

## A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

*For Three Days, Over this Coming Labor Day Weekend,  
People Can Feel a Sense of Normalcy By Volunteering  
or Visiting this Year's Taste of Melrose Park!*

Dear Neighbors,

Hooray ... after a two-year absence, due to COVID-19 health concerns, the Taste of Melrose Park is back, and bigger and better than ever! This year we will be celebrating the Taste of Melrose Park's 40th Anniversary.

The 2022 Taste will have nearly 70 food booths, which is more than any other food festival in Illinois, including the recently concluded Taste of Chicago! Due to inflation, some 2022 Taste of Melrose Park food vendors have raised their prices to \$4 per item. However, the majority of our booths are keeping their prices at \$3 per culinary offering as they charged in the past. Even with this necessary price increase on the part of some vendors, we are still the most family-affordable food festival in all of Illinois.

And don't forget to visit Sabor de Mexico, which is adjacent to the Taste of Melrose Park grounds. Here you will be treated to a taste of old Mexico. This area will feature Hispanic entertainment and merchandise, so be sure to wander on over and enjoy some south of the border fun.

Living under the scourge of the COVID pandemic these past two years has unhinged our society in many ways and brought about many unwelcome changes, including supply shortages, labor shortages and escalating inflation, and it doesn't stop there. This disease has infiltrated our lives at every level and even after masks, social distancing, vaccines and boosters, people still contract the illness. However, for three days, over this coming Labor Day weekend, people have the opportunity to take a break from the COVID chaos and feel a sense of normalcy by coming to the Melrose Park Civic Center to listen to music, enjoy some delicious food and once again, more importantly, gather as a community.

One of my greatest pleasures is strolling around the Taste grounds. I love hearing the laughter amongst friends and neighbors as they share food items and I especially enjoy watching the crowds sing and dance along with the entertainers on our three stages. Suddenly, it's as if all the everyday problems have magically been erased by a feeling that everything is going to be OK.

Visit our website at [www.melrosepark.org](http://www.melrosepark.org) to learn more about the 2022 Taste of Melrose Park and to download a schedule of events.



**Ronald M. Serpico**  
Mayor

**P.S. The Taste of Melrose Park has always been successful because of a wonderful corps of volunteers. However, this year we are short. I am making a personal appeal to all Melrose Park residents and businesses to please volunteer, if only for a few hours this Labor Day weekend. Please call Peggy DiFazio at (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448, or send her an email at [peg@melrosepark.org](mailto:peg@melrosepark.org) stating you'd like to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your consideration.**

Ciao,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico



## Celebrate the Taste!

### Labor Day Weekend • Fri., Sat. & Sun., Sept. 2-4, 2022

Ethnic Foods Priced at \$4 or Less! FREE Parking, Admission, Entertainment & Trolley Service

Village of Melrose Park Complex • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL

Fri. 6-11 p.m. • Sat. Noon-11 p.m. • Sun. Noon-10 p.m.

Celebrating Our 40th Year!

*See the Taste of Melrose Park 2022 Entertainment/Food Info and Sponsor Ads on Pages 24-55.*

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

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



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

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

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

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



### Attention Residents

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







# Village of Melrose Park

**Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor**

**Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk**

## Trustees

**Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano**

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## To Know

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

**Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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

**Death Certificates • First Copy – \$17, additional copies \$6 each.**  
**Water, Tickets, Etc.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.**

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

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

**Taste of Melrose Park**

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

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

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

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Village Board Meetings.....Aug. 22, Sept. 12 and 26, and Oct. 11**

**Village Hall Holiday Closings.....Sept. 5 and Oct. 10**

# Resident Response

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

On behalf of the Broadview Fire Department, I want to thank your department for their assistance given at the structure at 2301 S. 19th Ave. (Broadview) on the afternoon of July 20, 2022.

If not for the aid of your department, along with many other surrounding departments in the division, adjacent homes may have suffered extensive damage as well. The efforts of everyone on the fire scene produced a safe coordinated offensive attack keeping the fire from spreading further throughout the structure.

It's reassuring to know that there is outstanding assistance available when an incident arises that exceeds our department resources.

Thank you again for your assistance.

• Respectfully,  
Chief Tracy Kenny  
Broadview Fire Department

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

On Tuesday, July 19, I was called to bless a home of a Hispanic American parishioner.

This house was owned by a grandmother who felt afraid of the granddaughter because of her use of religious symbols that are not according to the Catholic faith. The grandma gives free room and board to her granddaughter, but wanted the room to be clean and her house to be respected.

The daughter's mother came to the blessing and begged her daughter to clean it out to respect her grandma's house. The granddaughter did not obey and her mother called the police. Ofc. Lomeli with Ofc. Orozco arrived at the house.

I was so proud of Melrose Park Police because they protected the family, valued the grandmother's property and acted correctly. The officers showed respect and value to this family and stood on the right side of the story.

I commend them because they were on the side of justice and I wanted to share this story

• Rev. Leandro Fossá  
Pastor  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

## 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](http://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](mailto:RV@melrosepark.org) and your account number will be sent to you.

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 Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi  
Director of Police



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

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

The website can be translated to Spanish and Polish.

## Melrose Park Police Department

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.**



# Always Stepping Up ...

## Village of Melrose Park/School District 89 Hold Active Threat Drill, Operational Deployment Plan

On Thursday, Aug. 4, the Melrose Park Police, Fire and Homeland Security – Public Safety departments partnered with representatives from Norcomm, and the Maywood and Broadview Police and Fire departments to conduct an active threat drill at Stevenson Middle School along with School District 89 personnel.

Active shooter incidents are very unpredictable and evolve quickly. The village enhanced its preparedness through a unified response plan including all stakeholders providing resources to help prepare for and respond to an active shooter incident.

The drill is important for law enforcement to practice neutralizing a shooter at a specific facility and for EMS personnel to know how and where to triage victims. The drill is also critical to train the occupants of the building to know how to respond, to make sure the students, teachers and administrators have knowledge of active shooter protocols, that there is a plan for reunification with parents and family members, and the establishment of a joint public information center.

It's equally important to be able to react quickly as situations change. During the drill, the Police, Fire and Homeland Security – Public Safety departments practiced maintaining a unified, coordinated organizational structure; establishing a unified command to handle communications, planning, operations, pre-position of resources, monitoring of threats and hazards; and ensuring a prompt and coordinated response to any emergency.



## MP Deputy Police Chief Greco, MP HSPS Chief Schwartz Receive Lyons Police Department Commendation

On Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021, the Lyons Public Works Department expressed concern regarding the well-being of the occupants of residence within their village. Lyons police officers made a well-being check and quickly learned that all was not well. Quickly noting that two brothers were living in filth and squalor, and the other occupants of the house hadn't been seen in years. Lyons' personnel questioned the brothers and learned that their mother and sister had been deceased for many years. It was also learned that the brothers buried the two women in the backyard.

Assistance was requested from the West Suburban Task Force (WESTAF), which was immediately provided. Melrose Park Deputy Police Chief Anthony Greco, MP Homeland Security – Public Safety Chief Phil Schwartz, members of the task force and supporting professionals performed an archeological dig and recovery subsequently exhuming the remains of the mother and sister, in addition to any evidence that may have been left.

Because of the condition of the house and the possibility of useful evidence being there, the task force cleared the structure.

During the dig and recovery, the task force required many intense hours of work in hot summer conditions while wearing full protective gear and respirators.

The village of Lyons, the Lyons administration and the Lyons Police Department took great pleasure in presenting their Outside Agency Commendation to Deputy Chief Greco and all those involved for their help and hard work, and for a job well done!

The village of Melrose Park congratulates Deputy Chief Greco and Chief Schwartz for this well-deserved recognition.

## MP Fire Department Personnel Participate in New Fire Engine Training

Earlier this summer, members of the Melrose Park Fire Department participated in a training session with Pierce representative, John Kenna, specific to the department's newly acquired fire engine #704. The highly rated, state-of-the-art vehicle went into service the last week of July.







# Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS

## *Save the Date!*



*Rick Beltrame  
Director of Fire Dept.*

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



## **Melrose Park Firefighters' Association**

# **FALL RAFFLE DINNER**



**Friday, Oct. 28, 2022 • 6 p.m.-???**

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

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

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

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

## **MELROSE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT 2022 AD BOOK**

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

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

**To purchase tickets or for ad book information, please call  
Steve Morella/(708) 906-9383 or Dio Vaccaro/(708) 341-4001.  
Deadline to purchase raffle tickets or to reserve an ad is Friday, Oct. 14, 2022.**



# 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 2023 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**

2023 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2023.

Only one item will be painted per year.

Get your request in early as the list fills fast.



## Mayor Serpico's 2023 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. 2023 list will be closed July 31, 2023.

## 2023 Fall Tree Planting for Parkways

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway for 2023 (one tree per household), we are compiling a list for 2023 Fall Tree Planting. To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128. The 2022 Fall Tree Planting Program is now closed.

## 2023 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program

If you would like to participate in the 2023 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program to request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information. The 2022 50/50 Sidewalk Program is now closed.

## 25th Avenue Municipal Lot

Under Mayor Serpico's direction, the lot on 25th Avenue and Augusta has been paved and open for free parking to residents. The lot on the northeast corner of 25th and Augusta has been paved for additional free parking for residents.

The Civic Center's east and west lots have been repaved as well.

## Street Parking 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.

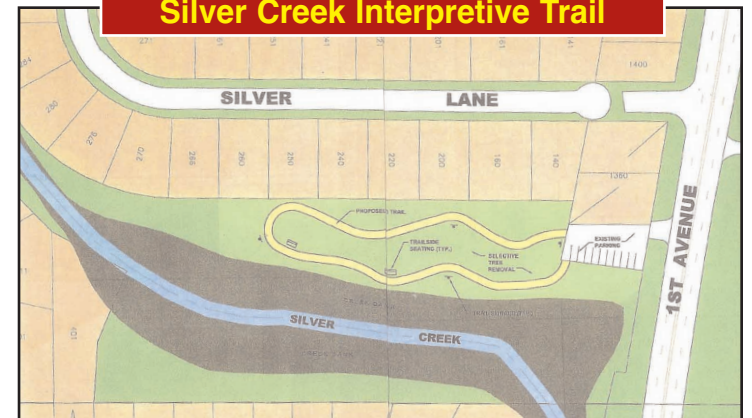
## Silver Creek Restoration Project

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.

### Silver Creek Interpretive Trail



*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.



## 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:  
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.



### 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.



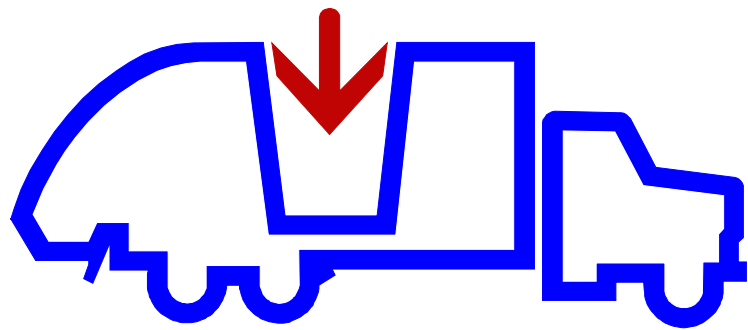
### Public Works Department Resurfacing Projects Completed

- 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 • 37th Avenue
- Main Street from Ninth Avenue to 11th Avenue



### Melrose Park Public Works Department Announces Key Addition to Fleet of Vehicles

The village of Melrose Park has got a jump-start on winter and has recently added a new truck and plow to its fleet of snow removal equipment. Check out the photo at left and watch for the vehicle to be out plowing village streets to keep our residents safe once the cooler weather arrives.



# 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](http://www.melrosepark.org).

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

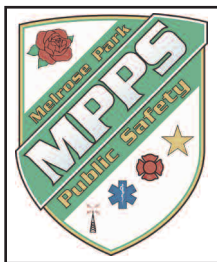
For a missing or damaged garbage can, please call Republic Services directly at (708) 345-7050 and ask for Customer Service to request a replacement garbage can.

## REPLACEMENT RESIDENT RECYCLING CANS

For the new larger recycling cans, please call Republic 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.





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

# What You Need to Know About Monkeypox

Initial outbreaks of reported monkeypox (MPV) cases in May of 2022 were seen in Europe and first reported case in the United State (Massachusetts) were identified where the infected individual had not traveled to Africa where previous exposed monkeypox outbreaks were identified. Some of the outbreaks have patients who identify as gay, bisexual or other same gender loving men. These outbreaks are currently under investigation and more information is expected in the future. Therefore, health care providers in Illinois should be alert for any suspect cases, even if the patient has not traveled but has an illness suspected to be MPV. These cases should be promptly reported to their local health department. Requests for testing should be made through the local health department.

