meet urgent needs for safe water, health care and nutrition.
- projecthope.org – Sending medicine, medical supplies and personnel to Ukraine.
 - directrelief.org – Delivering medical supplies.
- icrc.org - Red Cross – Supplies food, fuel, housing support, hygiene items.
 - savethechildren.org – Bringing humanitarian aid to children.
- globalgiving.org – Supporting Ukrainians in need, with a focus on the most vulnerable.

Have a safe and enjoyable July Fourth.

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



Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

**Early Voting for the June 28, 2022 – Gubernatorial Primary Election
Runs Now through Monday, June 27 at the
Village of Melrose Park (Gymnasium), 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park.
Early voting hours are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**



Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

Trustees

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano

Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera

Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi



To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsJuly 11 and Aug. 22

Village Hall Holiday ClosingsJuly 4 and Sept. 5

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Ronald M. Serpico and Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...

I want to thank you for addressing my letter. My tenants have all been made aware of the assistance received. It is greatly appreciated by all.

Deputy Police Chief Anthony Greco is to be commended for how quickly and well he worked this out with me

The anticipated June 14-15 driveway/parking lot sealcoating should now keep us in compliance with Melrose Park Code Enforcement.

• Sincere thanks,
Lori Marschke

Dear Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame ...

On Sunday morning, May 15, 2022, on-duty Maywood Fire personnel were summoned to the Maywood village address of 1010 S. Second Ave.

Upon arrival at this location, on-duty personnel discovered and encountered conditions posing an immediate threat to both life and health. The prompt response and valor assistance of personnel from your organization helped us to avoid a potentially catastrophic outcome from this structure fire incident.

Please pass on to your personnel my "Sincerest Appreciation."

• Respectfully,
Craig A. Bronaugh Jr.
Fire Chief, Maywood Fire Department.

Dear Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame ...

I would like to thank the MPFD paramedics and firemen, and especially Dominic Vayda, for their quick response and assistance on April 15, 2022, at approximately 7 p.m.

While attending a celebration at Taverna on Division for newly sworn-in fireman Dominic Vayda, my husband Seymour was walking in the door from the outside and suddenly became ill, and passed out and was falling straight back. Dominic was walking behind Seymour and caught him, and lowered him to the floor.

Had he not acted so quickly, the outcome would have been very serious because it was a cement floor.

The paramedics and firemen arrived immediately, and thoroughly examined my husband and fortunately everything was OK.

I am sorry I didn't get their names in all the excitement. Please extend our appreciation to the paramedics and firemen for their immediate response.

I have no doubt Dominic will be an asset to your department.

• Respectfully,
Rosemary Lopez Sapoznik,
Police Commissioner, Village of Stone Park

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...

Just wanted to say thank you for your participation and support during Chief Stenson's ceremony and procession.

• Elijah Willis
Police Chief, Maywood Police Department

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi, Police Officers and MPPD Staff ...

During this week when all law enforcement members are being honored, the memorial ceremonies read so many names including my son Nicholas Kozak.

All of the agencies and departments that responded to his death and their show of respect during the wake was so heartfelt to me and my family.

He always regarded each of you as part of his extended family.
I pray that God will watch over and protect you every time you leave for work or go on a call to help someone in need.
Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for so many.
• Barbara Kozak

Dear Melrose Park First Responders ...

Hello again.

Fortunately over my 72 years, the few medical issues I suffered did not require emergency attention or transportation. That changed over the past three months – requiring your services twice for a dislocated left hip. Never was I in so much pain!

But thanks to the training, strength and compassion of paramedics Jason and Chris, I was transported with great care and minimal pain.

I am so grateful to the paramedics and firefighters of MP Fire Station #2.

• Sincerely,
Gus Mauro

You Can Manage Your Water Bill Online

The village of Melrose Park provides residents with an option to manage their water bill online. Residents can visit www.melrosepark.org and by clicking on images as directed, you'll be linked to the online Water Account page. You will need your account number and the full name of the person listed on the water bill to log in and utilize this feature. If you do not know your account number, please send an email to RV@melrosepark.org and your account number will be sent to you.

Manage Your Water Bill



By using this online platform, you'll be able to view and pay your water bill; review all your present and past bills as far back as 2012; run a water use consumption analysis; view your account history for bills paid and any bill adjustments; and enroll for an eBill statement which will notify you by email that your bill can be viewed online, which avoids any direct mail delays.

For more information, please call the Village Hall at (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.

We look forward to hearing from you!

MP Police Officers Help Lead the Charge for Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics



This past May, Melrose Park Police Officer Ruben Lomeli and Detective Jessica Ortiz participated in the 2022 Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics (LETR) held in Chicago and many cities across the nation.

The LETR began in 1981 and is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the Flame of Hope into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions, and into Special Olympics state, provincial, national, regional and world games. Annually, more than 100,000 dedicated and compassionate law enforcement members carry the "Flame of Hope," symbolizing courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

Torch Run has grown over the years and now includes many fundraising plat-

forms. These platforms include Plane Pulls, Polar Plunges, Tip-A-Cops, and more. Since the beginning, LETR has raised over \$600 million for Special Olympics programs.

A gracious thank you to Officer Lomeli and Detective Ortiz for their selfless efforts of support and to all those who have made a commitment for the LETR Special Olympics cause.

A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi
Director of Police



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

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

The website can be translated to Spanish and Polish.

Melrose Park Police Department

Melrose Park Announces New Overnight Parking Procedures

Approved Visitor, Construction or Family Emergency Vehicles Will Avoid Being Ticketed

The village of Melrose Park has announced new parking procedures for residents requiring overnight parking availability on village streets near their home.

Residents seeking permission to park any visitor, construction or family emergency vehicles on streets with overnight parking restrictions can visit the Melrose Park Police Department website at mppd.com, download the Melrose Park Police Department Parking Permission Form (under forms), complete all details and then submit it to the MP Police Department Front Desk.

After review, a Police Department supervisor will contact the requestor to notify them of approval or disapproval. The form can only be used for three days per month and is not valid until a supervisor signs off on it.

If approved, the permission will not allow the violation of village ordinances or parking laws. All violators will be ticketed.



MELROSE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
1 NORTH BROADWAY, MELROSE PARK, IL 60160
(708) 344-8409 www.MelroseParkPD.com

PARKING PERMISSION REQUEST FORM

LIMIT 3 DAYS PER MONTH

DATE OF REQUEST: _____

TIME OF REQUEST: ____:____ AM / PM **until** ____:____ AM / PM

ADDRESS: (Vehicle must be parked at this address or permission will be invalid)

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ License Plate: _____ State: _____

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

REASON FOR REQUEST: (Circle)

Visitor | Driveway Repair | Family Emergency

Other: _____

Note: If approved this permission will not allow the violation of village ordinances or parking laws. All violators will be ticketed.

Form must be filled in and returned to the Melrose Park Police Department to be approved

Shift Supervisor Signature

Date

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.



**Melrose
Park
Police
Department**

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE

**A QUICK NOTE TO
UPDATE WEEKEND PARKING RULES ...
PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON
BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET
FRIDAY, 5 P.M.-MONDAY, 9 A.M.
NOW UNTIL DEC. 1, 2022.**

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

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

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



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.

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



Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Dept.*

A Message from Rick Beltrame, Director of Fire Department

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

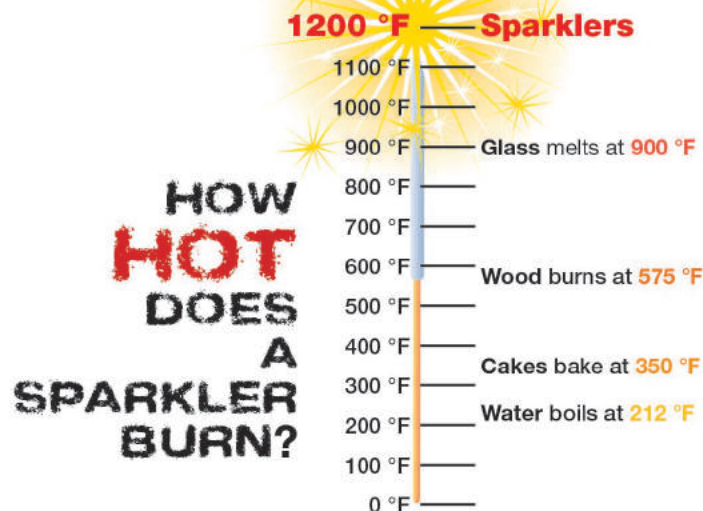
Please follow these tips to ensure the safety of your family!



FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



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



MELROSE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

3601 W LAKE ST. MELROSE PARK IL 60160 PH (708) 344-1215, FAX (708) 531-6304



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

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



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

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

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

Melrose Park is Looking for Residents Currently Serving in the Military



Attention Residents

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



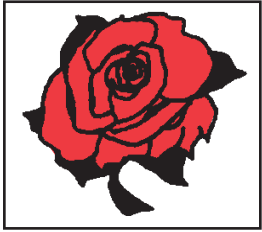
ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 28
Early Voting Runs Now-Monday, June 27.

Vote Democratic!

MAYOR SERPICO
asks you to please consider voting
for the following candidates:

| | |
|--|------------|
| FOR SECRETARY OF STATE | PUNCH |
| ALEXI GIANNOULIAS | 14 |
| FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT | PUNCH |
| JESUS ‘CHUY’ GARCIA | 31 |
| FOR STATE SENATOR, 39TH SENATE DISTRICT | PUNCH |
| DON HARMON | 61 |
| FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 7TH DISTRICT (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT) | PUNCH |
| EMANUEL ‘CHRIS’ WELCH | 71 |
| FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 77TH DISTRICT (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT) | PUNCH |
| NORMA HERNANDEZ | 71 |
| FOR COMMISSIONER, METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT | PUNCH |
| PATRICIA THERESA FLYNN | 83 |
| CRISTINA P. NONATO | 86 |
| FOR BOARD PRESIDENT, COOK COUNTY | PUNCH |
| RICHARD R. BOYKIN | 102 |
| FOR ASSESSOR, COOK COUNTY | PUNCH |
| KARI K. STEELE | 112 |
| FOR COMMISSIONER, 16TH COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT | PUNCH |
| FRANK J. AGUILAR | 121 |
| FOR COMMISSIONER, BOARD OF REVIEW 1ST DISTRICT | PUNCH |
| GEORGE A. CARDENAS | 131 |
| FOR JUDGE, ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT, 1ST DISTRICT (VACANCY OF HALL) | PUNCH |
| RUSSELL “RUSS” HARTIGAN | 151 |
| FOR JUDGE, COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (VACANCY OF LYNCH) (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT) | PUNCH |
| MICHAEL WEAVER | 179 |
| FOR JUDGE, COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (VACANCY OF MCGURY) (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT) | PUNCH |
| RUTH ISABEL GUDINO | 180 |
| FOR JUDGE, 4TH COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT (VACANCY OF GAVIN) (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT) | PUNCH |
| NICK KANTAS | 191 |
| FOR JUDGE, 4TH COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT (VACANCY OF ROGERS) (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT) | PUNCH |
| SHAWNTE RAINES-WELCH | 195 |
| FOR JUDGE, 11TH COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT (VACANCY OF MCGUIRE) (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT) | PUNCH |
| CHRIS TALIAFERRO | 191 |

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Citizens to Elect
Ronald M. Serpico.



Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

From the Desk of
Gary Marine,
Director of Public Works

TV Pickup

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

Feeding Wildlife

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



Attention Residents Along Silver Creek Embankment

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

Apply Now for the 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

Republic Services has instituted a service day change for the residential services it provides in the village of Melrose Park. Prior to April 5, the village was serviced twice per week (on Tuesdays and Fridays) for trash and once per week (on Fridays) for yard waste and recycling. Effective Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the service day for recycling and yard waste was moved to Tuesday. The service days for trash will remain unchanged.



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 • Division to Soffel on Roberta

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:

- 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.

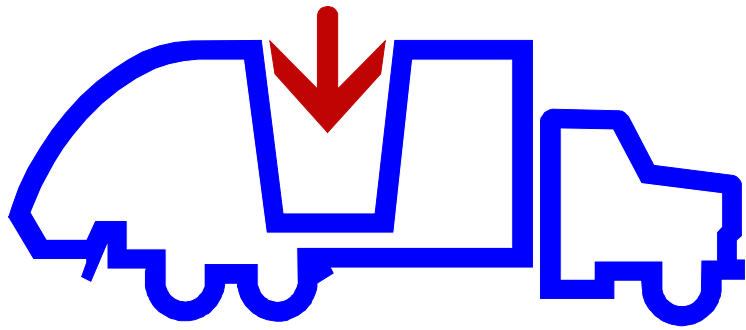
Benefit Access Program Benefits

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 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 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

ATTENTION RESIDENTS – CALL TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT RESIDENT GARBAGE CANS

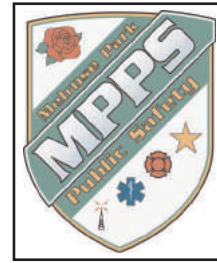
For a missing or damaged garbage can, please call Republic Services directly at (708) 345-7050 and ask for Customer Service to request a replacement garbage can.

REPLACEMENT RESIDENT RECYCLING CANS

For the new larger recycling cans, please call Republic Services 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 Services.

Melrose Park Public Safety News



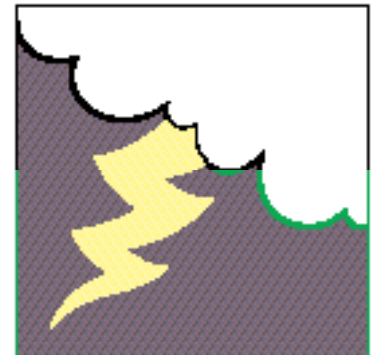
From the Desk of Chief Philip C. Schwartz, Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety

Know Your Risk When Severe Weather Occurs

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

Here's what you need to know:

- Since 2003, more than 40 states within the continental United States have come under a tornado watch; more than 45 states have come under severe thunderstorm watches; and lightning strikes have occurred in every state.
- Heat waves are common across the country during the summer. They are dangerous because the human body cannot cool itself properly when exposed to an extreme combination of heat and humidity.
- In 2015, there were 26 lightning fatalities.
- Flash flooding is the number one killer associated with severe weather.
- Air pollution can make it harder for people with asthma and other respiratory diseases to breathe. Children and teens may be more sensitive than adults to the health effects caused by air pollution. According to the EPA, poor air quality is responsible in the U.S. for an estimated 60,000 premature deaths each year.



Take Action

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

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

Be a Force of Nature

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

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

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

Are You Interested in Being More Involved in Your Community?

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

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

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

Don't wait VOLUNTEER TODAY!

For more information, call (708) 649-8000 or visit our website at www.mpdes.org.

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



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Adult Summer Reading Program



READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

Grab your gear and log your summer reading!
Log by online Google Form or download a paper log.

The program runs from June 10th to July 15th. At the end, all entries will go into a drawing for a grand prize!

When you register, make sure to select which grand prize you'd like to win!

Check out our website for more details!
Age Group: Adults




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iPads and Mobile Hotspots are available for checkout to MPPL cardholders 18 and up!





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



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| Last Saturday of the month - Closed | | | |
| Sunday - Closed | | | |
| Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Closed on Saturdays | | | |

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Summer Programs

2022

June 10 - July 15

Featuring 6 Fabulous Fridays and 1 Terrific Tuesday!

Summer Reading Kick-Off - Stop in the library to register for our latest Summer Reading program "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" to get your 2022 reading log and a tasty sweet treat to celebrate the start of summer fun!

Friday, June 10



Meet Steve the Sloth and friends! Flying Fox Conservation Fund will bring the zoo to the library! We will see and learn about some of the most unique creatures from around the world, including a hands-on encounter with the famous Steve the Sloth. **All ages.**

Friday, June 17: 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.

