

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Take advantage of the next several months of balmy weather by hosting a garage sale or planning a good old-fashioned block party to reacquaint yourself with all the neighbors who you may not have seen during the winter.

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this letter, the forecast has several days in the upper 70-degree range. So, let's take advantage of the next several months of balmy weather and clear out that accumulated item that no longer fits your lifestyle by hosting a garage sale. Garage sales can be held every third weekend in May thru September. To learn of the rules regarding garage sales, visit the Melrose Park website at www.melrosepark.org. Next click on Village Services found along the top and when the pop-up menu appears, click on Village Services A-Z and search for Garage Sale Dates for 2023.



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

And since your brain is already basking in the thoughts of summertime fun, why not plan a good old-fashioned block party to reacquaint yourself with all the neighbors who you may not have seen during the winter? Again, visit www.melrosepark.org and click on Village Services found along the top and when the pop-up menu appears, click on Village Services A-Z and search for Special Event/Block Party Permit Request in English and Spanish.

Finally, it is with a profound sense of sadness, I bid a fond farewell to Anthony Prignano on his retirement from the village Board of Trustees. And though I am sad, I am also extremely happy that Tony and his wife Josephine can now spend more time traveling and being with their grandchildren.

Tony was first elected in 2001 and since then has stood shoulder to shoulder with me as we have brought many projects to fruition to benefit the residents of Melrose Park. From the water project, that ensured a steady supply of water, to the development of the Maywood Park Racetrack to attracting businesses like Costco, Target and Menards, to the enactment of policies that streamlined and improved village services, Trustee Tony Prignano has been in the forefront advocating what is best for Melrose Park.

On a personal note, Tony was a role model for many of us baby boomers. I first encountered Tony as my fifth grade basketball coach at Mt. Carmel School. Later, Tony became a fixture on the local baseball circuit, coaching many Melrose Park Little League and Colt League championship baseball teams.

When I needed a running mate who I knew could approach the position of village trustee in a fair and even keel manner, I chose Tony, without a moment of hesitation. Coach Prignano has continually proven himself to be a diligent and forward-thinking trustee whose confident leadership has helped make Melrose Park the great village it is today.

Coach Prignano, Melrose Park is truly a better place for you living here and may retirement not be the end, but the start of a new adventure. To quote Maya Angelou, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Tony, God Bless and thank you for always making me feel just right.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Serpico".
Mayor Ron Serpico

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Village of Melrose Park

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When Needed ...**



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

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

Important Melrose Park Village Notice ...

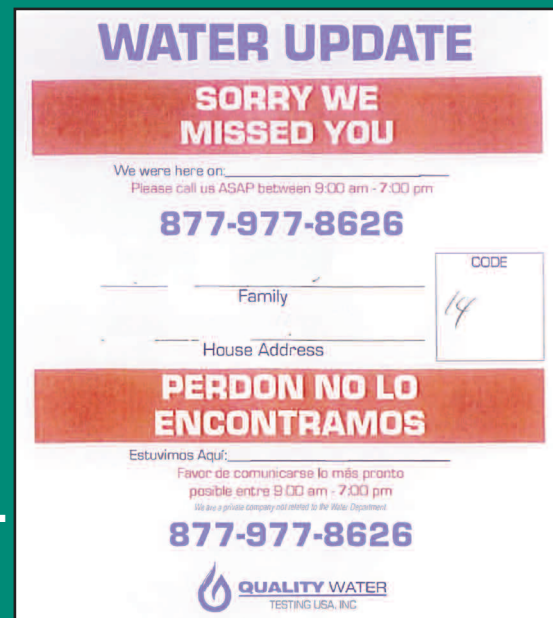
**Alert, Alert, Alert!
Water Update Flyer Being Circulated is
Not from the Village of Melrose Park.
Do NOT Contact This Company!**

Dear Residents,
Please be advised, the pictured flyer is being distributed in the village from Quality Water Testing USA, Inc. regarding a water update.

Please do not call this company as they are not affiliated with the village of Melrose Park.

Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rose in the Melrose Park Water Department by calling (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4435.

Thank you.



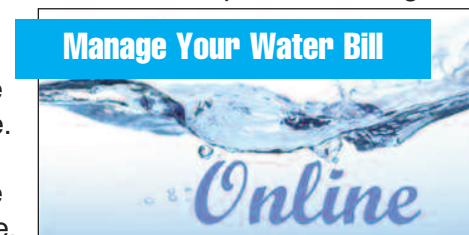
Manage Your Water Bill Online ... It's Easy!

The village of Melrose Park provides residents with an option to manage their water bill online. Residents can visit www.melrosepark.org and by clicking on images as directed, you'll be linked to the online Water Account page. You will need your account number and the full name of the person listed on the water bill to log in and utilize this feature.

If you do not know your account number, please send an email to RV@melrosepark.org and your account number will be sent to you.

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

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





Village of Melrose Park

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#_s To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsMay 8 and June 12

Village Hall Holiday ClosingsMay 29

Resident Response

Dear Melrose Park Trustee Arturo Mota ...

Thank you so much for your donation! We are so lucky on how the community has come together to make this happen. I look forward to creating these shirts for the Proviso West Freshman Club to wear. Your donation will help build school spirit and make each student feel special that they are a part of an awesome group!

• With gratitude,

Ms. Sloma, Proviso West High School

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...

On April 12, I called the Police Department to do a well check on my elderly neighbor who had been sick.

When I could not get her on the phone or to come to the door, I knew something was wrong.

The Police Department sent Ofc. Omar Navar to do the well check. We got into the house and found she had passed away.

This was a traumatic experience to discover, but the best police officer, Omar Navar, was sent to help me. He is kind and compassionate, and kept me informed along the way. Also gave me the info for follow-up.

I really am so grateful he assisted me during this time. You have a wonderful officer working in your department and we should all be proud of him. I just wish we could clone him and send him to every police department.

The detective that responded, Gerry Manzo, was also wonderful!

God bless you all and I pray for your safety and well-being.

• Thank you,

Kathy Kalck

Newly Constructed Electronic Device Recycling Pen Now Open for Business!

Melrose Park residents, the electronic recycling drop-off area recently located in the Village Hall is no longer available for individuals interested in recycling their TVs, computers, printers, scanners, etc.

A newly constructed outdoor recycling pen (with bins) is now open to the public and set up just north of the Village Hall for those wanting to recycle their devices.

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



Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Dept.*

A Message from Rick Beltrame, Director of Fire Department

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

Please follow these tips to ensure your family's well-being!



Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.



- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

FACT

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.



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A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Director of Police*



MELROSE PARK DOORBELL CAMERA PROGRAM

The Village of Melrose Park is planning a program to help residents cover the cost of home doorbell cameras, while at the same time keeping our community safe.

Residents who wish to participate in the new program can contact Deputy Chief of Police Anthony Greco at cameras@melroseparkpd.com.

Residents must then fill out a form for participation in the program.

The form will be found at www.melroseparkpd.com, and then choosing the Camera Program link on the side menu.

Receipts for camera systems must be provided for reimbursement after an inspection proves that the camera system is installed and properly functioning. Cameras including views of interior of a home not eligible.

Camera Program will be launched in early 2023.



Village of
Melrose Park



MELROSE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 N. Broadway Ave. Melrose Park, IL 60160

www.MelroseParkPD.com



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.

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.



Always Stepping Up ...

Introducing the 24 PetWatch Microchip Reader at the Melrose Park Police Department

The Cook County Animal and Rabies Control had recently presented a class for police agencies to help pet owners in the recovery of their animals implanted with a microchip. By participating with this program, the Melrose Park Police Department (MPPD) was provided with a microchip scanner to check if the animal has been registered with a microchip. If registered, the animal's owner information can quickly be recovered and be notified for return as soon as possible. Animals without a microchip are immediately transported to the Animal Care League in Oak Park, in partnership with MPPD.



Melrose Park Police Department
Records Clerk Liz Rodriguez,
CSO Suleima Valle and "Bronco."



This MPPD scanner is compatible with common microchip types and will provide their unique microchip identification number which can then be entered in a database with animal registrations. The registered animal's pet owner will then be notified by email, telephone and text message that the animal has been recovered, including a message regarding medical information.

The MPPD scanner service will be available at the Police Station front lobby, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Information about the 24 PetWatch pet registries can be made through 24Petconnect.com and mypethealth.com website. To sign up for the Animal Care League updates, events and pet of the week postings, you can visit the animalcareleague.org website.

Melrose Park Police Department Adds New Chevy Tahoes to Its Fleet of Squad Cars

The reason for this article is to reference the fact that the Melrose Park Police Department (MPPD) was in need of new squad cars and were put on a waiting list by Ford Motor Company.

In 2021, MPPD placed an order for the vehicles and was told delivery would be delayed due to manufacturing issues.

As of today, MPPD unfortunately hasn't received the order of the required five squad cars.

Due to urgent need, MPPD reached out to General Motors (GM) and was able get immediate assistance.

With the approval of Director of Police Sam Pitassi, Deputy Police Chief Anthony Greco made contact with Todd Little, GM regional manager for this area, who is located in Michigan.

Greco explained the MPPD situation and that the Police Department was desperate for the additional vehicles and that Ford was not able to accommodate the department's request. Little made a special trip from Michigan to Melrose Park's Police Station and brought a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe (police package vehicle) for MPPD representatives to examine and consider.

The reps were immediately impressed with the vehicle and told the cost was in the same price range as the Ford Explorer. Little then put the MPPD reps in contact with Bob Evans of Berger Chevrolet in Grand Rapids, Mich., and MPPD agreed to purchase five new 2023 Tahoes that were delivered within two weeks. MPPD is excited about the modern, contemporary appearance of the squads and they're proud of the new look.

The Police Department is grateful for the timely support and is looking forward to ordering more Chevy Tahoes from Berger Chevrolet to complete the MPPD fleet once the 2024 models are released.

MPPD extends a gracious thank you to Todd Little, Bob Evans and the whole team at Berger Chevrolet for going above and beyond at a time when their help was needed the most.



Melrose Park Police Department Partners with Area Towing to Launch Attack on Attempts at Catalytic Converter Theft in Melrose Park



The Melrose Park Police Department (MPPD) is partnering with Melrose-Park-based Area Towing (1400 N. First Ave.) for the Catalytic Converter Stencil/Etching Program that will take place on certain days and times with no appointment needed. The scheduled times and days are as follows – Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; beginning May 1, 2023. The service is not available on Sundays.

Law enforcement officials are hoping that painting this expensive car part will make it difficult for the catalytic converter to be sold to purveyors of the stolen parts as they could be easily identified as stolen and therefore a liability to scrapyards and other potential buyers.



Catalytic Converter Thefts

For additional information, please call the Melrose Park Police Department at (708) 344-8409.



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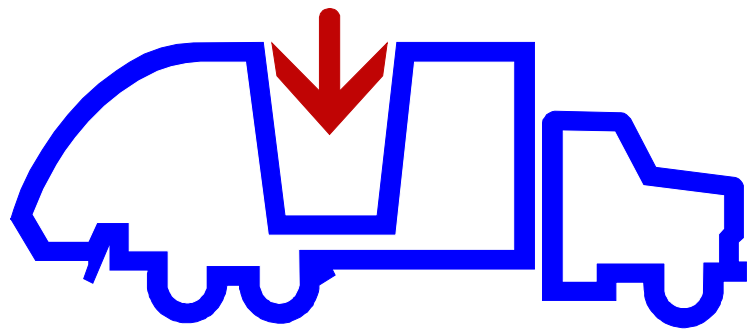
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Village of Melrose Park Residential Garbage Pickup Information

Republic Services Garbage Schedule for Residential Bi-Weekly Pickup

24th Avenue to 11th Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

Winston Park Area – Tuesday and Friday

West Melrose – Tuesday and Friday

North of North Avenue – Tuesday and Friday

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

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

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

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

The Village of Melrose Park Public Works Department Garbage Pickup Schedule

24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – North Side from Cortez to North Avenue – Monday

24th Avenue to 10th Avenue – South Side from Cortez to Main Street – Tuesday

Winston Park Area – Wednesday West Melrose – Thursday North of North Avenue – Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

Village of Melrose Park Public Works regular hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

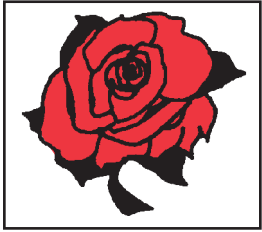
ATTENTION RESIDENTS – CALL TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT RESIDENT GARBAGE CANS

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

REPLACEMENT RESIDENT RECYCLING CANS

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

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



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.

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.

25th Avenue Municipal Lot

Under Mayor Serpico's direction, the lot on 25th Avenue and Augusta has been paved and open for free parking to residents. The lot on the northeast corner of 25th and Augusta has been paved for additional free parking for residents. The Civic Center's east and west lots have been repaved as well.

Street Parking Restriction Signs

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

Street Sweeping

The street sweeper has started sweeping as of March 1, 2023. Please follow all street sweeping signs located on village streets. Please remove your vehicle from the street to help expedite sweeping.

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.

Melrose Park Dog Park

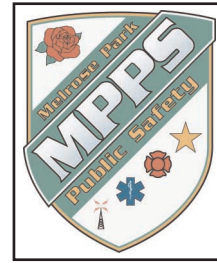
The village of Melrose Park Dog Park hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall. The fenced-in Dog Park is located at 13th and Main Street. Dog Park licenses are available at the Village Hall. Please follow rules posted at the park.



A Street Resurfacing List is Being Compiled for this Year.
Watch for more information as it becomes available.

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.

Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

Lightning: What You Need to Know

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

Indoor Lightning Safety

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

Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

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

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



Lightning Safety Myths and Facts

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tornados

Before a Tornado

Know the terms used to describe tornado threats.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

*Socially
Distanced
Activity*

*Face
Masks
Required*



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

Monday-Friday • 9-10 a.m.

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

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



Village of Melrose Park Senior News

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

Senior Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

Benefit Access Program Benefits

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

Beneficio de Acceso para el Programa de Beneficios

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

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

Illinois Secretary of State Office in Melrose Park Offers an Abundance of Important Services

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

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

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

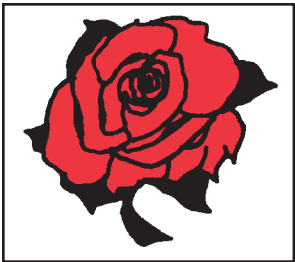
- **State ID**
 - Duplicate/Corrected
 - First Time Issuance
 - Renewal
 - REAL ID
- **Vehicle**
 - Registration Renewal
 - Sticker Replacement
 - Seven-Day Drive Away Permits
- **Voter Registration Applications**

**For more information, visit
www.ilsos.gov.**

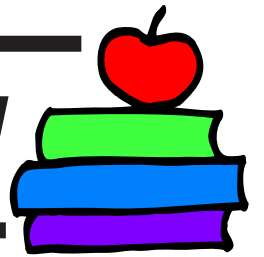
OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE

Alexi Giannoulas
Secretary of State





Melrose Park Public Library



M P Melrose Park
P L Public Library

www.MPPLibrary.org

Chair Yoga Classes
RHONDA FENTRY

class schedule 2023

Designed for all levels. The classes include breathing, meditation, stretching in the chair, some standing poses, & ends with relaxation. No equipment needed.

[Click here to Register!](#)

FRIDAYS
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

DATES

February 10th	August 11th
March 10th	September 8th
April 14th	October 13th
May 12th	November 17th
June 9th	December 8th
July 14th	

FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

PHONE: (708) 649-7485 | EMAIL: mpref@mpplibrary.org

Program

Paint 'N' Sip

Join us as an instructor from **Paint The Town** guides you through painting your own masterpiece!
No experience needed! All materials will be provided!
Soft drinks will be served.

Saturday, May 20th
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Registration is limited!
Adults & Seniors
[Click here to Register](#)



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



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

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



Melrose Park Public Library



www.MPPLibrary.org

Youth Services



Make It Mondays

Weekly Crafts on YouTube

Make something special every week with us on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube Channel!

Contact us for information, or drop by the library to pick up the weekly craft supplies. Ages 3 & up.