MPV is rare and does not spread easily between people typically without close contact like skin-to-skin or face-to-face. Data currently shows transmission is higher among people in close sexual networks, however, anyone in close contact like face-to-face (such as prolong hugging, cuddling, kissing) or skin-to-skin (such as prolong body contact) to any infected person may get the infection.

### About Monkeypox (MPV)

Monkeypox or MPV as it's called in the latest development of this rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox virus belongs to the orthopoxvirus genus in the family Poxviridae. Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox.

First discovered in monkeys with pox-like disease in 1958. Despite being named “monkeypox”, the source of the disease remains unknown. However, African rodents and non-human primates (like monkeys) may harbor the virus and infect people.

The first known human case of monkeypox was identified in 1970. Monkeypox can be found in animals (African rodents, monkeys, and other primates) and usually encountered in villages in west and central Africa. Historically, persons in Illinois could become infected by traveling to west and central Africa and being exposed to people or animals with the disease. One human outbreak in the U.S. in 2003 occurred when African rodents came in contact with pet prairie dogs at an Illinois animal vendor. Some persons in contact with the infected prairie dogs developed monkeypox, including 10 Illinois residents.

### Signs and Symptoms

Monkeypox (MPV) is in the orthopox virus family, which includes cowpox and smallpox. Smallpox is no longer circulating in the world and was declared eradicated by the World Health Organization in 1980. Symptoms of monkeypox are milder than the symptoms of smallpox. The main difference between smallpox and monkeypox is that monkeypox causes lymph nodes to swell, while smallpox does not. The incubation period for monkeypox is usually seven to 14 days, but can range from five to 21 days.

MPV illness begins with fever, headache, muscle aches, backache, swollen lymph nodes, chills and exhaustion.

Within one to three days (sometimes longer) after the appearance of fever, the patient develops a rash, often beginning on the face and then spreading to other parts of the body or near certain areas like genitals, anus (butt), hands, feet, chest or face. These sores can look like pimples and may be painful or itchy. They can be inside the body, including mouth, anus or vagina. Note that a person is infectious the moment any of the above signs and symptoms start to appear.

The illness typically lasts for two to four weeks.

### How it Spreads

Monkeypox (MPV) may spread in different ways. The virus may spread from close contact like skin-to-skin or face-to-face through:

- Direct contact with infected skin rash, lesions, scabs or body fluids.
- Respiratory droplets during extended face-to-face contact or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling or sex.
- Contact with contaminated materials or objects (like clothing, towels or linens) previously touched by infectious rash or body fluids.
- Pregnant people may spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta.

Individuals are infectious as soon as signs and symptoms appear.

People may get MPV from infected animals, either by being scratched or bitten by the infected animal or by preparing or eating meat or using products from an infected animal.

**For more information regarding monkeypox, visit the CDC website or the World Health Organization.**

Source – Illinois Department of Public Health/[www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov).

# Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

*Socially  
Distanced  
Activity*

*Face  
Masks  
Required*



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

**Monday-Friday • 9-10 a.m.**

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

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



# Village of Melrose Park 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.**



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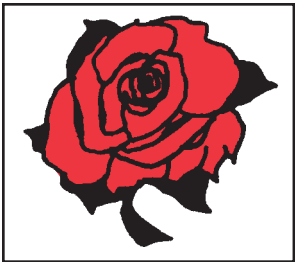
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# Melrose Park Public Library






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P L Public Library

www.MPPLibrary.org



**Attention Melrose Park (60160) Residents: Sign-up for a library card in September and get 4 free passes to Brookfield Zoo!**

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

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

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



# Melrose Park Public Library



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## Youth Services



### Make It Mondays

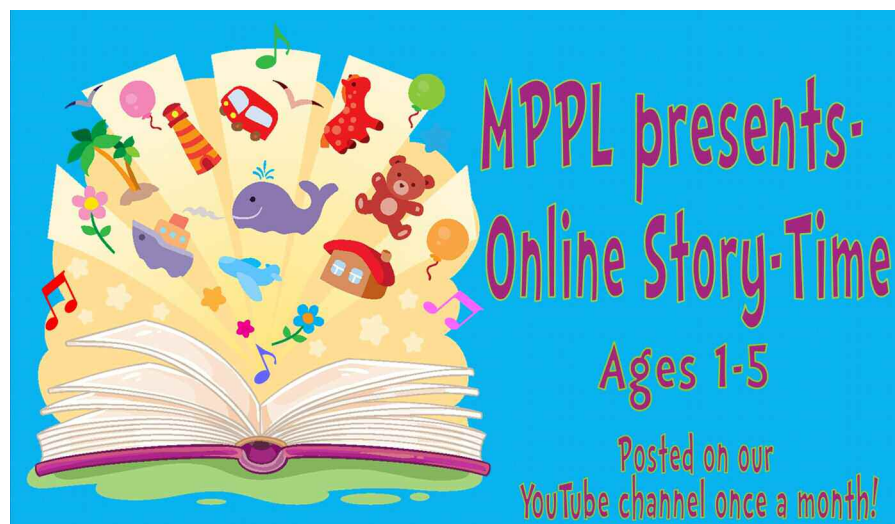
Weekly Crafts on YouTube

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

Bi-Monthly on YouTube

We are posting virtual story times online the first and third Wednesdays of 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! You will find all our videos on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube channel.



**Summer Programming 2022** was a great success! Thank you to our patrons for participating in all our activities. We love having you back in the library with us!



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# *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 remaining dates for 2022 are Aug. 18-20 and Sept. 15-17.

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

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

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

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

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







# 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-DECEMBER 2022 OR 2023**  
(Depending on Type of Vehicle)  
**\$55 Every Two Years**

Passenger Vehicles	
B Plate	\$95
D Plate	\$145
F Plate	\$145
H Plate	\$145
J Plate	\$155
K Plate	\$155
L Plate	\$175
M Plate	\$185
N Plate	\$195
P Plate	\$205
Q Plate	\$205
R Plate	\$215
S Plate	\$225
T Plate	\$245
V Plate	\$265
X Plate	\$285
Z Plate	\$305

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

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

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



### 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](http://MelrosePark.org).



### Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

### Centro De Recursos Franciscanos

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

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

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

### Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

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



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

Dear Melrose Park Residents – If you are the original owner of a home located in the Winston Park area and still reside in the same house, we want to hear from you. We're tracking some history and would love to see how many original homeowners still reside in their Winston Park homes from the time the homes were built and purchased.

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

We look forward to hearing from you!

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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
- **Vehicle**
  - Registration Renewal
  - Sticker Replacement
  - Seven-Day Drive Away Permits
- **Voter Registration Applications**

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to reserve meals.**



## *Village of Melrose Park*

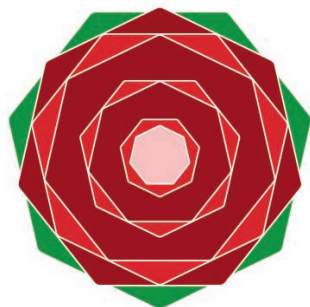
**Mayor Serpico  
and the  
Village of Melrose Park  
are Seeking  
Snow Removal and  
Landscaping Professionals to  
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Assistance to Our Residents  
When Needed ...**



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.



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

### **Welcome New Chamber Members!**

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomed five new members in June and July! Please help us welcome D & R Press, American Mobile Shredding and Recycling, Precision Repair, Inc., Crab Du Jour and Sam's Batting Cages, LLC to the growing list of businesses in and around Melrose Park!

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

### **Helping Businesses be Prepared for the Upcoming Grants and Programs**

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development and our team of community navigators continue to work with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and many other agencies to connect businesses to resources to support growth, expansion, job creation, workforce development, etc.

As we work to prepare business owners to access state and federal resources, we have learned that it is important to have 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 UEI, SAMS and GATA registration number.

For information or assistance in completing your UEI, SAMS or GATA registration you can email [Navigators@MPCCCD.org](mailto: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. Appointments are recommended.

### **Join Us at the Taste of Melrose Park for Bingo, Raffles and Fun!**

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development is excited about the opportunity to sponsor and run Bingo at the Taste of Melrose Park 2022, and to be part of celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Taste!

Please join us in the gymnasium to play Bingo, participate in 50/50 raffles and to get in on special bonus prize games on the half hour to win gift certificates and prizes from our local businesses.



#### **Bingo Hours**

- Friday, Sept. 2 – 5-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 3 – 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 4 – 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

**All Bingo games and raffles are 50/50 split the pot games with proceeds donated to the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Food Pantry.**



# Crab Du Jour is Now Open!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development joined Mayor Ron Serpico and the Walther Christian Academy Pep Band for the official ribbon-cutting and grand-opening celebration of Crab Du Jour. After the ribbon cutting and some great music from the band, everyone was invited into the restaurant for a tour and a great meal provided by the Crab Du Jour team!

Crab Du Jour is a Cajun-inspired eatery that is known for its fresh seafood boils and is located at 851 W. North Ave., Melrose Park.

During a recent visit to Crab Du Jour, the general manager indicated that the response from the community has been outstanding and business in the first few weeks has exceeded expectations, and is very much appreciated.

Please put a trip to Crab Du Jour on your calendar and join us in supporting our local businesses!



## Upcoming Events ...

As part of our mission, the MPCCCD works to keep businesses informed about programs and resources to help sustain and grow their business! This is accomplished through regular business breakfast meetings and training sessions. Upcoming events include:

- Minority- and woman-owned business certifications and preparing businesses to do business with state, county and local government entities.
- Access to capital.
- Understanding tax incentives available through the West Regional Enterprise Zone and other programs from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Members and non-members are invited to attend these business breakfast and information sessions. If you are not yet a member, make sure to register for the MPCCCD newsletter and email communication to stay informed on dates and times of training meetings and networking events. Register at <https://mpcccd.org>.

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

## 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/](https://mpcccd.org/).



*Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico*



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

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# Welcome to the 2022 Taste of Melrose Park

## Celebrating Our 40th Year!



If you enjoy a smorgasbord of delicious homemade food, rocking out to great local bands, and are closely watching the family pocketbook, you have come to the right place ... the 40th annual Taste of Melrose Park.

The Taste of Melrose Park has many more food vendors than the Taste of Chicago, and more importantly, all food items cost a mere \$4 or less. Besides our affordable food prices, all our entertainment is free, parking is free, the trolley service is free, and a great time shared with family and friends is not only free, it's guaranteed!

The Taste of Melrose Park is dedicated to providing a safe and fun atmosphere for kids of all ages, 1 to 100. Most of our food booths are operated by Melrose Park families who are committed to treating every "Taste" patron as part of their extended family.

This year's "Taste" features nearly 70 one-of-a-kind ethnic food items. We also provide continuous multicultural entertainment programs and venues that will delight one and all.

Please visit our Beer and Wine Tent where all the net proceeds are deposited into the "Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund." Due to your past generosity, this fund raised over \$1.5 million, which was donated to local civic groups, charities, schools and youth organizations.

At this point, we must admit to one little problem that everyone strolling the "Taste" grounds seems to encounter, and that is the, "I'm So Full I Can't Eat Another Bite Dilemma!" When this condition occurs we recommend resting your palate by sampling the entertainment offerings on any of our stages. Just about the time that you've had your fill of great entertainment, you should be ready to sample more of the best epicurean delights found at any food fest in the country.

And let it be known that we could not even attempt to host such a large event without the financial assistance of our fabulous business community or without the many volunteers who are responsible for making the Taste of Melrose Park run so smoothly.

Lastly, it is due to your overwhelming positive response to our philosophy of treating all fest goers as part of the family that makes the Taste of Melrose Park the most friendly and affordable food festival in all of Illinois.

Bon Appetit!,

*Ron Serpico*  
Mayor Ron Serpico



Mayor  
Ronald M. Serpico

**2022**  
*Taste of Melrose Park*

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

# Entertainment Schedule

## Winston Plaza Stage

**Friday, Sept. 2**  
8:15-10:15 p.m. – One Night Band  
**Saturday, Sept. 3**  
6:15-7:45 p.m. – Hillbilly Rockstarz  
8:15-10:15 p.m. – 7th Heaven  
**Sunday, Sept. 4**  
5:30-7:30 p.m. – Jersey Girls  
8-10 p.m. – Classic Rock Experience

## Friday, Saturday and Sunday Carnival Rides!

\$30 Wristbands,  
Saturday and Sunday,  
Noon-5 p.m.,  
All You Can Ride!

