### A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Thanksgiving is fast approaching ... While on the subject, I want to express some well-deserved thanks to all who supported this year's Taste of Melrose Park and to our residents for observing the in-place COVID protocols the past 30 months!

Dear Neighbors,

One of my favorite holidays is fast approaching ... Thanksgiving, which is the ultimate holiday for a food aficionado like myself. In the spirit of good eating, I did some research and found some interesting facts to chew on while anticipating your own upcoming Thanksgiving feast.

- 1. Americans consume 44 million turkeys on Thanksgiving. Surveys have shown that over 80 percent of Americans gobble down some turkey on this day.
- 2. About 77 million pounds of ham is purchased for Thanksgiving.
- 3. About 250 million pounds of potatoes are bought and prepared.
- 4. More than 50 million pounds of sweet potatoes are fried, baked or candied.
- 5. Over 40 million rolls are sold.
- 6. And don't forget the stuffing! Americans spent about \$96 million on seasoned breadcrumbs alone!
- 7. Over \$42 million is spent on that succulent canned cranberry sauce each year and more than 17 million pounds of fresh cranberries are sold.
- 8. About 40 percent of Campbell's total yearly sales of Cream of Mushroom soup is attributed to this holiday, due to its importance as an ingredient for that traditional favorite, green bean casserole.
- 9. Approximately 55 million pumpkin pies are devoured every Thanksgiving, but pecan pie, a runner-up, has the most calories (503 calories per slice).
- 10. Americans eat between 2,500 and 4,500 calories on this day, which is equivalent to eating between four and eight Big Macs in one meal.
- 11. But don't fret ... Even with all the extra calories, it's just a myth that the average person gains 5 pounds this day. Most people only gain about eight-tenths of a pound, not even a belt notch!

While on the subject of Thanksgiving, I want to express some well-deserved thanks.

First, I want to thank Peg DiFazio and her volunteers for the excellent work they did this year in hosting the 40th Anniversary of the Taste of Melrose Park. After a two-year hiatus, due to the pandemic, Peg and her team did not miss a beat, ensuring the grounds were clean, food vendors were in place, music stages were humming and COVID standards were met. Great job folks!

I also want to thank the many sponsors whose financial assistance helped underwrite the Taste of Melrose Park. Even in the face of the economic hardships caused by COVID-19, these businesses and individuals stepped up big time and contributed more money than we have ever raised. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Last, but not least, I want to thank you, the residents, for your cooperation over the past 30 months for observing the COVID-19 protocols. Due to your vigilance, during the first year of the pandemic we had one of the highest vaccination rates in the Cook County suburbs. Presently, 71 percent of Melrose Park residents have been inoculated with the complete series of COVID vaccinations. I want to say again thank you for protecting your community, your neighbors, yourself and most important, your family.

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





Ronald M. Serpico Mayor

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Mayor Ron Serpico

Early Voting for the Nov. 8, 2022 — Gubernatorial Election Runs Monday, Oct. 24-Monday, Nov. 7 at the Melrose Park Village Hall (Gymnasium), 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park. Early voting hours are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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



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

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

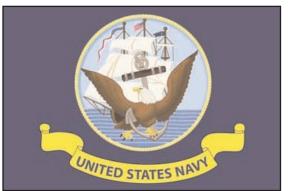
If you know of a veteran or someone currently serving from the community and would like to have a flag displayed on a lightpole near to their home, please call the Melrose Park Village Hall at (708) 343-4000 with details on their U.S. military branch.

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

### **Attention Residents**

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















### Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

**Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk** 

### **Trustees**

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera Anthony J. Prignano • Mary Ramirez Taconi



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**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.** 

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Office of the Mayor(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4410
Police Emergency911
Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409
Animal Control(708) 344-8409
Fire Emergency911
Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210
Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000
Library(708) 343-3391
Public Works(708) 343-5128
<b>Building and Code(708) 343-4000</b>
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
<b>Economic Development(708) 865-8809</b>
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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Village Board Meetings.....Oct. 24, Nov. 14 and 28, and Dec. 12 Village Hall Holiday Closings......Nov. 11 and Nov. 24-25

# Resident Response

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

On Sept. 20, 2022, at approximately 0730HRS, Officer Aquino and myself were dispatched to the area of 38th Avenue and North Avenue, referencing a report of a subject on board a Pace bus who was claiming to be in possession of a bomb.

Upon my arrival, I observed Pace bus #20415 stopped on North Avenue with all its doors ajar and its horn sounding.

Its driver indicated all passengers had exited the bus apart from the male offender who remained seated in the rear.

My preliminary investigation indicated the offender boarded the bus in Northlake, near North Avenue and Harold Avenue, questioned the driver as to the cost of the fare before telling her ... "Call the police ... I have a bomb." The driver was further told ... "Don't stop the bus."

With assistance from Northlake PD and Melrose Park Police Officer DeCarlo (#87), eastbound traffic on North Avenue was immediately diverted to Mannheim Road. Melrose Park Police officers, Jarecki (#68) and Gucciardo (#42), responded to assist as well.

With assistance from Melrose Park Police Officer Potamianos (#86), we boarded the bus and observed the offender holding a flashlight in his hand, vertically with his thumb "raised" over its button. The offender immediately dropped the flashlight upon being commanded to do so and was safely taken into custody of Northlake PD.

I would like to take an opportunity to thank the Melrose Park Police Department for their assistance during this incident. Their eagerness to help and constant professionalism is always welcomed and much appreciated.

 Respectfully, Chief of Police Christopher Pavini Corporal J. Amin (#06) Stone Park Police Department

### Dear Honorable Mayor Serpico, Director of Fire Department Beltrame, Director of Police Pitassi and the Village Trustees ...

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, the Melrose Park Fire Department, Police Department and paramedics were called into service for a 3-year-old drowning victim.

I am happy to announce that due to the prompt and coordinated professionalism of the above personnel, the child is at home and completely recovered. This result (nothing short of miraculous) is greatly due to the actions of the above-mentioned personnel.

To just say "Thank You" to these responders falls far short of the gratitude our family has for the actions of these responders on that day. I am truly at a loss for any words to express our heartfelt regard for all the persons involved with the successful resuscitation of the child.

God bless members of the Melrose Park Fire Department entire Shift One, Fire Department paramedics Chris Bojko and Bernie Bumanglag, the Melrose Park Police Department and officers Jesus Tejeda, Sam Pitassi, Jr. and Leonard Bartemio. The Melrose Park Dispatch Center Norcomm, also was instrumental in the successful outcome.

The residents of Melrose Park need to know how proud we are of these first responders that are always ready to respond as caring professionals when needed.

 Eternally grateful, Richard Dalitto and Family, and the Augelli Family



### Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS

Rick Beltrame Director of Fire Dept.

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

With the cooler months fast approaching,

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

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

### Get Ahead of the Winter Fre It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze. Our furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. (A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.) Our chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.) Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is dry, seasoned wood. Our fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace. We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.) Our children know to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters. Our portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off. Our portable space heaters will be plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.) I'M SO HAPPY We have tested our smoke alarms and made sure they are working. (You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.) We have tested our carbon monoxide alarms and made sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)

Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

### A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



Sam C. Pitassi Director of Police



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

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

The website can be translated to Spanish and Polish.

### **Melrose Park Police Department**



### **Trick or Treat Hours ...**

Trick or Treating will be allowed in the village of Melrose Park from 3-6 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 31.

# 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.

### **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.



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### HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Frick-or-treating is a great adventure for children. Parents, keep it fun by preparing yourself and your children for a safe night out, beginning with these safety tips.



You or a responsible adult should always accompany children 12 and under when trick-or-treating.

Children over the age of 12 who are responsible enough to go without you, should stay in groups, follow an agreed upon route, and watch for cars.

WATCH the ROAD. Kids are twice as more likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year.



Walk, don't run from house to house. Have your trick-or-treater wear reflective clothing or carry a light or glow stick.

Ensure costumes fit well and

never obscure visibility.

Remind your children to stay in well-lit areas, never take shortcuts, and never go into isolated areas.



Teach your kids to bring treats home before eating them. Eat only factory-wrapped

treats unless you know the giver well.

Let your children know to tell you or a trusted adult if they see anything weird or unusual.

Teach your children to say NO and GET AWAY from any person or situation making them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused; even if it means yelling, kicking, attracting attention or any other means of resisting.

Teach your children to never enter any home without you or without your permission.



Before Halloween, do these three steps to help make trick-or-treating safe this year:

- 1. Visit your local sheriff or police department's website and click on their sex offender link. Check an address for registered sex offenders nearby.
- 2. Register for email notifications so you get notified if a registered sex offender moves into your neighborhood.
- 3. NEW App launch on October 15th! Download the free OffenderWatch App to

see where registered sex offenders are located in your area, near you or your children, and be able to track your child's phone. We will be offering 30 days FREE online monitoring and alerts if a registered sex offender contacts your child through texts, emails, calls or if they linger near a registered offender's address. The App will also have a new Watch List feature of adding a phone number to be blocked.

You can download the app for iPhone in the Apple Store and for Android on Google Play.













### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Although we are no longer in the midst of the Covid pandemic, it is still good to play it safe. Below are CDC recommended COVID guidelines for Halloween, and for those not wanting to participate in traditional Trick-or-Treating, we've listed some fun, family-friendly alternatives that are sure to make your Halloween celebration fun!



### Make Trick-Or-Treating Safer:

- · Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- · Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Use hand sanitizer after touching objects or other people.



Alternative activities to traditional trick-or-treating:

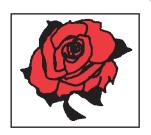
- Have a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search inside your house.
- Decorate pumpkins and bake goulish goodies at home with your family.
- Have a Halloween movie night with your family:
  - The Addams Family
  - It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown
  - Ghostbusters
  - Hocus Pocus
  - Hotel Transvivania
  - The Haunted Mansion
  - Casper
- Attend a church or community trunk-or-treat.





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# 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**

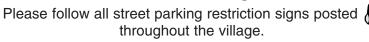
If you would like to participate in the 2023 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program to request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information. The 2022 50/50 Sidewalk Program is now closed.

### **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





### **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.

# SNOW ROUTE NO PARKING AFTER 2 INCH SNOWFALL OR MORE UNTIL REMOVAL IS COMPLETE VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED

### **Snow Routes**

Please follow all snow route signs throughout the village streets. Please remove your vehicle from the snow route when 2 inches or more of snow falls. This will help expedite snow removal quickly.

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:

• 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.

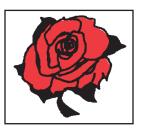
Dog Park licenses are available at the Village Hall.

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
 A 2023 street resurfacing list is being compiled for next year's street projects.



### Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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

### **Senior Services**

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

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

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

Donation of Mobility Need Items — Canes, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Etc. The Melrose Park Senior Center is currently accepting donations of canes, wheelchairs, walkers, etc., that can be given to those in need.

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

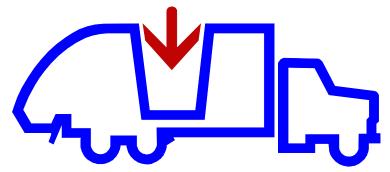
### **Benefit Access Program Benefits**

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

### Beneficio de Acceso para el Programa de Beneficios

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

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



### Village of Melrose Park Residental Garbage Pickup Information

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

24th Avenue to 11th Avenue – Tuesday and Friday
Winston Park Area – Tuesday and Friday
West Melrose – Tuesday and Friday
North of North Avenue – Tuesday and Friday
Republic Services is contracted to pick up your regular, everyday garbage and household items, such as couches, tables, mattresses, box springs, desks and chairs, etc.

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

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

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

### The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department Garbage Pickup Schedule

24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – North Side from Cortez to North Avenue – Monday
24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – South Side from Cortez to Main Street – Tuesday
Winston Park Area – Wednesday West Melrose – Thursday North of North Avenue – Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

Village of Melrose Park Public Works regular hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m. This information is also available at www.melrosepark.org.

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

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

### REPLACEMENT RESIDENT RECYCLING CANS

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

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

## **ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**EARLY VOTING RUNS MONDAY, OCTOBER 24-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

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# 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:

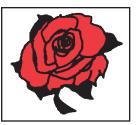
#### NOW-DECEMBER 2022 OR 2023 (Depending on Type of Vehicle)

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Passenger Vehicles	\$55 Every Two Years
B Plate	\$95
D Plate	\$145
F Plate	\$145
H Plate	\$145
J Plate	\$155
K Plate	\$155
L Plate	<b>\$175</b>
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 VEHICLES REGISTERED TO MELROSE PARK RESIDENTS AND 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.

<u>VEHICLE REGISTRATION IS NEEDED TO PURCHASE STICKERS. NO EXCEPTIONS. LATE CHARGES MAY APPLY.</u>



# Village of Melrose Park **Building, Planning & Zoning Report**

From the Desk of Ralph Sorce, Building Commissioner

### **Building Department Development Progress - Fall 2022**

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

- 120 W. North Ave. 7/11 Gas Station Currently under construction.
- 3225 W. North Ave. Belle Tire Currently under construction.
- 550 W. North Ave. Discount Tire Currently under construction.
- 10400 W. North Ave. Navistar Buildings 1, 2 and 3 Currently under construction.
- 2621 W. North Ave. Midwest Express Clinic Currently open for business.
- 950 Winston Plaza Cermak Foods Currently under construction.
- 930 Winston Plaza Northern Tool Currently under construction.
- 915 W. North Ave. Chili's Restaurant Permit ready for pickup.
- 2085 Cornell Ave. Lake Book Manufacturing Improvements currently under construction.
- 2065 George St. DHL Conveyor System Permit issued.

- 4613 W. Lake St. West Melrose Auto Wreckers –
   New development, vacating 47th Ave.
- 2100 N. 15th Ave. New building construction.
- 1975 Ruby St. Demolition of Bodycote Complete.
- 2045 and 2033 N. 17th Ave. Unifirst Expansion.
- 8311 W. North Ave. Menards Indoor public storage.
- Meadow Creek Mobile Park –

Under new ownership, currently making improvements.

- 1384 Winston Plaza, Crab & Go Restaurant Almost complete.
- 4825 W. Lake St. Kelly's Trucking Preparing for new owners to purchase.
- And much more!

# **Building Department Construction Project Resource Information**

The cooler weather is here and many residents and business owners will be performing construction projects to their homes and businesses.

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

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

Go to www.melrosepark.org to obtain the following Building Department forms.

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

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

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

The Village Zoning Map is available on the home page of the Village of Melrose Park website www.melrosepark.org.

### **MP Construction Hours Policy**

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

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

### **Help Keep Our Village Clean!**

Help keep our village clean by making sure you keep all garbage in your 90-gallon blue garbage container to keep garbage from blowing throughout the neighborhood. The village is proud of the garbage and debris services it provides our residents. Help keep the parkways clean and in the front and rear of your house or building.

The village is dedicated to working with and for our citizens – together we can make Melrose Park look even better!