Online Storytime

Bi-Monthly on YouTube

We are posting virtual story times online the first and third Wednesdays of every month! We will also have available for pick up at the library an activity package and unique craft to celebrate the story time theme! You will find all our videos on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube channel.



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Youth Services



Drop in for
Tinker Tuesdays



Ages 6-11 from 2:30-4:00pm



Tinker Tuesdays

It's back by popular demand! Drop in for some fun activities, crafts and cool games at the library every Tuesday afternoon. Bring your friends too!
Time: 2:30 pm-4:00 pm. Ages: 6-11

Summer Programming 2023

Summer Reading @ MPPL - June 16th through July 21st

Our theme is "Find Your Voice!" Check out our website for all the details and special programming coming soon!



**THE MAGIC & ART OF
DAN GOGH**
**FRIDAY
JUNE 16
2PM-3PM**

Fantastic Fridays This Summer!

Here are a just a few of our special summer programs we have planned for you! So join the family fun at the library. We hope to see you soon!

All Ages. Registration required and Melrose Park residents have first priority.



**"Aloha to You"
with Holly Nagel**
**Friday, June 23
2pm-3pm**



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



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Easter was EGGsceptional ... The Easter Bunny Hopped Down the Bunny Trail to Visit MP!

This year, Easter was a lot of fun for everyone in Melrose Park!

The Easter Bunny made some special trips to the village to greet members of our community and wish all a Happy Easter!



Melrose Park Police Department
Easter Bunny Parade



Melrose Park Youth Commission/Veterans Park District
Egg Scrambler - Egg and Candy Hunt

Let Us Do the Cooking For You!



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

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

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

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





COMMUNITY NOTICE

Overnight Parking Procedures for Melrose Park

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, please call (708) 344-8409.



MELROSE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

PARKING PERMISSION REQUEST FORM

LIMIT 3 DAYS PER MONTH

DATE OF REQUEST: _____

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

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

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ License Plate: _____ State: _____

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

REASON FOR REQUEST: (Circle)

Visitor | Driveway Repair | Family Emergency

Other: _____

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

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

Shift Supervisor Signature

Date

A QUICK NOTE TO UPDATE WEEKEND PARKING RULES ...

As of Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, parking is no longer permitted on both sides of the street on weekends. Overnight parking restrictions remain the same in the West Melrose and Winston Park areas. Parking is only allowed on designated sides of the street depending on the day of the week as indicated on notice signs posted throughout the community. Remember, parking is never allowed on east and west streets – 2-6 A.M.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2023; Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2023; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 4, 2023; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 9, 2023; Veterans Day – Friday, Nov. 10, 2023; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 24, 2023; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 22, 2023; Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 25, 2023; New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Friday, Dec. 29, 2023; and New Year's Day – Monday, Jan. 1, 2023.

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

Public Notice Regarding Scheduled Board Meetings

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

The schedule for calendar year 2023 is: May 8; June 12; July 10; Aug. 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 13; and Dec. 11.

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



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

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

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

Answer the Call...

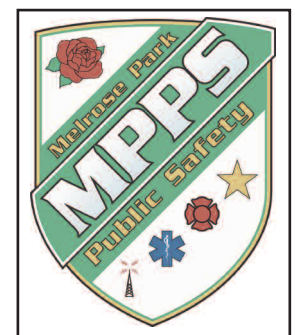
Melrose Park's Homeland Security and Public Safety Departments are NOW Recruiting!

- 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.

Questions? Please call us at (708) 649-8000 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.**

Franciscan Resource Center Offers Local Assistance

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

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

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

Centro De Recursos Franciscanos

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

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

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



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 2023
(Depending on Type of Vehicle)
\$55 Every Two Years

Passenger Vehicles

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

**ALL 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.

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

Village of Melrose Park

Garage Sale Notice

Garage Sales are Back ... It's Time to Sell All Those Treasures

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

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

The dates for 2023 are May 18-20, June 15-17, July 20-22, Aug. 17-19 and Sept. 14-16.

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

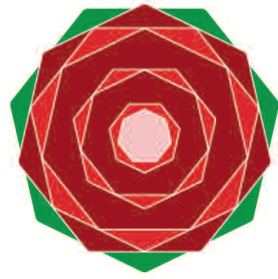
No permit is needed for garage sales, however the following rules must be followed:

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

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

A copy of garage sale rules is available at www.melrosepark.org.





MELROSE PARK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Welcome New Chamber Members!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomed seven new members in February and March. Please help us welcome The Joint Chiropractic; Iskali; Kidz Korner Daycare; Lake Book Manufacturing, LLC; Weer Insurance Group; Fifth Third Bank; and REMAX/Sylvana Menolascino to the growing list of members/partners that are now part of the chamber.

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development now has over 150 members and the list continues to grow each month! 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 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 participating in community events.

Upcoming Events

- May 25, Your Business & the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERC). Businesses that were financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for employee tax credits of up to \$26,000 per employee as part of the federal government's CARES Act. This workshop will provide business owners with an overview of the program and guide them through the process for securing this additional economic relief. The workshop will be presented by Mike Corrigan, from Corrigan Financial Services, Inc.
- In June, Representatives from the State of Illinois Capital Development Board will make a presentation on current and upcoming capital construction projects and opportunities for contractors and sub-contractors to do business with the state of Illinois. It is important to note that although some projects are large, over 70 percent of the construction projects and building repair projects annually are relatively small (less than \$1 million projects) and include roofing repairs, electrical/lighting, plumbing, general construction and painting, etc.
This discussion will include information on how to get your business certified to do business with the state for all businesses and even discussion regarding special certifications for minority, women, veteran and other disadvantaged businesses that can help them grow locally.
- In July, representatives from the Chicago/Cook Workforce Partnership will be on hand to discuss programs and resources to help businesses find, attract, train and retrain their workforce to meet the needs of their businesses. Although this information will apply to a broad audience, the specifics will focus on the current needs in the manufacturing and health care sectors.

Chamber After Hours Networking events will be held in May and July, and present opportunities to reconnect with business and community leaders in the area as well as to meet new contacts, potential vendors and potential customers. Watch for dates and further information in chamber emails and on our website, and join us for some good old-fashioned in-person networking. Get your business cards ready for these events.

Please sign up for the *MPCCCD Newsletter* and watch the Event Calendar at <https://mpcccd.org> to stay informed about the programs and opportunities available through the chamber.

The MP Chamber of Commerce & Community Development Facebook Page Has Changed

Due to technical issues with the old Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Facebook page, we have decided it is best to create a new page to better utilize this platform to keep businesses and the community informed of programs and services available to help our businesses, as well as to share information regarding our Melrose Park businesses with the broader community.

The new Facebook page for the MPCCCD is titled Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce. Please like, follow and share us on the new page as we try to rebuild our network on the Facebook social media platform.

If you followed us on the old Facebook page, you need to like and follow us on the new one as Facebook/Meta will not allow us to transfer followers from the old page to the new one.

You can also join us from the bottom of the MPCCCD website by clicking the link for Facebook, as it will connect you to the new Facebook page.

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.

Chamber Highlights from February and March 2023

On Feb. 23, the MPCCCD hosted over 40 local business representatives at the Annual Access to Capital Panel Discussion that included representatives from Huntington Bank, BMO Harris Bank and Proviso Community Bank. Each bank presented a broad menu of both traditional and customized solutions to meet the unique needs of the diverse business community present. The key takeaway from each of the banking representatives is to understand what you need and then shop around to make sure that you get the right solution for your business and not just the first offer you receive.

It was also great to hear from one of the banks at the March Chamber After Hours event that in the three weeks after the Access to Capital Meeting, they had already assisted two businesses that attended the Feb. 23 meeting in applying for and closing on about \$150,000 in capital and lines of credit for their business needs.

The MPCCCD conducts information and training sessions each month on a broad group of topics and solutions to meet the needs of local businesses. To stay informed on each month's Business Breakfast Meetings, sign up for the *MPCCCD Newsletter* at <https://mpcccd.org> and checkout the event calendar on the website while you are there.

On March 23, the MPCCCD and 40 local businesses welcomed job seekers to what has become an annual job fair. The opportunities ranged from full-time to part-time positions, skilled and non-skilled with businesses from health care, education, banking, financial/professional services, manufacturing, transportation and others represented.

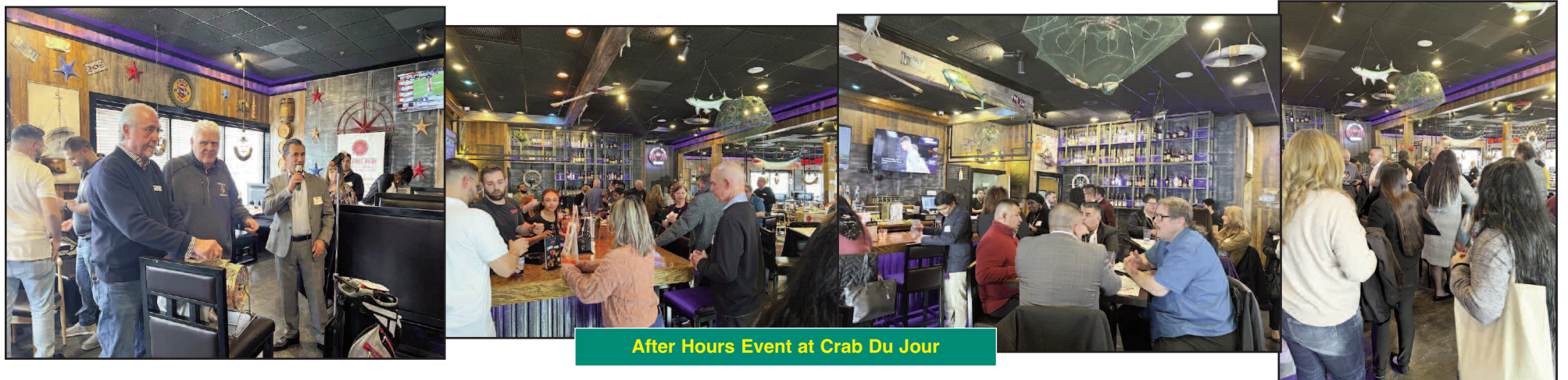
Although we could have used several hundred more job seekers in attendance to fill the current needs of the businesses represented, it was a very successful event according to feedback from business representatives and attendees.

Based on the surveys, every business identified at least three candidates to follow up with and one company indicated they had 30 candidates to contact.

The MPCCCD would also like to thank School District 89 and Jane Addams Elementary School for their continued support and for hosting the Job Fair again this year.

The MPCCCD would also like to thank Crab Du Jour for hosting the March "Chamber After Hours" networking event. In addition to enjoying outstanding food, service and even a few gift cards from the team at Crab Du Jour, the 75 business and community leaders enjoyed conversation with old friends and potentially new customers. A special thanks to everyone for attending and helping us grow the chamber and most importantly for fueling growth in our community.

The MPCCCD would also like to thank Mayor Ronald Serpico and representatives from the village of Melrose Park for their constant support of local businesses and for their regular attendance and participation in MPCCCD events to connect with local business owners and leaders.



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 packages available, contact Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at ibazbaz@mpcccd.org or call (708) 343-3715 and we will schedule a time to meet.

Dominican Literacy Center Continues to Provide English Instruction and More ...

The Dominican Literacy Center originally began in Chicago, at the request of the pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in 1996. In 2008, the building housing the center was deemed to need extensive repairs and could not be used. In June of 2008, the center was graciously welcomed to rent a part of Sacred Heart Convent in Melrose Park, where it has continued to provide English instruction for the past 14 years.

The goal of the Dominican Literacy Center is the empowerment of persons who experience personal and economic limitations within our English-speaking society. Through literacy education and personal relationships, we strive to provide a small step toward eliminating racial and cultural prejudice and stereotypes, as well as a step up for persons seeking improvement in their personal, familial and economic abilities.

The Dominican Literacy Center provides weekly one and half hour tutored sessions in which one student meets with one tutor. The center provides tutoring in speaking, reading and writing English, as well as tutoring in preparation for the Citizenship interview and exam. This individualized instruction is provided for immigrant women and men (ages 17+) who are – endeavoring to reduce literacy and its consequential effects of isolation (due to their inability to communicate in English with health care providers, children's teachers, neighbors, co-workers, community leaders and/or first responders); in low-level jobs (due to lack of training or skills, or an inability to demonstrate their already achieved skills and knowledge); powerless to supervise their adolescent children or to influence systemic change; lacking confidence to enroll in traditional classes and or fear of requesting help when needed.

English Classes

English classes are provided for those who want to learn to speak, read or write in English. One student meets with one tutor, once a week.

These classes are offered at the Dominican Literacy Center, 1503 Rice Street, in Melrose Park (near Sacred Heart/St. Eulalia Parish).

Our program also assists persons studying for their Citizenship interview/exam.

We presently offer classes on Monday through Thursday, in the mornings and afternoons.

Please call Sr. Judith Curran at (708) 338-0659.

Dominican Literacy Center
1503 Rice Street • Melrose Park, IL 60160

English Classes for Women

Clases de Inglés para mujeres

Clases de Inglés para aprender como hablar, leer y escribir.

Clases para mujeres que quieren aprender a leer, escribir y hablar en Inglés serán ofrecidas en el Centro Dominicano de Alfabetización, 1503 Rice St.

Nuestro programa tambien ayuda a hombres y mujeres que están estudiando para pasar el examen de ciudadanía.

En este momento, tenemos maestras disponibles para clases por las mañanas.

Si a usted le gustaria aprender Inglés mejor, por favor llamar a Hermana Judith Curran – (708) 338-0659.

Centro Dominicano de Alfabetización
Calle Arroz 1503 • Parque Melrose, IL 60160

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WELCOME TO THE 41ST ANNUAL TASTE OF MELROSE PARK



Dear Friends,

I am sending this letter in the hope that you will financially participate as a sponsor of the 41st **Taste of Melrose Park**, which will take place over the Labor Day weekend, September 1st-3rd.

Your sponsorship helps underwrite many of the costs associated with our annual Taste of Melrose Park. It is also a great marketing tool for your business or organization to have your name placed before the eyes of the thousands of food aficionados that visit our 3-day event. Please read this flyer, it contains information about different **Taste of Melrose Park** sponsorship packages that can fit your budget.

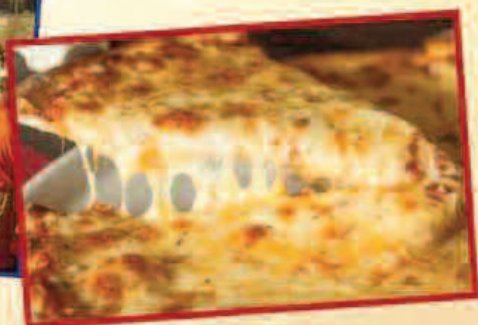
The **Taste of Melrose Park** always brings people together to enjoy savory food choices, celebrate life, and that warm feeling of being part of a larger community. **It is with your financial help that we can not only host this wonderful family-oriented event but also help keep our per serving price at \$4 or less even though food costs have risen.**

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald M. Serpico".

Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor of Melrose Park



TASTE OF MELROSE PARK SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

\$8,000.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR PACKAGE

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

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

\$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR PACKAGE

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

\$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR PACKAGE

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

\$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR PACKAGE

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

\$1,000.00 MAIN STAGE VIDEO WALL ADVERTISING PACKAGE

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

More Sponsorship Opportunities

\$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR

Your Company Logo
Printed On 500+ Volunteer Shirts
(T-Shirt Space Will Be Limited)

★ **MUST SUBMIT BY JUNE 1ST** ★

\$1,250.00 SHUTTLE SERVICE SPONSOR

Your Name Displayed on an "A" Frame
in Shuttle Pickup and Dropoff Area
1 Free Business Card Size Ads to run
six times in *The Rose* Newspaper

\$850.00 COLOR BANNER

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

\$500.00 COLOR BILLBOARD

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

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

2023

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK



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

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

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

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



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

The Taste of Melrose Park
is looking for area
businesses/organizations, etc.,
to purchase a spot on
Information Row at the
2023 Taste of Melrose Park,
Friday, Sept. 1-Sunday, Sept. 3.