## Peroni Garden

**Friday, Sept. 2**  
7-10:15 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**  
4-5 p.m. • Antonio Giuseppe Duca  
6-9:45 p.m. • R-Gang & Soul Mates

## MAIN DRIVE SHOWS

**PIPES & DRUMS OF  
EMERALD SOCIETY  
BAGPIPERS**

Sunday, Sept. 4  
2 p.m.

**JESSE WHITE  
TUMBLING TEAM**  
Saturday, Sept. 3 and  
Sunday, Sept. 4  
3 p.m.

## Sabor de Mexico Stage

To be announced.  
Watch for information  
as it becomes  
available.

## SPECIAL ATTRACTION! Prime Time Racing

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# TASTE OF MELROSE PARK 2022 FOOD VENUE

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Camaci's Arancini  
Honey Hot Boneless Chicken Bites  
Sam & Sammy's Italian Egg Rolls  
Carlotta's Sweet Aroma Linguine w/Garlic&Oil  
Shwings Fried Shrimp  
Iannelli's Panzerotti  
Mickey's Italian Beef  
Chrissy's Hot Dogs  
Putt's Raw Clams  
Larry's BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Richie's Curly Fries w/Cheese  
Los Comales "Taco Bout It" Horchata  
Los Comales "Taco Bout It" Tacos  
Sonny Acres Farm Roasted Corn on the Cob  
Mellema's Jumbo BBQ Chicken Drum Stick  
Cilla's Steak Teriyaki  
Cervone's Homemade "Cannoli"  
Ron's Famous Fried Dough  
Siciliano's Old Fashioned Fried Bologna  
Yamo's Stuffed Melrose Peppers  
Gia & Nat's Gnocchi  
Frankie G's Chicken Parmesan Sandwich  
Paula's Famous Fried Meatball Sandwich"  
Nacho MaMa's  
Soon's Tres Leches Cake  
Italian Stuffed Mushrooms  
Pig Candy Candied Bacon  
Uncle Frankie's  
Mostaccioli in Tomato Basil Sauce  
Nikki's Zucchini Cheese Puffs

Cody's Root Beer Floats  
Cheese Mac and Cheese  
Rainbow Cone  
Chocolate Fudge Pretzel  
Strawberry Slushies  
Pepe's Ceviche  
Nutella Crepes  
Sweet Apples  
J.T.'s Italian Meatball Sandwich  
Antney's Italian Lemonade  
Capt. D's Seeds & Nuts "Homemade Lupinis"  
Ashley's Snow Cones  
Riccio's Frozen Bananas  
Volunteers of M.P. Tiramisu  
Scudiero's Pizza  
Pepperoni Rolls  
Clara's Dippin Dots  
Patty's Eggplant Parmesan Sandwich  
Eli's Cheesecakes  
Lil Dean Laraia's Raviolis  
Vinnie Laraia's Baked Clams  
Jessica's Tamales  
Paco's Cuban Sandwich  
Diana's Mozzarella Sticks  
Corz Kids Garlic Shrimp  
Corinne Principe's Artichoke Casserole  
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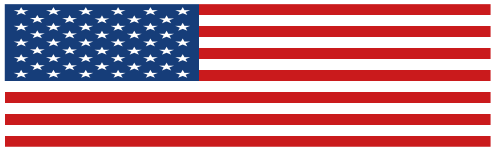
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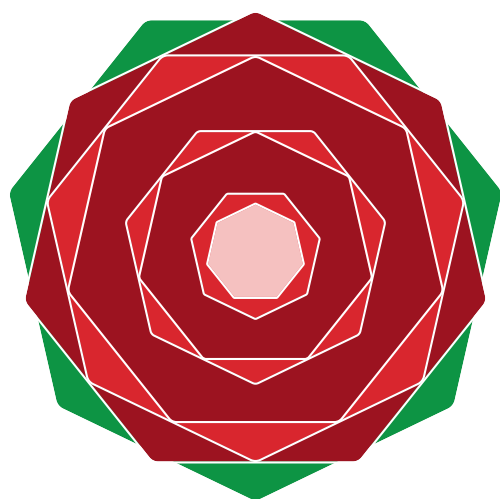
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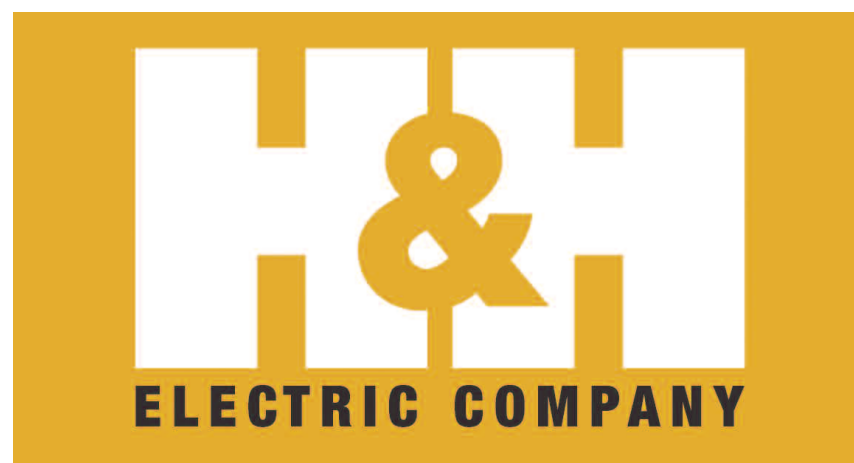
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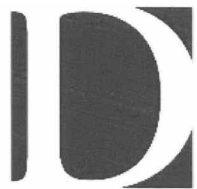
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# Veterans Park District

## Programs & Happenings

### 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. Ages 16 and up on Mondays, Aug. 22-Sept. 26, or Thursdays, Sept. 1-29, 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$40 R/\$55 NR. Sign up for both Monday and Thursday classes for a special rate of \$70 R/\$100 NR. Classes held at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

#### STRONG NATION™, Ages 16 and Up

This class combines body weight, muscle conditioning, cardio and plyometric training moves synced to original music that has been specifically designed to match every single move.

- Saturdays, Aug. 27-Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m.; Fee – \$40 R/\$55 NR; 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 and meditation, poses/asanas. These techniques offer many benefits, such as improved posture and balance, stronger joints and muscles, and a healthier mindset.

- Tuesdays, Aug. 30-Sept. 27, 6 p.m.; Fee – \$40 R/\$55 NR; Classes held at Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

### Youth Sports

#### K-Second Grade Soccer League

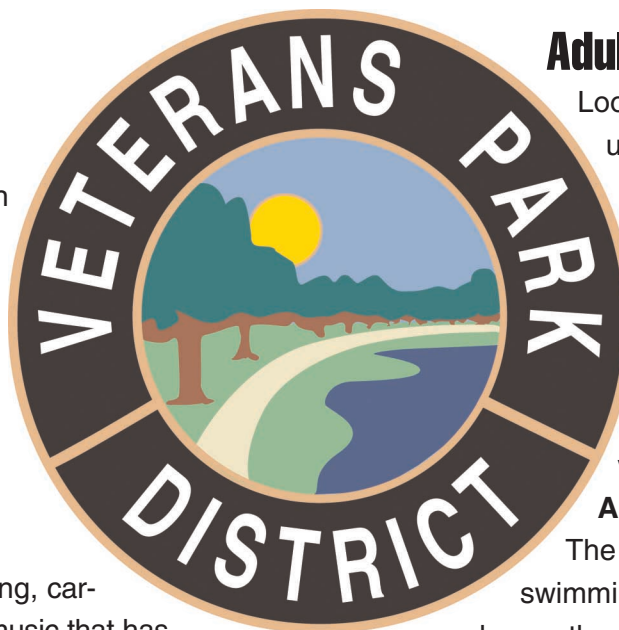
Veterans Park District is proud to present its Youth Soccer League. The soccer league will be available for grades K-2. Practices start Sept. 12, and games start Oct. 8.

- Fee – \$55 R/\$70 NR; Classes are held at George Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Adult Pickleball League

Calling all pickleball players! For the first time, VPD will be having an adult pickleball league on Tuesday nights at the brand-new pickleball courts at Bataan Park. This is a 10-week league that runs from September through November. Team registration is required.

- Fee – \$100 per team; Bataan Park, 1220 Ninth Ave., Melrose Park.



### Adult Bocce League

Looking to play bocce ball this fall? Look no further! Join us on Thursday nights at Bulger Park for the VPD In-house Fall Bocce Ball League. This is a 10-week league that runs from September through November. Team registration is required.

- Fee – \$100 per team; Bulger Park bocce courts, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

### Youth Swimming

#### VPD Swim Academy (Learn to Swim), Ages 6 and Older

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

Level 1: Basic Water Skills: floating, gliding, kicking.

Level 2: Advanced Water Skills: streamline kicking on front and back.

Level 3: Introduction to Strokes: side stroke, elementary backstroke, front crawl.

- Tuesday and Thursday; 7:15-8 p.m. or 8:05-8:50 p.m.; Fee – \$65/\$80; West Leyden High School.

Session 1: Sept. 6-30; Session 2: Oct. 4-27.

#### Tot Swim, Ages 3 to 5 Years Old

Have fun while learning to kick, float, bob and glide in the water. This is a great way for your child to learn to be safe and comfortable in the water.

- Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:10 p.m.; Fee – \$65/\$80; West Leyden High School.

Session 1: Sept. 6-30; Session 2: Oct. 4-27.

### Creative Arts

#### ABC Letter Decoration, Ages 7-13

Pick your favorite letter from the alphabet! With simple instruction, create an awesome fall-styled letter that can be used as a decoration or a creative gift for yourself, family or a friend.

- Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-noon; Fee – \$20 per participant; Class will be held at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake; Preregistration is required.

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



**Family Pumpkin Carving**

Pumpkin carving is coming to VPD! Enjoy a fun Halloween tradition with your family, transforming a pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern. The jack-o-lanterns can be carved as a favorite character, scene or a fun, scary face! All ages are welcome, guardian attendance is required.

- Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-noon; Fee – \$20 per participant; Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake; Preregistration is required.

**Early Childhood**

**After School Care 2022-23 School Year**

Veterans Park District’s After School Care Program is designed to create a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for school-aged children. Our program offers benefits that help strengthen schools, families and communities. Staff follow an afternoon schedule with activities that allow the children to socialize, relax, create and play! Students begin the homework at the program, too! Visit [vpdpark.org](http://vpdpark.org) for more information on our program requirements, times, dates, fees, registration deadlines and more!

**Story and Craft Time! Ages 3-5**

These young minds will hear a different story and learn how to create an associated craft. The stories range from dinosaurs, to space, to holiday themes. The learners will be engaged with hands-on crafts and creating exciting memories each week!

- Mondays, Oct. 24-Nov. 21, 10-10:45 a.m.; Fee – \$50 R/\$60 NR; Classes will be located at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

**Every Letter Counts, Ages 2-4**

Each week your child will be introduced to the wonderful world of alphabet letters, their sounds and letter recognition. We will learn through books, flash-cards, hands-on activities and crafts. This alphabet adventure makes for an educational and beneficial experience for your child.

- Mondays, Oct. 10-Nov. 14, 4-4:45 p.m.; Fee – \$50 R/\$60 NR; Classes will be held at Bulger Hall, 1601 W. Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

**Active Adults**

**Box Lunch Bingo**

Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Grant Park from 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, Aug. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park; \$8 per person, per class.