# 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.

### **ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

EARLY VOTING RUNS MONDAY, OCTOBER 24-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

### **MAYOR SERPICO**

asks you to please consider voting for the following candidates:

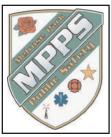
### **■ VOTE YES TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT**TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION.

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  JB PRITZKER & JULIANA STRATTON	PUNCH 4
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL  KWAME RAOUL	PUNCH 7
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE  ALEXI GIANNOULIAS	PUNCH <b>10</b>
FOR COMPTROLLER SUSANA A. MENDOZA	PUNCH <b>13</b>
FOR TREASURER  MICHAEL W. FRERICHS	PUNCH <b>16</b>
FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT JESUS 'CHUY' GARCIA	<b>21</b>
FOR STATE SENATOR, 39TH SENATE DISTRICT  DON HARMON	<b>31</b>
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 7TH DISTRICT (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT)  EMANUEL 'CHRIS' WELCH	PUNCH <b>41</b>
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 77TH DISTRICT (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT)  NORMA HERNANDEZ	PUNCH <b>41</b>
FOR COMMISSIONER, METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT PATRICIA THERESA FLYNN	PUNCH <b>52</b>
FOR CLERK, COOK COUNTY KAREN A. YARBROUGH	<b>64</b>
FOR SHERIFF, COOK COUNTY THOMAS J. DART	<b>67</b>
FOR TREASURER, COOK COUNTY  MARIA PAPPAS	<b>70</b>
FOR COMMISSIONER, 9TH COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT)  MATT PODGORSKI	PUNCH 82
FOR COMMISSIONER, 16TH COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT)  FRANK J. AGUILAR	PUNCH 81
FOR JUDGE, 4TH COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT (VACANCY OF GAVIN)  (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT)  NICK KANTAS	PUNCH <b>131</b>
FOR JUDGE, 4TH COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT (VACANCY OF ROGERS)  (FOR ALL MELROSE PARK VOTERS WITH THIS CANDIDATE APPEARING ON THEIR BALLOT)  SHAWNTE RAINES-WELCH	PUNCH <b>132</b>

VOTE NO - SHALL THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK CEASE TO BE A HOME RULE UNIT?

Paid for by Citizens to Elect Ronald M. Serpico.





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

# COVID-19 Protection and Safety Reminders

### **What You Need to Know**

• Updated (Bivalent) Boosters Became Available for People Ages 12 and Older Over Labor Day Weekend

CDC recommends everyone stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines for their age group: Children and teens ages 6 months-17 years and adults ages 18 years and older.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine after you recover from COVID-19 infection provides added protection against COVID-19.

If you recently had COVID-19, you may consider delaying your next vaccine dose (primary dose or booster) by three months from when your symptoms started or, if you had no symptoms, when you first received a positive test.

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines. COVID-19 vaccine and booster recommendations may be updated as CDC continues to monitor the latest COVID-19 data.

### **Updated Boosters are Recommended for Some People**

CDC recommends that people ages 12 years and older receive one updated (bivalent) booster if it has been at least two months since their last COVID-19 vaccine dose, whether that was: Their final primary series dose or an original (monovalent) booster. People who have had more than one original (monovalent) booster are also recommended to get an updated (bivalent) booster.

### **Updated (Bivalent) Boosters**

The updated (bivalent) boosters are called "bivalent" because they protect against both the original virus that causes COVID-19 and the Omicron variant BA.4 and BA.5.

Previous boosters are called "monovalent" because they were designed to protect against the original virus that causes COVID-19. They also provide some protection against Omicron, but not as much as the updated (bivalent) boosters.

The virus that causes COVID-19 has changed over time. The different versions of the virus that have developed over time are called variants.

### When Are You Up to Date?

You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.

COVID-19 vaccine recommendations are based on three things: Your age, the vaccine you first received and the length of time since your last dose.

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines. You are still up to date if you receive all COVID-19 vaccine doses recommended for you and then become ill with COVID-19. You do not need to be immediately revaccinated or receive an additional booster.

# **Getting a Flu Vaccine is More Important Than Ever**

Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever as we brace for a dual outbreak of flu and COVID-19 this fall and winter. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and local health departments across Illinois are challenging everyone to roll their #SleeveUp to get a flu shot and help protect not only themselves, but those around them.

By increasing the number of people who are vaccinated, we can help reduce the number of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths, which can in turn help reduce the burden on our medical system and save medical resources for patients with COVID-19.

Wearing a mask, washing your hands often, getting a flu vaccine and watching your distance are four simple actions that everyone, especially people at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, should take to help reduce the spread of flu.

Mask Up: Cover your nose and mouth with a mask when out in public.

Lather Up: Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

Sleeve Up: Roll up your sleeve to get a flu shot. Back Up: Keep 6 feet of distance between you and others.

### Thank you and be safe!



How do you tell the difference?

Cold

Rare

Rare

Slight

Quite mild

Never

Common

Usual

Common

Mild to Moderate; Hacking Cough

Sinus congestion or earache

None

Only temporary relief of symptoms

Symptoms

Fever

Headache

General aches, Pains

Fatigue, Weakness

Extreme Exhaustion

Stuffy Nose

Sneezing

Sore Throat

Chest Discomfort, Cough

Complications

Prevention

Treatment

Flu

Characteristic, high (100 degrees to 103 degrees F); lasts 3-4 days.

Prominent

Usual; often severe

Can last up to 2-3 weeks

Early and prominent

Sometimes

Sometimes

Sometimes

Common; can become severe

Bronchitis, pneumonia; can be life-threatening

Annual vaccination; anti-viral drug

Anti-viral drug within 24-48 hours after onset of symptoms

### **Answer the Call...**

### Melrose Park's Homeland Security and Public Safety Departments are NOW Recruiting!

- Interested in public safety, emergency services and first responder volunteer opportunities? Become a member of the Village of Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety.
- Team members gain real-world emergency services experience in the areas of police, fire, criminal justice, public safety, computer IT, telecommunications and weather-related disasters.
- Learn on state-of-the-art technologies and equipment that will give you expert training for potential career opportunities.
- We are seeking individuals who take pride in wearing the uniform and helping to provide public safety to our community.

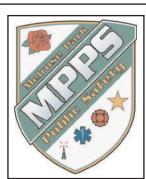
### We are Currently Recruiting for ...

- Adults for both volunteer and paid positions in our 311 Telecommunications Centers, as well as reserve (auxiliary police) officers.
- High school students (14 years and older) to join our cadet programs a unique experience which gives students the opportunity to gain public safety career exploration and training.

Deadline to register for our fall recruiting is Nov. 15, 2022. Call us at (708) 649-8040 or email us today at training@mpdhs.net to join one of the most prestigious public safety departments in the region!

Visit our website at www.mpps.us for more information about our department.





### Melrose Park Public Safety News







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

# Are You Prepared for Winter Weather?

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

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

The National Weather Service uses specific winter weather terms to ensure that people know what to expect in the coming days and hours. A Winter Storm Watch means that severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may affect your area, but its occurrence, location and timing are still uncertain. A Winter Storm Watch is issued to provide 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of severe winter weather. A Winter Storm Watch is intended

to provide enough lead time so those who need to set plans in motion can do so. A watch is upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning when 4 or more inches of snow or sleet is expected in the next 12 hours, or 6 or more inches in 24 hours, or 1/4 inch or more of ice accretion is expected. Winter weather advisories inform you that winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is exercised, advisory situations should not become life-threatening. A Blizzard Warning means that snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts and life-threatening windchill. Be sure to listen carefully to the radio, television and NOAA Weather Radio for the latest winter storm watches, warnings and advisories.

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

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

### **What is Wind Chill?**

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

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### **About Winter Storms ...**

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

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

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

### **Know the Difference**

Winter Storm Outlook – Winter storm conditions are possible in the next two to five days.

**Winter Weather Advisory** – Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

**Winter Storm Watch** – Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

**Winter Storm Warning** – Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

### **How to Prepare for a Winter Storm**

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

### **Put Together a Supply Kit**

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

### **Protect Your Pets During Snowstorms**

### **Make Sure Your Pets are Prepared for Winter Weather**

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

### **Pet Safety in the Winter**

- If possible, bring your pets inside during cold winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas and make sure they have access to non-frozen drinking water.
- If the animals are outside, make sure their access to food and water is not blocked by snow drifts, ice or other obstacles.

#### The following tips on winter pet safety are provided by the Humane Society of the United States:

- If pets cannot come indoors, make sure they are protected by a dry, draft-free enclosure large enough to allow them to sit and lie down, but small enough to hold in the pet's body heat. Raise the floor a few inches off the ground and cover it with cedar shavings or straw. Turn the enclosure away from the wind and cover the doorway with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.
- Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate a pet's paws. Wipe their paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth.
- Antifreeze is a deadly poison. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach.

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

### Do You Have a Disaster Supplies Kit?

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

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

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

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

### **Basic Disaster Supplies Kit**

	Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit	Ad	ditional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit			
-		☐ Prescription m	nedications and glasses			
	Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days,	☐ Infant formula	and diapers			
_	for drinking and sanitation	Pet food and e	extra water for your pet			
	Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food		illy documents such as copies of insurance policies, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable containe			
	Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with	Cash or travel	er's checks and change			
	tone alert and extra batteries for both	Emergency rel	ference material such as a first aid book or information			
	Flashlight and extra batteries		or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding			
	First aid kit	if you live in a cold-weather climate.				
	Whistle to signal for help		nge of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long dy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a climate.			
	Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place	to one part bleach	orine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts waten, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to get a few parts of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not			
	Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation	use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.				
	Wrench or pilers to turn off utilities	☐ Fire Extinguisi	ner			
	wrench or pilers to turn on utilities	☐ Matches in a v	vaterproof container			
	Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)	☐ Feminine supp	olles and personal hygiene items			
	Local maps	Mess kits, pap	er cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels			
	account intelligence	☐ Paper and pen	cil			
		Books, games	, puzzles or other activities for children			

### **Maintaining Your Kit**

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

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

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



MAYOR SERPICO AND THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK ARE NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS TO DELIVER FREE THANKSGIVING DINNERS TO SENIORS (65 AND OLDER) AND SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS ONLY ON THURSDAY, NOV. 24.

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

TO MAKE A DELIVERY RESERVATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATION FORM AND MAIL IT TO:

Village of Melrose Park, Thanksgiving Delivery 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160

**NO CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED. FORMS ONLY!** 

### Volunteers Needed!

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

RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE NOV. 1, 2022.

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

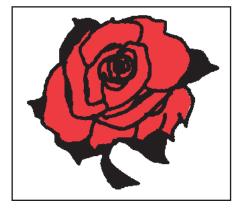
YOU MUST BE HOME TO ACCEPT THE MEAL. MAXIMUM TWO PER HOUSEHOLD.

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

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

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

Name	Age
Address	Apt. #
Phone	Needs One Meal Two Meals



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

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

This service is available to residents Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make a reservation, please call (708) 343-7047. You can make appointments from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru

Friday. We are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and all major holidays. To book an appointment or make a cancellation, you must call at least 24 hours in advance.

### **Policies and Procedures**

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Only two appointments a week can be made for miscellaneous use such as grocery shopping etc. Anyone

using the van for doctor appointments, etc., may use the van up to three times a week.

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

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



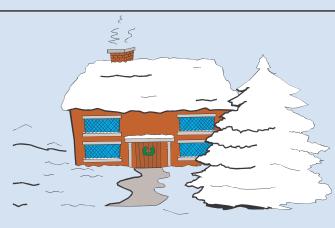
Mayor Serpico encourages residents . to use this **convenient** transportation resource for their *everyday* needs, such as shopping, doctor appointments, etc.

Call (708) 343-7047 for service.



### Village of Melrose Park

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



RESIDENTS
MUST
PRE-REGISTER
EVERY
SEASON.

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

AT 4 INCHES OR MORE OF PREDICTED FALLING SNOW, YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE SNOW REMOVAL LIST.

WE WILL DO A PATH FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR TO THE STREET AND A SWIPE OF YOUR DRIVEWAY.

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

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

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

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

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

Name	
Address	
Phone	Age

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



# Woodlake

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

### **OUR MISSION**

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

#### SERVICES PROVIDED

Work Related Injury Care
DOT Physicals
Drug & Alcohol Testing
Pre-Employment Exams
Medical Surveillance Exams
Immunizations
Travel Medicine

### **OUR VISION**

To be recognized community experts in providing quality and accessible Occupational Health Services, with reduced healthcare cost and manpower loss, to improve efficiency and exceed customer satisfaction.

- 7 am 7 pm Monday Friday
- 1111 Superior St Suite#506, Melrose Park 60160
- **108 919 9900**
- occupationa.health@woodlakespecialty.com
- woodlakeocchealth.com



### MAYOR RON SERPICO Endorses



### **NORMA HERNANDEZ**

### **Democrat for State Representative**



# Norma Hernandez knows that inflation and corporate greed are putting financial pressure on working families. Norma supports:

- Provide economic relief for working families
- Raising the minimum wage to \$15
- Cutting taxes for the middle class
  - o through new property tax rebates for homeowners
  - o and income tax credits for working families
- Expanding access to vocational education and skilled trades training
  - o to prepare young people for good high-paying jobs.
- Improve our Infrastructure
  - o invest in roads, bridges and schools through the Rebuild Illinois Program

#### **Norma's Plan for our Families**

Norma is running to be a voice for everyday working people and to focus on solutions to the problems that we face in our state. With the rising costs of everyday necessities,

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

#### Who is Norma?:

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





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#### **ENDORSEMENTS:**

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

### **EARLY VOTING OCT12 - NOV 7**

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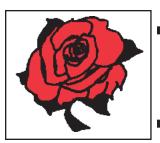
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Hotspots and iPads can be checked out for 3 weeks.

In order to check out hotspot and iPads, patrons MUST be at least 18 years old and a Melrose Park library card holder.

Click here for more details.







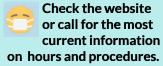
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# Services





### **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.















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### Santa Arrives by Helicopter at **Winston Plaza!**

**Join Us for Santa's Arrival on** Saturday, Nov. 19, Noon-3 p.m.!

**Enjoy a Magic Show, Face Painting,** Kids Crafts, Balloon Artists and More!

#### FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA

With a same day receipt of \$25 or more from any Winston Plaza store; \$5 per photo without receipt. Valid 11/19/22.

Winston Plaza is located at North Avenue and Ninth Avenue, Melrose Park.

### 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 immigración, 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 siguimento 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: 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, III., 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: Oct. 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. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Poll Workers Needed in Suburban Cook County for Nov. 8 Gubernatorial General Election

Suburban voters can do their part for local democracy and earn some cash in the process by registering to serve as an Election Judge for the Cook County Clerk's Office in the November 8, 2022, Gubernatorial General Election. Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough is encouraging all residents to serve as an Election Judge or Polling Place Technician and to work on Election Day. The Clerk's Office has precincts at 782 polling locations that will require staffing with poll workers throughout all communities in suburban Cook County. Election Judges are paid \$200 and Polling

The Clerk's Office is also putting out a call to encourage high school and college students to consider serving as judges. The Clerk's Office was lucky enough to employ around 300 student judges who helped voters and their fellow Election Judges at the polls run a safe and secure Election Day.