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

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

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK ORDER FORM

See Page 27 for the
41st Annual
Taste of
Melrose Park
Sponsorship
Details!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

Please return this form with
a check or money order no later
than June 1 to:
Taste of Melrose Park
1000 N. 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

Please Select One of
the Following Packages:

____ \$8,000.00 PLATINUM SPONSOR

____ \$5,000.00 GOLD SPONSOR

____ \$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR

____ \$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR

____ \$3,000.00 T-SHIRT SPONSOR
(Submit by June 1st)

____ \$1,250.00 SHUTTLE SPONSOR

____ \$1,000.00 VIDEO WALL SPONSOR

____ \$850.00 3 X 4 COLOR BANNER

____ \$500.00 2 x 4 COLOR BILLBOARD

____ OTHER

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name and Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

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

Important Please Read!!!

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

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

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK 2023 FOOD VENUE

Camaci's Italian Sausage – \$4	Cody's Root Beer Floats – \$3
Camaci's Arancini – \$4	Cheesy Mac and Cheese – \$3
Honey Hot Boneless Chicken Bites – \$4	Athenian Foods Greek Chicken w/Rice – \$4
Sam & Sammy's Italian Egg Rolls – \$2.50	Strawberry Slushies – \$3
Carlotta's Sweet Aroma Linguine w/Garlic&Oil – \$4	Squire's Cotton Candy – \$4
Shwings Fried Shrimp – \$3	Pepe's Ceviche – \$4
Iannelli's Panzerotti – \$4	Nutella Crepes – \$3
Mickey's Italian Beef – \$4	Nirvana's Brownie Sundaes – \$3
Chrissy's Hot Dogs – \$4	J.T.'s Italian Meatball Sandwich – \$4
Putt's Raw Clams – \$4	Antney's Italian Lemonade – \$3
Larry's BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich – \$4	Capt. D's Seeds & Nuts "Homemade Lupinis" – \$3
Richie's Curly Fries w/Cheese – \$4	Ashley's Snow Cones – \$2
Los Comales "Taco Bout It" Horchata – \$3	Riccio's Italian Pasta Salad – \$4
Los Comales "Taco Bout It" Tacos – \$3	Volunteers of M.P. Tiramisu – \$3
The Roasted Cob – \$3	Scudiero's Pizza – \$3
Adriana's Pepper & Egg Sandwich – \$4	Scudiero's Pepperoni Rolls – \$3
Cilla's Steak Teriyaki – \$4	Clara's Dippin Dots – \$4
Cervone's Homemade Cannoli – \$3	Patty's Eggplant Parmesan Sandwich – \$4
Ron's Famous Fried Dough – \$4	Eli's Cheesecakes – \$4
Siciliano's Old Fashioned Fried Bologna – \$4	Lil Dean's Raviolis – \$3
Levato Affogato – \$4	Vinnie Laraia's Baked Clams – \$2.50
Marilyn's Delicious Hamburgers – \$4	Jessica's Tamales – \$3
Fried Meatball Sandwich with Cheese Sauce – \$4	Paco's Cuban Sandwich – \$3
Nacho Mama's – \$3	Diana's Mozzarella Sticks – \$4
Soon's Tres Leches Cake – \$3	Corz Kids Garlic Shrimp – \$3
Italian Stuffed Mushrooms – \$4	Corinne Ariola Principe's Artichoke Casserole – \$4
Candied Bacon aka "Pig Candy" – \$4	Elio's Funnel Cakes – \$4
Uncle Frankie's	Missionary Sisters of St. Charles "Sfingi" – \$3
Mostaccioli in Tomato Basil Sauce – \$3	Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia Parish Food Carry Trays – \$1
Nikki's Zucchini Cheese Puffs – \$3	
Lil Jimmy's Pierogies – \$3	

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





Entertainment Schedule

Main Stage

Friday, Sept. 1
6:30-7:30 p.m. – Lake Effect
8-10 p.m. – Boy Band Review
Saturday, Sept. 2
6-7:30 p.m. –
Soul Sacrifice Santana Tribute
8:15-10:15 p.m. –
Chicago's Own Piano Man Band
Sunday, Sept. 3
4:45-5:45 p.m. – Pretty the Wolf
6:45-7:45 p.m. –
Them Schultz Girls & Friends
8:15-10:15 p.m. – IPop

Peroni Garden

Friday, Sept. 1
7-8:30 p.m. – The Rat Pack
8:30-10:30 p.m. – Tony Ocean Show
Saturday, Sept. 2
3-5 p.m. – JP & Jenny
5:30-7 p.m. – TBA
8-10 p.m. – The Wayouts
Sunday, Sept. 3
3-5 p.m. – Jersey Girls
6-9:30 p.m. – R-Gang

Saturday and Sunday Carnival Rides!

\$30 Wristbands,
Saturday
and Sunday,
Noon-5 p.m.,
All You
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MAIN DRIVE SHOWS

**JESSE WHITE
TUMBLING TEAM**
Saturday, Sept. 2 and
Sunday, Sept. 3
2:30 p.m.

**EXPLOSIVE SOUNDS
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All Three Days!

Sabor de Mexico Stage

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announced.
Watch for
information
as it
becomes
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Gouin Pool and Water Slides

2400 Scott St., Franklin Park

- **Regular season passes** – \$70 residents/
\$90 nonresidents
- **Senior passes** – \$3

Stop by Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park or Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake to register and receive your ID. Season passes are nonrefundable. For more information, please call (708) 343-5270.

Introduction to Drawing and Acrylic Painting

Ages 6+

This beginner program offers children the opportunity to become familiar with the mediums of drawing and painting. The class stimulates imaginations and helps develop essential technical skills in a fun classroom environment. Supplies are included.

- Mondays, May 1-June 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Saturdays, May 6-June 17; Fee – R \$60/NR \$85; Class held at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Babysitter Training with Pediatric CPR/First Aid

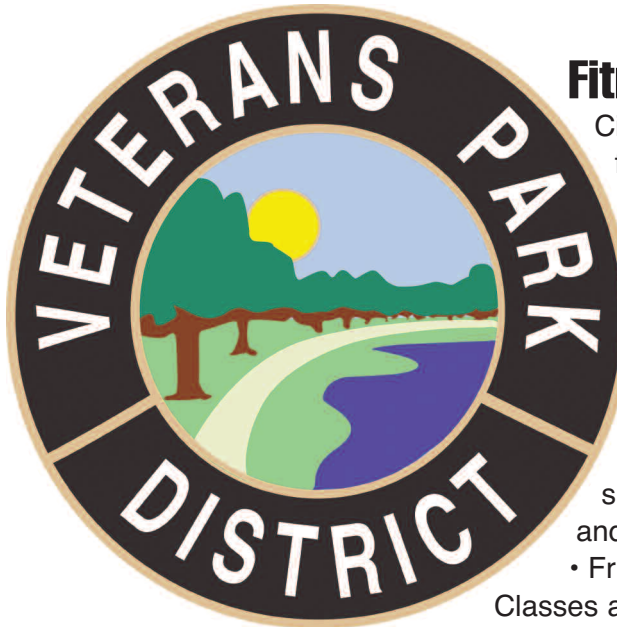
Ages 11-15

Designed for young people to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care to infants and children in a residential setting. Learn about basic child care and basic first aid. Participants receive a certificate of completion for babysitter's training. Participants also receive a two-year certification for pediatric CPR/first aid. An adult must be present the entire length of the training.

- Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.; Fee – R \$194/NR \$204; Classes held at Grant Park Recreation Center 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Golf Simulator

Come experience Cimbalo Fitness Center's Golf Suite! Featuring a state-of-the-art Full Swing® golf simulator, our golf suite allows you to have a fun, realistic golf experience year-round. Our golf simulator offers something for everyone of all ages and experience levels, from the super competitive golfer to the super casual. With over 85 courses, multiple skill challenge courses, a driving range and a variety of challenge games/modes of play, we can provide users with a great experience customized to their goals, whether that be improving their golf game or just having fun. Pricing is \$40 for one hour and \$20 for a half-hour rental. Please call ahead to reserve a time slot. Cimbalo Fitness Center is located at 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park. Call (708) 343-5151 to reserve a time.



Fitness Classes

Cimbalo Fitness Center offers a variety of fun ,exciting fitness classes, including Zumba, Zumba Toning, Strong Nation, Middle Eastern Belly Dancing, Chair Yoga, Youth Fitness, Youth Speed Training and Youth Boxing. Pickleball lessons coming this summer! Call (708) 343-5151 for more information.

Flag Football, Ages 8-12

In this non-competitive, slow-paced class, players learn fundamental offensive and defensive football skills, including passing, catching, defensive positioning and football formations.

- Fridays, June 9-30, 11-11:45 a.m.; Fee – R \$55/NR \$70.

Classes are held at Gouin Park, 2400 Scott St., Franklin Park.

Mini Sports, Ages 4-6

Start your little one early at this fun Mini Sports class! Participants get to choose a new sport each week, including, soccer, T-ball, field hockey and basketball.

- Thursdays, June 8-29, 11-11:45 a.m.; Fee – R \$55/NR \$70; Classes are held at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Dodgeball, Ages 9-12

Dodgeball is an exciting, lively and safe game for all! In this class various dodgeball games will be played throughout the session, including regular dodgeball, Scatterball and Pirates Prison.

- Tuesdays, June 6-27, Noon-12:45 p.m.; Fee – R \$55/NR \$70; Classes are held at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Active Adults/Senior Programs

Bingo with lunch at the following locations:

- Thursday, May 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.
- Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

The fee for each session is \$10 per person, and includes lunch and one Bingo card. Gift card prizes for winners.

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

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- ✓ Lifeguards
- ✓ Head Lifeguards
- ✓ Swim Instructors
- ✓ Fitness Instructors
- ✓ Summer Camp Counselors
- ✓ Youth Sport Instructors
- ✓ Concession Stand Staff

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

Apply at the following VPD locations:

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

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Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings



SUMMER DAYS OF FUN! YEARS OF MEMORIES!

School's out! VPD Summer Camp is in! Enjoy old and new friendships, off site field trips, all camp swim days, park field days, themed arts and crafts, silly competitions, crazy-named games and a park party event! Our well trained, caring staff promote teamwork, boost self-confidence and work to improve social skills in a safe and fun environment.

EARLY BIRD MINI-SESSION: May 30-June 2

Offered only at Grant Park in Northlake.

Camp Hours: 9 AM-4 PM **FEE (R/N): \$117/133**

Before Care: 8-9 AM \$22/27

After Care: 4-6 PM \$25/30

CAMP HOURS: 9 AM-4 PM **FEE (R/N): \$350/400**

Before Care: 8-9 AM \$65/80

After Care: 4-6 PM \$75/90

DATES:

Session 1: Monday, June 5-Friday, June 23

Session 2: Monday, June 26-Friday, July 14* No camp July 4

Session 3: Monday, July 17-Friday, August 4

CAMP LOCATIONS:

Bulger Park Community Center
1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park

Grant Park Recreation Center
44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

**MEET AND
GREET EVENT
THURSDAY, MAY 25
6-7 PM
GRANT PARK &
BULGER PARK**

SUMMER DAY CAMP SWIM LESSONS

Attend the Veterans Park District Swim Academy during day camp! All swimmers are tested the first day of lessons. Veterans Park District reserves the right to dismiss a child from participation if they are unwilling to learn or displays a disregard for lifeguard safety instructions. Transportation to and from swim lessons is included.

Level: 1-6 Provided.

See page 9 for swim level descriptions.

Swim Lesson Times: 11:10-11:50 AM

Days:

Grant Park - Mondays & Thursdays

Bulger Park - Tuesdays & Fridays

Dates:

Session 1: June 8-23

Fee: \$35

Session 2: June 26-July 14*

Fee: \$35

Session 3: July 17-Aug 1

Fee: \$35

Location: Gouin Pool

* No swim lessons July 3 and July 4

**2023 Summer
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FUN TASTIC

Adventure Camp

AGES 3-5
MONDAY-FRIDAY
\$75 R/ 85 N
PER WEEK

Veterans Park Preschool, Northlake

YOU ASKED! WE LISTENED!

Campers 3-5 years old will enjoy a new adventure each week. From sighting friendly aliens, going on an imaginary camping trip, exploring the jungle, saving the earth, discovering a pirate treasure, cooking snacks, lassoing a bull, hunting dinosaurs, to catching edible fish! These cool and exciting adventures camps will fill your camper with a variety of summer memories! We offer morning or afternoon session.

MORNING SESSION 9-11:45 AM

June 12-16 **BLAST INTO SUMMER**

We are off to find new worlds that have never been explored. Will we find friendly aliens and glowing stars? Astronaut ice cream, space shirts and a summer blast off party are only part of the fun your space child will experience at this adventure camp.

June 19-23 **LET'S GO CAMPING**

Your camper will go on an imaginary camping trip with campfire songs, ghost stories that are fun, not scary, and tasty camp fire foods. We will make backyard camping crafts and play old-fashioned games.

June 26-30 **CROCODILE HUNTER EXPLORES THE JUNGLE**

We're going on a crocodile hunt! We have our binoculars and are not afraid – our adventure this week will include making jungle animals, play binoculars, monkey sandwiches and magic jungle juice.

July 3-7* **TURNING GREEN**

Reduce, recycle, reuse and keep the earth green. This camp is an adventure into the world around us. Every craft we make will use recycled items.
* No Camp July 4. Fee will be reduced.

July 10-14 **AHOY PIRATES!**

A treasure hunt, pirate maps and adventures on the high seas will be a part of this fun camp. Friday, come dressed as a pirate for a pirate party. Who will walk the plank?

July 17-21 **KIDS CAFÉ**

Young chefs will plan a menu, create a grocery list, set a table, make a personal placemat, cook and eat their own snacks. Each child will take home a booklet of their recipes and a special keepsake apron. We will also talk about healthy eating and keeping fit.

July 24-28 **WILD, WILD WEST**

Rid'em cowboy. Your little cowboy or cow girl will make a neckerchief, a vest and a stick horse to ride on. We will lasso a bull, find gold in "them thar hills", sing around the campfire, roast wienies and marshmallows, and enjoy some old-fashioned root beer floats.

July 31-August 4 **PREHISTORIC ADVENTURES CAMP**

Your paleontologist will go back in time to hunt the dinosaurs. We will dig for bones, create a nest with dinosaur eggs, make a fossil, and cook and eat prehistoric dirt and purple dino punch. Whose foot is bigger, yours or T-Rex's? Join this adventure camp and find out.

August 7-11 **UNDER WATER FANTASY CAMP**

We will go exploring under the water this fun packed week. Your camper will make an ocean in a bottle, an aquarium, an edible lake with a fish and much more. We will also have a water day complete with swimming suit activities and a picnic!

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:15-4 PM

June 12-16 **LITTLE GARDENERS**

Come create flower crafts and learn to plant seedlings that will sprout and bloom into something beautiful.

June 19-23 **SWEET TREATS & CRAFTS**

Join us for a "heart" themed class filled with crafts, songs, and making snacks. A fun cooking & craft combo class that will have everyone "lov-ing" every moment!

June 26-30 **PIRATE ADVENTURES**

Come join us on a Pirate Adventure at Northlake Preschool. Children will walk the plank, pin the patch on the pirate, and sink the ship to earn their pirate prize.

July 3-7* **HOORAY FOR RED, WHITE & BLUE**

Join us to celebrate America's Birthday! This week is will be filled with Red, White and Blue activities and crafts. A patriotic parade will be the highlight of our week.

* No Camp July 4. Fee will be reduced.

July 10-14 **LITTLE CONSTRUCTION BUILDERS**

Come discover how to be a builder using blocks, trucks, and tools! Children will create skyscrapers, build bridges and make a digger tool.

July 17-21 **LITTLE NATURE EXPLORERS**

Let's explore the great outdoors through games, songs, stories and hikes outside.

July 24-28 **PEEWEE PICASSO**

Our little artists will create summer themed pictures and crafts. This can be a messy class, so please wear a paint shirt.

July 31-August 4 **MOVERS & SHAKERS**

This class will have your child moving and shaking to fun sing-along songs. They will also have opportunities to experiment with different children's instruments such as drums, maracas, bells and more! Each week, there will be different themed music inspired by popular children's performers.

August 7-11 **DINOSAUR DISCOVERY**

Join our "dino"mite class to learn about different dinosaurs, fossils, create fun projects, and play games.