Mad Science of Chicago - Get ready for some incredible demonstrations of some amazing science experiments. It will blow your mind! **All ages.**

Friday, June 24: 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.



Movie Magic - Join us for a showing of a spectacular adventure themed movie! Bring your friends and family for a weird and wacky quest into the wild! Ages 7-17. Adults accompanying a child may attend.

Friday, July 1: 2-4pm, Registration required. Limit 25.

Dinosaur Hunters - Let's dig into learning about dinosaurs! We will explore their ancient world and have a hands-on experience with some dinosaur bones. **All ages.**

Friday, July 8: 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.




Interesting Insects - Bugs—They're everywhere! Trailside Museum presents the good, the bad, and the ugly facts about nature's most creepy, crawly creatures. Join us for an up close and personal look at a variety of insects. **All ages.**

Tuesday, July 12: 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.

Kevin Kelly The Magician - Be prepared to be mystified and amused by the incredible magic of Kevin Kelly. Come and enjoy the show! **All ages.**

Friday, July 15: 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.



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



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Youth Services

Summer Reading 2022! June 10th—July 15th

Children and teens, ages 3-18 can come into the library to register for *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*, our theme for 2022 Summer Reading. At registration, you will receive a reading log to record what you read. For six weeks, record your reading and every week come in for a special prize and a raffle ticket for the Grand Prize Drawing on July 22nd.

Bilingual Storytime!

Monthly on YouTube

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.



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Melrose Park Mayor
Ron Serpico Endorses
Norma Hernandez
Democrat for State Representative



Norma Hernandez was born and raised in Melrose Park.

Norma understands the value of hard work, and started working when she was 14-years old. First cleaning offices, then for 12-years she worked at the Melrose Park Walgreens, and on the weekends she helped her parents sell plants at Swap-O-Rama. If elected, Norma will continue that work ethic and be an accessible official with an open door policy. She will work closely with all the elected officials in the district to improve all our communities.

We deserve results that actually matter in our lives.

Norma is running to be a voice for everyday working people and to focus on solutions to the problems that we face in our state. With the rising costs of everyday necessities, **working families need relief**. We need solutions to systemic problems, not higher taxes. I support expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit and creating a state Child Tax Credit. Illinois residents need immediate protection from outrageous electricity and gas rate hikes; utility companies need to be reigned in. I will work on legislation to provide our children with access to quality education, support law enforcement agencies with resources for safer communities and find property tax relief for homeowners.

Who is Norma:

- ★ Born and raised in Melrose Park - 3rd Generation
- ★ Homeowner, Melrose Park
- ★ Member, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
- ★ Graduate, Stevenson Elementary, and Proviso East High School
- ★ Associate Degree in Arts, Triton Community College
- ★ Bachelor's in Social Work, Aurora University
- ★ Master's in Urban Planning & Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago
- ★ Board Member, Triton College
- ★ Urban Planner, Great Cities Institute - 4 years



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ENDORSEMENTS:

U.S. Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García, Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2, Cook County College Teachers Union, Teamsters Local 705, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the IBT, International Transportation Communications Union International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE EARLY

MAYWOOD COURTHOUSE

Whitcomb Building, # 104
1311 Maybrook Sq., Maywood, IL

[NOW until June 27th*](#)

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*SAT: 9 AM - 5 PM

*SUN: 10 AM - 4 PM

**Not Open On 6/4, 6/5, 6/11, or 6/12*

MELROSE PARK VILLAGE HALL

1000 N 25th Ave, Melrose Park, IL

[NOW until June 27th](#)

MON - FRI: 9 AM - 5 PM

SAT: 9 AM - 5 PM

SUN: 10 AM - 4 PM

For more information, to volunteer, or to request a yard sign, please visit normaforstaterep.com

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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**
 - Duplicate/Corrected
 - Renewal
 - Vision Screening
- **Disability Placards**
 - Temporary First Time Issuance
 - Temporary Replacement
- **Drivers License**
 - Duplicate/Corrected
 - First Time Issuance
 - Instruction Permit Duplicate/Corrected
 - Instruction Permit First Time Issuance
 - Instruction Permit Renewal
 - Motorcycle Road Test
 - Motorcycle Written Test
 - Non-Visa Temporary Visitors (TVDL)
 - Renewal
 - Road Test
 - REAL ID
 - Vision Screening

- **Drivers License**
 - Written Test
- **License Plates**
 - Renewal Stickers
 - Sticker Replacement
- **Non Sufficient Funds**
- **Non-CDL Road Test**
- **Non-CDL Written Test**
- **Organ Donor Registry**
- **Reinstatement Fees**
 - Discretionary Suspension (Traffic related)
 - Failure to Appear Suspension
 - Parking Suspension
 - Tollway/Automated Traffic Suspension

- **State ID**
 - Duplicate/Corrected
 - First Time Issuance
 - Renewal
 - REAL ID
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 - Sticker Replacement
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Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

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, inmigración, problemas internos, hambre, ayuda, médica, adicciones, control de la ira, abuso de sustancias, ropa y necesidades humanas básicas.

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

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

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- Arts & Culture Curator

Commissioner Aguilar began his career fighting for workers' rights with the Central State Joint Board Union and worked hard to expand small businesses while President of the Little Village Chamber of Commerce. He was the Founder and President of the Cicero Mexican Cultural Committee and was elected State Representative for the Illinois House.

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Village of Melrose Park

**Mayor Serpico
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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.

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Pictured with Mayor Ronald Serpico

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- ★ Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, Chicago
- ★ Committeeperson/Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle
- ★ Committeeperson Karen Yarbrough, Proviso Township
- ★ Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi
- ★ Committeeperson/Iris Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court
- ★ Committeeperson/Senator Don Harmon
- ★ Committeeperson/Senator Robert Martwick
- ★ Committeeperson/Senator Laura Murphy
- ★ Mayor Vicki Scaman, Oak Park
- ★ Mayor David B. Guerin, River Grove
- ★ Mayor Angelo "Skip" Saviano, Elmwood Park
- ★ Mayor Ronald Serpico, Melrose Park
- ★ Committeeperson/Mayor Barrett Pederson, Franklin Park
- ★ Committeeperson/Alderman Ariel E. Reboyras, 30th Ward
- ★ Committeeperson/Alderman Felix Cardona, Jr., 31st Ward
- ★ Committeeperson/Alderman Gilbert Villegas, 36th Ward
- ★ Committeeperson/Alderman Emma Mitts, 37th Ward
- ★ Alderman Nicholas Sposato, 38th Ward
- ★ Alderman Anthony Napolitano, 41st Ward
- ★ Committeeperson Joe Cook, 41st Ward
- ★ 41st Ward Regular Democratic Organization
- ★ Committeeperson/Alderman James Gardiner, 45th Ward
- ★ Committeeperson Frank Avino, Norwood Park Township
- ★ Chicago Federation of Labor
- ★ Chicago Fire Department Local 2
- ★ IUOE Local 399
- ★ Italian American Police Assn of IL
- ★ Illinois Veteran for Change
- ★ LIUNA Chicago Laborer's District Council
- ★ Coalition PAC

Join Us in Electing Chris Taliaferro

11th Judicial Subcircuit Judge

VOTE  **June 28, 2022** **Punch 191**

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Rhodes School District Groundbreaking Update

Because of ongoing space limitations and educational needs in Rhodes School District 84.5, a new construction project of an addition was approved earlier this school year and will begin on the western side of the building with an anticipated completion date of August 2023. The new addition will include eight primary grade classrooms, an elementary literacy learning center (library), a multipurpose indoor area, four small and three medium-sized learning support rooms, and a nature-scape courtyard play location, as well as other outdoor improvements including a game-quality second softball field.

Additionally, renovations will be occurring within the current building to address hallway access issues as well as modernizing the current Literacy Learning Center, which in the future will have its use dedicated to the upper grade levels.

Lastly, it is important to mention that the cost of the project is being completely paid for through our fund balance cash reserves, so no tax referendum effort ever had to be considered.



Rhodes School
District 84½

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

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

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



Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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

Republic Services Announces Service Day Change for Yard Waste and Recycling

Republic Services has instituted a service day change for the residential services it provides in the village of Melrose Park. Prior to April 5, the village was serviced twice per week (on Tuesdays and Fridays) for trash and once per week (on Fridays) for yard waste and recycling. Effective Tuesday April 5, 2022, the service day for recycling and yard waste was moved to Tuesday. The service days for trash will remain unchanged.



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.

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

**Now-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.**



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Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

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*Face
Masks
Required*



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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 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.

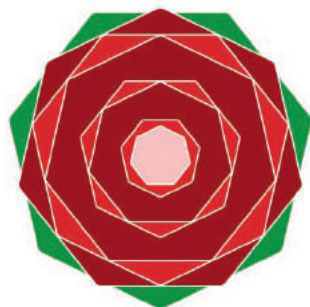
No permit is needed for garage sales, however the following rules must be followed:

- 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.





MELROSE PARK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Welcome New Chamber Members!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomes 16 new members in April and May 2022! Please help us welcome Concare, Inc.; Perillo Collision Center Melrose Park; Norcomm Public Safety Communications, Inc.; High View Hair Salon; Crab Du Jour; RR Trade School; Thatcher Oaks Awning Company; Beth Black Insurance and Financial Services; A&M Italian Ice; Triton College Foundation; Kreher Steel Company; Special T Unlimited; Lucky Dog; Above and Beyond Black Oxide, Inc.; Precise Lapping and Grinding Corp.; and Woodlake Specialty Hospital!

If you are not currently a member of the MPCCCD, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at lbazbaz@mpcccd.org or call (708) 343-9500 and he will schedule a time to meet with you to discuss the benefits of partnering and working with our chamber.

Helping Businesses Connect to Grants, Loans and Workforce Programs Available from State and Federal Resources

Over the past two years, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) has been working closely with local business owners, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), The Small Business Administration (SBA) and many others to connect businesses to grant opportunities and programs available to help navigate the challenges faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we work now to prepare businesses for the new normal and to improve the ability for business owners to better access state and federal resources available, it has become clear that the first step is to get businesses pre-certified and qualified to apply for grants that become available each year.

New requirements from DCEO and the SBA require businesses and nonprofits applying for grants to have a current DUNS, SAMS and GATA registration number.

For information or assistance in completing your DUNS, SAMS or GATA registration you can email Navigators@MPCCCD.org or call the chamber at (708) 343-9500. We also have trained staff available to assist you in the online registration process Monday-Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the MPCCCD Office and Business Resource Center at 900 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park.

Upcoming Events ...

On Thursday, June 23, the MPCCCD Monthly Business Breakfast topic will be "Preparing Your Business to Apply for Grants and Other State and Federal Programs." During this training, presenters will provide details about the DUNS, SAMS and GATA registrations that are now required for receiving grants for businesses and nonprofits.

The Monthly Business Breakfast will be held at the MPCCCD Office at 900 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park. Breakfast and registration is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m., with the training and information session from 9-10 a.m.

For information about this event, contact the chamber at (708) 343-9500

Sign Up for Our Newsletter and Follow Us on Facebook

Stay up to date on what's happening at the Melrose Park Chamber and Community Development by following us on Facebook and sign up for our newsletter at MPCCCD.org/.

Annual Legislative Breakfast Returned April 28!

After a two-year absence due to COVID-19 restrictions, the MPCCCD Annual Legislative Breakfast returned bigger and better than ever! At the event, Chamber Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz and MPCCCD Board Chairman Tom Abruzzo welcomed over 175 local business and community leaders as well as several local elected officials and Mayor Ron Serpico discussed some updates specific to the village of Melrose Park and the region, and then passed the microphone to Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Illinois Senate President Don Harmon. Topics discussed included a legislative update, the state's recently approved budget and financial outlook, as well as upcoming grants and program support for local businesses. Speaker Welch and President Harmon also responded to dozens of questions from business owners during the 90-minute meeting.

The chamber wants to thank everyone for their attendance and participation at the Legislative Breakfast and gives special thanks to Mayor Ron Serpico, Speaker Welch and Senate President Harmon for their participation and support!



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@mpcccd.org or call (708) 343-3715 and we will schedule a time to meet.

Woodlake Medical Office Building Now Open and There is Space Available

Although Woodlake Specialty Hospital will not be opening until early 2023, the Woodlake Medical Office and Professional Services Building is now open, and space is available for office and medical services! For information about leasing opportunities on office spaces that range from around 700 sq. ft. to nearly 4000 sq. ft., contact Crossroads Partners at (847) 239-7500.

Woodlake Specialty Hospital is one of our newest Chamber Premium Partners and we are proud to be working with the Woodlake team as they prepare to open early next year which will bring 500-600 jobs back to the community, and will be providing outpatient and inpatient medical services at the renovated 230-bed hospital!

Sam's Batting Cages is Open on First Avenue!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development joined Mayor Ron Serpico and representatives from the Melrose Park Little League for the official

Grand Opening Ceremony-Ribbon Cutting, and fun at the opening of Sam's Batting Cages on April 16!

Sam's Batting Cages is located at 1425 N. First Ave., Melrose Park, and is a great place for the entire family, with batting cages that range in pitching speeds from 35-85 mph, a concession stand, video arcade, picnic tables and more.



Please put a trip to Sam's Batting Cages on your calendar and join us in supporting our local businesses!

**A Note from
Cook County
Public Health ...
Your
Melrose Park
Home
May Be Eligible
for Free
LED Inspection
and Repair**

Lead is harmful to health,
especially for children.

If your Melrose Park home was
built prior to 1978,
have your water pipes checked
for excessive levels of lead
that can cause various
health issues.

Learn how to apply for LED
home inspection by calling the
West Suburban

Housing Development Corporation at
(708) 410-2300 or (708) 278-3860,
or by sending an email to
wsnpa@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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



**This program is available to all of the
communities in West Suburban Cook County.
For more information, contact the West Suburban
Housing Development Corporation at
(708) 410-2300 or (708) 278-3860,
or by sending an email to wsnpa@hotmail.com.**

*Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico*



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

**GREAT NEWS
WE'RE BACK
AND ALL
FOOD ITEMS
STILL
COST \$3
OR LESS!!!**

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FRIENDLY**

**FAMILY
AFFORDABLE**

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Near the NW Corner of
25th Ave. and Lake St.

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info, e-mail us at
taste@melrosepark.org or
visit www.melrosepark.org





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 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 or at: 708-343-4000 ext. 4452 or 4448.

Thank you,

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 be submit by June 30.

\$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.

2022

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

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 June 30 to:
Taste of Melrose Park
1000 N. 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

See Page 32 for the
40th Annual
Taste of
Melrose Park
Sponsorship
Details!

Please Select One of the Following Packages:

____ \$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 30.)

____ \$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 30, 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

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



Entertainment Schedule

Winston Plaza Stage

Friday, Sept. 2
8-10 p.m. – One Night Band
Saturday, Sept. 3
5-8 p.m. – TBA
8-10 p.m. – 7th Heaven
Sunday, Sept. 4
5:30-7:30 p.m. – Jersey Girls
8-10 p.m. – Classic Rock Experience

Peroni Garden

Friday, Sept. 2
7-10:30 p.m. –
The Rat Pack • Tony Ocean Show
Saturday, Sept. 3
4-6 p.m. – KIDS ZONE Entertainment
Jason Kollum • Miss Jamie's Farm
6:15-7:15 p.m. – Tony Caponi
8:15-10:15 p.m. – De Ja Vu Band
Sunday, Sept. 4
6-9:30 p.m. • R-Gang & Song Mates

**Sabor de
Mexico
Stage**
To be announced.
Watch for information
as it becomes
available.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION!
**Prime Time
Racing**
Free Interactive Racing Game!
Saturday and Sunday
Noon-6 p.m.
Sponsored by
Al Piemonte Ford & Nissan

**Friday,
Saturday
and
Sunday
Carnival
Rides!**
**MAIN DRIVE
SHOWS
BY THE
JESSE WHITE
TUMBLING
TEAM**
Saturday, Sept. 3
and
Sunday, Sept. 4
3:30 p.m.