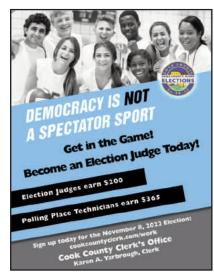
"Our Judges are the gatekeepers for election operations and their work is critically important to keeping Election Day running smoothly," said Yarbrough. "They are also the unsung heroes of our democratic process who provide a vital public service to voters leading up to and on Election Day."

The two poll worker positions available include:

- Election Judge: These judges greet voters, sign them in, and work together to ensure the polling place is running smoothly and voters are properly served. This position earns \$200.
- Polling Place Technician: Technicians work with Election Judges to check supplies and equipment and assist with the setup, maintenance, and breakdown of election equipment. Due to the additional equipment responsibilities, Polling Place Technicians receive additional training and earn \$365.

Election Judges must be a registered Cook County voter or an eligible college or high school student (16 or older). The Clerk's Office is also in need of bilingual Election Judges in many precincts with high concentrations of Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Tagalog, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Gujarati, Urdu, and Arabic-speaking voters who are not proficient in English and may need special assistance at the polls.

Anyone who wishes to serve as an Election Judge is encouraged to apply online at cookcountyclerk.com/work.





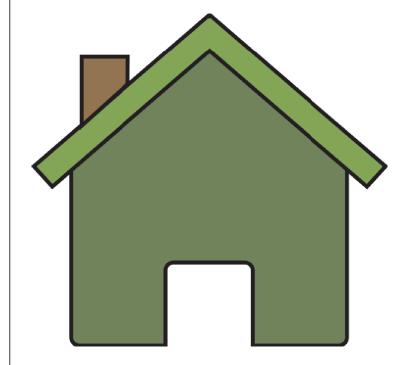
# A Note from Cook County Public Health ... Don't Miss This Opportunity!

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

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

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

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



This program is available to all of the communities in West Suburban Cook County.

For more information and to find out if you qualify, contact the West Suburban Neighborhood Preservation Agency (WSNPA) Office at (708) 410-2300 or (708) 278-3860, or by sending an email to wsnpa@hotmail.com.

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## Taste of Melrose Park Celebrates 40th Anniversary



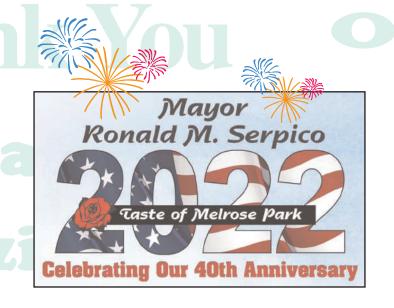
Mayor







Watch for more Taste of Melrose Park 40th Anniversary photos in the Holiday Issue of *The Rose*.



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## Thank You

Mayor Serpico Thanks You for Supporting Another Successful Melrose Park Event!

On behalf of the Village of Melrose Park,
I would like to once again take this opportunity to
graciously thank all the volunteers, village employees,
department heads, Taste sponsors, local businesses and
supporters for their yearlong dedication and endless hours
of hard work to ensure the Taste of Melrose Park
continues its historical tradition of being the most
family-friendly and family-affordable food festival
in all of Illinois!

With Sincere Gratitude, and Appreciation,

Mayor Ronald M. Serpico Village of Melrose Park



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

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomed five new members in August and September! Please help us welcome Name on Anything, Debbie's Darn Good Deals, Northern Tool and Equipment, Cozzi Recycling LLC, Truck Parking Near Me Inc., Merrill Lynch and Risk Management Solutions of America to the growing list of businesses in and around Melrose Park!

We also want to recognize and thank Triton College, Tom's Steak House, David King and Associates, and School District 89 for their recent renewals and continued partnership with the MPCCCD.

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

### **Upcoming Events, Training and Information Sessions**

One of the primary functions of the MPCCCD is to connect businesses to resources to help support growth and to make a difference in the community. Although this takes many different shapes and approaches, one of the primary efforts is to host monthly training events, informational meetings, networking sessions and participation in community events.

Below are topics and events currently planned for the next several months:

- October Weekly grant application assistance to help businesses complete application to the Cook County Source GROW Grant. Contact the MPCCCD at (708) 343-9500 with questions, specific times and to reserve a seat!
- Nov. 15 West Regional Enterprise Zone and Department of Commerce and Economic Development's Annual Meeting to share information about programs designed to incentivize business investments with numerous tax incentives if located in Melrose Park, Bellwood, Broadview or Maywood, as well as provide information on grants and special loan programs for small and midsized businesses in the state.
- Dec. 10 A community Christmas event to support small and midsize businesses, and for some holiday fun for the customers they serve throughout the year!
- Jan. 19 Digital Marketing for Small Businesses. Connecting with new and existing customers through effective use of digital media (websites, social media, email campaigns, etc.).
- Feb. 20 MPCCCD Job Fair to connect businesses with applicants! Registration for businesses will be sent in January. Booth/tables for businesses will be limited to approximately 40 and spaces have sold out guickly in the past. Mark your calendars for this one!
- April 20 American Shredding will host a shredding event at the MPCCCD to help businesses discard and protect old records, documents, menus, etc., as part of Earth Week!
- Chamber After Hours Networking events will be held in December, February and April.

For information on the specific dates and times for these events, you can sign up to receive emails and newsletters or visit our Event Page at https://mpcccd.org.

### Cook County Small Business Grants are Available, Application Deadline is Oct. 31, 2022

The Cook County Small Business Source has a \$10,000 grant available for small businesses in Cook County that have less than 20 employees; were in business in 2019; and have continued to be in business since the pandemic began in March of 2020. All businesses that meet these criteria are encouraged to apply, but grants will be issued in order of priority groups until the \$25 million total is distributed.

Deadline to apply is Oct. 31, 2022.

For additional information and to access the application portal, visit https://cookcountysmallbiz.org/growgrant/ or call the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce at (708) 343-9500.



### **Not a Chamber Member? Join Now!**

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@mpcc-cd.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 of Commerce and Community Development by signing up for our newsletters at MPCCCD.org. You can also follow the chamber on Facebook or LinkedIn to stay current on chamber activities.

### **Recent Chamber Events and Community Activities**

During the months of August and September the MPCCCD was busy with several events in addition to the normal day-to-day work of supporting local businesses with coaching, training, certification assistance, etc.

In August, we joined Mayor Ron Serpico and the District 89 team to welcome kids back to school (BTS) at the annual D89 BTS Picnic. As part of this celebration, the MPCCCD, with the support of members, awarded bikes to several students that we selected by raffle at the event. Pictured are MPCCCD Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz who was joined by Mayor Ron Serpico and D89 Superintendent Dr. David Negron to select the winning tickets and present new bikes to the winners!

The MPCCCD team, Mayor Ron Serpico and Winston Plaza management were also on hand to participate in the ribbon cutting and grand reopening of Best Buy in Winston Plaza. Although the new Best Buy store at Winston Plaza is a Best Buy outlet store, customers will be able shop online and designate the Melrose Park store for in-store pickups. Best Buy management also indicated that they plan to open a full-service Geek Squad Service Center at the Winston Plaza location later in the year. Pictured are Mayor Ron Serpico, joined the Best Buy team and MPCCCD Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz to cut the ribbon and officially reopen the new Best Buy store after being closed for several months for remodeling.

In September, The MPCCCD team participated in the 40th Annual Taste of Melrose Park by running a 50/50 Bingo on Friday, Saturday and Sunday! In addition to having fun playing Bingo and passing out approximately \$2,500 in prize money to winners from the games, it was enjoyable contributing the other half of the 50/50 to the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Food Pantry to support local families in need. The chamber was also very happy to learn that cash donations to the Food Pantry are used for food from the Chicago Food Depository which essentially does a 10 to one donation through the reduced pricing available and turns the \$2,500 into \$25,000 in merchandise for the pantry!

The chamber wrapped up September with its Chamber After Hours Event that was hosted by Abruzzo's Italian Restaurant and Lounge on Sept. 29. Over 70 business owners and senior managers from local businesses had a great evening of networking and making new connections to help their business while enjoying great food, drinks and hospitality from the Abruzzo's team. Pictured are MPCCCD Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz and Mayor Serpico, who drew winning business cards for raffle prizes that included a golf bag and a Dan Hampton autographed football, as well as gift certificates!





School District 89 Back-to-School Picnic























## Complimentary 2022 Holiday Greeting Ads

Dear community member,

This year *The Rose* (the official newsletter of the village of Melrose Park) is offering an opportunity to reserve a special complimentary greeting ad in the Holiday 2022 issue.

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

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

All ads must be received on or before Friday, Nov. 25, 2022. For more information, call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

#### Size/Rate

Business Card Size.....FREE

#### **Greeting (Please check)**

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

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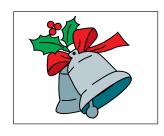
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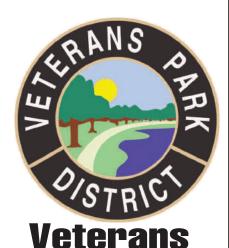






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Thank you in advance. Your reservation is greatly appreciated!



Programs
Happenings

**Park** 

**District** 



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
BULGER PARK, MELROSE PARK
CEREMONY STARTS AT 10 AM

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









### Veterans Park District

## Programs & Hoppenings

### **Early Childhood**

#### PeeWee Playtime (With Adult), Ages Birth-5

This is a great opportunity for you and your child to socialize. The room is set up with tables, fun toys, games, mats, big wheels and even a ball pit! You and your child can play, interact, make a craft, enjoy music and movement, and have lots of fun!

 Thursdays, 9-11a.m.; Fee: \$1 per child, first adult is free, \$1 for additional adult and free coffee; Drop-in class held at Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

### Alphabet Adventures,

### Ages 2-4 (2 and 3 with Adult)

Each week your child will be introduced to a different group of letters in the alphabet, their sounds and shapes. Children will learn through books, flashcards, hands-on activities and crafts. At the end of the program your child will have created their very own book of ABCs.

 Tuesdays, Nov. 15-Dec. 27, 10:15-11 a.m.; Fee: R \$50/NR \$60; Classes held at Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

#### Stories and Craft Time, Ages 2-5 (2 and 3 with Adult)

These young minds will hear a different story and learn how to create an associated craft. The learners will be engaged with hands-on crafts and create memories each week!

 Mondays, Oct. 24-Nov. 28, 10-10:45 a.m.; Fee: R \$43/NR \$ 51; Classes held at Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

### **Creative Arts**

#### Thanksgiving Centerpiece, Ages 7-12

This beautiful fall-themed craft is fun and easy to create. In a few simple steps you can make a centerpiece that can be used as a decorative piece for many Thanksgivings to come. Their finished project can help provide the finishing touch for a festive Thanksgiving dinner or desert table.

• Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5:45-7:45 p.m.; Fee: \$20 for R/NR.; Class held at Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

### **Cimbalo Fitness Center**

**Pickleball** – Head over to Cimbalo Fitness Center to get in on the fun with one of America's fastest growing sports – Pickleball! This rapidly growing sport is a fun game that combines elements of tennis, badminton and pingpong. The rules are simple and easy to learn, making it fun for athletes of all ages, but can also develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Stop in to get in on the action! Cimbalo Fitness Center is located at 1203 N. 24th Ave., in Melrose Park. Call (708) 343-5151 for more information.



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**Youth Sports** 

### **Basketball Clinic, Ages 8-12**

This clinic will focus on developing ball handling, offensive/defensive skills, passing, shooting and positioning.

• Tuesdays, Nov. 8-29, 4-5 p.m.; Fee: R \$55/NR \$70; Classes are held at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

#### Mini Soccer, Ages 8-12

VPD staff lead players in specific drills for an introduction to soccer. The class will cover shooting and passing.

 Mondays, Nov. 7-28, 4-5 p.m.; Fee: R \$55/NR \$70; Classes are held at George Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

#### Youth Basketball League, Grades 1-8

Registration is open for the VPD Youth Basketball League. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive 25 percent off registration fee. Practices begin Jan. 3, 2023. Fee: R\$80/NR \$90. Practices and games will be held at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

### **Active Adults**

**Box Lunch Bingo** – 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; \$ 10 per person for each event; Fee includes box lunch meal and one Bingo card.

Prizes for Bingo winners.

- Oct. 26 Grant Park, Boo Bingo Party. Costumes optional.
- Nov. 9 Bulger Park.
- Nov. 16 Grant Park.
- Dec. 7 Grant Park.

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

### **Congrats to VPD Tournament Champs and Runners-Up!**

Veterans Park District held its annual Tournament Weekend on Friday, Aug. 5-Sunday, Aug. 7. The big event featured a men's softball and co-ed mush-ball tournament as well as a bocce ball tournament.

VPD would like to congratulate Bocce Ball Tournament champions – Jimmy Sansone and Joe Menzione, and runners-up – Giovanni Rodia and Lou

Napolitano; the Co-ed Tournament champions – Slap N Tickle; and Men's Softball Tournament champions – MOIST.

Pictured with the teams and fans are VPD Executive Director Bill Otte, and commissioners Orlando Velasquez and Tom Olson.

Thank you to our sponsors who supported this year's Veterans Park District Tournament Weekend – Al Piemonte Nissan; Alpha Olympic Pest Control; Aqua Fiori; CMS Corp.; County Line Cafe Vending; Cuomo Catering; Davey Tree Expert; Division 3 Corp; D & P Construction; D-R Rosemont, LLC; Duke of Oil; E.K. Services; Elite Electric Co., Inc.; Evans Electric; Fairway Custom Landscaping; Grand Stand Pizza; Guerine and Company; Hancock Engineering; In





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## Bataan Park — Now Open and Ready for Business!

This past summer, Veterans Park District celebrated a grand reopening/rib-bon-cutting event with day campers at the refreshed Bataan Park.

Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico, VPD Board of Commissioners President Tom Olson, VPD Executive Director Bill Otte, VPD Superintendent of Building and Grounds Joe Ciolino and Retired VPD Executive Director Donna Peluso participated in the big event with the children. It was a fun day for all!

Renovations at Bataan Park include a new parking lot, a new poured-in rubber ADA playground, a lighted walking track, pickle ball courts, community gardens, outdoor exercise equipment and a new modernized, outdoor restroom facility.



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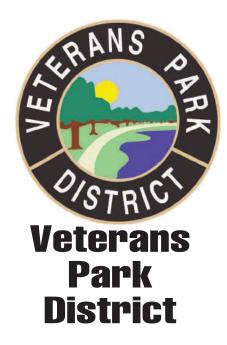




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Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch, Melrose Park



Register by October 24.



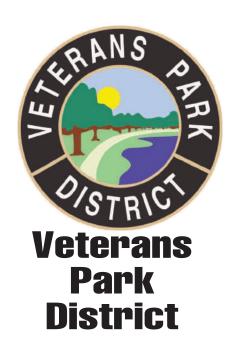
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### **VETERANS PARK DISTRICT ANNUAL HOLIDAY**

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- Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake
- George A. Leoni Complex, Melrose Park













### Veterans Park District



## **Travel with VPD**Day Trips

### White Christmas at The Fireside

Based on the beloved film starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney, this heartwarming stage adaptation features 17 Irving Berlin songs. Army veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act following their service in World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a series of romantic mixups and a dazzling score including "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," and the perennial title song, White Christmas is an uplifting musical any time of year but especially loved at Christmas.