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## Veterans Park District

### Programs & Happenings



# VETERANS PARK DISTRICT DANCE

FALL 2022

## Contemporary Dance

Contemporary class will allow dancers to explore what movement and creativity means to them in their lives.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
7-11	Sept 15- Dec 29*	Th	7PM-7:45PM	\$154/\$164
*no class Nov 17 or 24				

## Beginning Ballet

Ballet is the root of all dance styles. Dancers will learn foundational positions, across-the-floor movements, body alignment, and ballet etiquette.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
6+	Sept 14- Dec 28*	W	5PM-5:45PM	\$154/\$164
	Sept 17- Dec 31**	Sat	11AM-11:45AM	
*no class Nov 23/**Dec 24				

## Creative Movement

Locomotor skills, coordination, spatial awareness, balance, rhythm, and flexibility will be developed. Dancers who complete this class will be able to execute fundamental movements

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
3-5	Sept 13- Dec 27*	Tu	10AM-10:45AM	\$154/\$164
	Sept 17- Dec 29**	Th	5PM-5:45PM	
*no class Nov 22/**Nov 17 or 24				

## Jazz

Jazz is a sassy and energetic style. Dancers will express themselves with style and fun movement.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
7-11	Sept 14- Dec 28*	W	6PM-6:45PM	\$154/\$164
*no class Nov 23				

## Intermediate Ballet

Dancers will continue to advance ballet technique, vocabulary, and choreography performance.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
6+	Sept 14- Dec 28*	W	5PM-5:45PM	\$154/\$164
	Sept 17- Dec 31**	Sat	11AM-11:45AM	
*no class Nov 23/**Dec 24				

## Introduction to Tumbling

Students will learn the basics of gymnastics. Some of these skills are walking on a balance beam, using gymnastic bars, forward and backwards rolls, cartwheels, handstands, round-offs.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
5-7	Sept 13- Dec 27*	Tu	4PM-5PM	\$154/\$164
8-11	Sept 13- Dec 27**	Tu	5PM- 6PM	
*no class Nov 22				

### For more information or registration



(708) 343-5270



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44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake, 60164



All classes will participate in the winter dance recital on Jan 7, 2023

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# MINI SOCCER



**AGES 4-6  
MONDAYS 4-5PM  
SESSION 1: SEPTEMBER 12-26  
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SESSION 3: NOVEMBER 11-28  
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## Beginning **May 3, 2023,**

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

**For additional information:**

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# Triton College NEWS

## Register Now ... The Fall Semester Begins Aug. 22!

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

## Online Health Classes Offered This Fall

Triton College will be offering multiple online personal health, sports and nutrition classes this fall, including Science of Personal Health (HTH 104 003), Nutrition Science (HTH 120 670), Drug and Alcohol Education (HTH 175 070), Principles of Coaching (PED 194 070), Introduction to Sports Management (PED 195 001), and Culture and Food (HTH 202 070). Classes begin in September and October. Please refer to the class schedule for dates and times.

For more information, contact [juliannemurphy@triton.edu](mailto:juliannemurphy@triton.edu) or (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

## Triton College Police Dept. Hiring Officers

The Triton College Police Department is currently hiring for multiple vacancies within their department. The department is hoping to find individuals eager to advance in a law enforcement career.

Available positions include full-time or part-time police officers, support personnel, public safety officers and dispatch communication officers.

The main responsibilities for police officers includes ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff, enforcing laws and ordinances, and protecting life and property. Candidates that successfully pass all phases of the application process and are offered employment will be sent to a police academy. There, they will receive their initial training and certifications unless already certified as a police officer from the Illinois Training and Standards Board.

Triton offers excellent health insurance (PPO or HMO), opportunities for advancement, pension through the State Universities Retirement System, tuition reimbursement, paid time off, multiple training opportunities and a great team environment.

Triton College's Police Department is a proud member of the West Suburban Major Crimes Taskforce, NIPAS, ILEAS, West Suburban Detectives Association and 4th District Rapid Response Team.

Those interested in applying should go to [jobopenings.triton.edu](http://jobopenings.triton.edu) and search "safety and security" for more detailed job descriptions and further information. Please note that candidates must be at least 21 years of age and successfully complete physical and psychological testing.

For more information, please contact Triton College Human Resources Department by email [josephklinger@triton.edu](mailto:josephklinger@triton.edu) or calling (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3743.

## Triton Welcomes its Newest Melrose Park Alumni

Triton College welcomes our newest alumni residing in Melrose Park who have completed their associate degree or certificate program in August 2022 – Sandy Young-Ramos, Josue Favela, Erick Rosales, Nayeli Barrera-Aldana, Fairy Nieves, Juan Manqueros, Jamie Cabrera, Alondra Mercado-Nava, Alejandro Parra, Mariela Perez, Guadalupe Martinez, Israel Elizarraras, Juan Ortega-Perez, Mariana Jacome, Leslie Avila, Pablo Perez, Claudia Garcia, Lizeth Palomino Gomez, Brian Flores, Karina Villagran, Vanessa Cardozo, Alberto Campuzano, Vanessa Moreno, Melissa Flores, Miguel Sahagun, Leobardo Lomeli-Manjuaarez, Tania Musso and Cortisia Reed.

Congratulations to each of these individuals on their recent accomplishment.

For more information, contact [maryannpisano@triton.edu](mailto:maryannpisano@triton.edu) or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3202.

## Ophthalmic Tech Program Can be Completed in Five Semesters

Triton College is offering ophthalmic technology, a growing, in-demand field, on its campus. Since the program is only offered at very few community colleges in Illinois, Triton is a desirable institution for the field.

Lisa Maas, Triton's Ophthalmic Technician Program chair, explained that an ophthalmic technician is a health career professional that works alongside an ophthalmologist (an eye doctor/surgeon), who specializes in eye disease and pathology.

"Technicians provide an explanation to the patients regarding their diagnosis, recommended treatment and can also assist in surgery," she said.

Other responsibilities include gathering patient information and history, performing an initial eye exam, and any other required diagnostic tests that will assist the physician with a diagnosis and treatment plan. Maas feels the field is great for those who are outgoing, empathetic and have great communication skills.

At Triton, there are no prerequisite courses for the 60-credit-hour program. The program can be completed in five semesters, which is just under two years. Some courses include optics, ocular anatomy, ophthalmic procedures, ocular disease and three clinical practicum courses.

Unlike other health fields, there aren't any mandatory certification board exams required to enter the workforce and it is not as competitive as other health fields.

Other advantages include working in a "clean" medicine field where students can assist patients with eye disease and pathology in hospitals, universities or private practice. Those who enter the field will have normal hours that provide a consistent schedule with no on-call hours.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics lists the Chicago metropolitan area in the Top Metropolitan Areas with Highest Level of Employment of Ophthalmic Technicians. The field is expected to grow 8 percent from now through 2029.

Most ophthalmic technicians typically make \$19-\$21 per hour after graduation, but since the demand is so high, many are making more than \$21 per hour.

"Triton's lab is one of the best in the country and our faculty work in the industry as technicians," said Maas, noting that Triton's program has a good reputation for producing high-trained technicians. "Students work with hands-on training in the lab as well as clinical rotations with area ophthalmic practices."

For more information, please visit [triton.edu/ophthalmic](http://triton.edu/ophthalmic), contact [lisamaas@triton.edu](mailto:lisamaas@triton.edu) or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3934.



# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

## Administrator Academy

On Wednesday, July 27, D89's administrative teams took part in an Administrator Academy presented by Denise Bettenhausen of West 40. Admins reflected on creating a positive culture in their schools and worked on constructive leadership to promote student success.



## D89 Welcomes New Director of Bilingual Services

Jill Zapata is a multilingual advocate and leader with over 12 years of experience working with multilingual students, families and educators. She has experience with teaching and learning in the early childhood setting through college and adult learners. She has served as a bilingual teacher, bilingual academic interventionist, building administrator, district coordinator for bilingual services, preschool director, speaker and statewide presenter. She is a proud North Central College alum. She received her BA in elementary education and MA in educational leadership. Her passion is collaborating with educators and families to ensure every student is moving forward and exceeding his/her potential. She is deeply committed to ensuring every student has the tools and resources necessary to become a culturally competent and highly productive global citizen. Welcome to the D89 family!



## D89 Summer Athletic Camps

Fourth-eighth grade students throughout D89 were able to participate in the second year of Athletic Summer Camps. This summer, students developed their skills in basketball, volleyball, soccer, cheer and bowling.



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## D89 Gardening Club

This summer, Jane Addams students, under the direction of Ms. Matticks, had the opportunity to work with Mr. Manny Uribe, chair of the Culinary Arts Program at Triton College, on a Gardening Club. Students learned how to grow and cultivate their own food. Mr. Uribe showed the students how to plant seeds, grow their plants, harvest vegetables and shared recipes.



## Governor Pritzker Held Press Conference at Roosevelt School

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Senate Majority Leader Kimberly A. Lightford, Speaker of the House Chris Welch and local leaders came together for a press conference announcing Senate Bill 157 held at Roosevelt School in Broadview. As Illinois families and educators prepare for back-to-school shopping, this new bill provides a 10-day Sales Tax Holiday on clothes and school supplies. Students participating in the Jump Start Program in D89 had the opportunity to take a photo with the governor and leaders of the community.



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# NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS

## D89 JumpStart

This summer, D89 held a Jump Start Program for students entering kindergarten through second grade. In this program, students work on fundamentals and acclimating to the school culture.



## D89 Educators Attend Soluciones Conference

From July 13-15, D89 Educators traveled to Austin, Texas, for the “Soluciones Conference: Empowering Hispanic and Latino Students” hosted by Solution Tree. Soluciones empowers leaders, teachers, parents and community partners to eradicate learning gaps among this ever-growing student population of English-learners.



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## NEWS FROM WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! This summer, for the first time since 2019, we have been able to focus our summer planning on things other than COVID – and for this we are grateful! Even though we are not completely out of the woods yet, it feels good to be in a place where we can plan for a school year in terms of curriculum, student life, and all the activities and events that make Walther a special place rather than on social distancing, mask policies and hand sanitizers. I am still in awe of how amazing our teachers have been the past two years, showing great flexibility, resilience and patience as we continued to serve our students and families no matter what! In spite of the challenges we faced, we have been blessed.

Our scripture verse for this year is John 10:10b, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." In this coming school year, we are going to encourage our students to embrace everything we have to offer and to experience an "abundant" school year. How can our students get the most out of their high school experience? They can really throw themselves into their work and strive to learn for the sake of learning, not just to get a grade or a credit. They can join one of our sports or clubs, try out for a play, sing with the choir or play in the band. They can run for Student Council, create art and poetry for Aura, take part in our service projects, volunteer, join the Mathletes or even start a new club. Walther has so much to offer – why not take advantage and get involved? A life of abundance is a life well-lived!

Welcome to Walther's 69th year. May God bless it and may our Broncos experience a wonderful year of abundance!

Tim Bouman, Head of School/Principal

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

Dear Friends of Walther Christian Academy,

If you could only know the excitement of our students that recently graduated and are going off to a college, university, military or trade school! I've heard from many of them whom will be featured in our upcoming annual report and they are excited for their next journey! They have expressed their gratitude for Walther Christian Academy, which offered them so many opportunities to explore their areas of interest.

The unique thing about this diverse and inclusive school is that our students get to explore, which better serves them for the future in deciding what they would like to do after they graduate. Our students can participate in as many activities as they want – sports, music, drama, art and literature clubs, chess and math clubs, cheerleading, choir and band. As long as they remain academically eligible, they can pursue all of their interests!

If you are reading this, I hope that you can help us spread the word to families and students who are looking for an alternative to a public school education. Why Walther? Walther is a diverse community of students who come from 50 zip codes throughout the Chicagoland area. The majority of our students live in Melrose Park and Maywood, but, some travel as far away as Plainfield, Plano and Waukegan, as well as the far South Side of Chicago to receive an excellent education in a Christian environment with staff and teachers who truly care about the individual students and their needs.

In the few years now of COVID, we have listened to our families' needs and offered learning that was flexible, be it in school, virtually or a hybrid of both. We listen and we care.

Thank you for spreading the word about this amazing school that has increased its enrollment to 290 for the next school year of 2022-2023. If you have any questions, please call the school and ask for our director of Admissions. Our tuition is competitive and we offer scholarships and need based assistance. Just ask!

Sally Ruecking, Director of Advancement

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### Thank You Grace River Forest Church and School!

Since Walther Christian Academy is a nonprofit, private school, we depend on our donors and church partners to help us to thrive! This past school year, 208 out of 270 students were supported with scholarships and grant-in-aid to financially assist families that need our help.

One of our partners is Grace Lutheran Church and School in River Forest. In 1954, when the construction of our school was delayed, classes were held at Grace School for two months prior to our opening day of Nov. 8, 1954. Grace Church and School has been with us since then, supporting our mission.

How do they help? Grace is an association church that financially supports us several times throughout the year. We are grateful to their congregation which is led by Senior Pastor David Lyle. In addition, Grace School supports us through gifting us with many of their students who leave after eighth grade to attend Walther. The school is led by Principal Bill Koehne, who is a Walther alum along with his wife, Karla. Bill's son Aiden just graduated and is going on to Augustana College, located in Rock Island, Ill. Aiden was a star student who was active in many extra-curricular activities and received a solid foundation here to succeed in the future.