Continuous Free Entertainment All Weekend!

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK 2022 FOOD VENUE

| | |
|--|---|
| Nonna's Italian Sausage | Cody's Root Beer Floats |
| Camaci's Arancini | Cheese Mac |
| Honey Hot Boneless Chicken Bites | Rainbow Cone |
| Sam & Sammy's Italian Egg Rolls | Chocolate Fudge Pretzel |
| Carlotta's Sweet Aroma Linguine w/Garlic&Oil | Strawberry Slushies |
| Shwings Fried Shrimp | Tony & Teresa's Fried Oreos |
| Iannelli's Panzerotti | Pepe's Ceviche |
| Anthony & Goo's Gelato | Nutella Crepes |
| Mickey's Italian Beef | Sweet Apples |
| Chrissy's Hot Dogs | J.T.'s Italian Meatball Sandwich |
| Putt's Raw Clams | Antney's Italian Lemonade |
| Larry's BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich | Capt. D's Seeds & Nuts "Homemade Lupinis" |
| Richie's Curly Fries w/Cheese | Ashley's Snow Cones |
| Los Comales "Taco Bout It" Horchata | Riccio's Frozen Bananas |
| Los Comales "Taco Bout It" Tacos | Volunteers of M.P. Tiramisu |
| Sonny Acres Farm Roasted Corn on the Cob | Scudiero's Pizza |
| Mellema's Jumbo BBQ Chicken Drum Stick | Pepperoni Rolls |
| Cilla's Steak Teriyaki | Clara's Dippin Dots |
| Cervone's Homemade "Cannoli" | Patty's Eggplant Parmesan Sandwich |
| Ron's Famous Fried Dough | Eli's Cheesecakes |
| Siciliano's Old Fashioned Fried Bologna | Lil Dean Laraia's Raviolis |
| Yamo's Stuffed Melrose Peppers | Vinnie Laraia's Baked Clams |
| Gia & Nat's Gnocchi | Jessica's Tamales |
| Frankie G's Chicken Parmesan Sandwich | Paco's Cuban Sandwich |
| Paula's Famous Fried Meatball Sandwich" | Diana's Mozzarella Sticks |
| Nacho MaMa's | Corz Kids Garlic Shrimp |
| Soon's Tres Leches Cake | Corinne Principe's Artichoke Casserole |
| Italian Stuffed Mushrooms | Elio's Funnel Cakes |
| Pig Candy Candied Bacon | Missionary Sisters of St. Charles "Sfingi" |
| Uncle Frankie's Mostaccioli in Tomato Basil Sauce | Squire's Cotton Candy |
| Niki's Potato Pierogi | Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia Parish Food Carry Trays |

THE TASTE OF MELROSE PARK IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!
Interested parties, please call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Gouin Pool

Regular Season Passes

Resident – \$55 • Non Resident – \$70

Senior 55+ – \$35

Hours – Noon-6 p.m. daily,
depending on weather and staff.

Stars & Stripes Event – Monday, July 4

End of Season Bash – Friday, Aug 12, Noon-6 p.m.

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 and Class 2 is on Thursdays.

- Mondays, July 11-Aug. 8 or Thursdays, July 14-Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m.; Fee – \$40R/\$55NR. 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

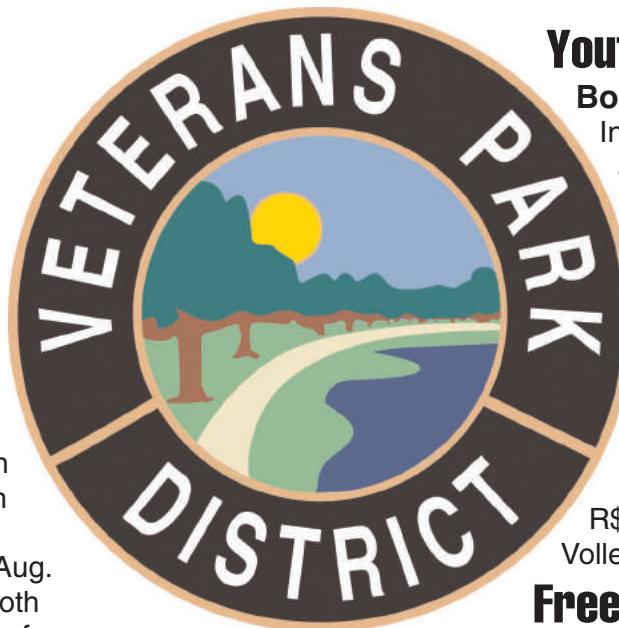
Learn the basics of yoga, deep breathing techniques, meditation, poses/asanas. These techniques offer many benefits, such as improved posture and balance, stronger joints and muscles, and a healthier mindset.

- Sundays July 10-Aug. 14, 10 a.m.; Fee – \$40R/\$55NR. Classes held at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

Youth Fit (Fitness for Kids), Ages 9-14

Start them on a healthy path as early as possible! Basic exercise techniques will be taught, and obstacle courses and other activities will create a healthy, competitive atmosphere.

- Mondays July 11-Aug. 8, 5 p.m.; Fee – \$40R/\$55NR. Classes held at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.



Youth Sports

Bocce Ball Days

In this class kids will learn the basic rules of bocce ball and how to score and tally points. Classes are held at Bulger Park Bocce Courts, 1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park, starting July 9.

Sand Volleyball, Ages 8-12

This fun and instructional program prepares players to succeed in volleyball. Players will improve their serving, bumping, setting and spiking skills. This class will be offered on an outdoor sand volleyball court – so be prepared to get dirty.

- Fridays, Now-June 24, 4-5 p.m.; Fee – R\$55/NR\$70. Classes are held at Gouin Park Sand Volleyball Court, 2400 Scott St., Franklin Park.

Free Pickleball, All Ages

Free pickleball at our new courts at Bataan Park. This free clinic will be offered to all ages.

- Wednesday, July 20, 9-11a.m.; 1220 N. Ninth Ave., Melrose Park.

Active Adults

Box Lunch Bingos

- June 29 and July 6, 20 and 27, noon-2 p.m.; \$10 per person for each Bingo date.

Bunco and Bites

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

- Monday, June 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park; \$8 per person, per class.

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT

SUMMER DAY CAMP

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

VISIT WWW.VPDPARK.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DATES, FEES AND OUR SEASONAL POSITIONS.

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

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Veterans Park District

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Wednesday, June 22

Rain date: June 23

Gouin Park, Franklin Park

Featuring:

Luca



Wednesday, June 29

Rain date: June 30

Bulger Park, Melrose Park

Featuring:

Encanto
in Spanish



Wednesday, August 3

Rain date: August 4

Trumbull Park, River Grove

Featuring:

Playing with Fire

THESE ARE FREE FAMILY EVENTS!

Free fresh popcorn while supplies last.

Check for rain dates. Even if the event is moved inside — the show will still go on!

No registration is necessary.

Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks.

Please remember that alcohol and dogs are not allowed on park properties.

Movies start at dusk.

All VPD Special Event dates, locations, and advertised activities are subject to change. Please visit vpdpark.org for current information.

Always check our Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/vpdparks.



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Double the fun on this mid-week summer evening with live music and a movie! Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets. You may bring your own snacks. Dogs are not allowed on park properties. Live music starts at 7 PM, followed by movie starting at dusk.

OUR PATIO BAR WILL OPEN AT 6 PM SERVING COLD BEER AND WINE!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

7 PM: **LIVE MUSIC BY MACKENZIE O'BRIEN BAND**

MOVIE AT DUSK: **CITY SLICKERS**

In partnership with the City of Northlake.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Bataan Park, 1220 N. 9th, Melrose Park

7 PM: **LIVE MUSIC BY THE STINGRAVS**

MOVIE AT DUSK: **THE SANDLOT**



Free fresh popcorn while supplies last. If it rains, check for rain dates, or if we moved the event inside! The show will go on!

All VPD Special Event dates, locations, and advertised activities are subject to change. Please visit vpdpark.org for current information. Always check our Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/vdparks



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**Veterans
Park
District**

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SWIM CAMP

AT GOVIN POOL

**Gouin Pool & Water Slides
2400 Scott Street, Franklin Park**

Have fun at pool! Our camp provides swim lessons, open swim fun time, variety of games and sports, sand volleyball, tennis, arts & crafts. End the week with a pizza party.

TWO SESSIONS:

August 8-12 & August 15-19

10 AM-3 PM (Please bring sack lunch Monday through Thursday.)

Fee: \$ 300 per session

In case of bad weather, campers will meet at George A. Leoni Complex.



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Summer Dance Camps

Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Modern, Lyrical and Improvisation Dance Camp! Create a t-shirt or t-shirt dress to showcase at our mini performance finale!

| Age | Date | Day | Time | R/N Fee |
|------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 8-14 | Jul 25-29 | M-F | 9 AM-4 PM | \$200/215 |
| 8-14 | Aug 8-12 | M-F | 9 AM-4 PM | \$200/215 |

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center

Dance Boot Camp

Spend half a day learning a variety of dance styles and basic routines! Campers vote on one routine to perform at the end of the boot camp.

| Age | Date | Day | Time | R/N Fee |
|------|--------|-----|-----------|---------|
| 8-14 | Jul 16 | Sa | 9 AM-1 PM | \$20/30 |
| 8-14 | Jul 30 | Sa | 9 AM-1 PM | \$20/30 |

Location: George A. Leoni Complex

Preregistration Required!
Register at vpdpark.org or call
(708)-343-5270.

Summer Intensive Ballet Class

Intensive Ballet Class for ages 5-8 interested in preparing for Fall Ballet Classes or continuing Ballet from our Spring session!

| Age | Date | Day | Time | R/N Fee |
|-----|----------------|-----|--------------|---------|
| 5-8 | Jun 16-Jul 7 | Th | 6:30-7:30 PM | \$45/60 |
| 5-8 | Jun 18-Jul 23* | Sa | 10-11 AM | \$45/60 |

*No class Jul 16

Location: Kahl Park



DOMS CAMP

Learn the combination of sharp, precise arm movements and technical dance skills, such as turns, leaps, kicks and jumps.

The camp concludes with a special performance for family and friends.

| Age | Date | Day | Time | R/N Fee |
|------|------------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 8-14 | July 18-22 | M-F | 9 AM-4 PM | \$200/215 |

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center



For more information, please call Veterans Park District at (708) 343-5270 or visit vpdpark.org.

BATting CAGES SUMMER SPECIAL

\$20 PER HOUR

CAGES OPEN AT 1PM TUESDAY-FRIDAY



BASEBALLS, TANNER TEES, PITCHING MOUND, AND PITCHING MACHINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE. PITCHING MACHINE WILL NEED TO BE OPERATED BY AN ADULT

PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE IN ADVANCE.
CALL 708-716-4822 TO RENT A CAGE TODAY!!

Gowin Pool & Water Slides

Open Now Through Monday, Sept. 5.



Hours:

12-6 Daily

Daily Rate:

Ages 2 & under: Free

Ages 3-11 R \$8 NR \$10

Ages 12 & up R \$9 NR \$11

After 4pm

Ages 2 & under: Free

Ages 3-11 R \$4 NR \$5

Ages 12 & up R \$5 NR \$6





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

There's a place for you.



Triton College
triton.edu



Triton College NEWS

**Register Now ...
Summer Semester
Second Five-Week Session
Begins June 27
and the
Fall Semester Begins Aug. 22!**

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

Triton College Hosts Several Admissions Events for Prospective Students

Students and Their Families Invited to Attend

Triton College will be hosting several informative Admissions events in June, July and August for prospective students and their families. The free events will be held in the Student Center Cafeteria (located in the B Building) and an RSVP is not required.

"We wanted to make these events inclusive for the entire family with several dates to accommodate everyone's schedules," said Dan Lamoureux, assistant director of Admissions.

The Admissions events will consist of a presentation, an explanation of the enrollment process and programs offered, and a "crash course on community college" with the Admissions team and advisors available to answer questions.

"We also talk about scholarships, financial aid, work study, on-campus clubs and then we give students a campus tour," explained Lamoureux. "There is also time for a question-and-answer portion."

To complement these events, there will be one Parents' Night Info Session in July for families to learn more about tuition costs, payment options and to explain degree and certificate programs.

"Our attendance for these events just seems to grow," noted Lamoureux. "The community is responding very well and we're always excited to have people on campus."

The Admissions events will be Wednesday, July 20, 1-2 p.m.; Wednesday, July 20, 6-7 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 5, 1-2 p.m. Each event will be held in the Student Center Cafeteria (located in the B Building). The Parents' Night will be Monday, July 11, 6-7 p.m.

For more information, please contact daniellamoureux@triton.edu or (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3690.

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.**

NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

The D89 Curriculum Department was delighted to partner with West 40 this year to purchase chrysalis for all PreK-second grade classrooms. Throughout the month of April, the students observed the life cycle of a butterfly from beginning to end. The students carefully nurtured, observed and released the Painted Lady butterflies.



2022 D89 All-Sports Traveling Trophy

As we wrap up the 2021-2022 athletic year, D89's athletic coordinator, Mike Lawrence, presented Lincoln Elementary School with the D89 All Sports Traveling Trophy Award!

To achieve this award, D89 elementary schools compete in the following sports: cross-country, girls basketball, boys soccer, boys basketball, girls soccer and coed softball. Points are awarded to the first and second place teams; 10 points for first place and nine points for second place.

Lincoln School ended the school year with three second place finishes in each of the following sports, cross-country, girls soccer and coed softball. This gave them 27 points – making them the overall winner of the first-ever D89 Athletic All-Sports Trophy!

Listed here are how the conference schools placed:

- Lincoln-27 • Roosevelt-20 • Garfield-19 • Melrose Park-18
- Jane Addams-10 • Washington-10 • Emerson-10

Congrats to all our D89 athletes for working hard all year and to our coaches for an amazing season!



Foundations Training

D89 coaches and resource teachers took part in Foundations Training with Shari Barr, instructor from Wilson Language Training. This new resource will assist instructors with building foundational skills in reading, spelling and handwriting for students in kindergarten and first grades across the district.



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Congratulations to Our Eighth Grade Graduates!

We are so proud of you and wish you much success in high school and beyond.



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Triton College and Jane Addams School Garden Collaboration

Triton College partnered up with the Jane Addams Nature Club and Ms. Matticks's kindergarten class to plant vegetables in the Veterans Park District Bataan Park Community Garden. The children planted a variety of seeds with the instructors from Triton's Culinary Department. The Nature Club will meet weekly throughout the summer to care for the plants.

Additionally, students in the Engineering Technology Department built custom side-view planter boxes for each student to take home. The children planted cilantro seeds and rosemary plants in each box. The goal of this project is to teach students how their food is grown and how to incorporate fresh foods into their daily meals.



Moana Jr.

On Thursday April 21 and Friday, April 22, students from Irving Middle School, Stevenson Middle School and Washington Dual Language Academy performed Disney's musical, *Moana Jr.*

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Day of the Child

In Mexico on April 30, people celebrate the Day of the Child. To celebrate this special day, each student at Melrose Park School received a special treat from Dr. Rodriguez, principal, and Ms. Sepulveda, assistant principal, as a way to recognize them as a special part of our community and that we care, accept and appreciate the wonderful children of our community!



PreK Celebration

Our youngest Panthers celebrated the end of the school year with their PreK Celebration!