Call (708) 343-5270 to register and learn about the lunch menu.

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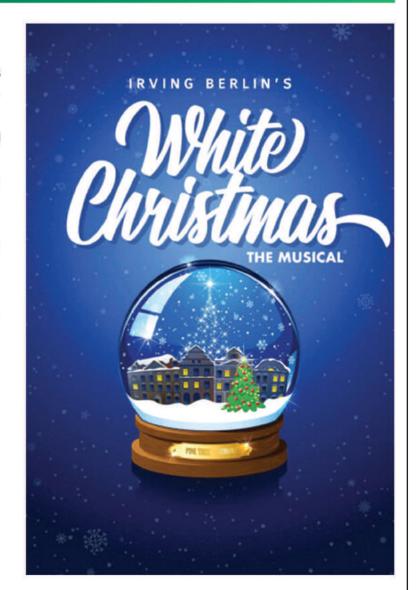
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8:15 AM Grant Park

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## Triton College Offers New Diesel Transportation Technology Program

### Students will Learn Repairing of Vehicle Systems

Triton College is offering a Diesel Transportation Technology (DTT) Program for those interested in receiving certificates in truck brake and suspension, truck

engine repair and truck drivetrain repair.

The program was created to meet the demands of the industry's technician shortage and wants of the student body to learn about trucks and vehicles.

Allan Hertko, Triton's Truck



Department coordinator and instructor, said students will take a variety of classes, such as Introduction to Automotive Technology, Electricity and Electronics I/II, Drivetrain I/II, Engine Repair, Steering Suspension, Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC), and Preventative Maintenance in this program. Those interested must enroll in Introduction to Automotive Technology to start the process of receiving a certificate.

He added that students will learn comprehensive theory, and operation and diagnostic skills needed in today's market to repair vehicle systems.

Pending approval from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) for an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, it will take students a total of five semesters and approximately 61 credit hours to complete.

Upon completion, Hertko noted students could seek employment in an original equipment (OE) specific dealership such as Peterbilt or Ford. They could work for fleets, local general repair and for a municipal entity such as Triton College, the city of Chicago or the state of Illinois.

Students earning certificates can make up to \$25 an hour or more. Hertko added that the "sky is the limit," noting that it depends on a "student's goals and work ethic."

"DTT is an important offering for Triton to have, because community members have inquired over the years about trucking and diesel engine certificates," said Hertko.

DTT began in the spring of 2020 with the Preventative Maintenance Inspection (PM) Program. It was followed in the spring of 2021 with the WEI programs Truck Electricity and Electronics, Truck Brakes, Truck Fuel Management, and Truck Steering and Suspension.

For more information, please contact allanhertko@triton.edu.

### Triton Hosts Free Info Session for Prospective Students

Triton College will be hosting Admission info sessions, Monday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., in the Student Center Cafeteria, B Building, for prospective students and their families. Triton's Admissions team will walk them through the enrollment process, take them on a campus tour and answer questions about college. An RSVP is not required.

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

## Triton's Continuing Ed Dept. Offering Seasonal Noncredit Culinary Classes

Hot and Cold Appetizers (HIA C14 201)

Saturday, Oct. 29/9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m./B Building, Room B-200.

Ready to entertain your guests this fall? This class will teach students how to create the perfect hot or cold party appetizers.

Food Safety and Sanitation (HIA E15 201)

Monday, Nov. 7/8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m./B Building, Room B-201.

Students will learn the cause and prevention of food-borne illnesses and accidents. This course meets requirements for the Illinois Department of Public Health Certification.

Wedding Cake Decorating (HIA C15 201)

Saturday, Nov. 12/9 a.m.-1:30 p.m./B Building, Room B-152.

Those enrolled will learn tips and tricks to create the most elegant wedding cakes applying textures, piping and more!

Holiday Cooking (HIA C10 201)

Saturday, Nov. 19/9 a.m.-1:30 p.m./B Building, Room B-200.

Baby it's cold outside! Warm up by learning how to create a delicious holiday meal with seasonal favorites, such as roasted chicken, potatoes and a veggie casserole.

Jams and Jellies (HIA C16 201)

Saturday, Dec. 3/9 a.m.-1:30 p.m./B Building, Room B-200

This class will teach students how to preserve fruits and veggies so they can learn how to make marmalades, jams and jellies.

Holiday Baking (HIA C11 201)

Saturday, Dec. 10/9 a.m.-1:30 p.m./B Building, Room B-152.

Ready for a sweet treat this holiday season? Students will learn how to make holiday-themed cakes and cookies.

For registration information, please visit triton.edu/ce, send an email to askce@triton.edu or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3500.

### Advanced Registration for the Spring Semester Begins Oct. 24!

Register early for the best selection of classes!

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

## Family Night Info Session

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022

6-8 p.m.

Student Center Cafeteria – B Building

Is your child considering Triton College? During this info session our admissions team will go over the enrollment process, lay out costs and payment options, and explain our degree and certificate programs. No RSVPs necessary.





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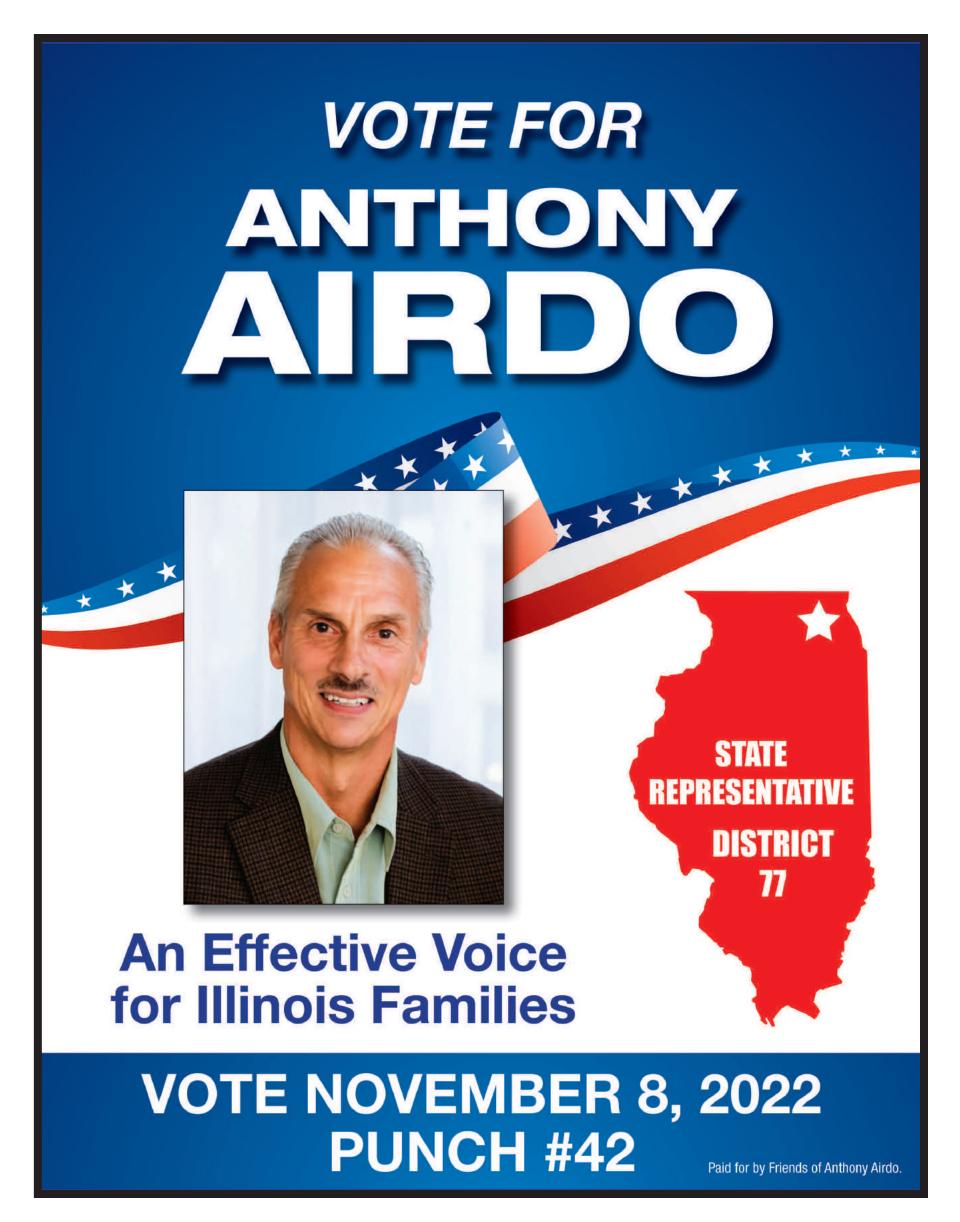
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### **EighthAnnualBacktoSchoolEvent**

On Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, the D89 community came together to kick off the new school year at the 8th Annual Back to School Event. Thank you to all our community partners for joining our families in this celebration. We are three villages, nine schools, one family; #D89Community.



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### **CLRStrategies**

Dr. Hollie presented Culturally and Linguistically Responsive (CLR) Teaching Strategies to the teachers from Washington Dual Language Academy, Irving and Stevenson Middle schools at Bulger Park on Friday, Aug.19, 2022. Culturally Responsive Teaching is an approach that leverages the strengths that students of color bring to the classroom to make learning more relevant and effective.



### **D89atHispanoFest**

Staff and family from D89 participated in the HispanoFest parade. #D89Community



## D89FamilyNight:Hispanic HeritageCelebration

On Sept. 22, 2022, Washington Dual Language Academy had the honor of hosting District 89's First Family Night of the Year: Hispanic Heritage Celebration. It was an afternoon filled with sun and smiling faces as the community came together to enjoy the cultural event. The playground was brightly decorated with tables from each school in the district representing a Latin American country along with many community partners who provided useful information along with treats.

#### Save the Date for Future D89 Family Nights

Literacy – Oct. 26 – Hosted by Garfield School STEM – Dec. 6 – Hosted by Lincoln School

African American Celebration – Feb. 27 – Hosted by Irving Middle School Spring into a Multicultural Society – April 4 – Hosted by Melrose Park School Fine Arts – May 3 – Hosted by Emerson School



### **Learning About Plants and Animals**

Jane Addams kindergarteners are learning all about plant and animal needs. Students went on a nature walk to see if they could find any signs of animals or insects around the school grounds.



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## NEUS School Scho

### **ChiefEnterprisesDonatesSchoolSuppliestoMightyMustangs**

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, fourth grade Mustangs received individualized boxes of school supplies from Chief Enterprises, Inc. Sam La Barbera, Jose Correa and Nelly Gonzalez from Chief Enterprises, delivered the donation with the hopes that the students of Melrose Park Elementary have a successful start to the new school year. Each box contained a personalized letter from employees of the company to each fourth grade student encouraging them with positive guotes and messages. Thank you to Chief Enterprises for being a part of our #D89Community!



### **StevensonMiddleSchoolChessClub**

Students at Stevenson Middle School have the opportunity to learn the game of chess in Chess Club.



### **StevensonMiddleSchoolCrossCountry**



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### New Teacher Network

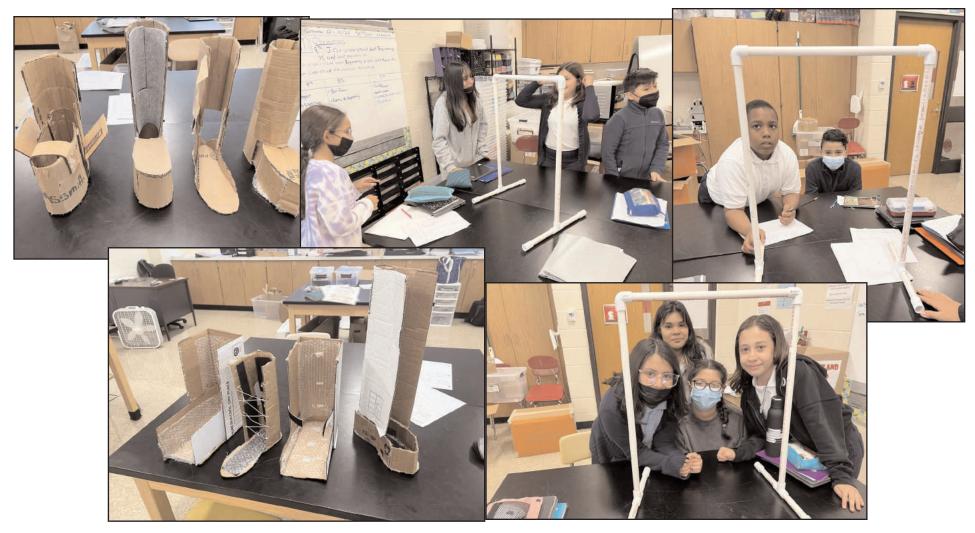
This year, District 89
was excited to host
New Teacher Network for
school year 2022-2023.
D89 welcomed over
70 teachers to our district
in areas that range from
elementary classrooms to
physical education.
The New Teacher Network
was hosted over the course
of three days.



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**StevensonMiddleSchoolStem** 



Stevenson Middle School Art



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### WozEDTraining

On Aug. 9, D89 staff took part in training for WozED and afterschool STEM Program offered to students in kindergarten through eighth grades in District 89. WozED lessons are designed to build an engineering mindset, student collaboration, problem solving and critical thinking skills.



### **D89SubstituteTeachers**

On Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, D89 held an orientation and workshop for substitute teachers. During this training, a behavioral management consultant provided education and strategies to equip D89 substitutes for the upcoming school year.



### **STEMscopes**

On Aug. 18, D89 educational staff took part in a professional development workshop on STEMscopes, a comprehensive suite of results-oriented STEM curriculum.







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### NEUS 89 School District 89 BRIEFS



Students of color pursuing careers in education face many financial obstacles on the road to becoming teachers.

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The Foundation will also provide scholarships to District 89 teachers to encourage classroom innovation. Your sponsorship and attendance

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To donate items for the annual banquet silent auction, email gdiannewilliams@gmail.com on or before Oct. 28, 2022.

For more information, call (708) 450-2460, email Gwaine Dianne Williams at gdiannewilliams@gmail.com or visit www.maywood89.org.

### Tickets can be purchased online at //bit.ly/sd89ef2022

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

Greetings from Walther! – We have some exciting news to share: Walther's enrollment is growing! We are pleased to announce that over the past two years, our student enrollment has gone up an amazing 25 percent. We currently have 289 students at Walther, 239 in the high school and 50 in our middle school (grades 6-8). This is the largest student body since 2018, when we had a large number of Luther North seniors join us for their last year of high school. God has richly blessed us with more families looking for the academic excellence and spiritual growth that we offer. If you know of anyone who has high school aged children, please tell them about Walther! We have an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m., at Walther, which is an excellent opportunity to see our school, meet our teachers and learn more about what Walther has to offer!