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☀️ SPLASH & BASH AT GOUIN POOL ☀️

POOL RENTAL FOR PRIVATE PARTIES/EVENTS

Finish off a hot summer day with a dip in our pool! Enjoy the evening with your friends, family, neighbors, scout troop, ball team or fellow company employees. Lifeguards and staff available. Water slides, kiddie pool, diving board and concession are yours to enjoy. Pool may be rented on Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Fee per hour: \$300 R / \$450 N (\$100 deposit required when reserving date).

Min/Max: 25/100

POOL BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

KIDDIE POOL PARTY PACKAGE (Ages 8 and under)

Celebrate a special occasion with our **NEW Kiddie Pool Party Package!**

Offered on Mondays-Fridays 10:30 AM-1 PM.

Package includes: Private rental of our gated zero depth pool with water play structures and ground sprays until 12 PM. At noon party at our concession stand with a reserved shaded picnic table(s) and lunch for one hour.

Meal choices are: pizza, hot dogs or chicken nuggets with chips and a juice box. Guests provide their own birthday cake or cupcakes.

Rental Fee: \$200 **Maximum:** 20 children

POOL BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGE (Ages 3 -12)

Offered during normal public swim hours, Monday through Sunday.

\$14 per person includes: pool entrance fee for the day, with a reserved shaded picnic table(s) in our concession area and lunch for one hour.

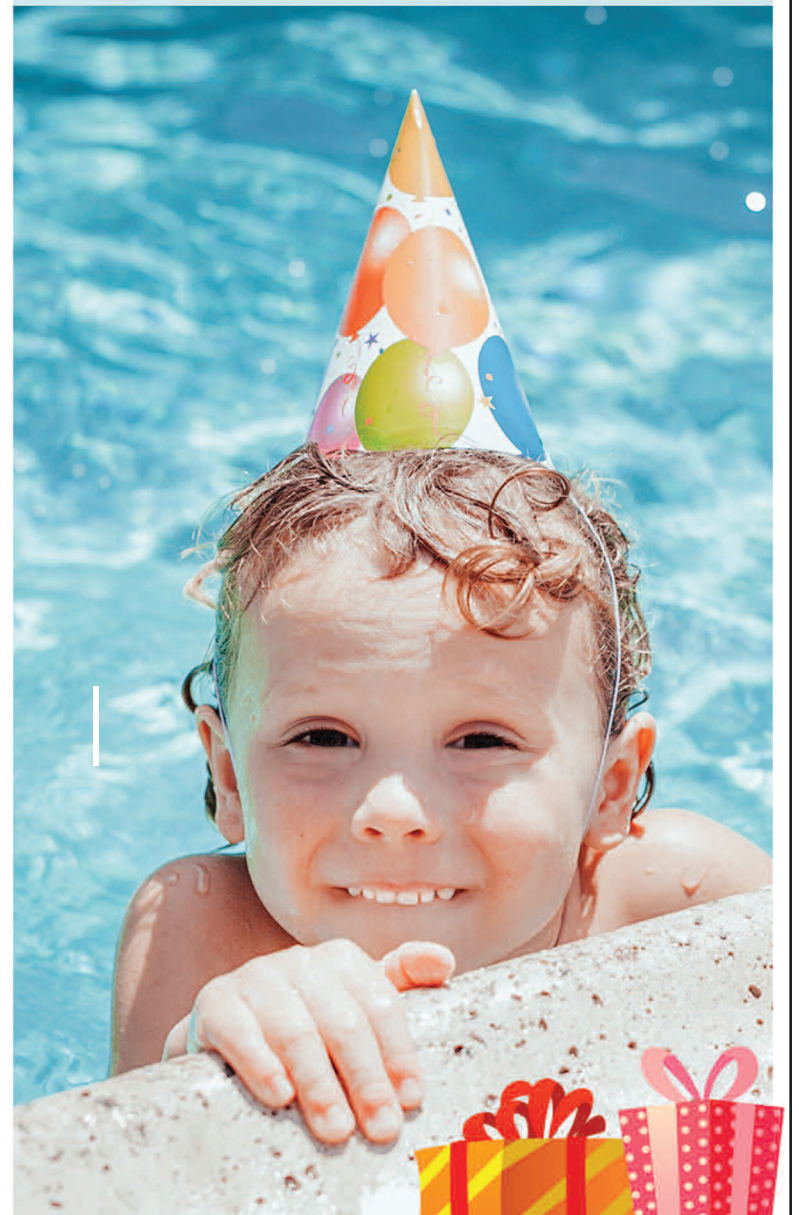
Meal choices are: pizza, hot dogs, chips, slushy, lemon aid and ice cream.

A roped off reserved area for party goers on the pool deck and "Happy Birthday" sung over loud speaker to the birthday child is also offered.

Maximum: 30 partygoers (1 free adult for 10 kids)



Reservations are now being accepted for this year's pools rentals!



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44 W. GOLFVIEW DRIVE, NORTHLAKE
708-343-5270

• **CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER** •

1203 N. 23RD, MELROSE PARK
708-343-5151

GRANT PARK RECREATION CENTER

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-1PM

\$ 5 RESIDENT

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Register Now for Summer Classes at Triton College Semester Begins May 22!

Enroll early for the best selection of classes.
For more information, visit www.triton.edu
or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130.

Triton's Offering Total Fitness this Summer

Are you ready to get fit while having fun and staying safe? Triton College will be offering Total Fitness for credit (PED 106) or noncredit (PED C37) continuing education. The class will be held in Triton's Fitness Center in the R Building. Refer to the class schedule for multiple dates and times. Tuition is affordable and the class is worth one transferrable college credit hour.

Total Fitness teaches students the safe and effective way to use strength and cardio exercise equipment. The goal of the class is to improve body composition, physiological strength and flexibility. The course can be repeated for a maximum of four accrued credits.

Those registered for PED 106 will have access to the Fitness Center during class as well as designated open swim hours.

This is a simple way for college or high school students to get ahead and build their transferrable college credits!

For more information, please email juliannemurphy@triton.edu or call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3138.

First Responder Expo Set for Wednesday, May 3

Participants Can Explore Careers in Police, Fire or EMT

Triton College will be hosting a First Responder Expo on Wednesday, May 3, 3-6 p.m., in the Student Center Cafeteria (B Building). This event is open to the public at no charge and registration is not required.

Expo attendees are invited to meet with and explore various agencies, such as local law enforcement and fire departments, as well as Triton College's Criminal Justice, Fire Science and Emergency Medicine academic programs.

Representatives of the various departments will be available to answer any questions.

For more information, email admissions@triton.edu.

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

Triton College Foundation 25th Annual Golf Outing Thursday, June 29

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

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

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

It's that time again! The Triton College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization will host its 25th annual golf outing on Thursday, June 29, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. The event, open to novice and skilled golfers alike, will kick off at 10 a.m., with an 18-hole round of golf, golf carts, goodie bags, lunch, dinner and prizes.

Golfers may register as individuals for \$150 per person or as a foursome for \$600. Exclusive Friend of the Foundation, corporate, par and hole

sponsorships are

also available. Sponsorships begin at \$200. The Foundation also is accepting raffle prizes. Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

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



**To register for the event or to become a sponsor,
contact the Triton College Foundation for details!**

**Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3758, or
send an email to tcfoundation@triton.edu.**



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Put your talent and experience at the service of American communities. Join the AmeriCorps Seniors Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at Triton College. We can help identify a volunteer match in your community.

You can:

- Work at a local food pantry.
- Help ESL students practice their English conversational skills.
- Give companionship by visiting, listening, talking or reading to older adults.
- Serve as a mentor.
- Work with children.
- And more.

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

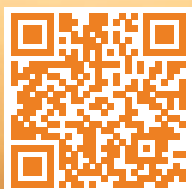
- Free membership in a national organization.
- A quarterly newsletter.
- Mileage reimbursement upon request.
- Supplemental auto insurance.
- Invitation to volunteer appreciation events.

**Call the RSVP Office at
Triton College for more information.
(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3599.**

Make it a brighter *Summer* Save time and money on a new career!

REGISTER NOW!

Summer semester begins May 22, 2023



Triton College
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NEWS89 School District89 BRIEFS



PFA Professional Development

On March 29, Jessica Stowell of Lakeshore Learning Materials facilitated a professional development session with D89 teachers and instructional assistants in the Preschool For All (PFA) Program. The session encompassed ECERS-3 and dramatic play, and will assist in enhancing the quality of instruction and design of the PFA classrooms.

D89 Student Services Department Presentation for Melrose Park Police

Suzanne Bement, executive director of Student Services, and Christine Busch, Student Services Support supervisor presented to the Melrose Park Police Department on Wednesday, March 15. Their presentation included how to work with individuals that may have Autism or mental health conditions. The police officers were provided visuals to keep in their squad cars to assist with individuals that may be nonverbal.



Stevenson Escape

Classroom escape rooms can be a fun and exciting way to help students explore a topic in a more engaging way than traditional methods. Students in Mrs. Mannella and Mr. Rudolph's classrooms had to apply their knowledge of the War of 1812 to Escape the Classroom. They had to answer questions in a group before moving on to the next station. To escape, they had to collaborate with their peers to answer all questions correctly. Thank you to Mrs. Mannella and Mr. Rudolph for sharing the joy of learning with our students.



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Steampunk Masks

Using the art elements of texture and form, eighth grade students in Ms. Milinkovich's art class designed masks in the style of the Steampunk Era. Students learned about the origination and history of Steampunk literature, art, movies and music.



Stevenson Boys Volleyball Season is in Full Swing!



Varsity Girls' Soccer

The varsity girls' soccer team kicked off the season with a win against Heritage Berwyn. Abby L. broke through on a pass from Camila D. to score the first goal of the game and season! Then late in the first half, Shelly Z. scored on a corner kick pass from Vannessa H. Camila D. assisted again on a great pass to Luciana C. who put it into the net. Fabiola M. stopped both shots she faced for the shut-out in goal. The JV team lost 4 to 1.

The Pirates goal was scored on a penalty kick by Veda B. #D89Athletics #D89BrightFutures

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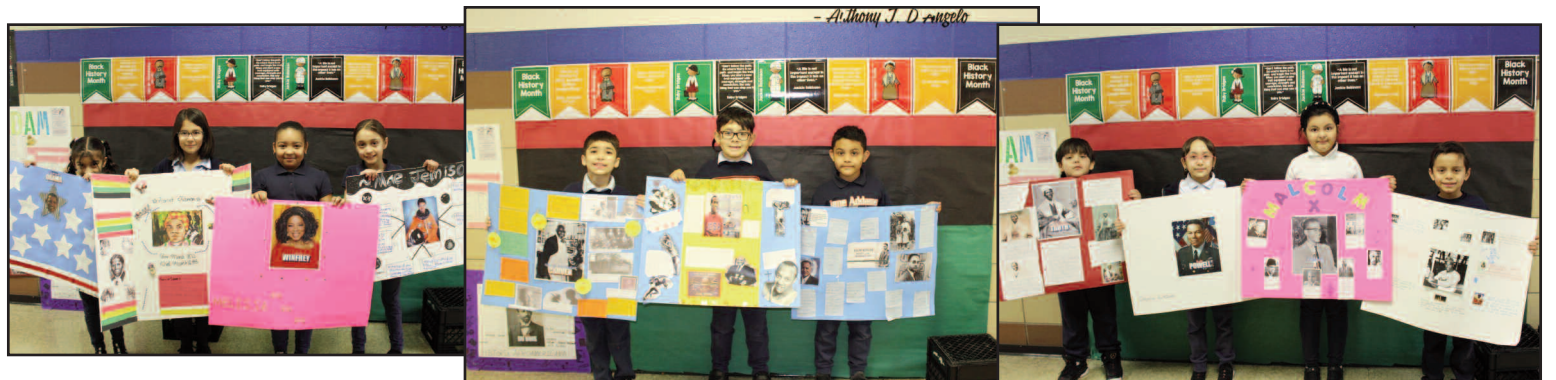


First Graders Visit Triton

On March 9, first graders from Jane Addams School visited the Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College to watch *Rusty Rockets Last Blast*. They learned about basic rocket science and the great distances between the planets.

Second Grade Research Projects

Second graders at Jane Addams chose a notable African American to research and create a project about. They also practiced their public speaking skills and presented in front of their classes.



The Tortoise and the Hare

On Friday Feb. 24, Jane Addams's kindergarten classes went to see *The Tortoise and the Hare* musical at the Mayfair Theater at the Irish American Heritage Center. It was put on by the Chicago Kids Company Theater. They had so much fun!

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FourthGradeScientistsatJaneAddams

Scholars in Mrs. Butterfield's fourth grade science class are learning about natural processes and their impact on humans. They have been following the engineering design process and they had to design and build a structure from household materials that would withstand an earthquake, tsunami or flood. They then tested the structures and reflected on their designs. Way to go Panthers!



PreschoolForAll(PFA)Program

PFA students in Mrs. Villacorta's and Ms. Magdaleno's classes at Washington Dual Language Academy showcase some of their cool painting skills as they learn about inclusivity and being kind to all.



PreschoolForAll(PFA)ProgramVisitsKohlChildren'sMuseum

D89's youngest scholars visited the Kohl Children's Museum where they enjoyed hands-on activities that inspire creativity and imagination. To learn more about the Preschool For All (PFA) Program at District 89, visit <https://www.maywood89.org/preschool/>.

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Emerson ...
Sergio Martinez-Morales



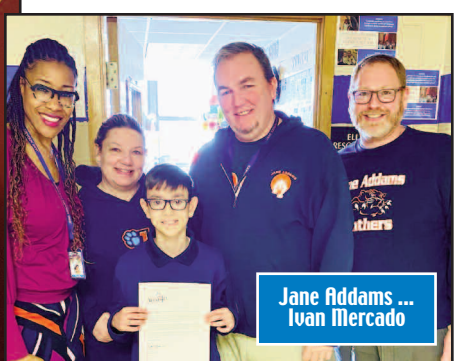
Garfield ... Leyden Quinnie



Irving ... Crystal Vargas, Kayla Tate



Jane Addams ...
Ivan Mercado



Lincoln ... Natalia Urrutia



Melrose Park ... Isabella Avina, Christopher Caceres



Roosevelt ... Siniya Giles



Stevenson ... Vanessa Barrera and KeArion Laird



Washington ... Lamar Dugger

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

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

Congratulations to this year's award recipients – Emerson ... Sergio Martinez-Morales; Garfield ... Leyden Quinnie; Irving ... Kayla Tate and Crystal Vargas; Jane Addams ... Ivan Mercado; Lincoln ... Natalia Urrutia; Melrose Park ... Isabella Avina and Christopher Caceres; Roosevelt ... Siniya Giles; Stevenson ... Vanessa Barrera and KeArion Laird; and Washington ... Lamar Dugger.

SMS Science Experiment

Ms. Fitzsimmons' eighth grade science class created slingshots to test elastic potential energy. The design is an experiment to build potential energy in elastic materials.



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Third Annual 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser to support students from 50 zipcodes throughout Chicagoland

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

Greetings from Fr. Leandro Fossá, C.S.



Alleluia, Alleluia ... Christ is Alive

Glory to God in the Highest. We have waited for 40 days to sing the glory and now we rejoice because our Lord and Savior is risen alleluia, alleluia. The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that He is alive, and we no longer die because of our sins. We are so accustomed to hearing that Jesus is risen and we might say "I know all about it" and miss the whole mystery of Easter.

It is because of Easter that the Roman Catholic Church exists. It is on the HOLY NIGHT that Eucharist becomes the center of our liturgies and the sure hope that DEATH is not the end.

Glory to God in the Highest. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is rejoicing because we are finally back in the church. After a few months of remodeling, scaffolds, woodworkers, dust and hardworking ... we finally can worship in the temple.

Easter is a celebration of life. And as the psalm says, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." His mercy has conquered darkness and His mercy is the sign that we celebrate life today.