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NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

SeaPerch Advances to International SeaPerch Challenge

Congratulations to Stevenson Middle School's SeaPerch Robotics teams!

On April 9, Stevenson SeaPerch teams competed at The Navy Great Lakes Regional Competition held at Lake Forest Academy. Team Otters placed second and Team

SeaBASS place fourth. Both teams advanced to the International SeaPerch Challenge at the University of Maryland held on June 4.

Thank you to their coaches, Stephanie Fitzsimmons and Patrick Callahan, for a job well done.



Newsela Professional Development

Marie Smith from Newsela facilitated PD for district leaders. They learned how Newsela supports the curriculum and how it provides meaningful and engaging learning experiences for our students.



Safety Patrol Receives \$500 Grant

On May 24, Nick Jarmusz, a representative from AAA, visited Stevenson Middle School to present the Student School Safety Patrol leadership team with a check for \$500. This team was one of only two schools in the northern Illinois region to qualify for the grant! The Safety Patrol is led by the students and organized according to the principles of being ready, respectful and responsible each day.

Stevenson's School Safety Patrol Program has a history of excellence. In 2015, the captain of Patrol was awarded the school safety patroller of the year award by the AAA for all northern Illinois. Thank you to the AAA, the Stevenson School staff and administrators, and to the wonderful students who make the School Safety Patrol such an outstanding club at Stevenson Middle School!



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TrishaDiFazioVisitsD89

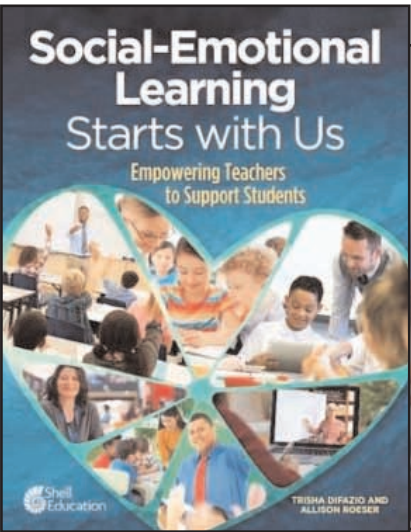
Trisha DiFazio, an education consultant, speaker and author of Social-Emotional Learning Starts with Us: Empowering Teachers to Support Students, recently visited with District 89 colleagues.

Trisha is a former classroom teacher and adjunct professor at the Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California. She was born and raised in Melrose Park and graduated from Jane Addams School. Later, she would go on to teach at Jane Addams and at Washington School as an ESL educator. Trisha credits much of her knowledge and expertise from her experiences of working with administrators, teachers, students and parents in the District 89 community.

She travels around the country providing social-emotional skill development which includes managing emotions, coping with stress, having positive relationships and making responsible decisions. When asked what she has learned working all over the country with teachers and students, Trisha replied, “At the end of the day it doesn't matter if you are in a big city or a rural town, kids all want the same thing – to feel safe, believed in, validated and most importantly – forgiven.”

Trisha is also co-founder of SEL & Beyond, an organization dedicated to providing social emotional learning professional development and coaching for educators, parents and students around the country.

Congratulations Trisha!



WozEd

The Melrose Park Mustang Woz Ed Afterschool Club built and operated Botzee robots. These robots introduce students to the world of augmented reality and coding.

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NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



D89 Teams Compete at State Bowling Tournament

On Friday, April 8, at Town and Country Bowling Lanes in Joliet, Irving and Stevenson girls bowling teams along with two Individual boys from Irving competed for the first time in D89's history at the IESA State Bowling Tournament! All competed on Friday, but unfortunately didn't qualify for the finals on Saturday. The student athletes had a wonderful time competing along with some of the best bowlers in the state. Stevenson girls finished 20th in state overall and Irving Girls finished right behind at 21st out of 34 teams that qualify for the state series. Thank you to Mr. Thomas (Irving) and Ms. Antequino (Stevenson) for coaching our first-ever D89 bowling teams. Congratulations to our D89 history makers!

Stevenson State Girls Team Qualifiers: Shirley G., Jaylinn M., Lily O., Nina R., Abby R., Allison S.

Irving State Girls Team Qualifiers: Jazmyne J., Regina J., Amaya L., Yahaira R., Zoey W., Kassandra Z.

Irving Boys Individual State Qualifiers: Marcelino C., Lorenzo J.

D89 Staff and Students Participate in Earth Day Activities

Sixth grade Maskateers from Stevenson Middle School took time out of their busy day to honor Earth Week by cleaning up litter.

Staff and students from Emerson School and Irving Middle School participated in the Village Wide Village Pride neighborhood cleanup.

Kindergartners at Jane Addams School learned all about insects and life cycles. They raised caterpillars, ladybugs, ants and praying mantises! They also learned about reducing, reusing, recycling and taking care of the Earth. Their April family project was to create a litter bug using recyclable materials. These young Panthers had a Litter Bug Museum and invited fifth graders and Principal Wold and Assistant Principal Hawkins to view their creations.



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2022 Band and Orchestra Spring Concert

On Thursday, May 19, the D89 Band and D89 Orchestra performed their Annual Spring Concert at Jane Addams School. Eighth graders were honored with plaques given by orchestra director Robin Krieb, and band director Tayiib Dauda.



Congratulations School District 89 Graduates, Class of 2022!



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022
11:00am - 1:00pm

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Escuela del Distrito Escolar 89!

SÁBADO, 20 DE AGOSTO DEL 2022
11:00am - 1:00pm

Jane Addams School
910 Division Street
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DISTRICT 89



Online Enrollment for the
2022-2023 School Year is Now Available!

¡El registro en línea para el
año escolar 2022-2023 ya está abierto!

How do I Register a New Student?

Parents registering new students from Kindergarten - 8th Grade for schools in District 89 will need to go to: www.maywood89.org/student-registration/ and click on the New Student button. From there, parents will create an account with InfoSnap and fill out the form.

How do I Register for PreSchool?

Parents will need to fill out a request to attend a screening online at: www.maywood89.org/preschool/

¿Cómo registro a un nuevo estudiante?

Los padres inscribiendo a nuevos estudiantes de kindergarten a 8vo grado para escuelas en el Distrito 89 deberán visitar: www.maywood89.org/student-registration/ y hacer clic en el botón Nuevo Estudiante. A partir de ahí, los padres crearán una cuenta con InfoSnap y completarán el formulario.

¿Cómo se registra para preescolar?

Los padres deberán completar una solicitud para asistir a una evaluación en línea en: www.maywood89.org/preschool/

How do I Register a Returning Student?

Parents registering returning students from PreSchool - 8th Grade for schools in District 89 will need to go to: www.maywood89.org/student-registration/ and click on the Returning Students button. From there, parents will login to their account with InfoSnap and fill out the form.

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

¿Cómo registro a un estudiante que regresa?

Los padres que registren a los estudiantes que regresan a Preescolar - 8vo Grado para las escuelas en el Distrito 89 deberán ir a: www.maywood89.org/student-registration/ y hacer clic en el botón de Estudiantes Regresan. A partir de ahí, los padres iniciarán sesión en su cuenta con InfoSnap y completarán el formulario.

Correos electrónicos que contienen snapcodes para los estudiantes que regresan han sido enviados a las familias. Si no recibió su snapcode, envíenos un correo electrónico a registration@maywood89.org con el nombre y nivel de grado de su estudiante y alguien se comunicará con usted.

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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

THE 129TH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL IS COMING – SUNDAY, JULY 17!

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to greet all of you. I want to inform you that during June the most important celebrations we have in the parish are the St Anthony's triduum (celebrated Sunday, June 12) and the Feast of Corpus Christi (Sunday, June 19). We started the month on June 5 with the Feast of Tents, where people came to visit our parish grounds and learn about the different services we offer, they had a bite with us and enjoyed good company.

June is a month with some devotions that are vital to our faith. We all know St. Anthony and that some people have received his miracles. This month, we participated in his triduum to receive a blessing with the saint's relics.

More importantly, the Feast is coming. All the preparations are done and the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is around the corner. The original processions will take place and we want to invite all devotees to pass on the news, invite friends and relatives, and come to the Feast on Sunday, July 17.

Join Us for this Upcoming Celebration ...

Sunday, June 19 – Corpus Christi, Procession with Holy Eucharist

- Italian – After 10:30 a.m. Mass
- English – After Noon Mass
- Spanish – After 1:30 p.m. Mass

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



Celebrate with Us!



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

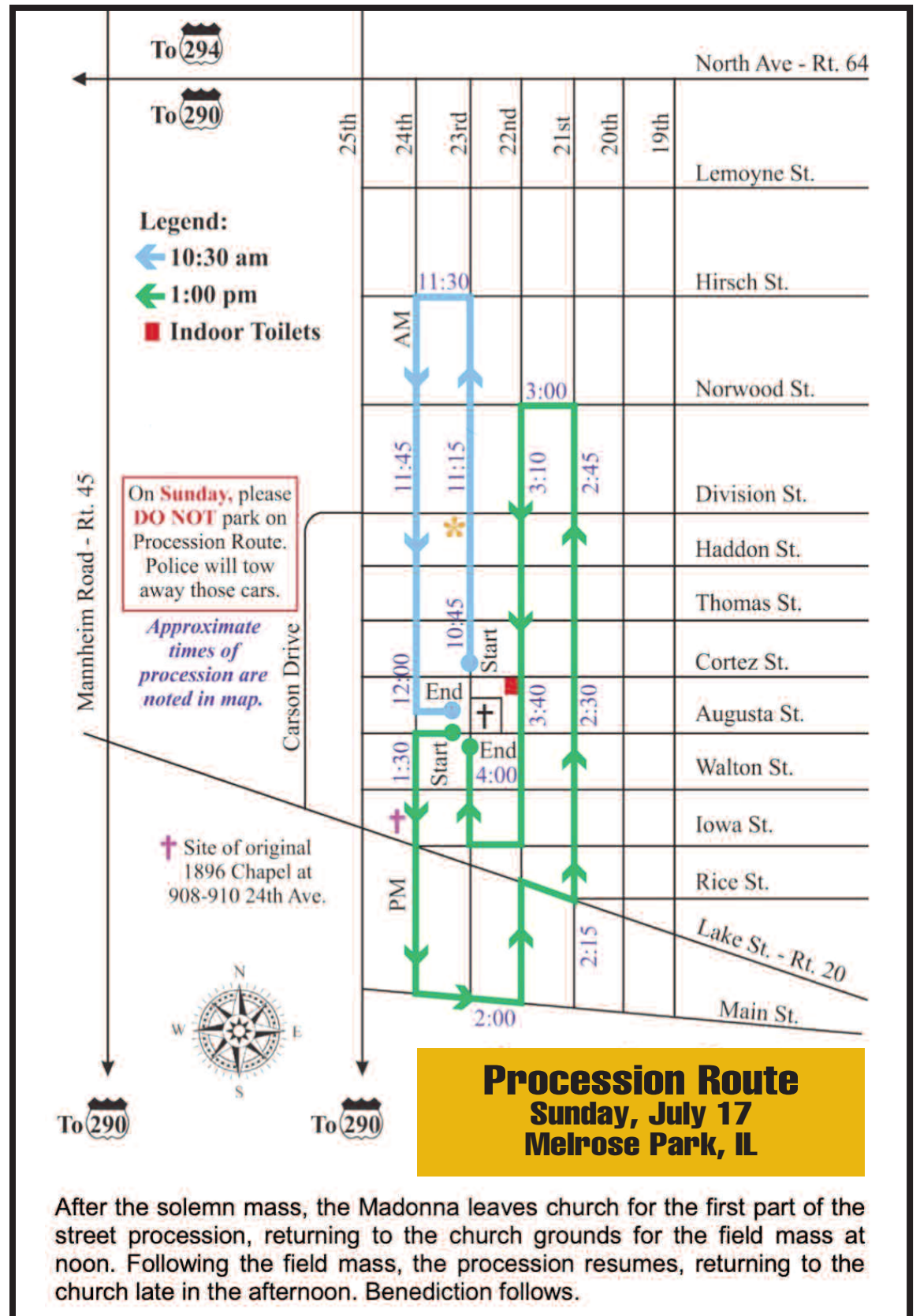
4 p.m. – Statue Returns to Church, Benediction Follows

Food and beverages will be available for purchase on Sunday, July 17.

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.olmcp parish.org or www.facebook.com/olmcp parish.

129th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady Mt. Carmel Rose Basket Reservation Form



Dear Devotee of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

The 129th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is approaching very rapidly. The Altar and Rosary and Feast Committee are sponsoring the Rose Presentation for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel which will take place on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM prior to the Novena.

Baskets of red roses are once again available for \$65 and must be paid at the time of placing the order.

To ensure that your basket(s) will be presented to the Blessed Mother and your intentions read during the presentation on the evening of July 13, please return your order form below to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Shrine by **Thursday, June 30, 2022**, so we can notify the florist as to the number of flowers we need. Additional order forms will be available in the rectory.

As in the past, single roses will be available for purchase the night of the event for \$2.00 each or \$8.00 half dozen or \$15.00 a dozen.

Thank you and may the Blessed Mother bless you and your family!

The Altar and Rosary Society
The Feast Committee

Name _____
Phone _____

Number of Baskets: _____ @ \$65.00 Total: \$ _____

_____ I will be in attendance to receive my basket/s
_____ I will not be in attendance to receive my basket/s

Please make check payable to: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Shrine or pay online at:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/33585>

If paying online, email your intentions to: feast.olmc@gmail.com

Prayers/Intentions (to be read upon presentation :)

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129th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady Mt. Carmel Sponsor/Ad Book/Dinner/Raffle Ticket Reservation Form

Feast Sponsor - \$100

Feast Celebration Dinner Ad Book

Place your congratulatory messages and business ads in our dinner ad book.
The deadline is June 30, 2022

Full page ad - \$100 Half page ad - \$50

Please email your ad information to: feast.olmc@gmail.com



Feast Celebration Dinner and Grand Raffle

The Feast Celebration Dinner will be held on Friday, July 15, 2022 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
1101 N 23rd Ave, Melrose Park, IL. Donation is \$15 per ticket.

Grand raffle tickets - \$20 for a book of 10 tickets

Please Reserve: _____ Sponsor - \$ _____
_____ Ad Book - \$ _____
_____ Dinner tickets - \$ _____
_____ Raffle tickets - \$ _____
Total enclosed - \$ _____

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

Business/Name: _____ Contact: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish-Shrine

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**Upcoming
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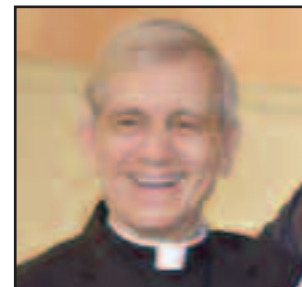
**For more
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(708) 344-4140.**

Fr. Fragomeni to Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Fr. Richard Fragomeni will be the celebrant for the 129th Annual Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Melrose Park, this July. He will officiate the Solemn Novena, July 8-16, at 7:30 p.m. (please check www.olmcp parish.org website for further details on events prior to the Novena), He will then celebrate the Field Mass at noon on Sunday, July 17, along with OLMC Pastor, Fr. Leandro Fossá. Following the Mass, will the be outdoor procession, concluding with the benediction.

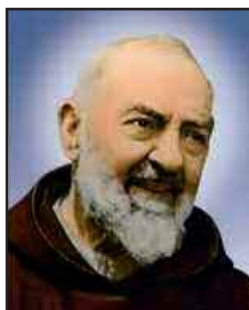
In addition to being a member of the Chicago Theological Union faculty, an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University, the rector of The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii (an Italian-American spiritual center in Chicago's historic Little Italy), Fr. Fragomeni also preaches parish missions, and gives national and international presentations.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is honored to have him celebrate this year's Feast and invite everyone to come hear Fr. Fragomeni.