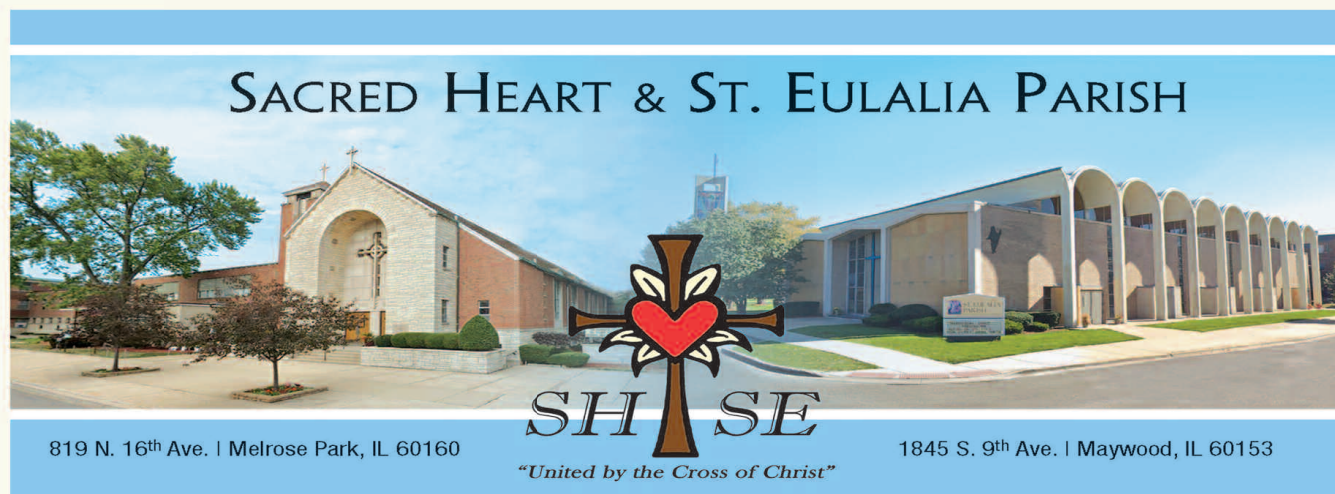
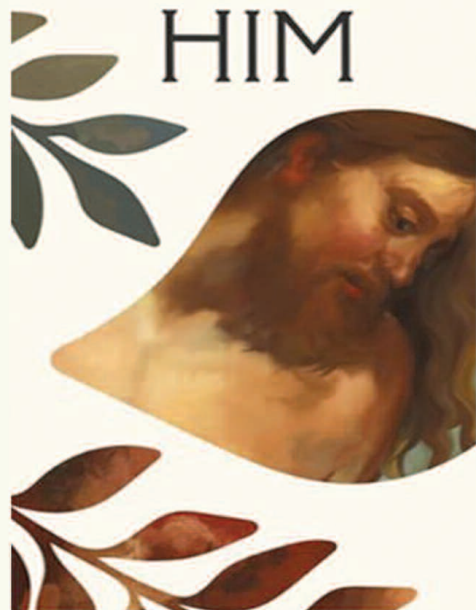
We are grateful for the support of Grace and so many others that are far beyond our alumni support. Our local communities help through their volunteerism, participation in our annual Bucking Bronco 5K Run/Walk and so much more. Please consider supporting this wonderful jewel located on Chicago Avenue and Ninth Avenue in Melrose Park!

If you would like to support our school by spreading the word, attending an event or making a personal or business donation, you will be supporting nearly 300 deserving students in your community who will be tomorrow's leaders!

Thank you!

*Welcome Back...*

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SATURDAY 4:30pm English  
SATURDAY 6:00pm Spanish

SUNDAY 8:30am English  
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**St. Eulalia Church**

SATURDAY 5:00pm English

SUNDAY 10:30am English  
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- ◆ Baptism Certificate
- ◆ 1st Communion Certificate  
(For 1st Year of Confirmation)

English Classes  
will be held at  
**St. Eulalia** on  
Saturdays from  
**8:30am to 10am.**

Spanish Classes  
will be held at  
**Sacred Heart** on  
Saturdays from  
**4:30pm to 6pm.**



**Please call our office  
at 708-344-0757 for  
registration dates.**



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

The 129th anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was celebrated successfully this year.



Our Novena was presided by Rev. Richard Fragomeni who enlightened us with a meaningful spiritual message every night including some humorous stories. The different groups of the parish sponsored refreshments after each Novena night and a large group of people stayed to enjoy the company of family and friends.

The Banner Presentation and Memorial Service for the deceased members of the Feast Committee were well attended. And of course, the Rose Presentation was spectacular as our Blessed Mother was honored with 8,000 roses.

The Friday night dinner was a perfect occasion to fraternize and enjoy a good meal with family and friends.

This year, we were able to return to our traditional procession with the statue carriers and the candle houses as well as the outdoor mass.

We would like to offer our most sincere appreciation to all the people that helped us carry out this wonderful tradition, as well as Mayor Serpico and all the village employees, who year after year, provide support to allow us to continue with our Feast.

We pray to our Blessed Mother for her abundant love and protection for all of you and your families.

VIVA LA MADONNA DEL CARMINE

Rev. Leandro Fossá, C.S., Pastor  
Feast Committee







# Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine

**For more  
information,  
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the Rectory at  
(708) 344-4140.**

## 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 p.m.**

Monday, Aug. 29-Wednesday Aug. 31 • Thursday and Friday, Sept. 1-2  
Tuesday, Sept. 6-Friday, Sept. 9

**Feast – Sunday, Sept. 11**

Italian/English Mass at noon and procession.



## Altar & Rosary Outdoor Rosary with a Reflection By Fr. Leandro Fossá

**Thursday, Sept. 8 • 7 p.m. • Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Courtyard  
(Weather permitting. In case of rain, it will be in Carmel Hall.)**

Refreshments will be served after the rosary, along with a special raffle for a Fontanini Nativity set. There is no charge, but seating is limited, so please call the rectory at (708) 344-4140 or Linda Basili at (312) 315-9554 to reserve your seat.

## 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.

### 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.

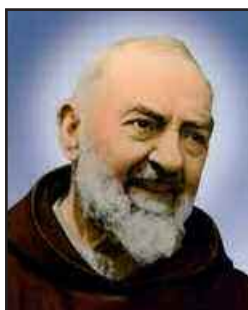
**Sunday, Oct. 30**

10:30 a.m. – Italian Mass followed by refreshments in the St. Anthony Room.

**Sunday, Nov. 27**

10:30 a.m. – Italian Mass followed by refreshments in the St. Anthony Room.

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



## Altar & Rosary Game Night – Bunco

**Friday, Sept. 23 • 7 p.m. • Carmel Hall**

Come join the fun! Enjoy an evening of socializing with friends as you form teams and play this famous dice game. Don't know how, it's easy and members will be happy to show you. Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the evening and prizes will be given to the winning teams. Entrance fees will be collected at the door. Call the Rectory at (708) 344-4140 or see any Altar & Rosary member for details, or to reserve your seat.







## Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Mass and Blessing of Animals

Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 6:30 p.m. (Bilingual Mass)  
Bring your pet before or after Mass for a special blessing.



## Our Lady of the Rosary Outdoor Rosary and Reflection By Fr. Leandro Fossá

Friday, Oct. 7 • 7 p.m. • Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Courtyard

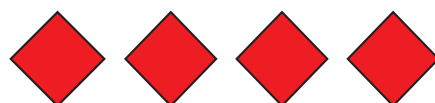
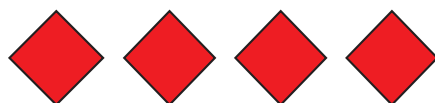
Refreshments will be served after the rosary. There is no charge, but seating is limited, so please call the rectory at (708) 344-4140 or Linda Basili at (312) 315-9554 to reserve your seat. At the conclusion of the evening, there will be a raffle drawing for a Fontanini Nativity set.

In case of rain, the rosary will be held in Carmel Hall.

## St. Anthony Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine Annual Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, Oct. 9 • 8:30 a.m.-Noon • Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Gym

After three years, the St. Anthony Society Annual Breakfast Buffet is back! Come enjoy a buffet of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, fruit, desserts and more For more information, see any St. Anthony member or call the rectory at (708) 344-4140.



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# 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, Aug. 28, 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.

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

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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

**Village Hall Hours – 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday**  
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Birth Certificates – \$15 each,  
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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,  
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### Vehicle Sticker Information

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





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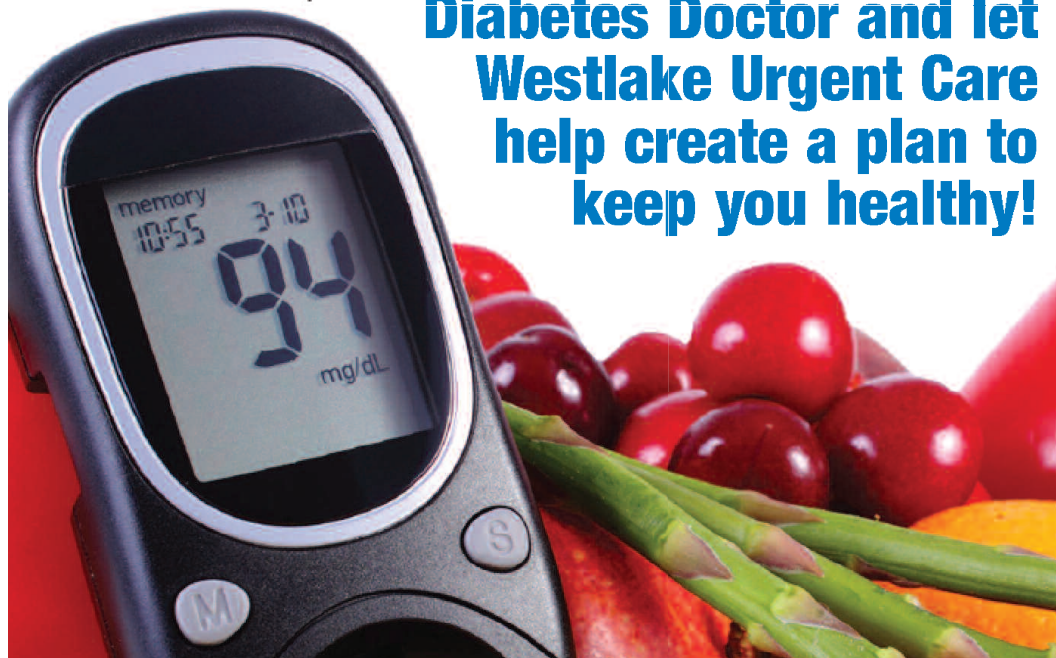
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# Commissioner Aguilar Partners with Access to Care to Help Residents Find Doctors

## Do You Have Access to a Local Doctor You Can Afford and Trust? If Not, We Can Help!

For over 30 years, the Access to Care Program has provided primary health care services to residents of suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago who have lower-incomes, are uninsured, or underinsured.



*Cook County Commissioner  
Frank J. Aguilar*

We have worked closely with Commissioner Aguilar to connect residents of the 16th District to our program, and we would like to extend our services to you and your neighbors!

Access to Care (ATC) members receive unlimited primary doctor visits for a \$5 co-pay, \$5 lab tests, mammograms, X-rays, free diabetic test strips, affordable prescriptions you can fill at a local pharmacy, and \$5 counseling services!

Residents of the 16th District can apply online ([www.accesstocare.org](http://www.accesstocare.org)) and application fees have been waived! Simply add "16th District" at the end of the application under "Additional Comments".

If you prefer, our bilingual staff is here to help 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and can enroll you over the phone. Call us at (708) 531-0680.

ATC welcomes all residents in our geographical area regardless of race, age, religion, country of origin, gender identity or immigration status.

Pictured, at right, is Commissioner Aguilar with Access to Care Director of PR and Outreach Stephanie Mucha.



## Cook County Awards Funding to Four 16th District Public Schools for Renewable Energy Education Initiative

Under Cook County's Solar Schools Grant Program, the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability awarded grant funding to 24 public schools, four within the 16th District, to support the construction of small photovoltaic (PV) systems used to educate students first-hand how sunlight is converted into electricity.

The county's program provides supplemental funding to grantees of the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation's (ICECF) K-12 Solar Schools Program, which assists with the installation of 1kW PV systems throughout Illinois institutions serving grades K-12. Each school is reimbursed a maximum of \$5,000 by the county upon installation of the system.

"Cook County is grateful to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for their partnership on this important initiative," said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. "This program enables our young people to better understand the science behind renewable energy and to see that a career in renewable energy might be in their future."

Grantees commit to incorporating solar and renewable energy into their STEM curriculum and to host "Solarbrations" that celebrate the PV system within their school community.