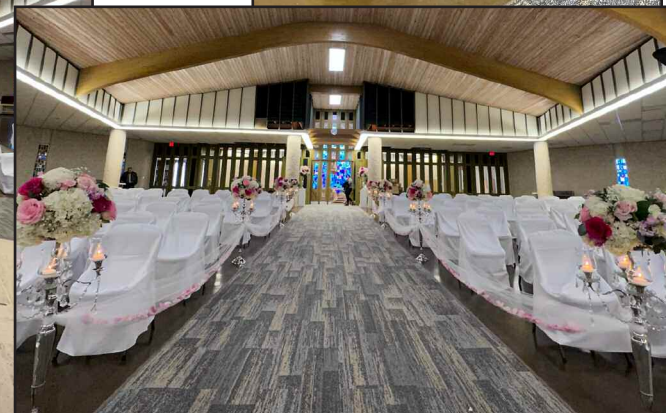
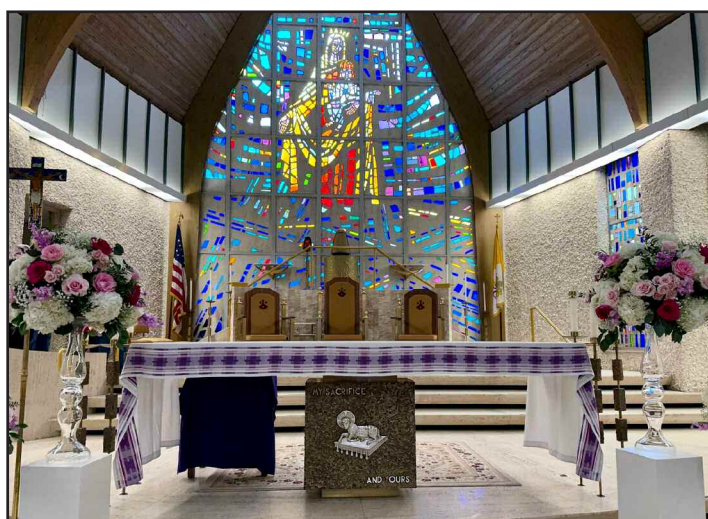
My dear friends, today we are overjoyed after celebrating the stations of the cross in a church with no pews and surrounded by piles of wood, nails, chainsaws and construction material.

Jesus Christ is risen today so we can move into our worship and find peace in a world that keeps wanting to raise a global war.

Jesus Christ is risen today so in our renewed and remodeled "home," Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we can intercede for peace between Russia and Ukraine. Jesus Christ is risen today so during our novenas we may pray for the thousands of people affected by natural disasters in America and worldwide. Jesus Christ is risen today so we can say it is so good to be back home and having a roof to reach out to God.

My dear friends, Jesus Christ is risen today and I am so glad to invite you to come back to your home. Your church is open to worship again. And this is the day that the Lord has made, let all the Earth rejoice.

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





130th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady Mt. Carmel

**The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Committee recently announced
the 130th anniversary celebration schedule of events.
Please save the dates and participate with us.**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast 2023 Schedule of Events

Friday, July 7-Saturday, July 15

7:30 p.m. – Solemn Novena Presided by Rev. Miguel Alvarez, cs

Tuesday, July 11

7 p.m. – Banner Presentation

Wednesday, July 12

6 p.m. – Rose Presentation

Thursday, July 13

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

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

Friday, July 14

6 p.m. – Feast Celebration Dinner

Saturday, July 15

3 p.m. – Mass in Spanish

5:30 p.m. – Mass in English

Sunday, July 16

7:30 a.m. – Mass in English

9 a.m. – Solemn Mass in Italian

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

Noon – Field Mass on Church Grounds

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

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

Food and beverages will be available for purchase on Sunday, July 16.

Refreshments will be served each night after Novena.

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

Grand Raffle with drawing to be held on July 15, 2023, after Novena.

Please see Pages 50-51 for information on
Altar and Rosary, and Feast Committee
Rose Basket reservations and the
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Dinner
tickets, sponsorships, ad book and
raffle ticket reservation options!

For more information, visit www.olmcp parish.org or www.facebook.com/olmcp parish.

130th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady Mt. Carmel Rose Basket Reservation Form



Dear Devotee of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

The 130th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is approaching very rapidly. The Altar and Rosary and Feast Committee are sponsoring the Rose Presentation for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel which will take place on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM prior to the Novena.

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

To ensure that your basket(s) will be presented to the Blessed Mother and your intentions read during the presentation on the evening of July 12, please return your order form below to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Shrine by Thursday, June 30, 2023, so we can notify the florist as to the number of flowers we need. Additional order forms will be available in the rectory.

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

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

The Altar and Rosary Society
The Feast Committee

Please make checks payable to:
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Shrine
Mail to:
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Shrine
1101 N. 23rd Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160

Name _____
Phone _____

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

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

Please make check payable to: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Shrine or pay online at:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/317/event/33585>

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

Prayers/Intentions (to be read upon presentation :)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.....the Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago

For more information, visit www.olmcparish.org or www.facebook.com/olmcparish.

130th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady Mt. Carmel

Sponsor/Ad Book/Dinner/Raffle Ticket Reservation Form

Feast Sponsor - \$100

Feast Celebration Dinner Ad Book

Place your congratulatory messages and business ads in our dinner ad book.
The deadline is June 30, 2023

Full page ad - \$100 Half page ad - \$50
Please email your ad information to: feast.olmc@gmail.com

Feast Celebration Dinner and Grand Raffle

The Feast Celebration Dinner will be held on Friday, July 14, 2023 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
1101 N 23rd Ave, Melrose Park, IL. Donation is \$25 per ticket.

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish-Shrine
1101 N 23rd Ave, Melrose Park, IL 60160 Tel. (708) 344-4140
Feast.olmc@gmail.com www.olmcparish.org www.facebook.com/olmcparish



For more information, visit www.olmcparish.org or www.facebook.com/olmcparish.



Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Shrine

May 2023 Events

St. Joseph the Worker • Monday, May 1/6:30 p.m.

Trilingual Mass

National Day of Prayer • Thursday, May 4

Mass – 8 a.m. (English) • Individual Prayer and Meditation – All Day

Confession and Holy Hour – 5:30 p.m. • Mass – 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Feast of St. Peregrine • Friday, May 5/6:30 p.m.

A Special Trilingual Mass and Blessing for Cancer Patients and Survivors • Veneration

Our Lady of Fatima • Friday, May 12/6:30 p.m.

Rosary • Mass • Reception • All Languages

Mother's Day • Sunday, May 14

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Feast of St. Rita • Saturday, May 20/9 a.m.

Mass

Ascension • Sunday, May 21

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Pentecost Vigil • Saturday, May 27

Prayer and Holy Hour

Pentecost • Sunday, May 28

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule • Open House 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • All Societies and Groups are Invited

Memorial Day • Monday, May 29/9 a.m.

Trilingual Mass

Visitation/Decrowning Ceremony • Wednesday, May 31/6:30 p.m.

Rosary • Mass • Reception • All Languages

June 2023 Events

Feast of St. Scalabrini • Thursday, June 1/6:30 p.m.

Founder of the Scalabrini Order • Bishop, Apostle, Father, Inspirer
Trilingual Mass

Confirmation • Saturday, June 3

Mass and Ceremony • 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Holy Trinity • Sunday, June 4

Mass and Cultural Festival • Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Feast of St. Anthony

Saturday, June 10 – Tridium – 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, June 11 – Feast of St. Anthony – 10:30 a.m. Mass

Mass • Blessed Bread • Veneration of the Relic

Outdoor Procession of St. Anthony and the Holy Eucharist

Accompanied by Banda Napolitana

Continental Breakfast Reception

Monday, June 12 – Tridium – 7:30 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, June 13 – Actual Feast of St. Anthony

Mass and Reception – 7:30 p.m.



Corpus Christi • Sunday, June 11

Procession of the Holy Eucharist

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart of Jesus • Friday, June 16/6:30 p.m.

Trilingual Mass

Father's Day • Sunday, June 18

Mass Dedicated to All Fathers

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Followed by a Reception and DJ

Mass for Padre Pio • Sunday, June 25/10:30 a.m.

Mass and Reception

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

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The ROSE AD RESERVATION FORM

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Next Issue – June 2023

(Deadline for material May 25, 2023.)

Schedule for 2023

June, August, October and December

Dear Community Member,

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

Included is display ad pricing for your review.

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

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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1/8 Page

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Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia Parish

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



Friday, June 16

**8:00am Morning Mass
7:00pm Solemn Mass**

(Family Candles & Intentions with
offertory of flowers)

There will be an ice cream social
after Solemn Mass.

Saturday, June 17

4:30pm English Mass

6:00pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, June 18

**8:30am English Mass
10:30am Spanish Mass
7:00pm Bilingual Mass**

The Taste of Sacred Heart will be
held from 9:00am to 3:00pm at
Sacred Heart Church.

St. Eulalia Church Saturday Masses:

St. Eulalia Church Sunday Masses:

5:00pm English Mass

10:30am English Mass

12:30pm Spanish Mass

Confessions are open during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every **first Friday** of the month at **Sacred Heart Church**. Every other week of the month there will be Holy Hour on Thursdays, alternating between Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia churches. All are welcome.

We will also be having a **Taco Sale** on **Sunday, April 30th** in **St. Eulalia Church's Parish Hall** from **11:00am to 3:00pm** and on **Saturday, May 20th** in **Sacred Heart Church's Marian Hall** from **5:00pm to 8:00pm**.

You are also invited to join us for our **May Crowning Celebration** on **Mother's Day Sunday, May 14** at **10:30am Mass** at **St. Eulalia Church**.



Sacred Heart Church
St. Eulalia Church

819 N. 16th Ave., Melrose Park, IL
1845 S. 9th Ave., Maywood, IL

PHONE:
708-344-0757

How Much Do You Remember About the Winston Park Development Project That Began More Than 60 Years Ago

We're tracking some history, and seeking additional stories and photos for future issues of *The Rose*! If you have any news or pictures we can use, please send a note to *The Rose* c/o Village of Melrose Park, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160 (include a phone number that's best to reach you at) or you can send an email to therose@melrosepark.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Watch for Our Second Special Winston Park Section in the Next Issue of *The Rose* with Briefs from Some Community Members and Additional Material Showcasing the Development of the Winston Park Area on Behalf of MP Resident Tony Renelli.



**Melrose
Park**

Village Hall News

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.

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose

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

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

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

Village of Melrose Park • Brian Miller, Office of the Village Attorney • (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4487



**Village of
Melrose Park**



Upcoming Events at St. Paul Lutheran Church

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 4

On Thursday, May 4, The National Day of Prayer, everyone is invited to meet at St. Paul Lutheran, outside by the cross in front of the church to pray for our community, our country and the world, as well as give thanks to God for all of his blessings. We will gather at noon and again at 6 p.m. A brief hymn sing will follow.



Benefit for Turkey Earthquake Relief – Sunday, May 7

Sunday, May 7, 3 p.m., will be the St. Paul Choir & Praise Teams Sing-A-Long Benefit for Turkey Earthquake Relief. We are excited to invite the community for an afternoon of music and praise, and helping those who have been devastated by the ongoing earthquakes in Turkey. Lyrics will be provided so you can sing along or you could just come and enjoy the music. The event is free, however we will be passing the plate to collect donations. Donations will be given to Lutheran World Relief in their efforts to assist with Turkey Earthquake Relief. Come and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, please call (708) 506-5515 or (708) 343-1000.

Showcase Recital – Sunday, June 11

The St. Paul Flute Choir will be sharing their talents by having a Showcase Recital on Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m. The concert is free and will feature a variety of styles of music and a variety of flutes.

St. Paul Lutheran is located at 1025 Lake St. in Melrose Park, Ill.

Come for any of our Sunday services – English service at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for Spanish.

For more information, please call (708) 343-1000 or send an email to stpaulmp@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

If you answered “Yes,” then we want your story!

Please send all your exciting details by direct mail to:

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Or you can send an email to TheRose@melrosepark.org.

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Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Encourages Homeowners to Apply for Property Tax Savings

On Monday, April 10, the Cook County Assessor's Office opened the application filing period for homeowners to apply for property tax exemptions. Property tax exemptions are savings that contribute to lowering a homeowner's property tax bill. The most common is the Homeowner Exemption, which saves a Cook County property owner an average of \$950 dollars each year.



*Cook County Commissioner
Frank J. Aguilar*

For the last few years, some of the exemptions automatically renewed due to COVID-19. However, two of the automatic renewals have ended. This means that homeowners receiving the "Senior Freeze" and Veterans with Disabilities Exemptions must reapply this year.

- Here are the exemptions that automatically renew each year – Homeowner Exemption, Senior Exemption and Persons with Disabilities.
- Here are the exemptions that must be reapplied annually – "Senior Freeze" Exemption, Veterans with Disabilities Exemption, Returning Veterans Exemption and Long Time Homeowner Exemption.

"Property tax exemptions administered by my office provide significant savings on a homeowner's property tax bill," said Assessor Fritz Kaegi. "Many homeowners are unaware of the savings available to them, which is why I am proud to partner with Commissioner Aguilar's Office to reach more homeowners by expanding language accessibility and offering cus-

tomized assistance that meets the needs of residents."

"Homeowner exemptions are too often underutilized by residents, even though their impact cannot be overstated," said Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "I applaud the Assessor's Office for bringing opportunities to our residents to access these exemptions and learn more about the taxing process in general. Once a homeowner receives their exemptions, they will continue to apply for years to come. It is our job as elected officials to ensure that we are doing everything in our power to make sure residents are not only aware of these opportunities, but have the tools and resources to fully take advantage of these great savings."

For additional information, please visit cookcountyassessor.com.



Cook County Awards Community-Based Service Providers \$25 Million to Address Gun Violence

IDHS and Cook County Justice Advisory Council Partner to Expand Anti-Violence Programming in Vulnerable Communities

In response to high levels of gun violence experienced since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP), together with Cook County's Justice Advisory Council (JAC), announced recently \$25 million in grants to fund a diverse array of service providers focused on supporting residents at risk of experiencing gun violence in Chicago and Suburban Cook County.

"Working together, we will rise to the challenge of addressing gun violence in our region," said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. "For the past three years, we have engaged in an unprecedented level of intergovernmental coordination around gun violence prevention. This funding is a testament to our shared commitment to building safe and thriving communities in Cook County and throughout Illinois. We will continue to invest in effective, equitable and sustainable solutions that address the root causes of gun violence in our communities."

"This funding demonstrates a commitment among Illinois leaders to cooperate and eliminate bureaucratic hurdles so that qualified violence prevention providers can quickly receive the resources that they need to adequately address firearm violence, one of our state's most significant public health challenges," said Chris Patterson, assistant secretary, the Illinois Department of Human Services. "As partners, we will continue to take a thoughtful, targeted approach to violence intervention in communities with the highest rates of firearm violence. Together, through our partnership with Cook County, across all levels of government and alongside our community stakeholders, we are working effectively to prevent and reduce gun violence."

In summer 2022, the JAC awarded a historic initial \$75 million in Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants, funding individual organizations and coalitions that represent 68 services providers. Partnering with Illinois Department of Human Services' Office of Firearm Violence Prevention allows Cook County the opportunity to leverage state funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to expand upon JAC's successful funding model that provides vital support to vulnerable and at-risk residents in communities most impacted by crime, violence and incarceration. Through this second

funding cycle of \$25 million, another 39 grant awards to individual organizations and coalitions will support 74 service providers working to build safer communities in Cook County and Chicagoland. The \$75 million of 2022 funding builds on over \$50 million in county-funded grant investments distributed by the JAC between 2015 and 2020.

“Gun violence is not acceptable anywhere, and can never be accepted as normal. We cannot accept children growing up without parents, lost to gun violence. We cannot accept a world where parents lose their children to senseless shootings,” said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar.

“Through these new grant investments, and all the hard work of elected officials, stakeholders, dedicated front-line organizations and families, we commit to never accept gun violence as normal. I commend these 16th District organizations for doing the necessary work and coordinating efforts with my office to ensure that violence in our district is addressed comprehensively, backed by evidence, with support from the community.”

“Throughout Cook County, community-based service providers are leading the way in delivering culturally-responsive, innovative and effective gun violence prevention programming,” said Avik Das, executive director of the Justice Advisory Council. “These organizations are working on the front lines of the gun violence crisis, and they need robust and sustained support to make a lasting impact. Cook County is grateful to be collaborating with the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention whose support is allowing us to scale up funding to meet the great need for services.”