Pray, Hope and Don't Worry ...

These are the words of Padre Pio. This summer, the Padre Pio Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine in Melrose Park will be venerating the saint with dedicated masses, processions and refreshments.



Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.

Italian Mass/procession followed by refreshments
in the St. Anthony Room.

Sunday, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.

Italian Mass/procession followed by refreshments
in the St. Anthony Room.

The Feast of Padre Pio

Sunday, Sept. 25

The Feast of Padre Pio will be celebrated with the
Italian Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by a procession to
Casa Italia where refreshments will be served.

All are welcome to attend and pay homage to Padre Pio.

Maria S.S. Addolorata (Our Lady of Sorrows)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel welcomes the return of The Societa' Madonna di Addolorata (Our Lady of Sorrows). The society has celebrated the Feast of Madonna di Addolorata at Mt. Carmel for many years, as well as participating in the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Good Friday Passione.

This patron saint of Mola di Bari will be venerated with a novena, a celebratory Mass and procession. All are welcome.

Novena – 7:30 pm

Monday, Aug. 29-Wednesday Aug. 31

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 1-2

Tuesday, Sept. 6-Friday, Sept. 9

Feast

Italian/English Mass at noon and procession.



Melrose Park Free Methodist Church Hosts Free Essential Supplies Giveaway

All are welcome to join the Melrose Park Free Methodist Church for a free essential supply giveaway on Sunday, June 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Essential supplies will be given away free of charge, while supplies last

The event will be held at the church located at 841 Elsie Drive (corner of Ninth Avenue and Elsie) in Melrose Park.

All are welcome! We are bilingual. For more information, please call (708) 343-2386.

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

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



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Village Hall News

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Birth Certificates

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

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

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

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

Death Certificates

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

Vehicle Sticker Information

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

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

You Are Invited to Come Celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!



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
live entertainment and a raffle!

Feast of the Sacred Heart Raffle

1st Prize - \$1000

2nd Prize - \$500

3rd Prize - \$250

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



Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia Parish

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Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Partners with Board of Review and Assessor Office to Offer Help on Property Taxes

Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar recently partnered with the Cook County's Assessor Office and the Cook County's Board of Review to host two property tax events for 16th District residents. On Tuesday, April 19, representatives from Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi's office joined Commissioner Aguilar's staff at their district office for a property tax exemption workshop. On Wednesday, April 20, Commissioner Aguilar joined Board of Review Commissioner Tammy Wendt to discuss ways for residents to appeal their property tax assessments.



*Cook County Commissioner
Frank J. Aguilar*

"Property taxes are a source of stress for so many. I have always made a point to listen to residents about what issues they want to discuss or need help with and tailor our community outreach to their needs," said Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "Taxes, specifically property taxes, are a top concern in my district, so partnering with the two overlooking bodies (Assessor and Board of Review) to bring information and workshops directly to our residents is a way to offer help in an accessible manner."

On April 19, 16th District residents came to Commissioner Aguilar's district office where they met with employees of the Cook County Assessor Office to find out if they had, and how to use, eligible property tax exemptions. Both offices used a "train-the-trainers" technique, as representatives from the Assessor's Office trained Commissioner Aguilar's staff on the process of locating and utilizing property tax assessments to further assist district residents.

"It is vital that we collaborate with partner agencies to provide property tax services to homeowners in Cook County," said Assessor Fritz Kaegi.

"My team travels around the county to ensure that homeowners don't have to go far to receive services. By dropping by or scheduling an appointment, homeowners can learn about their individual property assessments and apply for property tax saving exemptions. Thank you to Commissioner Aguilar for inviting us to visit your office and serve the community."

On April 20, Commissioner Aguilar joined Board of Review Commissioner Tammy Wendt and other electeds for a workshop on ways to appeal your property tax assessment. This was a virtual town hall, aimed to bring information directly to citizens throughout multiple Cook County districts. Presenters demonstrated the process for appealing your property tax bills and had analysts ready to walk people through the technicalities of appealing your property tax.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to connect with the residents in Commissioner Aguilar's 16th District and other areas to share key information on how to appeal your property taxes," says Wendt. "The Board of Review plays a vital role in county government by providing a voice and course of action for residents whose properties are not assessed at a fair value. When elected officials can come together in an event like this to educate taxpayers and provide how-to steps to successfully complete the appeal process, it is government working at its best. We need more of this and I am honored to be a part of it."

These two events worked together to bring people information and resources on two of the most important aspects of property taxes – making sure people are aware of and use their exemptions, while also giving them the tools needed to successfully appeal their property tax bills. Both services were wanted by the community, and Commissioner Aguilar helped facilitate this information to the residents he serves.



*Commissioner Aguilar with representatives of the Assessor's Office
helping residents with property tax exemptions.*

Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Joins Board Members to Promote Cook County's 2021 Sustainability Report County Commits More Than \$100 Million for Upcoming Environmental Initiatives

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle released the 2021 Cook County Sustainability Report, highlighting the County's efforts to support healthy and resilient communities that thrive economically, socially and environmentally.

"Climate change is an urgent threat to us all, but especially to underserved communities and communities of color," said President Preckwinkle. "The progress outlined in this report in addition to future investments that center around sustainability, represent a big step forward in our fight against climate change." President Preckwinkle committed over \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for future sustainability initiatives throughout Cook County. The county's Policy Roadmap is helping guide these investments.

The county's goals to fight climate change overall includes achieving a 45 percent reduction in carbon emissions and using 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030 in county-owned facilities and making them carbon neutral by 2050.

"Addressing climate change needs to be centered in everything we do," said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "The risks and impact of climate change for future generations is laid out, but we must also work tirelessly to protect the here and now. Residents must be supported, with proactive government services both addressing root causes of climate change, but also continuing to move towards sustainable practices and services for our communities."

The most notable environmental initiatives that will receive funding include:

- Increasing electric vehicle charging stations throughout Cook County, primarily in the south and west suburbs where there are large gaps in service.
- Expanding the brownfield program to improve vacant or underutilized sites that have real or perceived environmental issues which deter redevelopment for jobs and businesses.
- Removing and replacing lead, leaking and obsolete water service lines in high-risk communities, including individual homes and facilities such as preschools, daycare centers, home daycare providers, group daycare homes, parks, playgrounds, hospitals and clinics.
- Providing stormwater management and identifying flood mitigation projects in communities that experience significant flooding.
- Preserving and restoring public areas to promote health through the acquisition of 500 acres from willing sellers in the southeast suburbs.

Cook County's Sustainability Report looks at what the county has done to make its internal operations more sustainable as well community initiatives.

Highlights from the 2021 Annual Sustainability Report include:

- Launching the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program to provide favorable financing to commercial and industrial properties investing in energy and water efficiency, clean energy and resiliency.
- Winning a 2021 National Association of Counties Achievement Award for the Clean Energy Plan, which details the county's path to carbon neutrality.
- Developing the Cook County Bike Plan, which will focus on expansion, equity and enhancement.
- Reducing water use in county-owned buildings by 5.3 percent from the previous year.
- Seeking to purchase a large portion of the county's electricity supply from a renewable source by 2023.

View the 2021 Annual Sustainability Report on the Department of Environment and Sustainability's webpage at www.cookcountyil.gov/service/sustainability

For an overview of the county's proposed ARPA investments, visit www.cookcountyil.gov/ARPA.

Cook County Board of Commissioners Announce Additional Funds for Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance

Funding will Add to the Over \$130 Million in Rental Assistance Disbursed by the County Since the Start of the Pandemic to Benefit Eligible Applicants Who Previously Qualified but did not Receive Assistance

On Wednesday, April 27, President Preckwinkle, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development and the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) announced an additional \$6.643M in funds for Emergency Rental Assistance to continue to support residents of suburban Cook County who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability due to the pandemic.

"I encourage all 16th District residents who qualify to apply for these additional funds as soon as possible," said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "We saw over the last year how big an impact this rental and utility payment assistance made in our community. The key now is to make sure our residents in need are aware of these programs and know exactly how to get access to this assistance. My office will continue to conduct robust outreach programs in both English and Spanish, in our office and out in the district, to make sure everyone who wants to apply is able to."

The county's program has ranked among the most efficient in the nation and quickly delivered much-needed relief to tenants and landlords alike. Administered by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) and the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, the initial round of rental assistance distributed \$65.5 million of CARES Act funding in rent and utility bill relief.

A second round, launched in October 2021 with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), delivered an additional \$66 million, this time including up to three months of future rent as well as compensation for related housing expenses. In total, over \$130 million in rental assistance has been distributed by the county and hundreds of millions more has been administered by the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago to assist Cook County renters and landlords in need.

"This is a crucial extension of our Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which has provided aid to over 17,000 households during this difficult time. It was a top priority for the county to continue this program and make critical improvements, such as covering relocation, security deposits and other housing-related expenses that our residents so desperately need," said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

The program last accepted applications in October 2021 and received more applications than available funding at the time could fulfill. Due to the county's strong performance in distributing the original ERA rounds of funding, the U.S. Department of Treasury re-allocated funding from other areas in the country to assist people who still need support. These additional funds will be allocated to applicants already in the county's application portal – the program is not currently taking new applications.

"Cook County's Emergency Rental Assistance has been one of the most successful programs of its kind in the nation," states Xochitl Flores, bureau chief of Economic Development of Cook County. "This program has been instrumental in providing direct rental assistance, preventing evictions and helping ensure our residents can maintain a stable home, even in the face of unprecedented financial hardships caused by the pandemic."

From October 2019 through March 2020, prior to the pandemic-related eviction moratorium which began on March 20, 2020, nearly 25 percent of eviction filings ended in an eviction enforced by the Sheriff's Office, meaning the Sheriff's Office dispatched deputies to enforce the judge's order. In contrast, between October 2021 and the end of March 2022, after the expiration of the moratorium, less than 10 percent of eviction filings have resulted in the court ordering the Sheriff's Office to enforce an eviction.

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



NEWS FROM WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

A Message from Tim Bouman, Head of School

Greetings, Bronco family!

It's been a long year, begun with much uncertainty, but our Good Shepherd has seen us through successfully.

I'll share a quick story from early May, just to give you a flavor of Walther. I had the opportunity to tag along with the Christian Minstrels as they led a chapel service at St. Andrews in Park Ridge. OK, I was actually the substitute bus driver and chaperone, but it was such a pleasure to see our young men and women stand up in front of a church full of elementary school students and share the Good News! They did it all entirely by themselves (having been extremely well-prepared by the fabulous Lori Boyer): songs, scripture readings, prayers and an original skit. Walther is producing confident young men and women who will be leaders in our church and our world. Even better was listening to them on the bus coming back to school talking among themselves about how they handle different kinds of prayer requests from the young students, from prayers for cats to prayers for grandma who has cancer. They encouraged one another in their faith. Then one student said, "Guys, isn't it great that we go to a school where we can do things like this?"

Yours in Christ,

Tim Bouman, Head of School/Principal

A Message from Sally Ruecking, Director of Advancement

Dear Friends of Walther Christian Academy,

It's been a tough two years. It's been tough for our students, our teachers and our families. Through it all, Walther has been here, working harder than ever, and in spite of all the challenges, we are ever more dedicated to changing the lives of our learners for the better. As so many young people struggle in turbulent times, we provided more resources, support and counseling to help them navigate their world. Whether it has been ordering heart monitors to encourage our students in daily exercise and good nutrition, providing sports and extracurricular opportunities to keep them connected to peers or just praying for them, Walther strives to assist in every aspect of their lives, today and in the future. The learning that Walther provides goes far beyond academics. We set the stage for success in whatever our students choose to pursue when they leave Walther.

While we have accomplished much, there is so much more work to be done and we are asking you to raise your hands to help today! Whether you give already or have not yet given, we ask that you do so today. As adults living during a pandemic, we have all experienced enormous isolation, concern or even anxiety, but just imagine what our children are feeling. Our students' families still struggle with tuition and worry if they can keep their children here, a school they chose to guide their students to a better future. Our building needs some improvements and our large bus should be replaced soon. Our teacher and staff salaries are lower than in public schools. We need your generosity.

Would you consider a gift to Walther Christian Academy today? Please go to our website at www.walther.com to set up a one-time or a recurring gift. Use the drop-down tab and choose semi-annual appeal. It's that simple.

You will be helping students like Alicia, who was shy when she came to Walther from a school where she was scared. Alicia has blossomed into a great student who is a talented artist and will be the first in her family to attend college. Or Jacob, who is masterful at music, writing, art and theater, who has decided to become a Lutheran pastor. Or Melanie, who is a studious, quiet, but fierce student who will go to a community college first to save money in hopes of getting a scholarship to attend a four-year university someday.

Please support us at whatever level you can to help more students at Walther, as well as helping our school in many other ways. We are better together if we all raise our hands to help!

Thank you and God bless you for being a part of our Walther family.

Sally Ruecking, Director of Advancement



Summer is Here and that Means Another Opportunity to Leave a Memory at Walther

The time is now to become a permanent part of Walther by purchasing an engraved paver. You can purchase one on our website at www.walther.com by choosing the paver purchase option to honor your time here at Walther, thank a parent for sending you here, thank a teacher or honor a memory. Pavers are \$200 each.

Leaving a legacy at Walther means that more students will experience the joy of attending a school that truly cares about them and that your legacy will be helping students tomorrow.

Please contact Sally_Ruecking@WaltherAcademy.org to discuss your wishes.

Loyola Medicine Allergy Count Resumes Weekday Reports

For more than 20 years, Loyola Medicine has provided the Chicago area with allergy counts every weekday via Twitter during the allergy season. The Loyola Medicine Allergy Count began 2022 reporting on April 1.

Rachna Shah, MD, leads the Loyola Medicine Allergy Count. Pollen samples are gathered every weekday morning during allergy season from the roof of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital. Pollen grains and mold spores are collected from a cubic meter sample of air and counted under a microscope. The counts include daily numbers for mold, tree, grass and weed pollens, and can be viewed online by visiting www.loyolamedicine.org/find-a-condition-or-service/allergy-count.

"The daily count helps the community better understand the allergies that affect them daily during allergy season," says Dr. Shah. "When people experience allergy symptoms, they can look to our counts and identify the causes of their symptoms. It's an extra layer of security when everyone is on high alert regarding their health."

Spring allergies most often cause itchy, watery eyes and runny nose, sneezing, nasal congestion and post-nasal drip. Difficulty breathing, coughing, wheezing and/or shortness of breath also can be caused by seasonal allergies. Allergy season commonly runs from March through the first hard freeze in October.

Trees reach peak allergen season from March to May, grass from May to June, and weeds and ragweed in August. Mold peaks occur in damp conditions throughout the season.

Loyola Medicine Offers American Sign Language Interpreters for Telehealth Appointments

As part of Loyola Medicine's commitment to making health care accessible to all, Loyola has added American Sign Language (ASL) to the interpreter services available for individuals making telehealth appointments. Loyola already provides medical interpretation in 250 languages for virtual visits. "We are excited to offer ASL interpretation to our deaf and hard of hearing patients making telehealth appointments," said Richard Freeman, MD, MBA, FACS, regional chief clinical officer at Loyola Medicine. "The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically increased the demand for telemedicine and underscored the importance of making it available to as many people as possible."

Loyola Medicine employs a total of 18 qualified medical interpreters who speak Spanish, Polish and ASL, supplemented by 24-hour interpreting service over the phone and video. In fiscal year 2021, Loyola Medicine cared for patients from around the world who speak 58 languages. "Our medical interpreters are essential members of the health care team," said Guadalupe Garcia, regional manager of interpreter services at Loyola Medicine. "They know that they're making a difference in patients' lives by making sure they understand their diagnosis and instructions on how to take their medication and take care of themselves."