In other news, our recent Homecoming and Alumni Weekend activities were great reminders about how special our Walther family is. Our current students enjoyed a spirited Spirit Week, in which they dressed up in different "2000s" themed outfits and decorated the hallways with CDs and "Y2K" banners. The week culminated, as always, with Christian Service Day, in which all of our 288 students participated in service activities before crowning our Homecoming King and Queen. In a new twist, we had Friday's Campfire on the football field ... featuring an actual campfire!

The weekend was also an opportunity for our alumni to return to see how Walther is thriving and to experience all that Homecoming weekend had to offer. We are appreciative of everyone who joined us!

May God bless your fall, Tim Bouman, Head of School/Principal

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

Dear Walther Alumni and Friends – Walther Christian Academy is a very special place and our Homecoming weekend was a reminder that so many students, both past and current, are grateful for how Walther has changed their lives.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, Walther hosted the Erin Stanley Memorial Softball Game, and Head of School Tim Bouman and I hosted the annual coffee hour and and alumni chapel where we heard from our current music students led by teachers Samantha Rose, Lori Boyer and Cheldon White. Two of our current star students Nery Espinoza and Kilee Wilkens spoke about their time at Walther and all of the activities available to participate in. And, although Walther did not win the homecoming game against Christ the King, we had our annual alumni march, the band sounded wonderful, our cheerleaders did a fine job and great food was provided by our Booster Club parents.

At Walther, we depend on our community, our partners, our donors and our alumni to fill the financial gap that tuition alone doesn't cover. One of our strong supporters is the Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation led by its Executive Director Janet Klotz. Doris Christopher, our board chair, Tim Bouman and I were honored to represent Walther at a dinner hosted by Concordia University Chicago that celebrated Janet, the recipient of their first ever One Heart Award, for her commitment to Lutheran education. Our buses with the combined signage of Walther and CLEF are just one example of how CLEF supports our school.

Our enrollment is growing, but there is still room for your student. Please check our website for upcoming Open House dates and join us to learn what we are all about!

2 Timothy 4: "Preach the word, be prepared in season and out of season."

Enjoy fall and the cooler weather, everyone! And enjoy the photos of Homecoming Weekend 2022! Sally Ruecking, Director of Advancement

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### Meet Sue Dees, Marketing and Enrollment Manager at Chicago Lutheran Educational Foundation

Sue Dees is the Admissions & Enrollment manager at the Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation. In her previous role, she served as the director of Admissions and Educational Operations at St. James Lutheran School.

Sue co-manages all of the marketing and enrollment coordinators for the Lutheran schools that CLEF supports, including Walther. As a professional with over 18 years of experience in the field of education, Sue is known for driving strategic goals and increasing enrollment. Her counseling background enabled her to forge strong relationships with community members and local businesses. She continues to engage the community while serving on the board of directors at the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce for the last four years. Sue holds her Bachelor of Arts in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her Master of Arts in school counseling from Roosevelt University.



Sue Dees

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

### **Birth Certificates**

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

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

Birth certificates can be only be obtained by the individual themselves,

a parent, or legal guardian.

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

### **Death Certificates**

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

### **Vehicle Sticker Information**

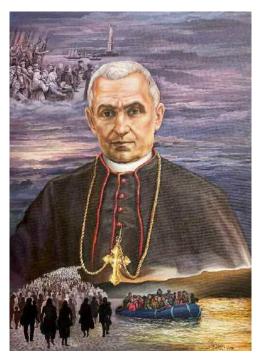
New stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall. Pricing varies based on type of vehicle.

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

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

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH IS HAPPY
TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON OCT. 9, 2022,
POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMED
JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI, BISHOP OF PIACENZA AND
FATHER OF ALL MIGRANTS, A SAINT

Last August 27, 2022 in St. Peter's Basilica during the Ordinary Consistory, Pope Francis announced the date on which the Bishop of Piacenza, founder of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo and the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo Scalabrinians and inspirer of the Scalabrini Secular Missionaries, will be canonized.

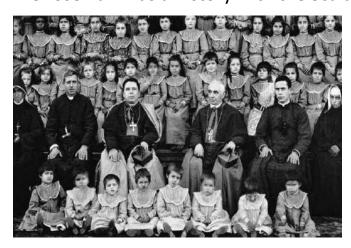


Born in Fino Mornasco in the province of Como in 1839, Scalabrini is still today a gift to



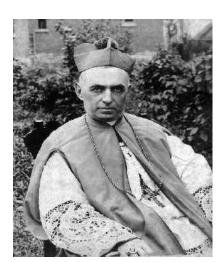
the Church and humanity: A man in love with God and able to recognize the face of Jesus in the least of society. Deeply moved by the drama of so many Italians forced to emigrate to the United States and South America in the late 1800s he did not remain indifferent. He gathered information, raised awareness in society and sent his missionaries and missionary sisters around the world to help and support migrants in ports, on ships and upon arrival in new countries. He is considered for this a father to all migrants and refugees.

Melrose Park has a history with the Scalabrini Fathers and



Sisters serving the Italians in our city and we are tremendously happy to share with you this moment.

Fr. Leandro Fossa, cs





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

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

### St. Anthony Society Annual Breakfast Buffet

Sunday Oct. 23 • 8:30 a.m.-Noon Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Gym 22nd and Cortez, Melrose Park

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.

**\$8 Adults • \$4 Children Under 12**For more information, see any St. Anthony member or call the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.



**Sunday, Oct. 30 • 10:30 a.m.** 

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine will celebrate a
Mass dedicated to St. Pio of Pietrelcina on the
last Sunday of the month at the 10:30 a.m., Italian Mass.
A reception by the San Pio Society will be held in the St. Anthony Room
following the Mass. All are welcome to come and pay homage to St. Pio.
Come to the new outdoor shrine to Padre Pio. The new cupola has
been completed and benches have been placed for prayer or meditation.





### La Feria del Mole

Sunday, Nov. 6 • 10 a.m.-7 p.m. • Carmel Hall

So many types of mole ... and you'll love them all!
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Dish/Platillo de mole – \$10.
For more information, call the Rectory at (708) 344-4140.



### Feast of Mother Cabrini 75th Anniversary of Sainthood

Sunday, Nov. 13 • Italian Unity Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Frances Xavier Cabrini M.S.C. (Mother Cabrini) ... an Italian-American Catholic nun and the first American to be canonized into sainthood. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a religious institute that was a major support to her fellow Italian immigrants to the United

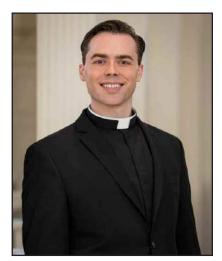


States. She founded Columbus Hospital, renamed Mother Cabrini Hospital in New York and in Chicago's Little Italy area. This special anniversary of the first American saint will be celebrated during all Sunday Masses.

"The Little Italy Conette." "Comitee" and

"The Little Italy Cenetta," "Comites" and
"Keepin it Real with Frankie D" are inviting all Italian societies to come with
their banners and celebrate the first American saint on her
75th anniversary and the Italian-American community.
Immediately following the Mass will be a reception in the Mt. Carmel Gym.
All are welcome to attend.

For more information or to participate with your banners, please call Carlo Vaniglia – (708) 217-1004 (viaellera@gmail.com), Frank DiPiero – (708) 307-7748 (frankdp@yahoo.com) or Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – (708) 344-4140.



### Advent Evening of Recollection Fr. David Mowry

Tuesday, Nov. 29 • Mass at 6 p.m. Followed by Dinner and Reflection

David Mowry was ordained in 2013 as a priest of the Diocese of Joliet. He grew up in Glen Ellyn and first heard the call to priesthood while he was a junior in high school. He served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst and then at St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield.

His preaching and teaching focuses on bridging the distance between the world of the Bible with the world of ordinary life.

He currently serves as instructor of homiletics at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

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For reservations or more information, see an Altar & Rosary member
or call the rectory at (708) 344-4140.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe — La Fiesta Novena

Friday, Dec.3-Sunday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Thursday, Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception, Rosary and Mass, 7 p.m. (Bilingual)
Feast

Sunday, Dec. 11 — Mass with Mariachi, 11 p.m./Mariachi after Mass Monday, Dec.12 — 4 a.m., Banda Music; 5:30 a.m., Mass in Spanish; 6 a.m., Mananitas; No Morning Mass in English; 6 p.m., Mass in English; 7 p.m., Mass in Spanish





### **Feast of St. Lucy**

St. Lucy ... The Patron Saint of the Eyes

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Celebrate her feast day with a special Mass in her honor followed by the blessing of the eyes.

• 6:30 p.m., Spanish • 7:30 p.m., English



### **Christmas 2022**

Christmas Starts Off with Posadas ... Dec. 17-24 • 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass followed by food, music, piñatas and more.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, Dec. 24

Masses: 5:30 p.m., English/7 p.m., Spanish

11 p.m., Christmas Carols/Midnight, Trilingual Mass Followed by Veneration

Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25

Masses: 7:45 a.m., English/9 a.m., Spanish/10:30 a.m., Italian Noon, English/1:30 p.m., Spanish/5 p.m., Spanish



## 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, Oct. 30, 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 ...

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

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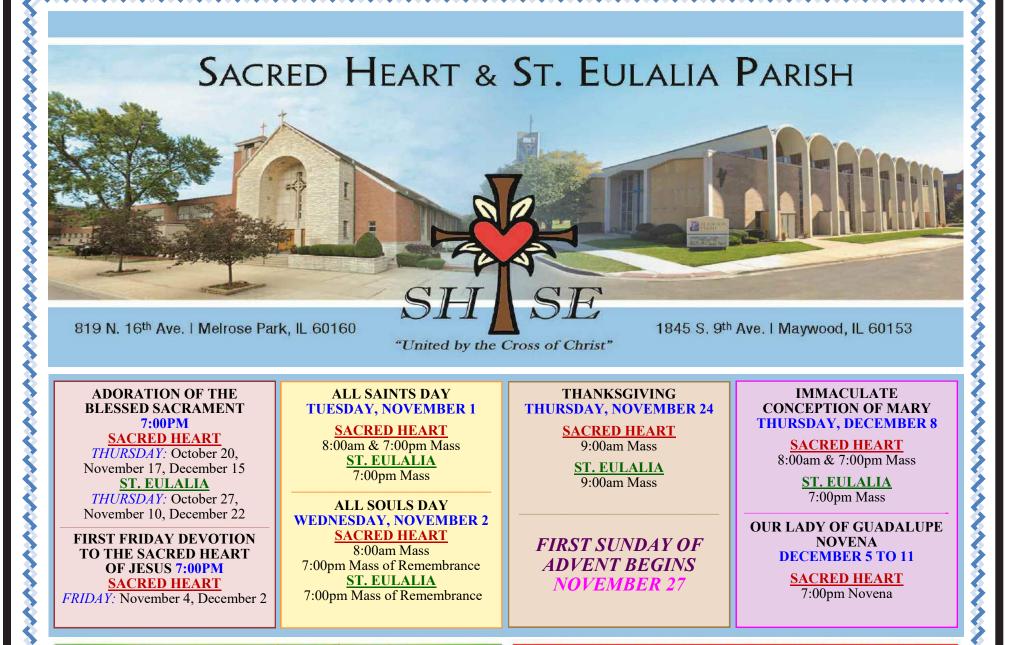
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ALL SAINTS DAY **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1** 

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8:00am & 7:00pm Mass ST. EULALIA 7:00pm Mass

**ALL SOULS DAY** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 **SACRED HEART** 

8:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass of Remembrance ST. EULALIA 7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

**THANKSGIVING** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**SACRED HEART** 

9:00am Mass

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> > ST. EULALIA 7:00pm Mass

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### An Invitation from St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church, located in Melrose Park, is excited to share "good news" with everyone in the community! First of all, they would like to

invite you to come and meet their new pastor, Michael Duffy and his wife Sarah! You can come and welcome them to the neighborhood on any Sunday at 9 am.

Also, St. Paul has added a "Little Free Library" on Lake Street, just outside of the church, and it looks amazingly like the church itself! It was built by Pastor Douglas Groll, a member of St. Paul. The purpose of the Little Free Library is a

no-cost book exchange. Books are available in English and in Spanish, and anybody can leave a book or take a book.

A free concert will be held at St. Paul on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m., featuring the music of 8th Avenue Winds. They will delight music lovers of all ages and surprise you with their talents. A free will offering will be taken.

Of course, feel free to stop by St. Paul's Resale Shop, where you can always find something new to you! The Resale Shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-

6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. You can find quality merchandise with low prices and friendly service ... and that is good news, too!

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 1025 W. Lake St., Melrose Park.

For more information, please call (708) 343-1000, send an email to



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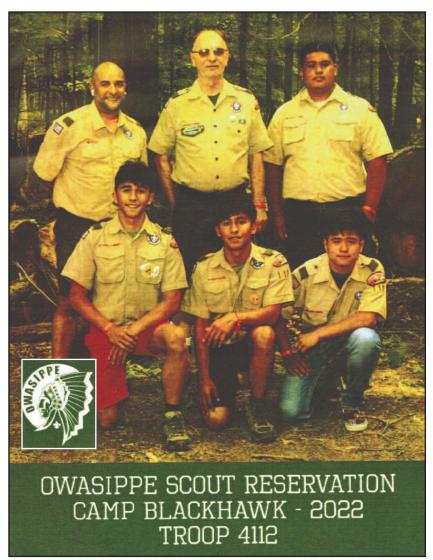
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## A Step Closer to the Rank of Eagle Scout



Pictured are members of Melrose Park's Boy Scout Troop 4112 who spent a week camping at the Owasippe Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, Mich.

The group spent the week hiking, swimming and completing activities in order to earn merit badges that will help them reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

Anyone interested in joining the Boy Scouts can call Fred Crancich at (708) 609-5539 for additional information.



### Is Your House Decorated for Halloween?

Do You Want to Showcase Your Display?

Email photos to therose@melrosepark.org and we'll get them in our next issue!

In the subject line, please list Halloween Photos, and include your name address and phone number in the email.

# Canino Showcases Melrose Park Through the Lens of His Colorful, Creative Talents



Local area architect and artist Aaron Canino presented Mayor Serpico with a painting he did of Melrose Park to temporarily display in the Civic Center.

Aaron is a talented artist with a special interest in painting buildings and local features of the communities he paints. He has done similar works of art for many of the surrounding villages and his work has been showcased throughout the Chicagoland area.

For more information and details on additional paintings Aaron has created, please visit his website at https://pixels.com/profiles/aaron-canino.

## Local Student Anthony Machado Receives National Honor

### Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy Student Recognized for Superior Academic Achievement by The National Society of High School Scholars

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced student Anthony Machado from Melrose Park, Ill., has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society

recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS co-founder and President James W. Lewis.

"On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the hard work, passion and commitment that Anthony has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Lewis. "Anthony is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future."