"Providing public schools the resources they need enables students to not only have access to a top-tier educational experience, but also allows students to follow their passions and find what they want to do with their lives," said 16th District Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "I am proud that four 16th District schools were chosen for this award, and am excited to see its impact on students and faculty alike in working to protect this world, today and tomorrow."

The 16th District schools that received Solar Schools Grant awards from Cook County are:

- Sherlock Elementary School in Cicero
- East Leyden High School in Franklin Park
- Proviso East High School in Maywood
- West Leyden High School in Northlake



# **Cook County's Law Library Offers Free Computer Access for Residents to Attend Virtual Court Appearances**

## **New Initiative Supports Residents Who Lack Internet Access**

Residents who don't have internet access can now attend virtual court appearances from the Cook County Law Library. The library is offering residents free computer access to attend virtual court appearances. This initiative is available for residents who lack internet access or who do not want to attend hearings from their home.

"Ensuring all residents have access to technology creates a more equitable Cook County," said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. "In response to the pandemic, many services are now offered virtually and not everyone has access to the internet or a computer. This program removes barriers and streamlines computer access for free."

The Law Library was awarded funding from the Illinois State Library for new computers, software and equipment. Right now, the library can accommodate two remote hearings at a time with capacity increasing to five simultaneous remote hearings in the coming weeks.

Walk-ins are welcome as equipment is first-come, first-served. Residents interested in using this service should bring whatever paperwork is needed for their court appearance.

"I applaud this initiative and hope that it will make this process less stressful for residents, while also allowing for a more efficient court process to take place," said 16th District Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "We must always look at where the need is, where residents need help, and then do all we can to address that need in accessible and equitable ways."

The Law Library is located at the Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, 29th Floor, Chicago, Ill. 60602. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information about the Law Library, visit [www.cookcountylil.gov/lawlibrary](http://www.cookcountylil.gov/lawlibrary).

# **Cook County Board of Commissioners Approves Gun Violence Reduction Grants, Assault Weapons Ban**

On Thursday, July 28, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a series of measures for reducing gun violence. Using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Cook County awarded nearly \$75 million in grants to directly support violence prevention programs over the next three years.

"This \$75 million initiative, led by our Justice Advisory Council, is more than symbolic and signals a beacon of hope," said President Preckwinkle. "It represents our commitment to investing in communities that continue to experience the ramifications of racism and historic disinvestment."

The 34 grants were awarded to individual organizations and coalitions serving city neighborhoods and suburban municipalities that the ongoing gun violence epidemic has impacted most.

"This much needed investment into our communities is critical to bringing safety back to our streets. This money is not just thrown at a problem, but carefully planned to address root causes of violence and systemic failures," said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "I am proud to be a yes vote on both of these measures and will stay committed to keeping families safe by investing in our communities."

Commissioners also approved a resolution banning the sale, possession and use of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines in Cook County. This resolution is a continuation of Cook County's 1996 Blair Holt Assault Weapons Ban, which was upheld in 2020 by the U.S. Supreme Court.



## ***U.S. News & World Report* Recognizes Loyola Medicine Hospitals**

Loyola Medicine hospitals have been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* in the magazine's 2022-2023 Best Hospitals rankings. Once again, Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC) has been ranked among the top 10 hospitals in the state of Illinois, as it has been since *U.S. News* hospital rankings began in 2013. This year, LUMC has been ranked sixth in the state. In addition, LUMC has two nationally ranked specialties and is recognized as "high performing" in five specialties and eleven conditions and procedures.

Loyola is ranked as one of the best hospitals in the country in two specialty categories Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (45th) and Ear, Nose & Throat (48th). *U.S. News* also recognized five Loyola specialties as high performing: Cardiology & Heart Surgery, Geriatrics, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, and Pulmonary & Lung Surgery. To achieve a national ranking, a hospital must be ranked among the nation's top 50 hospitals in a given specialty. A high-performing specialty is among the top 10 percent in the nation.

All three Loyola Medicine hospitals were rated high performing in a variety of adult procedure and condition categories. Loyola University Medical Center was rated high performing in 11 adult procedure and condition categories: aortic valve surgery, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), colon cancer surgery, diabetes, heart attack, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, kidney failure, lung cancer surgery, pneumonia and stroke. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital was also rated high performing in COPD, while MacNeal Hospital was rated high performing in COPD and Stroke. Hospitals named high performing in these areas performed significantly better than the national average.

"We are proud to see Loyola recognized once again by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top hospitals in Illinois. It is gratifying to receive national rankings and continued recognition for our high performance in vital specialties and procedures," said Shawn P. Vincent, president and CEO of Loyola Medicine. "The rankings reflect our continued clinical excellence as well as our commitment to quality care and patient safety."

For the 2022-2023 rankings and ratings, *U.S. News* evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 15 specialties and 20 procedures and conditions. In the 15 specialty areas, only 164 hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty. In rankings by state and metro area, *U.S. News* recognized hospitals as high performing across multiple areas of care.

*U.S. News* evaluated each hospital's performance using a variety of measures, such as survival rates, complication rates, patient experience and level of nursing care. The Best Hospitals methodology factors in data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, American Hospital Association, professional organizations and medical specialists.

## **Twenty-nine Loyola Doctors Named Top Cancer Doctors by *Chicago* Magazine**

*Chicago* magazine's Top Cancer Doctors list for 2022 includes 29 Loyola Medicine physicians.

The physicians were nominated by their peers as the best in the area, according to *Chicago* magazine. The selection process considers these nominations along with physicians' educational and professional experience when deciding finalists.

"Loyola Medicine prides itself on offering outstanding, compassionate care for patients with cancer," said Shawn P. Vincent, president and CEO of Loyola Medicine. "These doctors are at the forefront of patient care and research, and we are proud to have them represent Loyola in this year's list."

"Here at Loyola we offer unique and holistic treatments at a world-class cancer center," said William Small Jr., MD, chair of Radiation Oncology and director of the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center. "The Top Cancer Doctors list is a testament to the dedication and expertise offered by our physicians."

The annual list of Top Cancer Doctors was published in *Chicago* magazine's June/July 2022 issue and can be found online.

Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., a health care research and information company, compiled the Top Doctors list for *Chicago* magazine. Its online nomination process is open to all licensed physicians in the United States. Physicians are able to nominate doctors in any specialty in any part of the country who they believe are the best in the region or the country in their specialties. A physician's education and professional experience are validated before final selection. Doctors cannot pay to be selected.

Here are the Loyola Medicine physicians on the 2022 Top Cancer Doctors list:

Joshua M. Eberhardt, MD, Colon and Rectal Cancer and Surgery • Marc A. Singer, MD, Colon and Rectal Cancer and Surgery

Scott J. Cotler, MD, Hepatology • Ronald Potkul, MD, Gynecologic Oncology

Sucha Nand, MD, Hematology • Patrick Joseph Stiff, MD, Hematology

Kathy Albain, MD, Medical Oncology • Joseph Clark, MD, Medical Oncology

Kenneth Micetich, MD, Medical Oncology • David Rosi, MD, Medical Oncology

Russ Nockels, MD, Neurological Surgery • Vikram Prabhu, MD, Neurological Surgery

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# Thirty-three Diverse Businesses Graduate ComEd Energy Efficiency Service Provider Incubator

**Since 2019, 66 Graduates Have Helped  
139 Northern Illinois Residents and Businesses Save Money and Energy**

To expand energy efficiency while helping diverse businesses across northern Illinois grow, ComEd announced the graduation of 33 minority-owned, woman-owned, veteran-owned and other contractor businesses from the ComEd Energy Efficiency Service Provider (EESP) Incubator Program. ComEd marked the occasion with a graduation ceremony in Oak Brook, Ill.

The EESP Incubator Program offers participants education and training on ComEd's energy efficiency portfolio offerings; provides one-on-one assistance with certification applications, business growth plans and building relationships with project financing lenders; and identifies, addresses and resolves barriers to building a successful business in the energy efficiency field. Participants will also have the opportunity to be matched with an experienced mentor for additional peer-to-peer support.



"For ComEd, powering lives is more than delivering electricity to our customers," said Gil C. Quiniones, CEO of ComEd. "It's about supporting the region's workforce and economy through utility-driven, clean-energy innovation and opportunities. The success of our customers and communities will always be at the center of everything we do here at ComEd."

ComEd created the EESP Incubator Program in 2019 to focus on recruiting diverse contractor businesses and to support the development of all interested contractors. After graduation, contractors are eligible to join the EESP network and, once accepted, provide ComEd Energy Efficiency Program incentives to customers and grow their businesses through the successful completion of energy efficiency projects.

## One Participant's Story

To address the barriers often faced by diverse contractor businesses, ComEd saw an opportunity to develop programs to support these local businesses, especially those whose employees are trained as lighting, HVAC or general contractors.

Ramon Hayes is a 2019 Incubator Program alumnus and owner of South Holland, Ill.-based Eco-Energy Solutions, a service-disabled, veteran-owned business. Prior to participating in the program, Hayes relied on a small client base and single contract to keep his business doors open. The Incubator team, through one-on-one sessions, assisted Hayes in developing a business growth plan and provided opportunities to enhance his networking abilities.

"The Incubator Program was really instrumental in allowing me networking opportunities and in putting me in front of major players in the energy-efficiency space," said Hayes. "It's actually really simple. There is no way I would be doing the volume of business that I am doing, had I not gone through the Incubator Program."

Hayes now mentors current Incubator cohort members in energy efficiency project best practices.

Eco-Energy Solutions is one of 66 contractor businesses that have participated in ComEd's EESP Incubator. Of those participants, 51 have joined the EESP Network and, to date, have submitted 139 energy efficiency projects to ComEd. Many of those projects are located in communities of need which aligns with ComEd's vision for a clean energy future for all communities it serves, but especially for those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Over the years, the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program has increasingly helped customers of all kinds reduce their energy bills and consumption, which also helps reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Since its inception in 2008, the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program has provided impactful contributions toward Illinois' clean energy future. Specifically, the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program has:

- Saved ComEd customers more than 56 million megawatt hours of energy usage and a total of \$6.7 billion on their electric bills.
- Reduced carbon dioxide emissions by more than 61 billion pounds, the equivalent of taking 6 million cars off the road for one year.
- Issued more than \$1.5 billion in incentives, allowing northern Illinois customers to reinvest in their homes, businesses and communities.

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# ComEd Announces 681 Residents Completed Clean Energy Job Training in 2021

## ComEd Partnership with Local Workforce Agencies has Helped Train Nearly 2,400 Residents Since 2017, Supporting Equitable Clean Energy Expansion in Illinois

In July, ComEd announced that more than 681 Illinois residents completed clean energy training programs in 2021 to prepare them for jobs in the growing fields of solar and renewable energy. Last year's program saw continued gains, with an overall 89 percent graduation rate and 83 percent job placement rate, with participation from diverse residents across the state of Illinois. ComEd reported the training outcomes to the Illinois Commerce Commission on July 1, as part of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA).

Since launching the training program with 11 local agencies in 2017, ComEd has supported 2,393 participants in completing industry-aligned jobs training, including a more than 80 percent job placement during the life of the program. The year-over-year success of the FEJA training programs are helping provide talent needed for clean energy expansion in Illinois, which calls for growth of new renewable energy technologies, including solar.

"ComEd is working to prepare our communities for the transition to a clean energy economy, which will bring new investment, air quality improvements and jobs to our communities," said Gil C. Quiniones, CEO of ComEd. "Access to comprehensive training and education programs is essential for creating a talent pipeline to meet current demand and to expand solar and new clean energy technologies for the future. This will help ensure that more residents, who reflect the diversity of our communities, benefit from family-sustaining jobs created by clean energy growth right here in Illinois."

Agency partners reported strong participation outcomes from the 2021 program, including 1,540 certifications received and 421 job placements following graduation. The program continued to demonstrate high levels of diverse participation, including 60 percent minority; 53 percent from environmental justice communities; 18 percent women; and 17 percent returning citizens. Last year's participants represent 31 counties in Illinois.

Trainees graduated from one of three programs: the Solar Training Pipeline, the Craft Apprenticeship led by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Renewable Energy Fund, or the Multicultural Job Training Program. To help close the gap in workforce equity, all programs prioritize recruitment and training efforts for populations which are either at-risk or underrepresented in the industry. Graduates received training to prepare for roles in the energy industry, including solar installer, journeyman and laborer.

The Solar Training Pipeline Program prepares job seekers for roles in the solar industry and prepares contractors to bid on solar projects. Training includes a solar bootcamp and is implemented by Elevate Energy, Illinois Central College, OAI, Inc. and the Safer Foundation. The 2021 Solar Training Pipeline Program had 73 trainees, 85 percent of them minority residents, and saw an 89 percent graduation rate.