The service is easy to use and available through Loyola's myChart self-scheduling tool. During the scheduling process, when a patient indicates that English is not their primary language, the system automatically asks, "Would you like an interpreter free of charge?" Patients can also schedule interpreter services by calling (888) 584-7888. "When patients come into the hospital or clinic, we have translators and bilingual staff available, and now we can offer the same services to people at home," said Neil Gupta, MD, vice president of Ambulatory Services.

Loyola Medicine Infectious Disease Experts Discuss Monkeypox

Illinois has reported a presumptive case of monkeypox in an adult male Chicago resident with a recent travel history to Europe. While the case remains isolated and there is no indication there is a great risk of extensive local spread of the virus, Loyola Medicine infectious disease experts are available to discuss monkeypox symptoms, transmission, treatment options and more.

"I don't think the general population should be worried," said Jorge Parada, MPH, MD, medical director, Infection Prevention and Control at Loyola Medicine. "The bottom line is that while it can be pretty easily spread from any open lesion, aerosol transmission is exceptionally rare."

Monkeypox symptoms include headache, skin rash, fever, body aches, chills and swollen lymph nodes. Skin lesions typically begin to develop simultaneously and evolve together on any given part of the body. The evolution of lesions progresses through four stages — macular, papular, vesicular, to pustular, before scabbing over and resolving.

"There is no specific treatment for monkeypox, although antivirals developed for use in smallpox may prove beneficial," said David Slade, MD, Loyola Medicine's associate medical director, Infection Prevention and Control. "Typically, the smallpox vaccine is protective against monkeypox."

The CDC is urging health care providers in the United States to be alert for patients who have rash illnesses consistent with monkeypox and possible exposure history. Among the risks, having traveled to countries with recently confirmed cases of monkeypox, or reporting contact with a person or people who have a suspicious rash or have received a diagnosis of confirmed or suspected monkeypox.

"All of our physicians are monitoring patients closely for signs of monkeypox," said Kevin Smith, MD, MBA, chief medical officer at Loyola University Medical Center. "Our Infectious Disease and Emergency departments are ready to respond and initiate precautions to keep the community safe."



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Nicor Gas Opens Grant Applications for Diversity Programs to Advance Racial Equity, Social Justice Efforts

Expanding on its commitment to support organizations that address the lack of access to opportunities for those experiencing discrimination based on race, national origin, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, veteran status and physical disabilities, Nicor Gas is announcing \$100,000 in funding to support diversity programs.

Community organizations and nonprofits may apply for these stewardship grants from Nicor Gas to support their diversity initiatives. Applications are available at www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving through June 30 with funding decisions by July 31. Selected nonprofits and community organizations will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funds this year.



Nicor Gas

Nicor Gas is committed to supporting communities across the company's footprint to fuel equitable opportunities and futures for everyone.

"We are committed to promoting diversity and inclusion opportunities, education and access to resources for underserved and under-represented individuals in our communities," said Jackie Nagel, manager of Community

Engagement at Nicor Gas. "Investing in organizations that support diverse youth and adults is critical to building equitable and inclusive communities across Illinois."

As the largest natural gas provider in the state, Nicor Gas is committed to encouraging gains in the areas of post-secondary education, STEM career exploration and supplier development advocacy, as well as career advancement programs that address health disparities in underserved communities.

Last year, the company provided grant support to:

- 100 Black Men of Chicago – Assists young African American men and women on an educational track leading to college or a trade in the Chicagoland area.
- Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans – Provides housing, supporting services and community outreach to help homeless and at-risk veterans and their families achieve self-sufficiency.
- Women Employed – Supports advocacy, research and policy work to improve the economic status of women and remove barriers to economic equity.
- National Museum of Mexican Art – Provides programs and exhibitions to capture the wide range of Mexican cultural expressions and art forms.

To submit an application for the diversity grants, visit www.NicorGas.com.

To learn more about Nicor Gas' commitment to its communities, visit www.NicorGas.com/Community.

Nicor Gas Launches Community Connection Center to Provide Support Beyond Bill Payment Assistance Company Provides Information to Organizations that Provide Access to Housing, Financial and Food Resources, Along with Energy Assistance

Nicor Gas is launching the Community Connection Center (C3), a new innovative, resource to help its customers with energy assistance payment options and other basic needs.

The C3 team is made up of skilled Nicor Gas employees dedicated to spending more time with customers to better help them contact organizations who specialize in assisting people gain access to energy efficiency, bill payments, housing, food, federal funding and other essentials. The program was created in response to increased customer requests for assistance in the wake of rising prices for all goods and services that have been further strained by global conflicts.

"Our communities are facing challenging times as the costs of consumer goods and services continue to rise," said John O. Hudson III, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. "As longtime members and a source of stability in the communities we serve, we at Nicor Gas understand and want to assist our customers in overcoming these financial hurdles. We have recruited talented employees with specific skills to offer more personal communication that is needed to better assist our neighbors who are struggling the most."

The new C3 pilot program is designed to target customers who are experiencing extreme hardship to give them more detailed, personalized access to resources that can assist with both their monthly utility bill payments and other basic needs to help them stay safe, warm and healthy.

The C3 team will be focused on detailed communication about Nicor Gas assistance options and, when needed, can help connect customers with other community partners such as The Salvation Army and United Way.

"C3 was designed by our Nicor Gas team to proactively guide customers to resources that can potentially help them save money and find the best organizations to help them right now," Hudson said. "This is just one way that Nicor Gas is trying to go above and beyond the traditional customer service experience to ensure that no family in the Nicor Gas community is left behind."

Nicor Gas residential customers interested in learning more about their options through this service can contact the C3 team by emailing ccinfo@nicorgas.com or submitting an assistance request form at www.nicorgas.com/CCC. A Nicor Gas representative will reach out directly to identify support options. Wait times for response will vary based on volume as this new program continues to evolve.

Nicor Gas Named a Top Utility Environmental Champion by Escalent

Nicor Gas has been named an Environmental Champion according to the Cogent Syndicated 2022 Utility Trusted Brand & Customer Engagement™:

Residential management advisory study from Escalent, a top human behavior and analytics advisory firm. The results designate the top 31 utilities among 140 surveyed for winning high marks from their customers for their environmental stewardship. More than 73,000 residential electric, natural gas and combination utility customers were surveyed as part of the study.

To be named an Environmental Champion, a utility needs to show customers its commitment to supporting the environment by promoting clean energy,

enabling consumption management, facilitating environmental causes, encouraging environmentally friendly fleets and buildings, and consistently seeking ways to protect the environment.

“We are proud to be recognized by our customers as a leader in environmental sustainability and stewards of our resources,” said Wendell Dallas, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. “Our team is committed to delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas service to 2.2 million homes everyday while taking action to reduce greenhouse and methane gas emissions as we transition toward a clean energy economy.”

Nicor Gas has made significant investments to modernize its natural gas pipeline infrastructure that has resulted in lower emissions and has helped its customers save energy and lower their carbon footprint through its energy efficiency programs and resources.

Recently, the company announced its investment in responsibly-sourced next generation natural gas from ENGIE Energy Marketing N.A. to meet the estimated annual demand requirements of 48,000 customers in a cost-efficient manner. This natural gas supply has been certified by Project Canary’s TrustWell™ responsibly-sourced gas (RSG) certification standard – a leading data, ratings and certification company for responsibility in the oil and gas industry.

Nicor Gas Opens Applications for Community Enrichment Grants

Company Provides Support to Cultural and Community Service Programs

Expanding on its commitment to support neighborhoods across its service territory where stabilization needs are the greatest, Nicor Gas is announcing \$100,000 in funding to support enrichment and community service programs.

Organizations and nonprofits may apply for these stewardship grants from Nicor Gas to support their cultural and community service initiatives. Applications are available at www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving through July 31 with funding decisions by Aug. 31. Selected nonprofits and community organizations will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funds this year.

Nicor Gas is committed to enhancing neighborhoods where its customers live and work through the support of local museums and theatres, social services and early childhood organizations, and non-core health services such as mental health, substance abuse and domestic abuse, mentorship and job services programs, and organizations that target civic development.

“At Nicor Gas, we are committed to helping the neighborhoods and communities where we are proud to serve every day be vital and sustainable places to live,” said Jackie Nagel, manager of Community Engagement. “Strong communities depend on good citizens working together, and we are proud to invest in organizations that hold these same values and support these causes across the state.”

Last year, the company provided grant support to:

- Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center (now Samaracare) – Nicor Gas provided a grant to support Samaracare’s mental health access program ensuring that necessary services are more affordable for individuals, couples and families experiencing financial hardships.
- GiGi’s Playhouse – Nicor Gas’ grant helped to provide one-on-one literacy and math tutoring programs to individuals that have Down syndrome.
- Raue Center for the Arts – Nicor Gas’ grant helped to support the SAGE Theatre Ensemble Arts Education Program. The SAGE Program is dedicated to making bold theatrical work on professional stages and encouraging dialogue about social, medical, ethical and political issues.

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ComEd Invests \$893 Million with Diverse Suppliers in 2021

10-year Diverse Supplier Spend Reaches \$6.4 Billion



ComEd spent \$893 million with businesses owned by women, people of color and veterans in 2021, or 42 percent of its total supply chain spend, bringing its diverse supplier spend since 2012 to \$6.4 billion. Maintaining its focus on investing locally, ComEd spent \$641 million, or more than 71 percent of its total diverse spend last year, with Illinois-based suppliers, as detailed in the company's annual report to the Illinois Commerce Commission, which regulates the state's public utilities.

"Hundreds of diverse suppliers play critical roles on our power grid and throughout our company, and the transition to clean energy will create even more opportunities for them to grow and make a positive impact within their communities," said Gil Quiniones, CEO, ComEd. "Investing in businesses owned by people of color, women and veterans is one of our greatest opportunities to build equity throughout our service territory."

ComEd partners with 662 diversity-certified suppliers, including 153 added last year, and they work throughout the company in utility construction, engineering and materials, among others. A growing sector for diverse suppliers is energy efficiency, which is expected to accelerate as a result of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which increases funding for expanded offerings with an emphasis on income eligible customers. To take full advantage of the opportunity, ComEd is partnering with diverse supplier Walker-Miller Energy Services, an energy efficiency specialist, led by CEO Carla Walker-Miller. It will focus on supplier and customer engagement.

"Because building energy efficiency is key to helping fight climate change and facilitating the necessary decarbonization of our country, the growth opportunities in energy efficiency are endless," said Walker-Miller, who has 30 years of energy industry experience. "ComEd's energy efficiency team is empowered and expected to identify, engage and develop diverse suppliers, and it has empowered us to do the same," said Walker-Miller. "We are also helping ComEd reach economically distressed communities to reduce customers' energy and water consumption."

ComEd's report profiles Milhouse, Inc., a Chicago-based African-American-owned engineering and construction company led by CEO Wilbur Milhouse. It plays a key role in ComEd's Voltage Optimization Program, which enables ComEd to deliver power with enhanced precision, helping customers to reduce their energy consumption by up to 2 percent annually.

The report also highlights ComEd's work in the growing data center sector where it's creating opportunities for diversity-certified suppliers, such as Environmental Design International, a woman-owned company specializing in environmental consulting and civil engineering; McKissack & McKissack, the oldest minority-owned architecture and construction company in the United States; and Meade Electric, a leader in diversity advocacy with hundreds of active diversity-certified supplier relationships.

Illinois utility companies' diverse supplier spend contributed \$11.8 billion to the Illinois GDP from 2017-2020, with \$4 billion in purchases from Illinois-based diverse businesses, according to the Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council (IUBDC), which was formed in 2015 to help utilities establish and share best practices for diverse supplier participation and development. Members include Ameren Illinois, Aqua, ComEd, Illinois American Water, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas.

ComEd Launches Second Annual Summer Solstice Photo Contest

Contest Offers Prizes for Best Snaps of Sunsets or Sunrises, and Provides Solar Energy Education

ComEd is celebrating the start of summer by inviting photographers of all skill levels to compete for prizes in its Summer Solstice Photo Contest. Entrants can submit photos of sunrises and sunsets now through the summer solstice on June 21. The solstice marks the official start of summer and produces the most sunlight of any day in the year. ComEd's inaugural contest last year yielded 1,816 photo entries, including beautiful sunsets and sunrises showcasing Chicago's magnificent skyline, the shores of Lake Michigan, rural settings, landscapes, wildlife, plants and other natural elements.

"After seeing such enthusiasm for the photo contest last year, we are happy to bring it back," said Scott Vogt, ComEd's vice president of Strategy and Energy Policy. "The contest is a great way for us to share the beauty of summer and it gives customers a chance to learn about their options for participating in solar energy and the benefits of clean, renewable energy."

Contest participants with the top four entries will receive an Apple Watch Series 7, while a grand prize winner will receive an Apple Watch Series 7 and a

private tour for four at the Adler Planetarium. The contest is open to residents in the ComEd service territory who are 18 years of age or older. Only photos taken within ComEd's northern Illinois service territory are eligible to win and location must be provided with submissions. More information about ComEd's northern Illinois territory can be found at ComEd.com.

Participants can submit their photo to the contest webpage now through June 21, 2022. There is a limit of one entry per person. On the contest webpage, participants will find information about the summer solstice and links to solar energy resources, including the solar calculator, which estimates the cost of solar projects and associated potential savings.

For a link to learn more about this year's competition and view last year's winning photos, visit ComEd.com.

More than 26,000 private solar systems have been connected to ComEd's smart grid and more than 20,000 ComEd customers subscribe to community solar. Community solar subscribers receive bill credits for their portion of the electricity generated by the project. ComEd expects to have more than 80 community solar projects connected to its grid by the end of this year.

ComEd Takes Steps to Implement Approved Expansion of Energy Efficiency Programs

State's New Energy Law Creates More Customer Savings, Including Through Electrification

ComEd recently filed a request with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), which regulates the state's public utilities, seeking cost recovery of \$50 million that would support expanded programs to help customers reduce their energy usage and bills, and contribute to a cleaner environment. The cost increase would support the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), the state's new energy law and ComEd's ICC-approved four-year energy efficiency plan, which significantly increases funding for programs benefitting low-income customers.

"ComEd energy efficiency programs have only grown more effective in helping customers of all kinds reduce their energy bills and consumption, which also helps us reduce dependence on fossil fuels," said Gil Quiniones, CEO, ComEd. "Customers now can save as much energy in five years' time what used to take them a decade. And the cost to customers is still far less than what it was under the energy efficiency program prior to 2017. Thanks to CEJA, customers have more savings opportunities than ever."

If approved, the request would add about 30 cents to ComEd's average monthly residential customer bill beginning in January 2023. ComEd customers have saved more than \$6.4 billion on their bills as a result of the energy efficiency program that ComEd launched in 2008, with nearly 460,000 families and businesses participating in 2021.

For the first time, ComEd's programs include measures by residential and commercial customers to electrify vehicles or processes that would otherwise require fossil fuels. CEJA also allows utilities to fund solutions that enable business, public sector and residential customers to electrify space heating, water heating, cooling, drying, cooking and industrial end uses that reduce energy consumption. ComEd will launch pilot projects this year, including an offering for income-eligible (IE) customers to fully electrify their homes with HVAC systems, water heating, appliances and necessary electrical upgrades. ComEd will increase electrification opportunities over the course of four years and plans to spend an average of \$10 million annually on solutions for IE customers who earn at or below 80 percent of average area income.

"CEJA is widely recognized throughout Illinois and beyond as ambitious clean energy legislation and the ComEd energy efficiency programs that it supports will contribute significantly to reducing carbon emissions," said Stacey Paradis, executive director of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Association. "In Illinois, energy efficiency is a key component to achieving climate targets while reducing household costs, decreasing emissions and improving indoor air quality and resiliency."