Anthony Machado

"We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development," stated Lewis. "We help students like Anthony build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers."

NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. Each step along the way – from high school to college to career – NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.

Formed in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel (a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes), the National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks. Currently there are more than 1.7 million members in over 170 countries. For more information about NSHSS, visit www.nshss.org.

#### **NSHSS Key Benefits**

- NSHSS provides a lifetime membership based on academic achievement to individual students.
- Lifetime benefits include scholarship opportunities, leadership development programs, study abroad opportunities, events connecting members with university admission officers, and access to internship and employment opportunities.
- Resources are focused on helping NSHSS members successfully transition from high school to college and from college into their professional lives.

### Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar Encourages Application for \$5 Million in Funding for Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services

### **Cook County Justice Advisory Council to Host Information Session on the Funding Opportunity**

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC) announced an American Rescue Plan Act funded initiative to provide programming and supportive services to individuals impacted by domestic violence.



Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar

"Forms of gender-based violence including domestic violence have silently impacted many members of our community for generations" said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. "There has been a measurable increase in these patterns of violence during the COVID-19 pandemic and we are responding with a new initiative that will help ensure survivors and those impacted by domestic violence have the resources and support they need to lead safe and healthy lives."

The Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services initiative is a \$5 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded program, managed by the JAC. The JAC leads Cook County's corporate and federal funded community safety grantmaking and policy initiatives including the recently awarded Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants. The new domestic violence initiative was designed as a direct response to increased levels of gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will provide funding to organizations working with survivors and those impacted by domestic violence.

"One of the many tragic ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic has been heightened levels of domestic violence nation-wide, with an 8 percent increase following the lockdowns of 2020" said Avik Das, executive director of the JAC. "Fortunately, our region has a wealth of service providers experienced in helping survivors and those impacted by domestic violence navigate a path to safety and stability. Everyone deserves to live in a safe and peaceful environment and we look forward to sup-

porting the organizations working to bring about this reality."

The initiative will fund services in four main categories:

- Counseling for survivors of domestic violence and for those who have caused harm.
- · Legal support, including assistance in navigating the court system, and preparing and accompanying victims and survivors in court.
- Advocacy support in connecting victims and survivors to resources through direct services, resource referrals and staffing crisis hotlines.
- Housing supports for victims and survivors of domestic violence, including rapid re-housing, shelters, hotel-based housing and more.

"These grants will give stakeholders and community organizations the resources they need to effectively combat the public health crisis that is domestic violence," said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "Once again, Cook County is leading the nation with proactive and evidence-based solutions to deliver relief and support for our most vulnerable. By making these grants available to organizations who have been doing the work, we ensure that those who need help the most are able to access these services in a trusted setting."

Organizations that offer eligible services will respond to a formal Request for Qualifications which will be published on the Justice Advisory Council's Grants website.

### Cook County Announces \$71 Million Source Grow Grant Program to Help Historically Excluded Small Businesses in Pandemic Recovery

Applications for \$10,000 Grants Opened Monday, Oct. 3

The Cook County Bureau of Economic Development announced the launch of the Source Grow Grant through the Cook County Small Business Source, a program that strives to support, grow and elevate small businesses as the backbone of Cook County's economy. The Source Grow Grant Program will award \$71 million in grants to thousands of small businesses beginning in 2022. Applications opened Oct. 3. The Source Grow Grant is made possible through funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.

The Source Grow Grant Program, announced during Hispanic Heritage Month, will provide \$10,000 in grants paired with one-on-one business advising to historically excluded businesses – including those owned by entrepreneurs of color, women, veterans, LGBQT+ and persons with a disability – to close racial wealth and opportunity gaps. The grants will prioritize businesses in sectors heavily impacted by COVID-19, including accommodations, hospitality, and food service, arts and entertainment, childcare and social assistance, retail trade, and transportation and warehousing

"Cook County's small businesses faced unprecedented challenges during the pandemic and the Source Grow Grant Program is key to helping them scale and thrive," said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. "I'm proud that this program will provide not only the funds they need, but also the business coaching that is critical to sustainable growth."

The Cook County Small Business Source provides coaching and guidance which provides one-on-one business advising through the organization's

support network of 40+ organizations, webinars and small business resources in areas such as finance and marketing, and grant application support.

"This Source Grant will deliver support for businesses that have been overlooked and under supported," said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "When businesses succeed, particularly small businesses, communities succeed. We must exhaust every option to get our residents who own a business, who want to build something in their community – for their community – the support they need. I'd like to thank my colleagues on the board and President Preckwinkle for this life-changing initiative."

"Since its launch, the Cook County Small Business Source and its programs have provided direct invaluable support to 4,800 small businesses in Chicago and Suburban Cook County," said Xochitl Flores, bureau chief of Economic Development for Cook County. "I am thrilled that we are able to expand this program at such a critical time in our county's post-COVID recovery and give small business owners valuable support."

"There are so many small business owners here in Cook County who have the skills, the talent and the drive – they just need support, access to capital and coaching to make their vision a reality," said Alex Cabrera, owner of Lalo's on Maxwell, who worked with the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce through the Cook County Small Business Source Program. "I'm proud to say that Cook County has helped me to do that and I'm excited to see what the recipients of this grant achieve with this opportunity."

The Cook County Small Business Source engages some of the region's leading business support organizations, such as Allies for Community Business, Berwyn Development Corporation, Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, Chicago TREND, Chicago Urban League, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Restaurant Association, The Joseph Center, Southland Development Authority and Women's Business Development Center to serve as trusted business advisors.

The lead administrator of the Source Grow Grant is the Women's Business Development Center. Allies for Community Business serves as a partner grant administrator.

To apply for a Source Grow Grant or learn more about upcoming webinars and help sessions, visit www.CookCountySmallBiz.org/GrowGrant.

### Cook County Board Unanimously Passes Repeal of County Wheel Tax

### **Effort will Relieve Cook County Residents from County Vehicle Registration Fees and Fines**

On Thursday, Sept. 22, the Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed the Wheel Tax Elimination Ordinance, which will permanently end the county's vehicle registration fines and fees. The ordinance, authored by Commissioner Kevin Morrison, will create new savings for working families by

reducing the costs of owning and operating a vehicle in unincorporated Cook County.



"This is a common sense approach to addressing inequity, eliminating a tax that is far too often punitive. Cars are a necessity for so many people in our county to get to work, to get to community services, to receive health care and much more," said Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "This is a regressive tax, plain and simple, one that hurts our residents more than any justification to keep it. I applaud Commissioner Kevin Morrison for authoring this ordinance, and stand with my colleagues on the board to continue delivering relief and support for all of our residents."

The Cook County Bureau of Finance estimates that around 8,000 staff hours dedicated to administering the tax can be redirected to other services. In addition, they estimate that the revenue lost from eliminating

the tax will be partially offset by savings on administrative costs and new county revenues. In terms of impact to the county's overall budget, revenues from the wheel tax constitute less than half of a percent of the more than \$8 billion budget. The lost revenue from eliminating this tax is negligible in comparison to the cost savings to individual families.

"The Cook County Wheel Tax is regressive and unnecessary. And it disproportionately impacts the Black and Brown residents of Cook County who can least afford to pay it," said President Preckwinkle. "The resources we spend enforcing it outweigh its gains and we're proud that we can give the taxpayers some of their hard-earned money back."



This ordinance is supported by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, who, in a report authored in 2021, highlighted the impact of transportation fees and fines on low-income Cook County residents.

"The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) supports action to reduce the financial burden of transportation revenues on underserved and disadvantaged residents across northeastern Illinois," said Executive Director Erin Aleman. "These steps must be balanced with the need to avoid reducing investments in the transportation system and to improve lower-cost mobility options. We look forward to working with the county to identify ways to better utilize equitable user fees to ensure the sustainability of our regional transit system."

The ordinance shall take effect starting on June 30, 2023.



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\* For a complete list of acceptable REAL ID-compliant documents, visit www.tsa.gov.

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- You visit secure federal facilities.



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

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



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

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

For additional information:

REALID.ilsos.gov 833-503-4074



## Prepare Now for Cooler Weather; Bill Payment Assistance Available to Eligible Households



Now is the time to start preparing for cooler weather which can result in higher heating costs as thermostats go up and natural gas usage increases to keep homes comfortable and warm. Nicor Gas offers bill payment assistance programs to help offset winter heating costs when eligible household budgets may not be able to keep up with the increased heating demands.

Enrollment for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is underway now. The federal- and state-funded energy assistance program provides income-eligible households with monetary relief for their energy bills. Eligibility is based on several factors, including household size and income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which for a family of four equates to a gross monthly income of \$4,625 or less. For more information or to locate a local community action agency to apply, call 877-411-9276 (WARM).

Other energy assistance programs and options available to Nicor Gas customers include:

- Nicor Gas Sharing Program, which is administered by the Salvation Army, and funded by Nicor Gas and its customers, provides eligible customers a
  grant up to \$500, based on account balance. To apply, contact a Salvation Army office listed at nicorgas.com/EnergyAssistance or call (773) 2053520.
- Nicor Gas Energy Aide Program provides one-time grants up to \$350 to eligible customers with past due balances; the grants do not need to be paid back. Contact a local community action agency to apply.
- Payment arrangements provide eligible customers with more time to pay past-due balances and help avoid possible service disconnection. Customers can check their eligibility for a payment arrangement by visiting nicorgas.com/MyAccount.
- Nicor Gas Budget Plan can help customers avoid unpredictable bills from month to month and even out the seasonal highs and lows of natural gas bills. To learn more about the Budget Plan and how it works, visit nicorgas.com/BudgetPlan.

Every family deserves reliable energy at a price they can afford. That's why a dedicated Community Connection Center (C3) team at Nicor Gas helps customers navigate energy assistance and energy efficiency options, as well as other basic needs, such as food and housing. Customers can contact the C3 team via email at cccinfo@nicorgas.com or submit an assistance request form at nicorgas.com/CCC.

Throughout the season, customers may be eligible for more than one energy assistance program and can access the Energy Assistance Programs Worksheet to help understand and maximize the benefits available to them.

## Nicor Gas Recognizes Hunger Action Month, Commits \$450,000 to Address Food Insecurity

In honor of Hunger Action Month this September, Nicor Gas has made two commitments totaling \$450,000 over five years to the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Through these partnerships, the company expects to support more than 28,000 families across its service territory with access to healthy food options to fuel their lives.

"At Nicor Gas, we are committed to ensuring our friends, family and neighbors in the communities we serve have the food they need to give them energy every day," said Meena Beyers, vice president of Business and Community Development at Nicor Gas. "We know that nearly 11 percent of residents across our service territory are living in poverty. Through our partnerships with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Greater Chicago Food Depository, we are making investments to strengthen our local neighborhoods and create thriving places to live and work."

With support from Nicor Gas, the two nonprofits will be able to provide more holiday meal boxes and mobile food pantry programming to address meal gaps across its footprint.

"More than 400,000 people in Northern Illinois receive support through our member agencies and programs every month," said Julie Yurko, president and CEO of the Northern Illinois Food Bank. "With Nicor Gas' donation, we can ensure that thousands of our neighbors experiencing food insecurity have better access to the nutritious meals they need over the next five years."

Feeding America's latest research shows that more than 1.2 million individuals in Illinois are currently food insecure and that food insecurity still exists in every county and congressional district in the United States.

"Thanks to the support of organizations like Nicor Gas, we are able to support more than 700 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other programs across Cook County," said Kate Maehr, CEO of the Greater Chicago Food Depository. "With their donation and the support of employee volunteers throughout the year, we are able to serve more families, children, older adults and veterans every day."

In addition to support of the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Nicor Gas' Energy Efficiency Program regularly hosts free farmers markets to ensure local residents have access to fresh produce, as well as resources regarding energy saving tips and energy assistance programming to help pay their monthly bills and meet their most basic needs.

To learn more about Nicor Gas' commitment to the communities it serves, visit www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving.

To learn more about Nicor Gas' energy assistance programming and payment options available to income-eligible customers, visit www.NicorGas.com/EnergyAssistance.

# Nicor Gas Awards \$100,000 in Grants to Support Community **Enrichment Initiatives Across its Service Territory**

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

"At Nicor Gas, we are committed to improving our local neighborhoods through the support of organizations that make our communities better for everyone," said Jackie Nagel, manager of Community Engagement at Nicor Gas. "Strong communities depend on each of us working together to ensure they are vital and sustainable places to live, work and serve."

This year, Nicor Gas is proud to award 21 organizations with grants to support their cultural and community enrichment programming:

### Metropolitan Chicago/Statewide

- Special Olympics Supports the sponsorship of the organization's annual Polar Plunge benefitting their programming and services, including sports training and competition for athletes.
- · Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Supports access for underrepresented individuals to participate in the Girl Scouts program that includes trauma-informed and social-emotional learning approaches to build resiliency.
- Children's Advocates for Change Supports advocacy and intervention for economic relief for families in need across Illinois.
- Paramount Arts Supports the Paramount Access Program which removes barriers to attending productions through "pay what you can" nights and sign language interpreted performances.

### **Cook County**

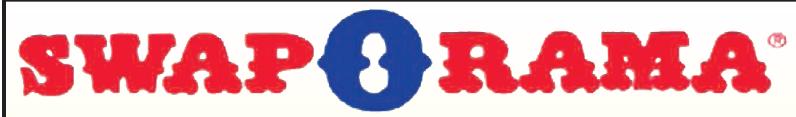
- Children's Advocacy of North and Northwest Cook County Supports trauma focused therapeutic intervention for child survivors of abuse and family violence.
- Gigi's Playhouse Supports therapeutic and education-based programs that advance speech and communication skills, literacy, math and motor skills for individuals with Down syndrome.
- The Firehouse Dream Supports a mentorship program for underrepresented young adults to build creative skills, financial wellness and mental health concepts.

### **DuPage County**

- Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Supports a mental health access program for clients who are uninsured, underinsured or have financial limitations.
- National Alliance of Mental Illness DuPage Supports programming for individuals and families affected by mental illness through a comprehensive approach that complements clinical treatment.
- DuPage Children's Museum Supports STEM learning labs to supplement kindergarten through fifth grade students' science, art and math education.
- Metropolitan Family Services Supports social, behavioral, educational and legal services for DuPage County residents including counseling, and behavioral health and domestic violence services.
- College of DuPage Foundation Supports the Warhol 2023 exhibit at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art and the McAninch Arts Center.
- Career and Networking Center Supports a soft skills training program for unemployed and underemployed job seekers.

For a listing of organizations located in Kane, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry, McLean and Will counties that received grant support, visit www.nicorgas.com/company/press-room/nicor-gas-awards--100-000-in-grants-to-support-community-enrichm.html.

To learn more about Nicor Gas' commitment to cultural and community enrichment initiatives, visit www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving.



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# ComEd Toolkit Helps Customers Navigate Purchasing an Electric Vehicle

### Resource is a One-Stop-Shop for Navigating EV Market Options, Available Incentives, Rate Plans and Charging Needs

Because navigating the emergent electric vehicle (EV) market can be intimidating, ComEd has created a one-stop-shop for those considering an EV purchase. The ComEd EV Toolkit provides information on savings, benefits and incentives for the purchase of EVs, along with an overview of EV brands and models, rate options, EV chargers and a public charging station locator. The EV Toolkit empowers customers by providing the latest information and resources to help those considering an EV to more easily make the transition.