The Craft Apprenticeship Training Program provides a pathway to roles in electric industry trades, introduction to solar and "train-the-trainer" programs delivered by IBEW locals at high schools across Illinois. The 2021 program featured an expansion of training programs to new CPS high schools, including Dunbar and Simeon. All 410 trainees in the IBEW program graduated and 99 percent secured employment.

"One of the ways the Chicago Urban League works to advance economic equity is by preparing people from underserved communities for in-demand jobs. Over the past few years, we've had dozens of trainees complete our solar panel installation training and go on to successful careers that have changed not only their lives and the lives of their families, but their outlook on the future," said Karen Freeman-Wilson, president and CEO of the Chicago Urban League. "ComEd has been an essential partner in our work and we look forward to continuing to work together to prepare Black Chicagoans to participate in the fast-growing renewable energy sector."

The Multicultural Training Program upskills trainees from diverse and underserved communities with training delivered by the Chicago Urban League, National Latino Education Institute (NLEI), ASPIRA of Illinois and Austin Peoples Action Center. The program is also supported by multicultural industry organizations, including the Chatham Business Association and the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA). There were 220 participants in the Multicultural Training Program in 2021, with a 72 percent graduation rate.

"HACIA is committed to creating pathways of opportunity for diverse businesses and underrepresented groups in the emerging clean energy sector," said Jacqueline Gomez, executive director of HACIA. "Our cohort-based training, funding by FEJA and in partnership with ComEd, has allowed us to do just that, positioning small and diverse businesses to grow and take on new projects. We hope to continue this important work in the near future."

The FEJA training programs are administered with a \$30 million investment by ComEd. To date, \$10 million has been invested in training programs in 2017-2021 and another \$20 million is set for release by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), which will be administering FEJA training grants in future cycles.

To support the steady growth of a diverse talent pipeline, ComEd is invested in a wide array of training, education and job readiness programs that help residents of all ages and backgrounds prepare for a future in energy. These programs include the award-winning CONSTRUCT Infrastructure Academy, Chicago Builds, a CPS high school trades program, and various training programs offered in collaboration with local education institutions. Overall, ComEd's workforce training programs in 2021 reached over 1,400 residents.

**To learn more about job training programs offered by ComEd, please contact our Workforce Development team at [WorkforceDevelopment@ComEd.com](mailto:WorkforceDevelopment@ComEd.com) or visit ComEd's website.**

# Nicor Gas Foundation Commits \$175,000 to Help Reduce Juvenile Delinquency in Suburban Cook County

The Nicor Gas Foundation committed \$175,000 to the Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council (S.J.J.C.) to support its violence prevention, reduction and restorative sustainability plan to benefit youth who have experienced trauma in the south suburban Chicago area.

This gift will support efforts to provide greater access to mental wellness support and in-depth restorative justice practices, as well as training for local schools to address chronic absenteeism and truancy.

“At the Nicor Gas Foundation, we are committed to advancing social justice in the communities that we serve, including equity in education and criminal justice,” said Meena Beyers, vice president of Business and Community Development at Nicor Gas. “By giving to the Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council, we are able to help combat juvenile delinquency and truancy in our schools, fueling a brighter future for local students.”



With support from the Nicor Gas Foundation, S.J.J.C. will also continue to provide additional resources, programs and training for youth in south suburban Cook County that have experienced trauma due to violence, disinvestment, economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. This donation will also support the enhancement of restorative justice practices to combat the systemic racial divide that commonly leads to incarceration.

“We are honored to be the recipient of such a generous commitment from the Nicor Gas Foundation,” said Jaclin Davis, executive director of Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council. “This support will allow S.J.J.C. to continue to work in tandem with our local school districts to reduce chronic absenteeism and truancy, and enhance our restorative justice training, practices and curriculum component, while ensuring our dedication to providing access to mental wellness services to the youth and families of the Southland is an immediate priority.”

To date, S.J.J.C. in partnership with Midwest Family & Community Resources has provided mental wellness services to 391 youth and families. Additionally, the nonprofit has trained over 700 youth, community partners and school administrators in restorative practices.

To learn more about Nicor Gas’ commitment to the community, visit [www.nicorgas.com/community](http://www.nicorgas.com/community).

## Nicor Gas Opens Applications for Basic Human Needs and Energy Assistance Grants

### Company Provides Support to Programs that Promote Stability and Wellness in the Community

Expanding on its commitment to support critical needs across its service territory, Nicor Gas is announcing \$100,000 in funding to support basic human needs and energy assistance programming.

Organizations and nonprofits may now apply for these assistance grants from Nicor Gas to support their initiatives that provide food, shelter, clothing and disaster relief to the community. Applications are available at [www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving](http://www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving) through Aug. 31, with funding decisions by Sept. 30. Selected nonprofits and community organizations will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funds this year.

The company is committed to providing relief to customers in need of extra assistance with their monthly natural gas bill, as well as the most basic needs to live and thrive.

“At Nicor Gas, we believe that a healthy and stable community is a thriving community,” said Jackie Nagel, manager of Community Engagement. “We are proud to partner with organizations that are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors by providing the most basic needs and providing assistance where it is needed.”

Last year, the company provided grant support to:

- Rock River Valley Pantry – Supported the organization’s “Got Milk 4 Kids” Program and the senior milk program in support of their mission to fight hunger in the community by providing nutritious foods to those in urgent need.
- People’s Resource Center – Supported an emergency services program that provides basic necessities, including clothing, food and housing assistance to those in need.

To submit an application for the basic needs and energy assistance grants, visit [www.NicorGas.com/Company/About-us/Charitable-giving.html](http://www.NicorGas.com/Company/About-us/Charitable-giving.html).

To learn more about Nicor Gas’ commitment to its communities, visit [www.NicorGas.com/Community](http://www.NicorGas.com/Community).

## Nicor Gas Employees Show Their “Energy to Serve” During Volunteer Week

For more than 25 years, Nicor Gas employees and their families have rolled up their sleeves to donate their time and resources to community organizations across the company’s service territory during the annual Volunteer Week every summer. This year, employees donated more than 600 hours of service at nearly a dozen projects across northern Illinois.

“At Nicor Gas, we are committed to serving our communities and customers beyond the delivery of clean, safe and reliable natural gas service,” said Wendell Dallas, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. “This year’s Volunteer Week is my first with Nicor Gas and I am proud to be a part of a team of dedicated employees who are passionate about volunteerism and serving their neighbors right here at home.”



This Volunteer Week, more than 200 employees made a difference in their local communities where they live, work and serve by:

- Packed more than eight tons of food – the equivalent of the weight of a school bus – that will provide 14,620 meals at the Northern Illinois Food Banks in Joliet and Rockford.
- Provided 520 grocery bags of food for 130 households at Restoration Ministries in Harvey.
- Planted 300 new saplings with the Natural Land Institute at Silver Creek Woods Preserve in Rockford. As these saplings grow into trees, they can absorb an average of 22 pounds of carbon each year for the first 20 years of its life – that's 6,600 pounds in just one year!
- Packed 600 care packages for local residents in partnership with the United Way of Metro Chicago.

Since 2018, Nicor Gas employees have donated more than 3,000 hours/resources to more than 650 communities across the company's service territory across the state. To learn more about Nicor Gas' commitment to the community, visit [www.nicorgas.com/community](http://www.nicorgas.com/community).

## Nicor Gas Offers Tips and Tools to Help Customers Turn Down the Heat

With the high temperatures and humidity we've experienced this summer, the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program is providing energy-saving tips to help customers keep their cool while saving money and energy.

During the summer months, water is one of the elements that we tend to use more of as we take more showers, hydrate more from the tap and tend to our gardens and lawns. This also means that we use more natural gas, and here are some tips to help customers minimize their use while still enjoying all of those activities and more, year-round:

- Shorten your showers – Lowering the time you spend in the shower can save water and heating! Belt out five minutes' worth of your favorite songs, and see the difference in your bills.
- Reuse water from washing fruits and veggies – Instead of watching water go down the drain after you rinse off those garden fruits and veggies, capture it and reuse it. The next time you want to make some pasta or water your garden, you'll have water available.
- Install high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators – You can save gallons of water every year without giving up comfort or water pressure by installing high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Insulate your water pipes – By insulating your water heater pipes, you can reduce energy loss. As the water travels, the temperature should be more consistent and will deliver hot water faster throughout your system.
- Turn off water when brushing your teeth – While you're brushing, make sure to turn the water off. Even if it's a small amount of time, it can make a big difference in your water savings.
- Schedule a free home assessment – Customers can get free high-efficiency showerheads, faucet aerators, pipe insulation and more by scheduling either a virtual or in-person home assessment. One of our energy advisors can help you maximize your energy-saving opportunities and either install free products or ship them to your home.

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our website at  
[www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com).

## SPECIAL EVENT

### **Hummingbird Fest – Saturday, Aug. 20 • 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

#### **Sagawau Environmental Learning Center (12545 W. 111th St., Lemont)**

Join us for activities, viewing and demos of how the birds are banded for tracking and research.

Contact – (630) 257-2045. Cost – Free.

### **Children's Nature Story Trail: "Where the Wild Things Are" By Maurice Sendak Saturday, Aug. 20-Sunday Aug. 21 • 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 a young boy's adventures with the Wild Things, then stop by the museum to pick up a craft/activity bag to continue the adventure!

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

### **Parent/Child Woodland Ramble – Saturday, Aug. 20 • 10:30 a.m.**

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

Explore the secrets of the woods as we search for cool mushrooms, plants and creatures great and small!

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

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

### **Wellness Walks – Saturday, Aug. 20 • 1 p.m.**

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

Join Roberta Jannsen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer, for a mindful and calming forest walk. Ages 18 and up.

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

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

### **Camping 101 – Wednesday, Aug. 24 • 6-7:30 p.m.**

#### **Camp Reinberg (1801 N. Quentin Road, Palatine)**

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. All ages.

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

### **Hummingbirds for Kids – Thursday, Aug. 25 • 10 a.m.**

#### **Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont)**

Enjoy a hummingbird activity while watching hummingbirds in the Hummingbird Viewing Area.

Registration required – Call Sagawau at (630) 257-2045.

Contact – (630) 257-2045. Cost – Free

### **Kayak the Des Plaines – Thursday, Aug. 25 • 4 p.m.**

#### **Maywood Grove (Ohio St. and Des Plaines Ave., Maywood)**

Join us as we paddle nearly 6 miles of the Des Plaines River from Maywood Grove to Plank Road Meadow.

Instruction, sanitized equipment, kayaks and shuttle provided.

Registration required – Call (312) 533-5751.

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

### **Be a Better Birder: Intro to Bird ID – Thursday, Aug. 25 • 6 p.m.**

#### **Zoom Presentation**

Learn the basics of bird identification, including the lingo birders use to describe birds and how to identify birds using size and shape.

Registration required – Register at <https://babb8-2022.eventbrite.com/>.

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

### **Adult Game Night – Thursday, Aug. 25 • 5-7 p.m.**

#### **Edgebrook Woods (Central Ave., South of Lehigh Ave., Chicago)**

Enjoy a night full of your favorite backyard games and trivia. BYOB. Ages 21 and up.

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

### **Birdability Bird Watching – Saturday, Aug. 27 • 8 a.m.**

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

For individuals with limited mobility and birders of all experience levels! Less than .25 miles on paved trail, binoculars, limited seating available. Led by Chicago Audubon's John Elliott.

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

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



### **Children's Nature Story Trail:**

**"Where the Wild Things Are" By Maurice Sendak**  
**Saturday, Aug. 27-Sunday, Aug. 28 • 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 a young boy's adventures with the Wild Things, then stop by the museum to pick up a craft/activity bag to continue the adventure!

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

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

### **All About Beavers – Saturday, Aug. 27 • 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** **Evans Field**

**(Bloomingdale Ave. and Thatcher Ave., River Grove)**

Families, drop in to learn about beavers that live in Cook County. Enjoy "Beaver Evidence" walks, a beaver dam building activity, dress-up, related crafts and more.

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

### **Wellness Walks – Saturday, Aug. 27 • 1 p.m.** **Thatcher Woods**

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

Join Roberta Jannsen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer, for a mindful and calming forest walk. Ages 18 and up.

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

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

### **Starry Night Walk – Saturday, Aug. 27 • 7:30-9 p.m.** **Sand Ridge Nature Center**

**(15891 Paxton Ave., South Holland)**

Join us for a guided walk and telescope observations as we admire the night sky and learn about astronomy.