Last year, more than 15,000 ComEd customers took advantage of ComEd's free home energy assessment, which includes a customized report and free installation of energy-saving products, such as LED bulbs, advanced power strips, low-flow showerheads, hot water pipe insulation, bathroom and kitchen sink aerators, and discounted smart thermostats.

In coordination with the local natural gas utilities, ComEd also offers customers rebates for installing high-efficiency equipment, including air conditioning systems and weatherization. Business and public sector customers can take advantage of a wide range of EE incentives and services, including free facility assessments and larger incentives are available for customers in ComEd's most in-need communities.

CEJA also encourages diverse businesses and service providers to become involved in delivering ComEd energy efficiency programs, which ComEd will pursue through a new market development initiative that will be funded at a level of \$4 million annually over four years.

To learn more about ComEd energy efficiency, visit www.comed.com/WaysToSave. ComEd customers experiencing difficulty paying their electric bill are encouraged to call ComEd at 1-800-334-7661 (1-800-EDISON-1). Information is also available at ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance.



Check Out These June and July 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.

Pond Paddle – Wednesday, June 22 • 1-3 p.m.

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

Enjoy an afternoon out paddling. Instruction, sanitized equipment and kayaks provided.

Registration required – Call (312) 533-5751.

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

Be a Better Birder: Birding Ethics – Thursday, June 23 • 6 p.m.

Zoom Presentation

Learn about ABA birding ethics and how to ensure other people and most importantly birds are minimally impacted during your trip.

Registration required – Register at <https://babb6-2022.eventbrite.com>.

Contact – (312) 415-2970. Cost – Free.

Children's Nature Story Trail: "My Garden" by Kevin Henkes –

Saturday, June 25-Sunday, June 26 • 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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

Walk a short trail and read a posted story about growing a garden, then stop by the museum to pick up a craft/activity bag to continue the adventure!

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

Welcome Summer Walk – Saturday, June 25 • 10:30 a.m.

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

Join a naturalist for a casual nature walk to explore and enjoy the sights and sounds of early summer.

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

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

Nature Obstacle Course – Saturday, June 25 • Noon-3 p.m.

26 Street Woods (West 26th St., East of S. 25th Ave., Near LaGrange Park)

Families, attempt an obstacle course created from natural materials. Other nature play, exploration and art activities available, too!

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

Fitness Hike – Tuesday, June 28 • 9 a.m.

Fullerton Woods (W. Fullerton Ave., West of N. First Ave., River Grove)

Fitness hikes are for those looking to get some exercise outdoors. Fitness hikes will be faster paced with little to no stopping or interpretation. 7 miles.

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

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

International Mud Day – Wednesday, June 29 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Bunker Hill (W. Harts Rd., Southwest of W. Touhy Ave., Niles)

Join others around the globe in a day of splashing, rolling, squishing, making mud pies and more! Dress to get messy.

Contact – (773) 758-8899/Experience.Nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Amazing Animal Skulls – Saturday, July 2 • 1-3 p.m.

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

Challenge yourself to touch and identify real animal skulls, and learn how local animals are adapted for their diet and habitat by examining their skulls!

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

Self-Guided Welcome to the Forest Preserves! – Thursday, July 7 • 5 p.m.

Busse Forest-Central (E. Higgins Rd./Rte. 72, West of N. Arlington Heights Rd., Near Elk Grove Village)

Everyone is welcome to join this self-guided, multilingual fun fact walk. Languages include American English, Korean, Polish and Spanish.

Contact – (773) 758-8899/Experience.Nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Art in Nature – Friday, July 8 • 5-7 p.m.

National Grove-South (Groveland Ave., North of 31st St., North Riverside)

Explore the symbolism between art in nature. Create land art, go on a haiku walk, and make tie dye using fruits and spices. Program held at Grove 1.

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

Children's Nature Story Trail: "Swirl by Swirl" by Joyce Sidman – Saturday, July 9-Sunday, July 10 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Walk a short trail and read a posted story about spirals found in nature, then stop by the museum to pick up a craft/activity bag to continue the adventure!
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Insect Safari – Sunday, July 10 • 10:30 a.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

See the world through insect eyes, make crazy bug sounds, and explore the trails while looking for and catching different species of insects! Children ages 5-10 w/adult.

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

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

Day Hiking Leadership Training – Wednesday, July 13 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Bemis Woods-North (Wolf Rd., South of 31st St., Near Oak Brook)

Calling all teachers, group leaders and youth educators! Our Day Hiking Leadership Training Program gets youth and groups of all ages outside by empowering teachers and group leaders with the skills and resources they need to lead safe and fun outdoor experiences. We will focus on:

• Thoughtful Trip Planning • Risk Management Practices • Memorable Outdoor Activities • Outdoor Ethics • Hiking Best Practices • Appropriate Gear and More.

Training will include two mandatory portions: an online portion available starting two weeks prior, consisting of classroom work and an in-person portion. In-person portion will include a group day hike, gear inventory and lending processes. Online portion must be complete prior to the in-person portion. Participants must be at least 18 years or older, be affiliated with institution and be present on hiking trips when borrowing gear. If interested, please email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov with name and organization.

Registration required – Email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov.

Contact – (708) 771-1573/experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Insect Fest – Thursday, July 14 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cummings Square (536 N. Harlem Ave., River Forest)

Go on a bug hunt, explore insects through dance and movement, follow the migratory patterns of monarch butterflies and create your own insect! All ages.

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

Children's Nature Story Trail: "Swirl by Swirl" by Joyce Sidman – Saturday, July 16-Sunday, July 17 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Walk a short trail and read a posted story about spirals found in nature, then stop by the museum to pick up a craft/activity bag to continue the adventure!
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Dog Days of Summer (Beck Lake Off-Leash Dog Area Features a Large Pond) – Saturday, July 16 • 10 a.m.-Noon
Beck Lake (E. River Rd. and Central Rd., Near Des Plaines)

Doggy paddle, guided nature walks, paw print painting on tree cookies, and more! BYO-Dog. Dogs must be pet- and person-friendly and remain on leash. Dog personal flotation devices not provided.

Contact – 773-758-8899/Experience.Nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

The ScAvenGers! – Sunday, July 17 • 1:30 p.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Join a short walk to learn about native scavengers, then make a superhero mask based on your favorite! Materials provided. Children ages 4-8 w/adult.

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

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

Plant Defense Mechanisms – Sunday, July 24 • 10:30 a.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Join a guided walk as we identify native plants that use defense mechanisms such as thorns and poison to protect themselves. Ages 18 and up.

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

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

Teen Exploration Days: Archery – Wednesday, July 27 • 6-8 p.m.
Miller Meadow-South (First Ave., S. of Roosevelt Rd., Near Forest Park)

Calling all teens! Join us throughout the county at our Teen Exploration Days. Explore nature through adventurous, playful, and relaxing activities all while learning about conservation and Chicagoland's unique ecology! Each event will have a main activity such as canoeing, climbing, campfire, archery and all dates will offer various nature related activities and adventures. Ages 13 and up. Registration requested for groups at (312) 533-5751.

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

Be a Better Birder: Getting Started – Thursday, July 28 • 6 p.m.
Zoom Presentation

Learn how to build a birding kit, how to get started birding and where to find resources. Great for beginners and those interested in getting into birding.

Registration required – Register at <https://babb7-2022.eventbrite.com>.

Contact – (312) 415-2970. Cost – Free.



News from the Zoo!

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 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!

***Butterflies!* Reopens at Brookfield Zoo**

All is aflutter at the zoo! Brookfield Zoo's *Butterflies!*, presented by JULIE, Inc., has reopened for the first time since 2019. Zoogoers can once again explore the outdoor garden and surround themselves this summer with butterflies native to North America continuing now through Sept. 5.

Butterflies! is home to a variety of butterfly species, including painted ladies, monarchs, zebra longwings and swallowtails. New this season, several species of moths will be sharing the habitat. Upon entering, a color graphic highlights the species of butterflies and moths that can be seen. Guests can watch adult butterflies flutter amidst a beautifully landscaped exhibit featuring a winding path with water features and a wide assortment of flowering plants and native grasses. Many of the plant species are labeled to give guests an idea of what they can plant in their own backyards to attract the winged wonders.

There is also an off-exhibit space that guests can peek into to see the transformation from pupa to butterfly.

Additionally, Brookfield Zoo staff and volunteers are available throughout the day to answer any questions about the colorful delicate insects.

Butterflies! is located near the zoo's north entrance and is open during regular zoo hours of 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The price of admission to the exhibit is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-11, and \$3.50 for seniors who are 65 and older. To learn more, visit CZS.org/Butterflies.



Monarch butterfly.

Photo Caption – Jim Schulz/CZS-Brookfield Zoo.

South American Tapir Born at Brookfield Zoo

The Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is happy to announce the birth of a male South American tapir calf on May 22. Zoogoers are able to see 11-year-old mom Sorghum (pronounced SOAR-gum) and her calf indoors at the Pachyderm House. When the weather is warm, they will have access to their outdoor habitat, located on the north side of the building.

Following a 13-month gestation, Sorghum gave birth to the approximately 20-pound calf. Throughout her pregnancy, the zoo's veterinary staff was able to monitor the fetus with regular ultrasounds. To accomplish this voluntary behavior from Sorghum, animal care specialists used positive reinforcement to desensitize the 550-pound mother-to-be to the sound of the ultrasound machine, the smell of rubbing alcohol and gel used on the ultrasound probe, and the feeling of the probe on her belly,

"Being able to monitor the development of the tapir fetus and the well-being of Sorghum throughout her pregnancy is a testament to our dedicated staff and the relationship they have with the animals in their care," said Joan Daniels, senior curator of animals for the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo.

Sorghum arrived at Brookfield Zoo in September 2020 and Sonny, the calf's sire, a few years earlier in 2017.

Baby tapirs are born with white stripes, which serve as an excellent camouflage. The stripes begin to fade after a few months and are completely gone by 6 months of age. The calf will nurse from its mom as long as milk is being produced. It will reach full size at about 18 months of age and are considered mature at 2 to 4 years old.

Tapirs have thick skin and are classified as a pachyderm. The South American tapir is one of four species of tapir that live in the Americas, with adults



Sorghum, a South American tapir at Brookfield Zoo, gave birth to a male calf on May 22.

Photo Caption – Jim Schulz/CZS-Brookfield Zoo.

reaching around 2.5 to 4 feet tall and 6 to 8 feet long. Their streamlined bodies make them excellent swimmers and they can also run fast in short bursts. The species has a distinctive crest on the top of the head and a mane that runs between their forehead and shoulders. They have a prehensile snout that is used to reach leaves and fruit, and large teeth for grinding up their food.

The South American tapir, also known as the lowland tapir, is most closely related to the horse and rhinoceros. The species is found in moist swamp forests and shrublands, grasslands and a wide variety of wetlands in north and central South America, including Paraguay, Brazil, Colombia, Argentina and Peru. It is the continent's largest native land mammal. It is listed as "vulnerable" on the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' (IUCN) Red List, with the population declining due to loss of habitat, hunting and competition with domestic livestock.

The Chicago Zoological Society has provided support to the Tapir Specialist Group, which is a unit of the IUCN Species Survival Commission. Projects by the organization have included a variety of field research in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and French Guiana, to better understand tapir biology and how to save the species in its native habitat.

Those interested in helping care for the South American at Brookfield Zoo can contribute to the Animal Adoption Program. For \$35, a recipient receives the Basic Package, which includes a 5-inch by 7-inch color photograph of a tapir, a personalized certificate of adoption, a tapir fact sheet, an Animal Adoption Program decal and an invitation to the exclusive 2022 Animal Adoption summer event. To purchase, visit www.CZS.org/AnimalAdoption.

Save the Dates! Watch for more information as it becomes available!

Twilight Tunes – Brookfield Zoo's East Mall • Fridays and Saturdays in July • 7 p.m.

On Fridays and Saturdays in July, Brookfield Zoo will host our summer concert series, Twilight Tunes! Enjoy 10 evenings of live music while relaxing in our beautiful park surrounded by wildlife and nature. Get ready to bring your appetites, blankets, lawn chairs, family and friends!

Twilight Tunes concerts include:

- Access to afterhours exhibits including Big Cats, Pinniped Point and Underwater Viewing, Seven Seas' dolphin underwater viewing, Ice Age Giants (East Trail), and Wild Encounters (no Aviary).
- Visits from Animal Ambassadors between 6-6:30 p.m.
- Numerous food and drink options available for purchase.
- A conclusion to the evening with a laser light show.



Concerts will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Present your barcode to parking attendant for validation. When you arrive at the zoo, visit our north or south Guest Relations Booth where your ticket will be scanned and you will receive a wristband that allows you entry to the East Mall concert area. Please leave your wristband on throughout the night of the event. Wristbands are available for pickup all day if arriving before 6 p.m. on concert days.

Pricing – Brookfield Zoo Member Tickets: \$10 adults, and \$8 children and seniors. • Nonmember Tickets: \$15 adults, and \$13 children and seniors.

ZooBrew – Located at Pavillions and Discovery Center

• Saturday, Aug. 27

Enjoy bears and beers, lions and lagers, anteaters and ales ... all at Brookfield Zoo's ZooBrew on Saturday, Aug. 27. ZooBrew is a fun-filled, 21 and over, unique beer-tasting event! More information and ticket links will be coming soon.



ZooRun – Within the Park

• Sunday, Sept. 11 • 8:30 a.m.

Join us on Sept. 11 for the Brookfield ZooRun - with courses entirely within the world-renowned Brookfield Zoo! Each year more species lose their race for survival and disappear from the wild. But it is a race we can win and you can help! The Chicago Zoological Society Animal Care and Conservation Fund is dedicated to making a difference for these species across the globe and with each race entry we will raise both awareness and funds for this great cause.



Oktoberfest – At the Beer Garden

• Sept. 24 and 25 • 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Zoogoers can toss on their lederhosen and enjoy live polka music at the Beer Garden, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., on Brookfield Zoo's East Mall to celebrate Oktoberfest. The event is free with general admission. More details coming soon!



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

Obituaries

Bonsonto

Grace L. Bonsonto. Beloved wife of the late Michael; loving mother of Elizabeth "Betty" (Joseph) Aiello, Judith "Judy" (Peter H) Ferretti, Loretta "Lori" (Edward Jr.) Nieves and Michele (Walter) Stevenson; beloved daughter of the late Nicholas and Rose Accettura; fond grandmother of Michael (Kimberly) Aiello, Joseph (Caryl) Aiello, Elizabeth Aiello, Carla (Mark) Hamilton, Peter C. (Jeannine) Ferretti, James (Jill) Ferretti, Nicolette (James) Karas, Edward M. (Stephanie) Nieves, Lisa (Richard) Kostrzeski, Angela Grace (Allen) Valdes, Wally (Rose Marie) Stevenson and Michele A. (Dominic) Giannosa; fond great-grandmother of Olivia Grace, Maria, Michael Jr., James, Amelia Grace, Cassidy, Millie, Ellie, Peter Thomas, Lydia, Campbell, Eliana, Emilie, Angela, Ashley, Kari, Ilianna Grace, Marco, Hannah, Raegan and Vincenzo "Vinny"; fond great-great-grandmother of Nathan; dear sister of the late Guy (the late Yola) and the late Joseph (the late Wanda); loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Buttita

Ann Marie Buttita. Beloved daughter of Anthony and the late Annette; loving sister of Dianna (Joseph) Quattrochi; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Cariello

Salvatore J. Cariello. Beloved husband of Sara (nee Carbonaro); loving father of Dorian (Toby MD) Barbato; cherished grandfather of Matthew, Natalie and Alexis; dear brother of Tony (Lynn), the late Frank (the late Alice) and the late Marian (the late Norfy) Loconsole; fond uncle and friend of many. Proud Member of the Melrose Park Emergency Services. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

DiDomenico

Carmen DiDomenico, nee Hernandez. Dearly beloved wife of the late Nello; loving mother of Jo Ann (the late Donald) Fiala, Anthony, Andrew and the late Rick; fond grandmother of Joseph; dear sister of John, the late Esperanza, Vincent, Kay and Jose; loving aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven.