"As part of our commitment to creating a cleaner and brighter future for every community in northern Illinois, ComEd is working to help customers transition to clean transportation technologies that will help lower emissions and bring cleaner air into our communities," said Melissa Washington, chief customer officer at ComEd. "Whether you are considering an EV or are already an EV driver, ComEd's EV Toolkit provides everything you need to know – from available financial incen-

tives to personalized fuel cost savings estimates – to help determine which make and model is right for you." Illinois is poised to scale EV adoption considerably in the years ahead, thanks to the passage of state and federal climate action. The new Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Law, passed last year, makes Illinois the

first state in the Midwest to set a goal of achieving 100 percent clean energy by 2050. CEJA also sets a goal of adding 1 million EVs to Illinois roads by 2030. To help customers plan as demand for EVs grows, ComEd's EV Toolkit offers a variety of interactive features for those considering EVs, as well as

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those who have already bought an EV. Customers can use the EV Toolkit to:

• Calculate Cost Savings – Get a real-time look at your potential savings from switching from a gas vehicle to an EV by plugging in data on your miles

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  driven, current gas prices and more.
- Review Vehicles and Chargers Peruse a list of EV vehicle brands and models currently available for purchase and if you have the option to install in-home charging, choose a charger that meets your needs.
- Search Incentives Review a list of available state rebates and federal tax credits, and how to qualify for incentives before you buy.
- New EV Owner Find out about available service rate options to maximize savings based on the time you charge and register your EV with ComEd to help ensure your home is EV ready.
- Public Charging Locator Search a map of over 500 public charging stations in the area and where to charge for free, according to your ZIP code. For those considering an EV, the benefits of new zero-emissions cars provide a range of consumer savings and benefits. This includes significant savings, due to the efficiency of EV engines and their 100 percent use of electricity replacing the high cost of gasoline. EVs also are known to save customers over an equivalent gasoline-powered car, with an estimated \$2,281-\$2,481 in savings on fuel costs per year for someone driving 15,000 miles annually over an equivalent gasoline-powered car, based on current market and fuel costs in Illinois. The savings to the customer are even higher, when considering avoided operations and maintenance costs over the lifetime of the vehicle.

"As the widespread availability of EVs grows, charging infrastructure matures and government incentives make EVs more affordable, mass consumer education is critical now more than ever before," said Jennifer Morand, co-president, Chicago Automobile Trade Association. "The EV customers of yesterday can't be compared to today's EV buyer, which is why resources like ComEd's EV Toolkit are pivotal for this next phase of EV adoption."

In addition to saving at the pump, customers can look forward to broad environmental improvements generated by the transition to EVs. The American Lung Association estimates that conversion to EVs in Illinois could save a cumulative \$3.2 billion by 2050.

"Electric vehicles help to reduce air pollution, which improves local air quality and leads to fewer people with lung disease," said John Walton, chair, Chicago Area Clean Cities. "With a wide range of new rebates and options on the market, the ComEd EV Toolkit is designed to meet consumers where they are and to help them make informed decisions around EV purchase, installation and ownership that will help move us closer toward our collective goal of reducing carbon pollution across our communities."

Electrifying transportation – including cars and public transit – can create tangible health benefits for all communities and families across northern Illinois, even those who do not choose to use electric transportation options.

In fact, EVs can reduce air pollutants in the areas that would benefit most: diverse and low-income communities. For example, the city of Chicago's Air Quality and Health Index reports the areas with the worst air quality and health indices are also neighborhoods where people of color make up a higher share of the population, and moreover, these communities are more likely to live close to industrial facilities and busy transit routes, where air pollutant emissions are higher.

Beyond the EV Toolkit, ComEd is committed to helping customers navigate new technology options and to promote EV adoption broadly throughout the region. Just last month, ComEd announced its Beneficial Electrification (BE) Plan, which, pending approval by the Illinois Commerce Commission, would provide \$300 million over the next three years to help communities promote equitable access to EVs, lower costs of EV adoption for customers and communities, and accelerate the buildout of a large network of EV charging infrastructure serving the region.

The BE plan is designed to expand adoption by providing direct support to residential, business, school district and governmental partners. While the EV Toolkit is designed for residential customers, ComEd has also recently launched programs geared toward its other customer classes. This includes the EV Readiness Program, a collaboration with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), aimed at providing cities and towns support with creating local policy and programs to ensure a safe and efficient implementation of new EVs and related infrastructure. This program is funded by a \$225,000 commitment from ComEd and is expected to launch its first cohort in the fall.

Additionally, ComEd has begun piloting fleet assessment for large customers, and currently encourages businesses who are considering large-scale EV integration to contact us at EVSmart@comed.com.

For more information on EVs and to access the toolkit, visit www.comed.com/EV.

# ComEd Energy Doctors Offer Energy-Saving Tips for Cold Weather

### No-cost, Low-cost Tips Help Families and Individuals Save Money and Energy

As temperatures drop, ComEd's Energy Doctors offer energy-saving tips for cold weather to help families and individuals manage energy use and save money on electric bills.

"ComEd's Energy Doctors are experts committed to helping customers – especially those facing economic hardships – reduce their electricity use and save money," said Melissa Washington, ComEd's chief customer officer and senior vice president of Customer Operations. "Energy Efficiency Day is the perfect time to remind northern Illinois residents that our experts are on call to help them make simple changes to better manage their energy use and reduce their electric bills."

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During the cold-weather season, ComEd's Energy Doctors remind customers that they can manage energy use and save money on their electric bills by following a few tips:

- When the sun is shining, open shades on south-facing windows and take advantage of natural light for warmth. Close the shades during the night to help insulate your home.
- Set your thermostat to as low a temperature as possible to maintain personal comfort. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall heating bill will be. Overnight, you can also save by turning your thermostat down a few degrees while sleeping.
- Clear area around heating and cooling vents. Furniture, carpets, and other objects can block vents and prevent heated air from circulating in your home.

ComEd's Energy Doctors are a resource for customers who want to keep energy costs low as outside temperatures start to drop. Customers can email questions to the Energy Doctors at energy.doctor@comed.com and receive a response within five business days. Customers can also find an Energy Doctor FAQ at ComEd.com/EnergyDoctor.

Energy-saving tips come courtesy of the award-winning ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, which is funded in compliance with state law. It is one of the largest programs in the nation offering residents, businesses and the public sector ways to control energy costs, including services and incentives that help them cut back on their energy use to reduce energy bills and help the environment.

In addition to saving customers more than \$7 billion on their energy bills since 2008, the energy-efficiency program has helped customers save nearly 65 million megawatt-hours of electricity, which is enough energy to power more than 7.4 million ComEd customers' homes for one year.

To get started, ComEd offers free home energy assessments that assess the interior of a home or unit to find ways to lower energy costs. Since 2014, nearly 130,000 homeowners and renters across northern Illinois have saved a total of approximately \$17.5 million on their energy bills through home assessments, based on 2021 rates.

For information on all the ways ComEd helps customers save money and energy, visit ComEd.com/HomeSavings for residential customers and ComEd.com/BizSavings for business customers.

# ComEd Home Energy Assessments Help Homeowners and Renters Save More Than \$17 Million on Energy Bills

Nearly 130,000 homeowners and renters across northern Illinois saved a total of approximately \$17.5 million on their energy bills, based on 2021 rates, through a ComEd offering that assesses the interior of a home or unit to find ways to lower energy costs.

"ComEd is always looking for ways to make it affordable for families and individuals to access clean and reliable electricity," said Melissa Washington, ComEd's chief customer officer and senior vice president of Customer Operations. "One of the biggest ways is by signing up for a free home energy assessment, which not only provides immediate home savings, but plans for unlocking additional savings into the future."

Through home energy assessments, customers have saved more than 125 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, which is enough energy to power more than 14,000 ComEd customers' homes for one year. The offering also helped reduce from the air more than 106 million pounds of carbon emissions that contribute to climate change, which is the equivalent of removing more than 10,000 cars off the road for one year or planting nearly 60,000 acres of trees.

Home energy assessments, which are part of ComEd's award-winning Energy Efficiency Program, are designed to improve the energy efficiency of a home and lower its energy costs, while enhancing the comfort of those who live within it.

Homeowners and renters receive a free review of their home – either in-person or virtually – to identify areas for energy savings. An energy advisor will collect information about a home's energy features by looking at its lighting, heating and cooling systems, water heaters and appliances. The advisor then provides personalized recommendations for saving energy and money.

During the assessment, the advisor may install free and discounted energy-saving products, including LEDs, a programmable or smart thermostat, WaterSense certified showerheads and faucet aerators, hot water pipe insulation and advanced power strips. Assessments can be conducted for single-family homes. A separate program is available for multi-unit buildings. For certain qualifying low-income customers, ComEd also includes free weatherization improvements.

ComEd offers assessments in collaboration with Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas, and Peoples Gas. Customers can get more information and schedule an assessment online at ComEd.com/Assessment or by calling 855-433-2700.

### More Ways to Save Money and Energy

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

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

Take some time to explore our website at www.fpdcc.com.

### DIY: Make a Field Guide - Sunday, Oct. 23 • 10 a.m.-Noon

### **Maple Lake-East – Mountain Bike Staging Area**

### (95th St., West of Willow Springs Road/Flavin Road, Near Willow Springs)

Create your own field guide while going on a short hike. Registration required – Call (312) 533-5751. Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

### Autumn Nature Walks — Sunday, Oct. 23 • 1:30 p.m.

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

Join us for a guided walk along our trails as the autumn color intensifies. Registration required – Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

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

### Kayak the Des Plaines – Wednesday, Oct. 26 • 3:30 p.m.

### Schuth's Grove (Cermak Road, West of Des Plaines Ave., Near Riverside)

Kayak 3 miles of the Des Plaines River from Schuth's Grove to Plank Road Meadow. Instruction, sanitized equipment, kayaks and shuttle provided. Registration required – Call (312) 533-5751. Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

# Be a Better Birder: Intermediate Bird ID — Thursday, Oct. 27 • 6 p.m. Zoom Presentation

Step up your birding game by learning how to identify the complexities of birds. Registration required – Register at https://intermediatebirdid.eventbrite.com. Contact – (312) 415-2970. Cost – Free.

# Stars, Spooky Stories, & S'mores — Friday, Oct. 28 • 4-7 p.m. Thatcher Woods (Chicago Ave., West of Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Join a family-friendly evening with a cozy fire, s'mores, a "spooky" story trail, star gazing, pumpkin painting and more. Costumes encouraged!

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

### Fall Bird Walk - Sunday, Oct. 30 • 9 a.m.

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

Join us on a guided bird walk. All welcome, binoculars available to loan. Registration required – Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.

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

# Day of the Dead Celebration — Sunday, Oct. 30 • 7-8:30 p.m. Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs)

Join us for the unveiling of the animal altar dedicated to endangered and extinct species. Take a night walk and enjoy stories at the campfire. All ages. Registration required – Call Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897. Contact – (708) 839-6897/littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

### National Bison Day Celebration — Saturday, Nov. 5 ● 10 a.m.-Noon Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs)

Celebrate North America's National Mammal! Registration required – Call Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897. Contact – (708) 839-6897/littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

# Photo Scavenger Hunt — Saturday, Nov. 5 • 1:30 p.m. Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Challenge yourself to find and photograph all the autumn items on our provided list. Afterwards, relax by a campfire and show off your best photos!

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

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

# DIY: Make a Field Guide — Sunday, Nov. 6 • 10 a.m.-Noon Wolf Road Prairie (31st St., West of Wolf Road, Near Westchester)

Create your own field guide while going on a short hike.

Registration required – Call (312) 533-5751.

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

# Queen Quest — Sunday, Nov. 6 • 1 p.m. Sagawau Environmental Learning Center (12545 W. 111th St., Lemont)

Where do bumble bee queens go over winter? Join us on a search for dormant queens. Registration required – Call Sagawau at (630) 257-2045. Contact – (630) 257-2045. Cost – Free.

### Owls — Sunday, Nov. 6 • 1-2 p.m. Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs)

Discover the amazing adaptations of owls with a close-up encounter with our resident ambassador.

Registration required – Call Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897. Contact – (708) 839-6897/littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

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### Moon Walk — Tuesday, Nov. 8 • 6:30 p.m. Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs)

Let the full moon be our guide as we walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. Warm up by a fire under the night sky afterwards. Bring binoculars, limited pairs to lend.

Registration required – Call Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897. Contact – (708) 839-6897/littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

# Wellness Walks in Thatcher Woods — Wednesday, Nov. 9 • 1 p.m. Thatcher Woods

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

Enjoy a mindful and meditative guided nature walk led by Roberta Jannsen, University of IL Extension volunteer. Ages 18 and up. Registration required – Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

# Campfire Cooking 101 – Wednesday, Nov. 9 • 6 p.m. Camp Reinberg (1801 N. Quentin Road, Palatine)

Learn basic campfire cooking skills and how to make a tasty meal. Ages 12 and up. Registration required –Email experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov. Contact – (708) 771-1573/experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

# Orienteering 101 — Saturday, Nov. 12 • 10 a.m.-1 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. Drop-in program. Meet at Grove 6. Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.



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

Here's a list of some incredible current and upcoming attractions. Be sure to check out our website at www.czs.org 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!

# Join Us for These Exciting Events!

### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS — Throughout the Park

• Saturday, Oct. 29-Sunday, Oct. 30 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Come alive and celebrate the Day of the Dead with Chevrolet at Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, Oct. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 30,10 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be music, face painting, sugar skull painting and many more surprises. In addi-



tion to the wonders of the animal kingdom, you will be able to admire the latest of the Chevy family throughout the park.

### **Welcome Home/Veterans Day Celebration – Discovery Center**

• Friday, Nov. 11/11 a.m.-3 p.m.

To honor the men and women who have proudly served our nation, the Chicago Zoological Society invites the public to a special Veterans Day ceremony at Brookfield Zoo's Discovery Center. On Veterans Day admission to the zoo is FREE for all guests.

### **Schedule of Activities**

- 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- A display of military memorabilia and vehicles.
- Learn about the Cook County Military and Veterans Discount Program, Honor Flight Chicago and Wounded Warriors.
- 11-11:30 a.m.
  - Ambassador Animals.
- Noon-12:45 p.m.
- Enjoy a performance by the Legacy Girls.
- 12:45-1 p.m.
  - See the posting of colors and a performance of the national anthem.
- 1-1:10 p.m.
  - Welcome.
- 1:15-1:50 p.m.
  - Jesse White Tumblers.
- 2-2:30 p.m.
  - Meet and greet with special guests.
- 2:30 p.m.
  - Retiring the colors.



# Reindeer Run – Zoowide • Saturday, Nov. 19/7 p.m.

Grab your glow sticks and running shoes and join us on Saturday, Nov. 19, for the Reindeer Run. With a 2-mile course entirely within Brookfield Zoo, you and your family can "fun run" under the lights and be the first to see the lights of Holiday Magic.