At the same time, in 2022, the Illinois Department of Human Services issued Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) across the city of Chicago and Cook County to provide similar services to those outlined in the JAC initiative. IDHS has issued over \$140 million in violence prevention and youth development services funding across Illinois.

More information about Cook County’s Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Initiative is available here: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants>.

Cook County and Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC) Announce New 2023 Round of Applications for Manufacturing Reinvented

\$5 Million Grant Program Seeks to Improve Business Resiliency and Competitiveness for Cook County Manufacturers

On Thursday, March 2, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC) announced the first round of 2023 applications for Manufacturing Reinvented, a \$5 million grant program that supports manufacturers to improve their competitiveness as they continue to rebound and rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic. Cook County will reimburse any qualifying suburban Cook County manufacturer for up to \$25,000 in eligible expenses. Participating companies also receive IMEC’s expert advising services to refine project design and scope.

Over 150 manufacturers have already applied for projects that will help them rebound and reinvent themselves.

“Clearly this program provides much-needed resources to support manufacturing, one of our region’s key economic sectors,” President Preckwinkle said. “Manufacturing represents the state’s largest industry when ranked by contribution to GDP, and with 182,000 people, Cook County boasts the largest number of workers in Illinois employed in manufacturing. Cook County is proud to make this investment to support this critical industry.”

Manufacturers have used funds to improve operations, find new customers and address talent needs. The program also supports a company’s investments to adopt automation; build supply chain resiliency; enhance productivity; identify talent solutions; and find new customers.

McKlein Company LLC, a woman-owned manufacturer of leather goods with six employees in Broadview, recently took advantage of the program with a Search Engine Optimization project. Parinda Saetia, the company’s CEO, has noted already seeing an increase in the company’s SEO rankings. She explained that she has gained knowledge to help her company grow, adding, “this is a great program that will impact your business.”

“You cannot separate Cook County from manufacturing,” said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. “These grants reward manufacturers for initiative, for doing the work needed to drive Cook County forward. It is crucial that we continue to protect these jobs and this industry as a whole, so that Cook County can continue to be a leader in innovation and production in not only Illinois, but the entire country. I am thrilled to see this funding be approved – our commitment to supporting manufacturing in Cook County remains steadfast.”

“Cook County manufacturers are already experiencing the benefits of this novel grant program,” said David Boulay, president of IMEC. “With projects available in all areas of the organization, it’s exhilarating to watch these companies receive the support they need and help them lead the way for the future of manufacturing in Illinois.”

Cook County and IMEC designed Manufacturing Reinvented to address the needs identified by a survey of over 1,000 suburban Cook County manufacturers, summarized in the report called the *Urgent Needs of Manufacturers Report* published in March 2021. Cook County provides these grants with funding made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Interested businesses are invited to learn more about the program or apply by visiting www.imec.org/ccmr.

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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 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

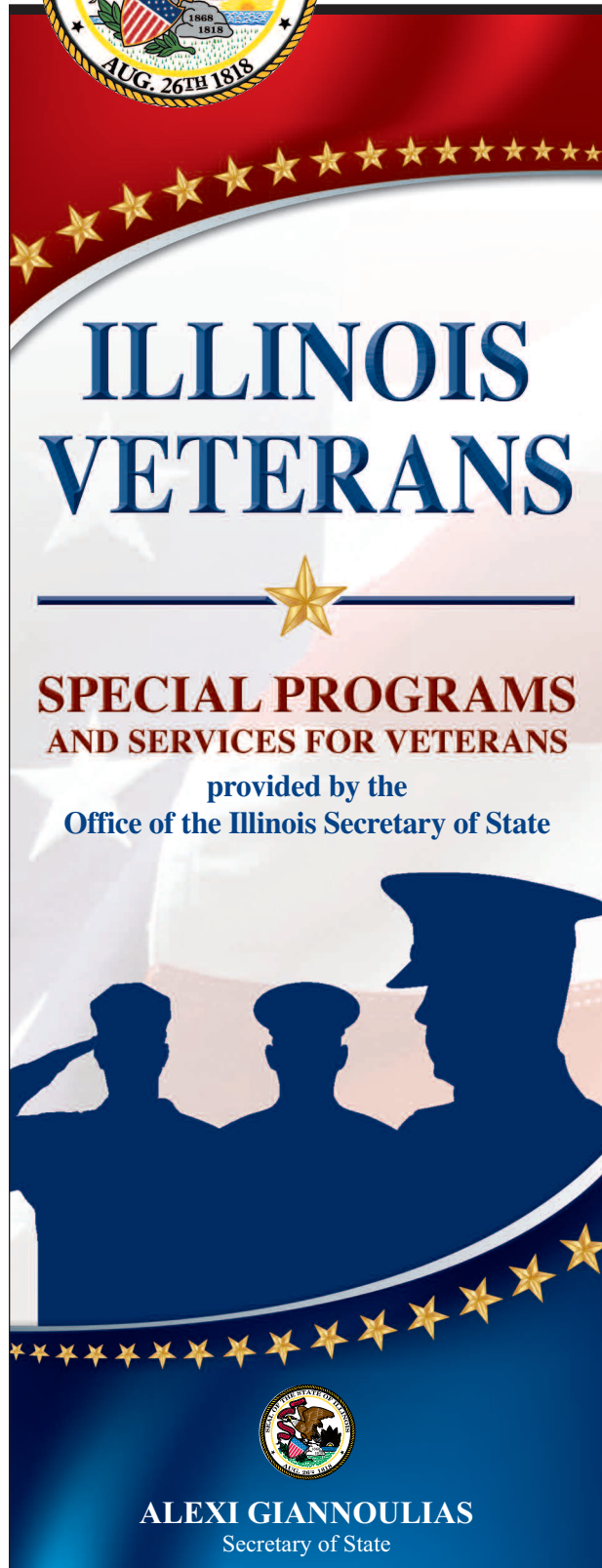
Attention Residents

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 Jasmine Mendez via email – jmendez@melrosepark.org or by phone – (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4414.





News from Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias



I am pleased to offer various services and programs to our military veterans who have given so much of themselves for the greater good of this nation. The Illinois Secretary of State's Office provides services for those who have served or are retired from military service. I am honored to assist our brave men and women.

• Alexi Giannoulias, Secretary of State

Secretary of State Veteran Services

Veteran Designation

A "VETERAN" designation may be placed on the face of an Illinois driver's license or ID card at the request of the card applicant with proper documentation. The applicant must have received an honorable discharge from any branch of the U.S. military, served as a reservist or member of the National Guard, or retired from the U.S. Military. For more information, visit ilsos.gov or call the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs at (800) 437-9824.

Registration Renewal Waiver

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving on active duty or as a reservist, who can show proof of service in a combat mission, will have their standard vehicle registration fee waived for the renewal period immediately following their return to the United States. Proof must be shown at the time of registration renewal.

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Members of the military currently on active duty may obtain a duplicate driver's license, instruction permit or ID card at no charge. This benefit is extended to the spouse or children living in the home while the family member is on active duty.

Military License Plates for Spouses of Deceased Military Members

The spouse of a deceased veteran may retain the veteran's military license plates by transferring the vehicle registration within 180 days following the veteran's death.

Military Plates Transfer Fee Waiver

Veterans can transfer their license plate to a military license plate free of charge. Fees apply for vanity and personalized military plates.

Disabled Veteran License Plates

Any veteran who holds proof of a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs may apply for any military series license plate one time, free of charge. Additional fees may apply for vanity and personalized military plates.

Illinois Veterans' History Project

The Illinois Veterans' History Project creates a permanent record of the names and stories of Illinois veterans and civilians who served our state and country during war so that their contributions will not be forgotten.

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Ex-Prisoner of War • Gold Star • Illinois National Guard • Iraq Campaign Medal • Korean Service • Korean War Veteran
Legion of Merit • Marine Corps • Navy Service Cross • Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Paratrooper
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Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs Opens 2023 Cream of the Crop Photo Contest

Contest for Young Photographers Marks Its 11th Year

Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs is encouraging young Illinois photographers to submit photos for the 2023 Cream of the Crop Photo Contest, which offers students a creative way to share their vision of agriculture in our state. The Treasurer's Office is currently accepting electronic submissions for the contest and the entry deadline is June 12.

"Let's seek photographs to showcase why Illinois is a leader in the agricultural industry with its rich soil, diversity in products and millions of acres of farmland," Frerichs said. "We want to encourage students to grab their cameras, get out and explore the beauty Illinois has to offer."

The Treasurer's Office is accepting electronic submissions for the Cream of the Crop Photo Contest at www.CreamoftheCropContest.com. Top photographs will be chosen in three age-based categories: ages 8-10, 11-14 and 15-18. Each student may submit up to two photos by June 12, 2023.

Now in its 11th year, the photo contest offers Illinois students an opportunity to showcase their most innovative or scenic pictures that depict their vision of agriculture in our state. More than 500 students have participated in the contest since it debuted in 2013 and they have submitted nearly 1,000 photos.

From the Office of Michael W. Frerichs, Illinois State Treasurer



The Cream of the Crop Photo Contest is part of the Illinois State Treasurer's Ag Invest Program. Winning photos will be featured in Ag Invest marketing material and next year's Cream of the Crop calendar, as well as at the 2023 Illinois State Fair.

Ag Invest is one of the nation's largest agricultural linked deposit programs, celebrating 40 years in 2023. It helps hundreds of Illinois farmers and agriculture professionals. The Treasurer's Office, through Ag Invest, partners with eligible financial institutions to offer farmers and ag businesses annual and long-term, low-interest loans which can be used for operating costs, equipment purchases, construction-related expenses and livestock purchases.

To read the rules, terms and legal conditions associated with this contest, visit our website at www.CreamoftheCropContest.com or contact Teri Whitfield at (217) 900-0075.

Treasurer Frerichs Returns \$22.7 Million In Unclaimed Property in March Record-Setting \$1.6 Billion Returned Since He Took Office

The Illinois State Treasurer's Office returned nearly \$22.7 million in unclaimed property during March, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs said recently. The total includes more than \$20 million in cash and interest, and nearly \$2.6 million in stock value returned. All told, 11,366 claims were paid.

"I place a priority on reuniting people with money that belongs to them. Putting money in people's pockets is a way to help the state's economy," Frerichs said. "We will hold on to unclaimed property as long as it takes to return it."

Illinois' Unclaimed Property Program — also known as I-CASH — is one of the state's oldest consumer protection initiatives. The state treasurer is tasked with safeguarding unclaimed property, such as the contents of overlooked safe deposit boxes, unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards. Illinois holds more than \$3.5 billion in unclaimed property.

The Treasurer's Office has returned more than \$1.6 billion since Frerichs took office in January 2015. When Frerichs first became treasurer, there were 60,000 claims paid in a year. That number has increased six-fold to 362,352 claims paid in a year.

The record-setting performance is the result of a complete restructuring of the unclaimed property process under Frerichs. The State Treasurer's Office has added electronic claims, eliminated red-tape that slowed small-money claims and leveraged technology to allow payments to be made without a claim even needing to be filed.

Frerichs recently added a Friends and Family "share" feature. When visitors to the I-CASH website come across the name of someone they know, they can select the "share" icon and provide the email address of their friend or relative. Frerichs' office then will notify the individual by sending an email that mentions the unclaimed property, along with the name of the friend or relative who spotted it. Then, that individual can start the process of retrieving the property.

In addition, "Abe," an automated chatbot, is available to anyone visiting the I-CASH website. Abe provides an interactive way for people to obtain information when they ask short, simple questions about unclaimed property.

Illinois is a national leader in the unclaimed property space and is frequently consulted by other states that are reforming their unclaimed property laws, rules and procedures.

You can check icash.illinoistreasurer.gov to see if unclaimed property is waiting for you.



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Loyola Medicine Allergy Count Returns

For more than 20 years, Loyola Medicine's Gottlieb Memorial Hospital has provided the Chicago area with updated allergy counts every weekday during allergy season. This year's count has resumed as of Monday, April 3. Allergy sufferers can follow @LoyolaAllergy on Twitter or visit loyolamedicine.org/allergy-count for the latest numbers.

Rachna Shah, MD, leads the Loyola Medicine Allergy Count and notes that tree pollen counts are already rising. She advises allergy sufferers to stay informed. "Allergy counts are important to help monitor symptoms and prepare for the day." When pollen levels are high, she recommends people with severe pollen allergies stay indoors, but if that's not feasible, "pollen counts are highest before 10 a.m., so try shifting activities to later on in the day. And, if you do outdoor activities for more than a couple hours, it can be really helpful to come inside, rinse off and change clothes."



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Dr. Shah explains how the count is performed – Pollen samples are gathered every weekday morning from the roof of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital; Pollen grains and mold spores are collected from a cubic meter air sample and counted under a microscope; The counts include daily numbers for mold, tree, grass and weed pollens.

Spring allergies often cause itchy, watery eyes and runny nose, sneezing, nasal congestion and post-nasal drip. Difficulty breathing, coughing, wheezing and/or shortness of breath also can be caused by seasonal allergies.

Allergy season commonly runs from March through the first hard freeze in October. Tree pollen generally begins to rise in late March to April, grass pollen arrives in May and June, while weed pollen is most prevalent in July to August. Ragweed typically peaks from late August to the first frost and mold can strike in damp conditions throughout the season.

The daily allergy count is easy to track on Twitter. For more information, please visit loyolamedicine.org/allergy-count. B-roll of Dr. Shah conducting the allergy account is available to download at <https://trinityhealth.canto.com/s/VG2QB?viewIndex=0>.

New Urology Clinic at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital

In March, a brand new, state-of-the-art urology clinic opened at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital.

Staffed by urologists Ahmad Mahgiud El-Arabi, MD; Alex Gorbonos, MD; John Patrick Richgels, MD, and Gopal Nand Gupta, MD, the clinic will provide a wide range of services, including treatment of disorders such as sexual dysfunction, kidney stones, enlarged prostate, urethral strictures, urination problems, prostate and kidney cancer, and low testosterone levels.

"We are excited to expand the presence of the Loyola Medicine Department of Urology to Gottlieb Memorial Hospital," Christopher Gonzalez, MD, chair of the Department of Urology said. "The opening of the new clinic will improve access to urologic care in the region and increase the use of new technology for our patients, such as MRI fusion transperineal prostate biopsy, a minimally invasive method to diagnose prostate cancer."



Loyola has the robotic technology and surgical expertise to repair blockages in the kidney and/or the tube that drains the kidney called the ureter. Blockages can occur as a result of cancer treatment, like radiation, chemotherapy or surgery, as well as trauma or previous instrumentation. Robotic surgery uses very small incisions, which allows for a much faster recovery and return to normal activities for patients.

Loyola Medicine's urology team is nationally recognized for their work in researching advanced treatments for a variety of urologic conditions, while providing specialized care for male and female urologic conditions.

The clinic is located at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, Professional Office Building, 675 W. North Ave., Suite 414, Melrose Park, Ill. 60160.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (708) 538-6901.

Walgreens Returns as the Exclusive Retail Partner of Red Nose Day to Help Ensure a Healthy Future for All Children and End Child Poverty

Following a Record-Breaking Fundraising Year in 2022, Walgreens Nationwide are Selling Red Noses and Accepting In-Store Donations to Support Red Nose Day 2023

On Monday, April 10, Walgreens nationwide kicked off sales and in-store donations for the ninth annual Red Nose Day campaign to support healthy communities and help end the cycle of child poverty. Now through May 31, customers can visit Walgreens and Duane Reade locations and show their support by donating in-store via pin-pad or purchasing a Red Nose for \$1, with all profits benefitting Red Nose Day. The campaign and its iconic Red Nose return exclusively to Walgreens after a record-breaking fundraising year in 2022 where Walgreens' customers, team members and supplier partners helped raise more than \$38 million for the cause.

"Walgreens is dedicated to bringing more joyful lives through better health and that starts with the youth in the communities we serve being able to access the quality medical, dental and mental health care, nutritious meals and more, to enable a healthy future," said Linh Peters, chief marketing officer of Walgreens. "As we begin our ninth year of Red Nose Day fundraising, we're excited to continue to drive impact in our local communities by focusing on ways to improve the health and well-being of all."