Carmen was born in Chicago, raised on the west side. She married at 18 and had four children. She worked part-time for 20 years once the children were a bit older. Throughout her life, Carmen was dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, first as a PTA and Hot Lunch Mother, later in service to the church in counting the Sunday offerings. She truly enjoyed her clubs: The Winston Park Women's Club, The Rose Lodge, the crochet group quietly named "The Happy Hookers" and The Altar and Rosary Society. A fabulous cook, a loving wife and mother will be how she will be fondly remembered by all who knew her. May God Bless her.

Fazio

Joseph "Joe" Fazio, veteran of the U.S. Army. Dearly beloved husband of Anna (nee Abbatecola); loving father of John (Jill) and Joanna (Andrew) Lazzara; cherished grandfather of Isabella, Hannah, Matteo and Fiona; dear brother of Connie (the late Tony) Di Maria, Dominick (Norma), Josephine (the late Gino) Saverino, Mary (Andrew) Szaczawinski, the late Sarah and Vincenzo Mazzola, and the late Sally Nitkiewicz. Proud member of the Grand and Ogden Men's Club (ROMEO). Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Grasso

Aniello Grasso. Beloved husband of Josephine; loving father of Maria (Cesare) Paliferro and Caterina (Bobby) Villa; beloved son of the late Alfonzo and Maria Grasso; fond nonno of Anthony (the late Annalisa), Cristina (Adam) Peters, Natalie (Christian) D'Agostino, Rosanna (Elio) Desantis, Silvana (Jay) Del Rosario; fond great-grandfather of Dominico, Luciano, Emilia, Elianna, Milana, Emina and Baby Jay; dear brother of three; Loving brother-in-law, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Proud member of Club Napolatano.

Holt

Jamie Jerell Holt ("Jrock") was born in Chicago, Ill., on March 12, 1969. Jamie was the child of Jettie B. Holt and Robert Lee Holt Sr. (who preceded him in death).

Music was naturally embedded in Jamie's DNA. He spent countless hours immersed in recording songs off the radio as a child. He was known to carry a boom box on his shoulder playing the latest hits from house music to R&B as he walked through his community. Jamie was eager to DJ at his family gatherings and reunions. He was a big Jordan fan.

Jamie attended Suder Elementary School and Cregier High School where he obtained academic achievements. He attended Catherine Travel College in which he obtained a degree in the travel industry. Jamie worked for 20 years as a mail clerk at Micro Dynamics.

Jamie was blessed with a large and loving family. He helped raise his Doodabug (Lyric) with love, patience and humility. He taught her to read, write, ride a bike and trying her first pair of shoes. Jamie had the pleasure of escorting his Doodabug to her first daughter-daddy school dance.

Jamie departed this life on Thursday, April 7. Jamie was preceded in death by both of his maternal and paternal grandparents. He leaves to cherish his loving and caring mother – Jettie B. Holt; three brothers – Michael Lee Holt, Robert Lee Holt and Willie Q. Holt; five sisters – Sharon S. Holt, Inger G. Brister (Tony), Lasandra Holt (Jerry), Molanda U. Johnson and Yolanda S. Harrington; a dear and special friend – Willie Embrey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Merritte

Terrance Demetrius Merritte was born into the world on Sept. 16, 1971, to Gloria and Sammy Miller. His father preceded him in death. Terrance was born and raised on the west side of Chicago and he was the eldest of seven children.

Terrance graduated from Carl Schurz High School and later attended Washburne Trade School where he obtained a certificate in electrical maintenance mechanics. With this skill set, Terrance held several positions, with the most recent being a maintenance mechanic at SG360.

While attending Schurz, Terrance met Lakesha, his high school sweetheart. Terrance and Lakesha married Oct. 19, 1996. From his union, two beautiful children were born, son Deveon (D.J.) and daughter Deja. Terrance loved music and being around family and friends. If you knew anything about Terrance, you know he loved to reminisce about the past and loved to crack jokes with people for hours. In his spare time, he loved to watch animal shows and anything dealing with sports or history. He also loved to travel with his wife and children, where he wouldn't shy away from talking to other travelers. Terrance was preceded in death by his grandparents, Willie Mae Winters and John Henry Miller, Fannie and Clarence Merritte, and brother Samuel Miller. Terrance departed this life on Tuesday, April 19.

Terrance leaves to cherish his everlasting memories, his loving wife/best friend Lakesha Merritte, son Deveon (D.J.), daughter Deja, mother Gloria Miller, four sisters – Yolanda Miller (Helen), Samantha Harvey (Marc), Sabrina Miller, Jaleesa Survillion (Demetrius), one brother Diandre Drink (Tamika) and his mother- and father-in-law, Willie and Carolyn Collins, who he lovingly referred to as Mr. C and Ma Collins. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Messa

Vito Messa. Dearly beloved husband of the late Vittoria Messa; loving father of Paolo (Svenja), Carlo, Lucrezia (Filippo) Rizzi and Giuseppe "Joe" (Desirae) Messa; cherished grandpa of Jonathan, Daniele, Michael, Fabio, Felipe, Emma and Dominic; dear brother of Giuseppe (Maria) and the late Battista, Angelina, Maria, Caterina, Vincenzo, Nicola and Domenico; fond uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery.

Pascucciello

Michael Pascucciello. Beloved husband of Helen (nee Bready); beloved son of the late George and Mary; dear nephew of the late Eleanor Commerson and the late Lena Duncan; loving friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Member of the Grand and Ogden Association.

Pyka

Leo Pyka. Dearly beloved husband of the late Frances Pyka; loving father of John (Jackie), Debbie (Ronald) Phillips, Kimmie (Frank) Coley, the late Steve (Sharon) and the late Leo (Cookie); cherished grandfather of Jonathan, Kyle, Ashley, the late Frankie, Steven, Shayna, the late Ricky, Robbie, Amanda, Stephanie and Brittney; great-grandfather of Leo, Olivia, Ezekiel, Jordan and Gabby; dear brother of Elaine (Jim) Hakensen and the late John (late Kathy); loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Rivera

Christian Rivera. Dearly beloved father of Christian Rivera Jr.; beloved son of Mario and the late Rosaria Rivera; dear brother of Jesus Rivera. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery.

Sanchez

Antonio Sanchez. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private

Sanchez

Jose L Sanchez Jr. Dearly beloved husband of Selena Martinez; loving father of Jordan; beloved son of Jose and Veronica Sanchez; dear brother of Fernando and Irene; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Sarno

Carol Sarno. Dearly beloved sister of Al, James and Al (Butchie); loving aunt, cousin and friend of many; dearest friend of the Borsellino and Mendoza family. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment with her father at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Tarsitano

Alfred F. Tarsitano. Beloved husband of Denise; caring father of Christopher (Tina), Audra (Greg) and Megan; cherished poppy of Christina, Bailey, Logan, Rynanne, Giuliana, Avery, Penelope and Daniel; dearest brother of the late Patricia (Peter), Richard (Lynda) and Hal (Donna); fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Proud member of the Knights of Columbus. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Tenerelli

Vincent Tenerelli. Dearly beloved son of Tony and Louise (nee Lorengo); loving father of Tony, Bella and Gabriella; dear brother of Lisa (Dan) Morrissey;

cherished nephew of many aunts and uncles; fond cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Visitation at Salerno Rosedale Chapel. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.

Valentino

Rita A. Valentino. Dearly beloved wife of the late Richard; loving mother of Shelley (Marshall) Norman, Anthony (Gail), Michele Valentino and Linda (the late Ronald) Oppedisano; fond grandmother of Lauren (Jason) Ryan, Tena (Brian) McCullough, Joanne (Joe) Napoli, Lisa (James) Gannon, Vince Oppedisano, Elizabeth (Blaine) Erway and Michael Valentino-Manno; loving great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Funeral services at Rago Brothers Funeral Home. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery.

Wilson

Joanne Wilson, nee Coconato, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 29. Dearly beloved wife of the late Ronald Wilson; loving daughter of the late Otto and Connie Coconato; dear sister of Michael Coconato, Nicholas (the late Patricia) Coconato, the late Theresa (Dominick) Clemente and the late Kathleen (James) Kane; fond aunt, great-aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Zemaitis

Evelyn Rose Zemaitis, nee Bruno, 1935-2022. Beloved mother to Elaine Gustainis (Fort Worth, Texas), Donna (Darrel) Fuller (Butler, Pa.), Brian (Kristy) Custer (Cheney, Kan.) and Rachel (Michael) Bruno (Sharonville, Ohio); fond grandma of Jennifer (Kyle) Wraught (Saratoga Springs, Utah), Nate (Ashley) Fuller (San Diego, Calif.), Nick (Kristy) Fuller (Portland, Conn.), Mandy (James) Myers (Eagle Mountain, Utah), Jace Fuller (in transit), Christian, Peyton and Keaton Custer; great-grandma of Jenika and Kierra Wraught, Charly, Nash and Lily Fuller, Ophelia Fuller, Evie and Ezra Myers; many nieces and nephews; sister-in-law to John Vandervalk and Karen Bruno; preceded in death by her husband John Zemaitis, son Albert Gustainis, parents Dominic Bruno and Mary Louise Timpanaro, her sister Mary Ann Vandervalk and her brother Nicholas Bruno. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery.

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| Boxes Stored (50 lbs. limit) | Outdoor Furniture - Put Away/Take Out |
| Carpentry-Minor repairs i.e.: Replace loose/rotten boards | Outdoor Lighting - Repair or Replace (Height Limit of 6 feet) |
| Caulking - Minor interior only - No removal of existing caulk | Outdoor Water Spigot - Shut Off/Turn On |
| Ceiling Fans - Repair Switches Only | Picture - Hang Only |
| Decks - Minor Repairs Only | Referrals for Tradesperson - Referrals Only Not Recommendations |
| Doorbells - Repair/Replace Buttons | Screens - Put In/Take Out (Limit 6 feet) |
| Door Locks - Repair/Replace | Shower Heads - Repair/Replace/Install |
| Door Sweeps - Repair/Replace/Install | Shower Wands - Repair/Replace/Install |
| Doors - Plane, Repair/Replace Hinges | Sink Drains Pipes & Stoppers - Repair or Replace |
| Electrical Outlets & Switches - Replace | Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors - Install or Replace Batteries |
| Electrical GFCI Outlets - Replace & Install | Storm Doors - Repair (No Installations) |
| Faucets - Repair or Replace | Storm Windows - Put In/Take Out (Limit 6 feet) |
| Furniture Assembly (Small pieces only) (no IKEA) | Supply Valves - Replace, Kitchen & Bath Only |
| Furniture Moving - 50 lbs. limit | Threshold - Repairs & Replacement |
| Furniture Repair - Minor Only | Toilets - Minor Repairs - No Rodding |
| Grab Bars - Install or Replace | TV/TV Converter Box - Install & Program (NO Comcast) |
| Handrails - Install or Replace | Weather Stripping - Doors & Windows |
| Light Bulbs - Change | |
| Light Fixtures - Repair or Replace | |



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2022 Village of Melrose Park RE: 0311860 Consumer Confidence Annual Water Quality Report Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021

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

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

SPANISH NOTICE

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

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

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

SOURCE WATER (MANDATORY)

VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK DRINKING WATER SOURCE

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

HOW IS MY WATER TREATED AND PURIFIED?

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

VOLUNTARY TESTING (OPTIONAL)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUBSTANCE EXPECTED IN DRINKING WATER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABULAR INFORMATION

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

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

2021 NON-DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

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

DATA TABULATED BY CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT
2021 WATER QUALITY DATA

-Definition of Terms;
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Level Found: This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.
Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.
Date of Sample: If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.
Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which water systems must follow.
Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Nd: Not detectable at testing limits. **n/a:** not applicable

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

| Contaminant (unit of measurement) | | | | | | |
|---|------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Typical Source of Contaminant | MCLG | MCL | Highest Level Found | Range of Detections | Violation | Date of Sample |
| TURBIDITY DATA | | | | | | |
| Turbidity (%<0.3 NTU) | N/a | TT(Limit 95% 0.3NTU) | Lowest Monthly % | 100%-100% | | |
| Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit. | | | 100% | | | |
| Turbidity (NTU) | N/a | TT(Limit 1NTU) | 0.20 | N/a | | |
| Soil runoff. Highest single measurement. | | | | | | |
| INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | |
| Barium (ppm) | 2 | 2 | 0.0203 | 0.0200-0.0203 | | |
| Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits. | | | | | | |
| Nitrate (As Nitrogen) (ppm) | 10 | 10 | 0.28 | 0.28-0.28 | | |
| Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. | | | | | | |
| Total Nitrate & Nitrite (ppm) | 10 | 10 | 0.28 | 0.28-0.28 | | |
| Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. | | | | | | |
| TOC (Total Organic Carbon) | | | | | | |
| The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA. | | | | | | |
| UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | |
| Sulfate (ppm) | n/a | n/a | 27.4 | 26.9-27.4 | | |
| Erosion of naturally occurring deposits | | | | | | |
| Sodium (ppm) | N/a | n/a | 9.99 | 9.79-9.99 | | |
| Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener. | | | | | | |
| STATE REGULATED CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 4 | 4 | 0.77 | 0.65-0.77 | | |
| Water additive which promotes strong teeth. | | | | | | |
| RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | |
| Combined Radium (226/228) (pCi/l) | 0 | 5 | 0.95 | 0.83-0.95 | 2/4/2020 | |
| Decay of natural and man-made deposits | | | | | | |
| GROSS APLHA excluding radon | 0 | 15 | 3.1 | 2.8-3.1 | 2/4/2020 | |
| and uranium Decay of natural and man-made deposits | | | | | | |

UNIT OF MEASUREMENT

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

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE FOOTNOTES

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

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

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

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

2021 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR CHICAGO

| Contaminant or Program | Violation Type | Monitoring Period Start Date-End Date | Violation Explanation |
|------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|
|------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| None | None | None | None |
| Health Effects (if Applicable) | None | None | None |
| Actions we took: | None | | |

WHAT’S IN MY WATER?

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

VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK

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

Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2021 (Collected in 2020.)

| Lead and Copper | | | | Date Sampled 8/12/2020 | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Lead MCLG | Lead Action | Lead 90th Percentile | # Sites Over Lead AL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contaminant |
| 0 ppb | 15 ppb | 3.23 ppb | 0 | ppb | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper MCLG | Copper Action | Copper 90th Percentile | # Sites Over Copper AL | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contaminant |
| ND | ND | ND | 0 | ppm | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems: Erosion of natural deposits |

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.
mg/l: milligrams per litre or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Ug/l: micrograms per litre or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
Na: not applicable.
Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant to drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDGL’s allow for a margin of safety.

| Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | Regulated Contaminants | | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contaminants |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|---|
| | | | | MCLG | MCL | | | |
| Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) | 2021 | 19 | 10.6-25.3 | No goal for the total | 60 | ppb | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) | 2021 | 35 | 21-48.5 | No goal for the total | 80 | ppb | No | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Chlorine | 2021 | 1.2 | 1-1.3 | MRDLG=4 | MDRL=4 | ppm | No | Water additive used to control microbes |

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

2021 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR MELOSE PARK

No violations were found for year 2021.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

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

Conservation measures you can use inside your home include:

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

You can conserve outdoors as well:

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

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



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