Registration required – Call Sand Ridge at (708) 868-0606 or email at sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov.

Contact – (708) 868-0606/sandridge.naturecenter@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

### **Summer Blooms – Sunday, Aug. 28 • 10:30 a.m.** **Trailside Museum of Natural History** **(738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)**

Join a naturalist for a short walk as we check out late-summer blooms at the gardens and along the trails. Ages 18 and up.

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

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

### **The Buzz on Bees – Sunday, Aug. 28 • 1:30 p.m.** **River Trail Nature Center** **(3120 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook)**

Visit our beehives and meet the beekeepers to learn about bees, pollination and honey.

Contact – (847) 824-8360. Cost – Free,

### **Orienteering 101 – Wednesday, Aug. 31 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.** **Miller Meadow-South**

**(First Ave., South of Roosevelt Road, near Forest Park)**

Learn the history and basics of orienteering, then put your new skills to work by completing an orienteering game.

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# 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](http://www.czs.org) for additional happenings.

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

## 2-Month-Old South American Tapir Calf Now Outdoors

Guests visiting Brookfield Zoo can now see a South American tapir calf, who turned 2 months old recently, in his outdoor habitat, located on the north side of Pachyderm House. While getting acclimated to his new surroundings, he and his mother Sorghum (SOAR-gum) also will have access to their indoor space.

One particular characteristic that zoogoers will notice are the calf's white stripes that serve as an excellent camouflage. Baby tapirs are born with the stripes, which will begin to fade in a few months, and are completely gone by 6 months of age. Currently, the male calf weighs approximately 70 pounds. He will reach full size at about 18 months of age and could weigh as much as 500 pounds.

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](http://www.CZS.org/AnimalAdoption).



*A 2-month-old male South American tapir calf with his mother Sorghum in their outdoor habitat at Brookfield Zoo.*  
Photo Caption – Jim Schulz/CZS-Brookfield Zoo.

## Pygmy Hippopotamus Arrives at Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo recently welcomed Banana – a female pygmy hippopotamus who will be turning 3 years old on Aug. 27. As she continues to get acclimated to her new home, guests can see her either inside at the zoo's Pachyderm House or in her outdoor habitat on the building's west side.

The zoo has a long history of including the species in its animal collection dating back to when the zoo first opened in 1934. Its most recent pygmy hippo, Adelle, was humanely euthanized in June 2021 due to problems associated with her advanced age – she was a remarkable 44 years old.

Much smaller and rarer than the common river hippopotamus, the pygmy hippo weighs between 350 and 600 pounds, and can reach a body length of up to about 5.75 feet. Although adapted for spending time in the water, it is less aquatic than its larger relative. Hippos secrete a white or pinkish substance called “blood sweat” from their pores that provides a protective coat like sunscreen on their skin.

The pygmy hippo, whose closest living relative is the whale, is listed as endangered on the IUCN's (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) Red List of Threatened Species. Found in the interior forests of West Africa's Ivory Coast, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, the population is declining mainly due to deforestation of its habitat as well as an increase in development associated with mining. In addition, due to the pygmy hippo's range becoming more fragmented, hunters are posing an additional threat to the remaining population, which is estimated to be between 2,000 to 3,000 individuals.



*Banana, a pygmy hippopotamus, recently arrived at Brookfield Zoo.*  
Photo Caption – Jim Schulz/CZS-Brookfield Zoo.



# Join Us for These Exciting Events!

## ZooRun – Within the Park • Sunday, Sept. 11/8:30 a.m.

Join us on Sunday, 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.

Registration is now open for the 5K Race/Walk and 1-Mile Kids Dash!

• **5k Chip-Timed Race/Walk** – Regular rate: \$40.00 + \$3.50

SignUp Fee.

• **1-Mile Kids Dash** – \$30.00 + \$3.50 SignUp Fee.

### Register Now

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Brookfield/BrookfieldZooRunRun>

All proceeds benefit the Chicago Zoological Society Animal Care and Conservation Fund. Don't forget you can bring your family and friends in for free to help cheer you on and enjoy the zoo.

### RACE DAY SCHEDULE

- 6:30 a.m. – Registrants can enter and make their way to the Discovery Center parking lot.
- 8:30 a.m. – 5K chip-timed run will kick off with a 5K fun walk immediately following.
- 9:30 a.m. – 1-Mile Kids Dash kicks off.
- 10 a.m. – Prizes announced on stage in the Discovery Center parking lot.
- After the Race – Registrants and family can enjoy the zoo.

### TIMING, RESULTS, AWARDS

Your official results will be available on site at the results tent as well as online after the race. Each participant will receive a bib containing your timing chip as well as snacks and beverages. Awards will be given out for the best times in the following categories:

- Top Three Male
- Top Three Female
- Top Three Kids



Race Day Map

## Howl: Helping Our Wildlife – Tropic World and Seven Seas

### • Saturday, Sept. 17/6-9 p.m.

The Chicago Zoological Society Associates is a volunteer group of dedicated young professionals who share an interest in animals and conservation. As society ambassadors, they support CZS through fundraising events, conservation education, and advocating public awareness for the zoo's animals, research, fieldwork and education programs. Associates provide an essential role in assisting CZS and its future, and further define the CZS associates' role and responsibilities supporting a leading zoological institution in the 21st century.

Please join us for their second annual HOWL event, an evening with fire- and ice-themed hors d'oeuvres and drinks throughout Brookfield Zoo's Tropic World and Seven Seas. Visit [CZS.org/HOWL2022](http://CZS.org/HOWL2022) for more information.

### Helping Our Wildlife (HOWL)

**WHERE** – Brookfield Zoo (South Gate Entrance) • **VIP Cocktail Hour:** Tropic World • **Main Event:** Seven Seas Underwater Viewing Area

**WHEN** – Saturday, Sept. 17 • 6-7 p.m./VIP Cocktail Hour • 7-9 p.m./Main Event: Hors D'Oeuvres and Drinks

### TICKETS

General Admission: \$125 • VIP: \$200

Proceeds from the event will benefit animal care and welfare initiatives as well as conservation and education programs of the Chicago Zoological Society.



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

# PROVISO TOWNSHIP HANDYMAN PROGRAM

## Proviso Township Handyman News

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The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves  
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# Obituaries

## *Alvarado*

Ada Iris Alvarado. Loving mother of Ada (Christopher Ridgeway) Fregozo and Esther Betancourt; beloved daughter of the late Eufemio and Georgina Alvarado; fond lali of Venus “Celi”, Alani, Janice and Yustyn; fond great lali of Legend; dear sister of Daniel, Maria, the late Noel, the late Ezekiel, the late Noemi and the late Joel “Umpa”; fond surviving sisters-in-law Carmen and Ita “Nana”; fond surviving brother-in-laws Antonio “Tono” and Anastacio “Nacho”; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Boezio*

Richard James Boezio. Loving father of Sarah Boezio, Richard B. (Jordan) Boezio and Gizmo; beloved son of Dorothy and the late Patrick; dear brother of Michael, Patricia, David (Maureen), Wayne and Darlene; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Bracco*

Al "Sonny" Bracco. Dearly beloved husband of MariLynn (nee Zito); loving father of Dominic (Nicole) and Gina (Sarkis) Bedikian; beloved son of the late Al and Barbara Bracco; loving papa of Edward; dear brother of Christine (Pat) Carr, Cheryl (Ron) Gliot, Antonia Bracco and the late Joseph Bracco; dear brother-in-law of Michael (Betty), Tim (Joanne) and Jeanne; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *Bruno*

Bernard “Barney” Joseph Bruno passed peacefully on July 6. He was born to Sicilian immigrants, Carmen and Josephine (nee Perrone) on July 11, 1922, in Melrose Park, Ill. He attended Mt. Carmel Grade School in Melrose Park, Ill., and graduated from Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., in 1940. After surviving a training crash in the Army Air Corp during WWII, Barney utilized the G.I. Bill to receive his bachelor’s degree and juris doctor from DePaul University in Chicago in 1947. He went on to become a practicing lawyer for over 60 years, licensed in Illinois, the Federal Court and the United States Supreme Court. He was an accomplished attorney, political consultant, mentor, lifelong anonymous philanthropist, avid golfer, world traveler, voracious reader, artist, spectacular cook and late-life author. Barney lived a beautiful and rich life in his 100 years.

Barney now joins his parents, his brother Leonard, and many family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Rose Marie (nee Guarrine); his children Mary Jo (Angelo) Egizio, Anthony (Patricia Bex) and Joel; his grandchildren Jessica, Dominic (Pamela), Victoria Egizio (Frank Yokosh), Angelo Egizio, Casandra and Joel Jr.; great-grandchildren Cheyenne, Oliver, Ariana and Vera; great-nieces Rosa and Bernadette; and numerous family and friends.

Beloved by all who encountered him, Barney was a benevolent force, an extraordinary story-teller and an overall amazing person. He will be greatly missed by everyone in his orbit. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

## *De Julius*

Joann De Julius, nee Urso. Dearly Beloved wife of the late Alexander "Lex" De Julius; loving mother of Roxanne De Julius and Dionne (Robert) Lisanti; cherished nonnie of Luciana, Livia and Mila; loving sister-in-law, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment private.

## *Dresser*

Frank Dresser. Dearly beloved husband of the late Cathy Dearing; loving stepfather of Austin Stimes, Eric Stimes and April Stimes; beloved son of the late Barbara; dear brother of Ralph Dresser, Anita (Lee) Wojcik, David (Angel) Dresser and Lisa (the late Rick) Schulmeister; cherished uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Gagliano*

Sam Gagliano. Beloved son of the late Vincent and Mildred; dear brother of Grace (Michael) Turso; fond uncle of Suzy Chiappetta, Andrea (Mike) Callahan and Chrissy (Justin) Hollmann; cherished companion of the late Maryann Wright; a special thanks to Amy Connelly for being there for Sam in his time of need; loving great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Garcia*

Martiniano Garcia. Beloved husband of Ruth Garcia; Loving father of Erika Garcia and Jessica (Osvaldo Zamora) Garcia; beloved son of the late Jesus and Susana Garcia; fond grandfather of Itzel, Citlali and Emiliano; dear brother of Fidelia, Adela, Alicia, Jorge, Hector, Dora, Victor, Saul, Ismael, the late Irma and the late Jesus Jr.; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Graziani*

Antonio Graziani. Dearly beloved husband of Lida (nee Bertani); loving father of Angela (Chris) Schmidt, Lido, Lisa (Julio) Di Vito and the late Marco; beloved son of the late Olivio and Olga Graziani; fond nonno of Simona Costanzi, Julio and Lia Di Vito, and Antonio and Marco Graziani; dear brother of the late Orazio; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Proud employee of Air Wisconsin for over 45 years. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

## *Hoggatt*

Dolores "Dolly" Hoggatt. Beloved wife of the late Jack Hoggatt; loving mother of Steve (Dian), Kathy (John) Vodak and Mike (Joan); fond grandmother of Kevin (Armensue), Alex, Jack, Ashley, Valerie and Clint; fond great-grandmother of Nathaniel; dear sister of Carolyn (Mark) Ausland; fond aunt of Christi (Chuck), Karen (Larry) and Trevor; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Mata*

Nicomedis Figueroa Mata. Loving father of Anthony, Neysa, Miguel, Alex and Marco; beloved son of the late Isabel Mata Rodriguez and Donaciano Figueroa; fond grandfather of Christopher Jimenez and Ava Figueroa; a special thanks to Erica Mata and Blanco Sanchez for helping in his time of need; loving uncle and cherished friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Pesola*

Patrick Frank Pesola. Dearly beloved husband and best friend of Jacquelyn (nee Tuccillo); loving father of Gina Taglia, Michael (Rachel) Pesola and the late Patrick Pesola II; beloved son of the late Rocco and Rose Pesola; fond papa of Louis III, Patrick, Sophia and Gia Taglia, Nino, Natalia, Mario and Giada Pesola; dear brother of Mary, the late Michael, Angelo and Frances; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

## *Schultz*

Curt Schultz. Dearly beloved husband of Angel; loving father of Brian (Shannon), Nicole (Jay) Glenn and Lauren (Billy) Bibby; beloved son of the late Edward and Eleanor Schultz; proud papa of Mataya, Andrew, Landon, Sophia and Kellan; dear brother of Christine and Cindy; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

## *Zupinski*

Susan Zupinski. Dearly beloved wife of the late Norbert; loving mother of Christina (Jeffrey) Juan; cherished nana of Amelia and Jessica; beloved daughter of the late Charles and Mary Lu; loving sister of Christine (Marty) Dorwart; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



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