One hundred percent of donations raised will go to Red Nose Day, Comic Relief US' annual campaign which funds critical programs that keep children safe, healthy, educated and empowered across the U.S. and around the world.

"With the support of Walgreens and the millions of people who support Red Nose Day every year, Comic Relief US has expanded our scope of work to break cycles of intergenerational poverty and increased funding for programs addressing ongoing social inequities," said Alison Moore, CEO of Comic Relief US. "We look forward to raising more funds this year for an even bigger impact in 2023 building healthy lives and futures that all children deserve."

Red Nose Day

Since Red Nose Day launched in the U.S. in 2015, more than 31 million children and their families have been positively impacted through the more than \$324 million raised. As the exclusive retail partner, Walgreens has raised more than \$178 million toward that total with support from its customers, team members and proud supplier partners. One hundred percent of funds raised benefit Red Nose Day which helps to provide essential medicine, nutritious meals, shelter, education and more to millions of underserved children in America and around the world.

Funds raised during this year's Red Nose Day campaign will benefit grantee partners including Children's Health Fund, which provides access to quality health care to children in some of the country's most under-resourced communities; Covenant House, which provides shelter and holistic support services to youth facing homelessness in the United States and Latin America; Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which provide safe places, caring mentors and quality programs designed to empower youth to excel in school and lead healthy, productive lives, as well as Save the Children, City Year, Jumpstart and many others. Join in this year's Red Nose Day celebration on Thursday, May 25, by wearing your Red Nose, showing support with a selfie on social media, or organizing an in-person or virtual fundraising event with loved ones, co-workers or your local community.

For more information on impact we have made through Red Nose Day, visit Walgreens.com/RedNoseDay.

Walgreens, DoorDash and Uber Team Up to Launch Free, Same Day Rx Delivery of HIV Medications

This First-of-its Kind Offering is an Important Step to Help End the HIV Epidemic in the United States by 2030

Walgreens, in partnership with DoorDash and Uber, recently announced free, Same Day Rx Delivery of medications for the prevention and treatment of HIV. This service is available to eligible patients within 15 miles of thousands of participating Walgreens retail pharmacies nationwide.

"While most of the U.S. population lives within 5 miles of a Walgreens pharmacy, transportation remains a critical barrier to accessing health care," said Kevin Ban, MD, chief medical officer, Walgreens. "With more than half of Walgreens stores located in socially vulnerable or underserved communities, we can help make HIV prevention and treatment options more accessible, convenient and equitable across our communities."

This initiative is the latest offering in an ongoing collaboration between Walgreens, DoorDash and Uber. In December 2022, following the companies' response to the White House COVID-19 call to action, the companies launched free Paxlovid delivery services aimed at increasing access to COVID-19 treatment with a focus on reaching those in socially vulnerable or medically underserved areas.

Offering free, Same Day Rx Delivery of HIV medications supports the White House's updated National HIV/AIDS strategy for a more coordinated, re-energized national response to HIV. The strategy's targets include a 75 percent reduction in new HIV infections by 2025 and a 90 percent reduction by 2030. To realize these targets, the strategy focuses on four goals: prevent new HIV infections; improve HIV-related health outcomes of people with HIV; reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities; and achieve integrated, coordinated efforts that address the HIV epidemic.

"Local delivery has broadened access for communities across the U.S. DoorDash is proud to partner with Walgreens to power the free, same-day delivery



ComEd EV Rally Helps Make the Future (of STEM) Female

Summer Program Provides Scholarships and Networking for Young Women Interested in STEM Careers

With the end of the school year in sight, ComEd is excited for the return of the ComEd EV Rally, its signature summer program to support more women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Young women in Illinois can apply to participate in the annual competition, which challenges teens to build and race high-tech, electric-powered go-carts. ComEd has expanded this year's pool of program participants by 50 percent, giving 45 students the chance to work with female mentors from ComEd to explore career pathways in STEM.

Participants will learn from ComEd mentors and peers how to apply their STEM knowledge while building an electric vehicle (EV). The program will culminate with a once-in-a-lifetime experience as participants race their vehicles at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago on Saturday, July 29. Every participant will receive a \$2,000 scholarship upon completion of the program.



"This program is a fun way to educate and empower young women to explore STEM careers and start their journey to becoming future leaders," said Michelle Blaise, senior vice president of Technical Services at ComEd and the company's chief engineer. "ComEd is committed to increasing the representation of women and people of color in the STEM fields because our future success and ability to solve our biggest challenges depends on a diverse workforce that drives innovation."

Educating the next generation on the value of zero-emissions vehicles and clean energy solutions is needed in the transition to a cleaner energy future. ComEd believes the next generation of the STEM workforce must be a more diverse one. Participants in the EV Rally come from diverse cultural and geographic backgrounds, with an emphasis on those from equity investment eligible communities—or EIECs, as defined by the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act in Illinois. Today, women make up 50 percent of the workforce, yet hold only 27 percent of jobs in STEM fields in Illinois, according to a study by the Illinois Science & Technology Coalition. The same study found that the share of women in Illinois in STEM jobs has grown by less than 1 percent since 2012.

The application is open until Thursday, June 1, to any female-identifying Illinois resident between the ages of 13 and 18. Applications are available at ComEdEVRally.com.

ComEd Reminds Customers of Options to Help Pay and Lower Cost of Electric Bills

ComEd Solutions Can Help Customers Save Money, Energy and the Environment

As many communities continue to experience financial difficulty due to economic challenges, ComEd reminds customers to contact the energy company for support in paying electric bills now and lowering future bills.

"One of our missions at ComEd is to make our customers aware of the multiple ways they can save money on their electric bills," said Melissa Washington, ComEd's chief customer officer and senior vice president of Customer Operations. "Recognizing that these are trying times, ComEd encourages customers to explore all the assistance options to help keep up with past-due electric bills and take advantage of offerings that can help reduce energy consumption – and electric bills – for the life of their homes. We're here to help our customers every step of the way."

ComEd works with community action agencies across northern Illinois to help connect customers with bill-assistance options that will get them back on track with their utility bill payments.

"The Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) is committed to working with Cook County communities to provide utility bill assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). CEDA has over 75 Partner Intake Sites located around Cook County," said Latoya Butler, CEDA's energy service director.

Bill Assistance Programs

There are a variety of financial assistance and payment options available to help customers manage their energy bills, including:

- **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** and **ComEd's Supplemental Arrearage Reduction Program (SARP)**, which is available to ComEd residential customers who qualified to receive energy-assistance benefits from LIHEAP.
- ComEd's new **Your Neighbor Fund**, which is funded by donations from ComEd's 6,300 employees to provide another source of grants to help limited-income families pay their ComEd bill.
- A **Flexible Deferred Payment** arrangement of up to 12 months for eligible residential customers with past-due balances. Make a down payment on the amount owed and pay the rest through installments in addition to your regular monthly bill.
- **Budget Billing**, which provides a predictable monthly amount due based on your electricity usage from the last 12 months.
- **Flexible Payment Options** like 21-day extensions on a customer's due date.
- **High-Usage Alerts**, which let customers know when their usage is trending higher than normal to help manage overall energy use, and energy-management tips to save money now and on future energy bills.

Home Energy Savings

To help residential customers manage future electric bills, the award-winning ComEd Energy Efficiency Program offers a variety of services and incen-

tives that can help ComEd customers manage energy use in their homes.

The first step in finding options that work for them is to sign up for a free Home Energy Savings assessment. An assessment is 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, with their landlord's permission, 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. Customers then receive free and discounted energy-saving products plus personalized recommendations for saving money and energy.

By signing up for a Home Energy Savings assessment, customers can lower their energy costs and improve energy efficiency in their homes. The average customer saves over \$125 a year on utility bills because of the energy-saving products installed during or after the visual assessment.

Through Home Energy Savings assessments, customers have saved more than 129 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, which is enough energy to power more than 15,000 ComEd customers' homes. The offering helped reduce from the air more than 109 million pounds of carbon emissions that contribute to climate change, which is the equivalent of removing nearly 11,000 cars off the road for one year or planting nearly 60,000 acres of trees.

To make it easier for families and individuals to find bill-assistance and energy-savings options that best fit their needs, ComEd encourages customers to use its Smart Assistance Manager (SAM), an online self-service tool that matches customers with programs that can help them manage their electric bills now and into the future. Customers can access SAM at ComEd.com/SAM.

ComEd Earns National Recognition for Helping Customers Save Energy and Reduce Electric Bills

Since 2008, Customers Saved Approximately \$7.65 Billion Through ComEd's Energy Efficiency Program

In 2022, more than 630,000 ComEd residential and business customers saved approximately \$176 million on their electric bills by taking advantage of the company's ComEd Energy Efficiency Program. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recognized ComEd for those achievements.

For the 11th straight year, ComEd received the ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award, the EPA's and DOE's highest level of recognition. Award recipients are part of a distinguished group that have made long-term commitments to fighting climate change and protecting public health through energy efficiency.

"As we accelerate historic efforts to address climate change, public-private partnerships will be essential to realizing the scale of our ambition," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "I applaud this year's ENERGY STAR Award winners for working with EPA to deliver a clean energy future that saves American consumers and businesses money and creates jobs."

The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, which is funded in compliance with state law, helps families and businesses save money and use energy more wisely through a variety of services, incentives and rebates, including new rebates on ENERGY STAR-certified induction cooktops and heat pump clothes dryers.

"As ComEd works to provide customers with clean, reliable energy, we've also worked over the last decade to control costs and keep rates competitive," said Melissa Washington, senior vice president of Customer Operations for ComEd. "Part of that effort is through the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program, which enables customers to take control of when and how they use electricity to help them manage costs and lower their electric bills."

Since 2008, the program has saved customers approximately \$7.65 billion on their electric bills. The program also helped customers save more than 70 million net megawatt-hours of electricity, which is the annual equivalent to reducing nearly 60 billion pounds of carbon emissions from the atmosphere, removing nearly 6 million cars from the road, planting more than 33 million acres of trees and powering more than 8 million ComEd customers' homes.

The program has helped ComEd maintain an average monthly customer bill of \$104, which is in the lowest 25 percent compared to the average monthly bills in other states. ComEd's rates are also below the average of the top U.S. metropolitan areas based on population.

Each year, the ENERGY STAR Program honors a select group of businesses and organizations that have made outstanding contributions in the transition to a clean energy economy. ENERGY STAR Award winners lead their industries in the production, sale and adoption of energy-efficiency products, homes, buildings, services and strategies. These efforts are essential to fighting the climate crisis, protecting public health and creating a clean energy future for everyone.

The EPA presents the Sustained Excellence Award to partners that already received ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year recognition for a minimum of two consecutive years and have gone above and beyond the criteria needed to qualify for recognition.

Winners are selected from a network of thousands of ENERGY STAR partners. For a complete list of 2023 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR's awards program, visit EnergyStar.gov/AwardWinners.

Energy-Saving Tips

For customers looking to save money now, the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program offers the following energy-saving tips:

- **Clean or replace air filters** – Heating and cooling consume a large portion of total home energy use in an average household. Dirty air filters make your air and cooling system work harder to circulate air. By cleaning or replacing your filters, you can lower your heating and cooling costs.
- **Insulate outlets and light switches** – Outlets and light switches on the walls that separate your home from the outdoors are often overlooked sources of heating or cooling loss. Insulating these areas can reduce drafts and keep your home more comfortable.
- **Clear areas around heating and cooling vents** – Furniture, carpets and other objects can block vents and prevent heated or cooled air from circulating. This makes your system work harder and prevents rooms from quickly achieving the temperature you desire.
- **Unplug electronics when they're not in use** – Many gadgets, including televisions, DVR boxes, game consoles and computers continue to use power even when they are off, so unplug electronics when you don't need them. For frequently used devices, plug them into a power strip and turn it off.

For additional tips, rebates and energy efficiency services, check out ComEd.com/HomeSavings.



Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.

Beginning **May 7, 2025,**

the federal government will require you to use a valid **U.S. passport*** or obtain the new Illinois **REAL ID** to fly domestically.

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

You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

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



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

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

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



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

Current Illinois driver's licenses and identification cards will continue to be accepted at airports until May 7, 2025.

For additional information:

REALID.ilsos.gov
833-503-4074



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Secretary of State

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Nicor Gas Opens Applications for Diversity Grants to Support Organizations that Promote Diversity and Inclusive Opportunities

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

As of April 1, community organizations and nonprofits have been able to apply for a grant from Nicor Gas to support their diversity initiatives. Applications are available at www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving through June 30, with funding decisions by the end of August. Selected nonprofits and community organizations will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funds this year.



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

"We know the important role that diversity and inclusion plays in creating stronger communities, and we are committed to supporting organizations and programs that provide education and access to resources for underserved and underrepresented individuals," said Jackie Nagel, manager of Community Engagement at Nicor Gas.

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

Last year, the company provided grant support to:

- **Naperville Neighbors United** – Sponsors the Juneteenth Celebration at Rotary Hill to bring awareness to the historical significance of Juneteenth.
- **Midwestern University** – Provides dental care for homeless, low-income or underinsured veterans.
- **Comunidades Realizando Estudiantes extraOrdinarios (CREO) DuPage** – Supports leadership development workshops for Latinx youth and expands bilingual resources for families to help them understand the process for preparing for and applying to colleges and universities.
- **YWCA Metropolitan Chicago** – Supports the Career Pathways Program, which prepares women and people of color to obtain credentials and access high-demand, entry-level employment.

To submit an application for a diversity grant, visit <https://www.nicorgas.com/company/about-us/charitable-giving/pillars-of-giving.html>.

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

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

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

Spring Ephemerals Walk – Sunday, April 30 • 11 a.m.

Sundown Meadow (LaGrange Road, Countryside)

Join us for a guided walk to see an abundance of colorful spring wildflowers and learn what we can do to help them survive. Ages 13 and up.

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

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

Garlic Mustard Pull – Sunday, April 30 • 1-3 p.m.

Crabtree Nature Center (3 Stover Rd., Barrington)

Help us improve the quality of our woodlands by removing this invasive species. Sturdy shoes, gloves, long sleeves and long pants recommended. Children welcome w/adult.

Contact – (847) 381-6592/Crabtree.NatureCenter@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Spring Bird Migration Walk – Friday, May 5 • 7:30 a.m.

Deer Grove-East (Dundee Road, West of Hicks Road, Near Palatine)

Sponsored by Citizens for Conservation, track spring bird migration with naturalists on a guided walk. Bring binoculars and insect repellent (if desired) and dress for the weather. Duration of the walk is flexible and participants can leave when they need to. To register or for more information, contact susan.baert@citizensforconservation.org or call (847) 532-5764.

Contact – View organizer website. Cost – Free.

Spring Photography Workshop – Saturday, May 6 • 9 a.m.-Noon

River Trail Nature Center (3120 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook)

Capture nature through hands-on instruction. Participants must bring their own digital camera. Ages 18 and up.

Registration required – Call River Trail at (847) 824-8360. Deadline – May 5.

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

Flower Festival – Saturday, May 6 • 1-3 p.m.

Bunker Hill (Harts Road, Southwest of Touhy Avenue, Niles)

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with various arts, storytelling and crafts. Drop-in (Grove 1).

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

Spring Festival – Sunday, May 7 • Noon-3 p.m.

Thatcher Woods (Chicago Avenue, West of Thatcher Avenue, River Forest)

Celebrate springtime at Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve and Thatcher Woods Pavilion! Enjoy interactive programs, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, kid's nature crafts and much more!

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

World Mental Health Month Celebration – Tuesday, May 9 • 5-7 p.m.

Swallow Cliff Woods-North

(Calumet Sag Road/Route 83, West of La Grange Road/96th Avenue, Near Palos Park)

Exercise and time in nature are proven ways to improve mental health. Climb the stairs, join a guided walk, and explore mental health resources. In partnership with Advocate Health Care.

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

Senior Fitness Walks in Thatcher Woods – Wednesday, May 10 • 1 p.m.

Thatcher Woods Pavilion (Chicago Avenue, West of Thatcher Avenue, River Forest)

Join other seniors for a gentle, moderately paced 1 mile walk. Led by Roberta Janssen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer. Meet at Thatcher Woods Pavilion.