### **TWO-MILE RACE**

- 1 Race Start Time: 7 p.m.
- 2 Non-Member Registration: \$30 Race Fee + Sign-Up Fee.

3 – Member Registration: \$25 Race Fee + Sign-Up Fee.

Fun run individually or with your family and friends! Strollers are welcome and children riding in strollers during the race do NOT need to be registered. Only those walking or running on their own need to be registered.

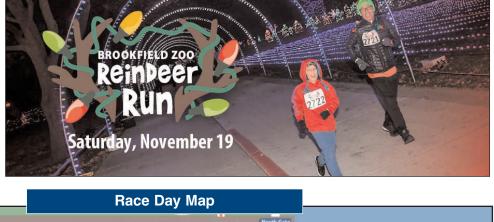
### **RACE DAY SCHEDULE**

- 1 5:30 p.m. Registrants can enter and check-in at Brookfield Zoo's North Gate Entrance.
- 2 5:30-9 p.m. Pavilions open with music.
- 3 7 p.m. Reindeer Run begins!
- 4 After the Race Registrants who are 21+ with valid ID can pick up their complimentary beverage, courtesy of Revolution Brewing.

### **FAQs**

- Where is packet pickup?
   There is no packet pickup for Reindeer Run. Simply enter through the North Gate Entrance and check in to receive your hat and race bib.
- Are strollers allowed?
   Yes, strollers are allowed. Runners and
   walkers with strollers will be asked to
   line up last.
- Will Reindeer Run be timed? Can I walk?
  - No, Reindeer Run is a non-competitive, fun run and will not be timed. Participants may walk the course. Prizes will not be awarded.
- Will animal buildings be open?
  - No, animal buildings will not be open during Reindeer Run.
- · Can my family watch me run?
  - Yes, but with very limited access to the zoo. Spectators must remain on the North Mall (Carousel/Pavilions area) during the run. Only registered runners wearing their race bib will be allowed on the course.
- Will food be available for purchase?
  - Yes, food will be available for purchase in the Pavilions during Reindeer Run.

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE FINAL. EVENT WILL PROCEED RAIN, SHINE OR SNOW. PROGRAMMING SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Questions? Contact us at marketingteam@czs.org.



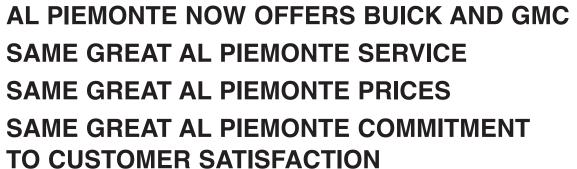


For more details or a complete listing of the fun, family activities happening at Brookfield Zoo, check out www.CZS.org or call (708) 688-8000.

















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### **Save the Dates!**

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Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

The Rose c/o Village of Melrose Park • 1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160 or Email to: therose@melrosepark.org w/pdf or jpeg file.

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

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# **PROVISO TOWNSHIP HANDYMAN PROGRAM**

### **Proviso Township Handyman News**

It's getting dark out earlier! Time to make sure your outside light

fixtures and security lights are in working order.

We can change the lightbulbs or the fixtures. We can also help put away your lawn furniture. It's time to slide in a new air filter in your furnace in preparation for the fall months.

Call the Proviso Handyman Office to schedule an appoint-

ment or to register for our program - (708) 547-4001.

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

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

\*Only Homeowners within the boundaries of Proviso Township.

**Handyman Program for homeowners** over the age of 60 and/or disabled residents of Proviso Township

- Minor repairs only
- \$5.00 per visit plus the cost of parts, if needed
- · Provide referrals on a variety of home maintenance issues
- Appointments are 45 minutes or less

### Please call us if you have any questions and to schedule vour appointment at 708-547-4001

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



### **TOWNSHIP OF PROVISO**

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# Obituaries

### Alejos

Carlos Alejos. Dearly beloved husband of Alicia (nee Garcia); loving father of Guadalupe (Veronica) and Leticia (Omar) Pantoja; beloved son of the late Zeferino and Paula; cherished grandfather of Sophia and Giuliana; cherished brother of Felipe, Dario, Aniano, Alfredo, Yolanda, Irma and Alma; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### Bagnola

Christine "T-Bags" Bagnola. Beloved wife of the late Anthony Sr.; loving mother of Diane (Jerry) Wrosch, Linda (the late Anthony) Caliendo, Anthony Jr. (Peggy) Bagnola, Carmela Bagnola and Fran (the late Aniello) Di Genova; beloved daughter of the late Sam and Carmela lovino; loving sister of Rose, Ray, Terry and Mary; loving grandmother, great-grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services from Salemo's Rosedale Chapel. Interment private.

### Bruno

Rose Marie Bruno, nee Guarrine, born June 4, 1926. Daughter of Peter "Jake" and Mary (nee Scittine); fond sister of James "Sonny," Anne "Sis" and Andrew "Buddy"; wonderful mother of Mary Jo (Angelo), Anthony (Patricia) and Joel; loving grandmother of Jessica, Dominic, Victoria, Angelo, Jr., Casandra and Joel, Jr.; affectionate great-grandmother of Oliver, Vera, Cheyenne and Ana; great-grandaunt of Bernadette and Rosa. She lived in Bellwood and Melrose Park all of her life, attending public grade schools and Proviso High School, and eventually marrying Bernard Bruno for 73 years, who passed on July 6, 2022. Rose Marie had several hobbies, baking for her family and crocheting items for the Sisters of Franciscan Nuns of the Eucharist. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### Caccamo

Joseph Caccamo, age 88, past CEO of Centrella Foods. Joe began with Centrella in1955 till his retirement in 2007. Beloved husband of Lorraine (nee Valentino); loving father of Joey (the late Judy), Laura (the late Phillip and the late Geno), Lenny (Kimmie), and Lisa Lombard; cherished papa of Amber, Joey, Anthony, Gianna, Bianca, Lenny, Christopher, Dominic, Alyssandra, Andrew, Lauren and Dominique; dear great-grandfather of Connor, Sofia, Alyssa, Giuliana, Hailey, Dominic, Francesca, Leo, Joey, Lucia, Sienna and Aiden; fond brother of Carmella Piscitelli; proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### Connolly

Loretta "Sweet Loretta" M. Connolly. Dearly beloved wife of the late Patrick Connolly; loving mother of Steven, Karen, Christine, Brenda and the late Theresa; beloved daughter of the late Walter and Stella; cherished grandmother of Paul, Joey, Stephanie, Tommy, Blake, Jessica, Paige, Lenny, Jimmy, Noelle, Dylan and Christopher; great-grandmother of Xavier, Tirzah and Elijah; dear sister of Chester, Joe, Dolly, the late Kenny and the late Walter; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### Correa

Jose Leovardo Castro Correa. Dearly beloved husband of Maria Carmen Moreno Alanis; loving father of Jose Leovardo Castro, Yuliana, Juan Antonio and Maria Jenny; cherished grandfather of 13; dear brother of five; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### Escalera

Eduardo "Pollo" Escalera. Dearly beloved father of Eduardo B.; beloved son of Yolanda and Ignacio Vargas; cherished brother of Elvia (Michael) McLaughlin, Jaime, Yolanda (Noe) Favela, Cristina, Angelica (Gerardo) Jimenez and the late Esmeralda "Monita"; loving boyfriend of Cely Posada; loving uncle to many nieces and nephews; cherished cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### Frishee

Jeffrey Matthew Frisbee, age 46. Beloved son of Teresa Walsh and Ron Frisbee; loving grandson of Kathy and Emil Corona; dear brother of Amie Frisbee, Kristin-Sobanski (Mike Sobanski) and Charles Voss; fond nephew of Karla Woolverton; cherished uncle of Nikolas Dimuzio, Jordyn Sobanski, Xander Marlow, Jemma Sobanski and Frankie Voss. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Private.

### **Gillette**

Eugene "Sonny" Gillette, retired Navy HT1 petty officer of the United States military. Dearly beloved husband of Leonora; loving father of Steven (Kim), Dennis (Lori), Michelle and Jennifer; beloved son of the late Clayton and Mabel Gillette; fond grandfather of Jason, Deontae, Johnathon, Dasia and Addison; great-grandfather of Devin; dear brother of the late Jean, Betty, Richard "Dick" and Clayton "Ed" Jr.; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many; proud member of the Italian Catholic Federation, Knights of Columbus, VFW 5081 and the Fleet Reserve Association. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

### Giuffre

Katherine Giuffre. Beloved wife of the late Michael Giuffre; loving mother of Frank (Denise), the late Michael (Annie), Pamela (Pat), Cathy (James) Sansone, Eddie (Dinorah) and Jack (Julie); fond grandmother of Alyse (Michael) Jezierski, Jenna, Michael, Jack, Juliana, Johnna, James (Alexa), Dominic, Anthony, Kyle, Gianna and Natalie (Bobby) Anzaldi; fond great-grandmother of Vinny, Luca, Franky, Rena, Alana, Alea, Michael, Giancarlo and Alessa; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### Graham

James (Sonny) Graham Jr. was born on May 15, 1944, in Cleveland, Miss., to the late James B. Graham and Ether Lee Graham. He was the first born to this union of four siblings. Sonny, as he was lovingly called, was educated in St. Louis Public Schools. After high school, he joined the Army and proudly served his country. Sonny was honorably discharged when his term was completed. James (Sonny) moved to Chicago in 1979 and worked many jobs. However, his most memorable jobs were working for Greyhound and Jewel in the Bakery Department. After moving to Chicago, he met Lonnie Mae Anthony, the apple of his eye. They fell in love and married on Oct. 7,1978. To this union God blessed them with one beautiful daughter (Benita). James (Sonny) and Lonnie Mae (Sis) resided in St. Louis for a brief time and moved back to Chicago in 1979 until his passing. In 1988, James joined Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Alvin Lloyd. He was a devout member and sang in the male choir, he was also a greeter, a ministry that truly fitted his personality (the gift to gab). He loved to talk and make any stranger feel welcomed with that big beautiful smile. Those left with loving memories include his former wife Lonnie Mae Graham (Elgin, III.); daughters, Benita (Chicago, III.) and Lynn Walker (Jeffrey) (Huntsville, Ala.); son, James Brown (Deonne) (Centerville, Ill.); two step-daughters Juice Jackson (Don) and Shawn Jones-Smith (Johnnie); three sisters, Minnie Helen Merriweather, Lorraine Graham and Beatrice Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, Anthony L. Graham (Linda) (St. Louis, Mo.), Donald Hill (Vivian) (St. Louis, Mo.) and Melvin Hill (St. Louis, Mo.); a very special cousin Gloria Jean Tucker; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one aunt, Tommie L. Norman (Jim) (Chicago, III.); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### Marec

Danette Mareci. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### **Martinez**

Arturo Martinez. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Concordia Cemetery.

### Militello

Angela E. Militello, nee Purgatorio. Angela was a beautician for 70 years. She was the dearly beloved wife of the late Jack D. Militello for 80 years; devoted mother of Jack Sr. (Judith), Marian Militello-Indoranto and the late Kenneth (Cheryl); loving daughter of the late Frank Purgatorio and Antoinette (nee Trietta); cherished grandmother of Jack "Jay" Jr. (Kim), Mark (Brittney), Renee (Patrick) O'Connor, Colette (Craig) Collisi, Tricia and Dawn (Jimmy) Utsch; great-grandmother of Joe (Candace), Nick (Adara), Jay Anthony, Ricky, Lauren, Natalie, Paige, Erin, John and Callie; great-great-grandmother of Lyanna; dear sister of the late Antoinette (the late Tony) Phillips, the late Mary (the late Mike) Rito, the late Jimmy (the late Della) Purgatorio, the late Laura (the late John) Laskero, the late Lena (the late Benny) DiSabatino and the late Jacqueline (the late Fred Menzel); loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### Orrica

Dorothy A. Orrico, nee Woods. Dearly beloved wife of the late Nicholas; loving mother of Nicholas (Mary Ellen) and Richard (Nancy); cherished grandmother of Stacy, Richard and Nicole; great-grandmother of Vince and Dominic Raia; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### Romeo

Anna Romeo, nee Marena. Dearly beloved wife of the late Sabato Romeo; loving mother of Carmela (the late Salvatore) Carotenuto, Marisa (Peter) Manzo, Andonella (James) Coduti, Silvana (Ralph) DiVenere and Ralph (Sandi) Romeo; cherished nonna of Lena (Peter) Nicci, Anna (Chris) Guidi, Johnnie (Ali) Carotenuto, Rosanna (John Guy) Cervone, Bianca Manzo, James (Danielle) Coduti, Gianna Coduti, Ralph III (Beka) DiVenere, Deanna DiVenere, Joey DiVenere, Jenna (Josh) Reschke and Taylor Esposito; great-nonna of 10 girls and nine boys; dear sister of Rosa (Sabato) Pelosi, Angelina (Michael) Martone and the late Carmela (the late Michael) Manzo; Loving aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

### Scudiero

Alex "AJ" Scudiero. Beloved son of the late Giuseppe and Maria; dear brother of Tony (Sandy), Frank (Mimi), the late Joe "Bones" (the late Lena) and the late Sam (the late Franca); loving great-uncle, cousin and friend of many. A special thank you to Alexa for the special care given. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

### Stathas

Janice Stathas, age 73, passed away peacefully at her home on Aug. 20, 2022. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Private.

### Tamashiro

Richard "Jacko" Tamashiro, veteran of the United States Army. Beloved husband of the late Shirley; loving father of Yvonne (Joe), the late Madeline Dempsey and the late Jaqueline Manzella; loving grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph.

### **Tkachenko**

Nicholas Tkachenko. Dearly beloved husband of Geraldine "Geri" (nee LiFonti); loving father of Kimberly "Kimmy" and the late Nicholas "Nicky"; beloved son of the late Volodymyr and Alexandria; dear brother of Victor (Linda) and Tony; dear brother-in-law of Connie (Tom) and Marlene (the late Ken); fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

### **Trombetta**

Mario "Maz" Trombetta, 62, of Melrose Park, passed away after a long battle with cancer on Aug. 31, 2022. Son of the late, Pasqualina and Goffredo Trombetta; loving and dear father of Gina, Anna (Gary), Jeffrey (Christine), Mario (Joanna) and Vince (Stephanie); brother to Carmine (Marla), Vince (Tina), Rose and Gina; grandfather to Christopher, Addison, Brayden, Coleton and Ethan; cousin and friend of many; and a fun loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Mario was an avid horse racing fan and enjoyed all Chicago sports teams especially the Cubs and Bears. He was known as the voice of the Bartlett Raiders and will be inducted into their hall of fame later this year. The family will fondly remember him as a happy, loving man that made us laugh with that unique sense of humor, boisterous voice, positive attitude and all around good heart. In the words of Maz "Forgot About It." Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

### Workman

David Workman, age 83. Beloved husband of Rosetta; loving father of Jason; dear brother of Doris Mclure and Debra; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.





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