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

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

Nature Story Trails – Friday, May 12 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Kite Flying by Grace Lin. Follow a short trail and read a children's nature story along the way. Then stop by the museum to pick up an activity bag so you can start your own adventure at home.

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

Printmaking Workshop – Friday, May 12 • 5-7 p.m.

Evans Field (Bloomingdale Avenue and Thatcher Avenue, River Grove)

Learn basic printmaking techniques using natural materials. All supplies are provided. Bring other items you wish to decorate.

Registration – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyiil.gov.

Cost – Free.

Wellness Walks in Thatcher Woods – Saturday, May 13 • 1 p.m.

Thatcher Woods Pavilion (Chicago Avenue, West of Thatcher Avenue, River Forest)

Enjoy a mindful, meditative guided walk in Thatcher Woods to feel refreshed in body and soul. Led by Roberta Jannsen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer. Ages 18 and up. Meet at Thatcher Woods Pavilion.

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

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

Wildflower Sketching Workshop – Sunday, May 14 • 10:30 a.m.

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

Join in a short nature walk to sketch blooming wildflowers. For all skill levels; materials provided. Ages: 13 and up.

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

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

‘Bone’ Appétit – Sunday, May 14 • 3 p.m.

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

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

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

Senior Fitness Walks in Thatcher Woods – Wednesday, May 17 • 1 p.m.

Thatcher Woods Pavilion (Chicago Avenue, West of Thatcher Avenue, River Forest)

Join other seniors for a gentle, moderately paced 1 mile walk. Led by Roberta Jannsen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer. Meet at Thatcher Woods Pavilion.

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

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

Thursdays In the Field Drop-In – Thursday, May 18 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Drop in at Trailside Museum on the third Thursday of each month to connect to nature through fun inquiry-based activities for adults and kids. Different theme/activities each month – May: Bird Migration. Led by the IL Ext. Master Naturalists. No registration needed.

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

Foster Parent Recruitment Picnic – Saturday, May 20 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thatcher Woods Pavilion (Chicago Avenue, West of Thatcher Avenue River Forest)

In partnership with Chicagoland Foster Care Collective, prospective foster parents and their friends can learn about becoming a foster parent and enjoy food, raffles and activities.

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

Wellness Walks in Thatcher Woods – Saturday, May 20 • 1 p.m.

Thatcher Woods Pavilion (Chicago Avenue, West of Thatcher Avenue, River Forest)

Enjoy a mindful, meditative guided walk in Thatcher Woods to feel refreshed in body and soul. Led by Roberta Jannsen, University of Illinois Extension volunteer. Ages 18 and up. Meet at Thatcher Woods Pavilion.

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

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

Des Plaines Canoe and Kayak Marathon – Sunday, May 21 • 8 a.m.

Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! Race begins at Oak Springs Road in Libertyville and ends at Dam 2.

Registration required – Register at <https://www.canoemarathon.com/>.

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

Spring Wetland Exploration and Walk – Sunday, May 21 • 1:30 p.m.

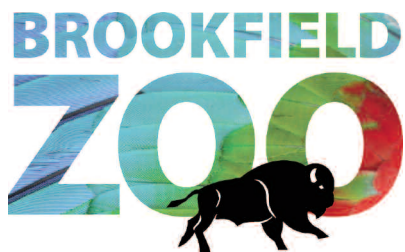
Evans Field (Bloomingdale Avenue and Thatcher Avenue, River Grove)

Come and explore a wetland habitat and learn about the amazing creatures that call it home. Ages 13 and up.

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

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

Take some time
to explore
our website at
www.fpdcc.com for
additional events and
valuable information
linked to the
Cook County
Forest Preserves
experience!



News from the Zoo!

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

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

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

Brookfield Zoo Places Fifth in the Country in *USA Today's* 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards 2023 for Best Zoo

A day after announcing plans for an expansion that will include outdoor habitats for its apes and monkeys, Brookfield Zoo, which is managed by the Chicago Zoological Society, is happy to announce it placed fifth in *USA Today's* 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards 2023 for best zoo.

Nominees for the "Best Zoo" category were chosen by a panel of travel experts and industry professionals, who chose facilities that excel in animal care and enrichment while also providing engaging and meaningful interactions between animals and zoogoers. Once nominees were selected, the public was then asked to go online and vote for their favorite zoo. The top 10 best zoos in the United States for 2023 are: 1. Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium (Nebraska); 2. Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden (Ohio); 3. Brevard Zoo (Florida); 4. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (Colorado); 5. Brookfield Zoo (Illinois); 6. ZooTampa at Lowry Park (Florida); 7. Audubon Zoo (Louisiana); 8. Saint Louis Zoo (Missouri); 9. Columbus Zoo and Aquarium (Ohio); and 10. Indianapolis Zoo (Indiana)



Brookfield Zoo was chosen as one of the top zoo's in the country for its strong focus on animal care and conservation of the natural world along with educating zoogoers about its animals. Guests can learn about the more than 2,400 animals representing approximately 500 species. Additionally, the zoo hosts a number of education activities ranging from Earth Day celebrations, lecture series, up-close animal experiences and education programming for children, including camp and leadership development opportunities for its King Conservation Science Scholars.

Interested in Working at Brookfield Zoo?

The Chicago Zoological Society employs approximately 370 full-time employees and, for the busy summer season, hires 600-700 seasonal workers. A talented staff and wide variety of skills, backgrounds and talents are required to operate the zoo every day of the year. We have a wide variety of positions available. In addition to our animal care staff, we also have professional, administrative, scientific, executive, technical, trades, clerical, restaurant, merchandising, groundskeeping and service positions to name just a few.

Here are some of the areas that may have job opportunities – Administration, Human Resources, Animal Keeper, Information Systems, Animal Nutrition, Janitorial Services, Accounting, Marketing, Education, Membership, Facilities, Police Department, Fundraising, Security, Graphic Arts, Warehouse and Grounds Maintenance.

You can also find more information on our website (CZS.org) about how to apply for a job at the zoo, employee benefits, CZS University Classes for employees, and the society's commitment to diversity and inclusion. If you have questions, check the Frequently Asked Questions page.

The Chicago Zoological Society's food service concessions, retail and gift shops, and catered events are managed by our business partner, SSA. If you are interested in job opportunities in these areas, please visit TheSSAGroup.com for career information.

The Chicago Zoological Society is an Equal Opportunity Employer and considers all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability that does not preclude performance of essential job duties, or any other status protected by law. The society supports and promotes workforce diversity and strives to foster a work environment of respect and inclusiveness where the contributions of all workers are valued and recognized.

The institution serves an ethnically and financially diverse audience and is committed to responding to the needs of its guests and providing them with tools and information to encourage more environmentally friendly actions and lifestyles.

The society promotes a participative management approach and is a highly team-oriented organization. A high degree of cooperation in projects and programs is evident, and employees from all levels and departments of the organization are involved.

For more information about available positions, call the Brookfield Zoo Job Hotline for recorded information at (708) 688-8881. To view a list of our currently open positions, you will need to visit our online Career Center. If this is your first time visiting the Career Center, you will need to first create a profile before you can search our open positions. Visit <https://www.czs.org/JobOpenings> and follow instructions on how to enter the Career Center.

Check Out These Zoo Adventures and Encounters, They're Absolutely Amazing!

Giraffe Feedings – Cost: \$15

Brookfield Zoo's giraffes spend much of their day browsing, but they'll never say no to a meal from you. Twice each day, you can stop by Habitat Africa: The Savannah along the 31st Street Walkway and deliver up some delicious greens that the giraffes will take right from your hand. It's a great way to connect with these majestic animals and also help keep them well-fed and happy.

Giraffe Feeding Schedule – April 29-Sept. 30: Daily from 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1-2:30 p.m. (weather permitting).

Saturdays and Sundays in October: Weekends only from 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1-2:30 p.m. (weather permitting). Giraffe feedings will also be available on Monday, Oct. 9.



Gorilla Trek – Cost: \$8 Nonmembers, \$6 Members

Gorilla Trek Virtual Reality Experience will take you on a wild encounter! Guests will find themselves trekking through the lush forests of Rwanda to get a close-up look at mountain gorillas – without leaving Brookfield Zoo.



Developed by Immotion, the global leader in immersive edutainment, Gorilla Trek VR will take you on a virtual journey as you enjoy a 360-degree live action film with motion platform seating for an unprecedented look at endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat in Rwanda.

Venture with world-renowned primatologist and executive director/CEO of Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, Dr. Tara Stoinski, as she leads Immotion's award-winning VR team through the dense and unforgiving Volcanoes National Park, documenting the family dynamics of these amazing, majestic and critically-endangered creatures who share 98 percent of our human DNA.

Tickets are available for purchase at Gorilla Trek. Location: North of Living Coast, near the West Playground. Riders must be at least 40" tall.

Penguin Encounter – Cost: \$50

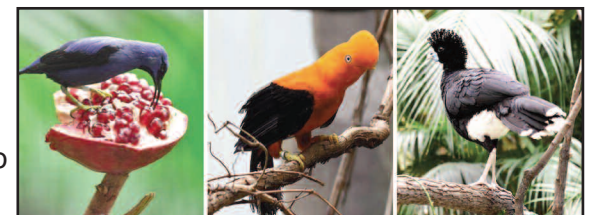
Watching our resident Humboldt penguins swim and play at The Living Coast habitat is fun, but did you know you can actually meet them too? When you take part in a Penguin Encounter, you not only get to mingle with these special birds, but also learn about their behavior and the details of our conservation work in Punta San Juan (Peru). It's a wonderful experience for the whole family, as well as a great way to connect personally to the penguins while learning about the importance of protecting them.

Encounter Information – During your visit, you will enter the Penguin Encounter Room, which is located just past the Humboldt penguin habitat in The Living Coast; Encounter: Approximately 30 minutes, depending on the number of guest participants; Age: Participants must be at least 5 years old; children between ages 5 and 18 must be accompanied by an adult; Maximum Group Size: 20 participants; Schedule: Daily 2 p.m.; Penguin Arrival: The penguins will arrive and the birds will be allowed to mingle with the encounter participants. Like people, each of the penguins have distinct personalities and interests. They're allowed to interact with whoever they choose; During the Penguin Encounter: During the encounter one keeper will accompany the penguin through the group of participants while another keeper shares details of our conservation work in Punta San Juan (Peru) with the penguin's wild counterparts. The penguins participate in the encounter by their own free choice, walking the short distance from their exhibit to the encounter room; Pictures: Participants are able to take pictures as cameras are welcome, but for the welfare of the birds, no flashes; Penguins Waddle Back: At the end of the encounter the penguins will bid the guests farewell and waddle back to their exhibit to be with their friends. The staff will answer any additional questions you have. We challenge you to remember the color of the penguin's wing band, and then see if you can find and identify it in the flock on exhibit!

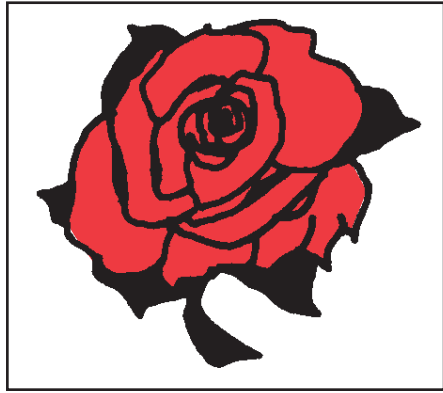


Rainforest Aviary Feeding Adventure (Opens May 29) – Cost: \$80

On the Rainforest Aviary Feeding Adventure, you will assist our animal care specialists in preparing the food for the noon feeding of our rainforest birds in Feathers & Scales. You will learn how we present the different foods to accommodate the different feeding habits of each species and assist with placing the food in the habitat. The care staff will provide you with instructions on how to safely move through the rainforest and interact with the resident birds. As the different birds come down to eat, you will be able to learn which foods are the favorites of the different species. Participants must be at least 8 years old; a parent or guardian must accompany participants under age 17.



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.



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.



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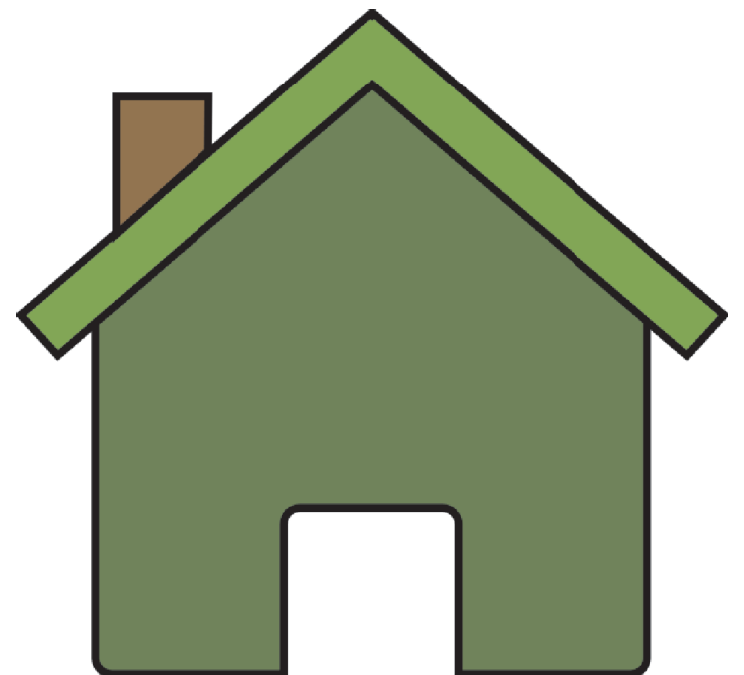
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Lead Hazard Home Improvements Reduction Program Free Home LED Inspection and Repairs

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 Housing Development Corporation Office at
(708) 410-2300 or (708) 278-3860, or
by sending an email to WSHDC900@gmail.com.**

PROVISO TOWNSHIP HANDYMAN PROGRAM

Proviso Township Handyman News

Spring is here! Do you need to replace your drapes? Do you need blinds repaired or new ones installed? Do you need to repair or install hand rails?

Time to open the windows and let the fresh air in. We can help take your storm windows off and put them away and install window screens. It's time to slide a new filter in your furnace in preparation for summer.

Do you have a rain barrel that needs to be connected to your gutter? We can do that for you.

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

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

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 your appointment at 708-547-4001

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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	



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Obituaries

Augelli

Edward Augelli. Loving father of Anthony; beloved son of the late Anthony and Mary; dear brother of Andrew P. (Theresa) Tufano Jr.; all of his loving family on 21st. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Campana

Richard Campana, 82, passed away suddenly on March 31, 2023, in Wake Forest, N.C. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sontry and Adele (Staback). He leaves behind a devastated family which includes his wife of 59 years, Susan (Marino); his sons – Richard and wife Jana, and Chris and wife Kelly; his pals and loved grandsons – Ricky and TJ; his brother Robert and wife Janet; plus many cousins, nieces and nephews, and lifelong friends. Rich was a lifelong Cubs fan and he became an ardent Carolina Hurricanes hockey fan upon his move to North Carolina. He was a successful salesman in a long and varied career, a great storyteller and he could carry on conversations with any and all. “To know him is to love him” for he leaves a gaping hole in the hearts of his family and friends.” Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Charo

Silvina Charo. Dearly beloved wife of the late Juan; loving mother of Amanda, Angelica, Marco, Juan, Miguel, Rogelio, Leticia, Veronica, Cesar, Hilario and Oscar; loving grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Cortina

Mario Cortina. Dearly beloved husband of the late Diana (nee Blancato); loving father of James Cortina, Maria Cortina, Julie Cortina and Joseph Cortina; fond grandfather of Grace, Nicole and Catherine; dear brother of the late Frances Mangos, Lucy Russell and Antoinetta Cortina. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Dalitto

Nicholas S. Dalitto. Dearly beloved husband of Ron Smith; cherished son of the late Carmella “Sis” and Nick Dalitto Sr.; dear brother of Richard (Jacqui) and the late Amelia “Amy” (Brian) Dahly; adored uncle of Danyelle, Nicole (Paul), Richie, Lauren and Theresa (Zach); devoted pet father of Riley; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Elmwood Cemetery.

Fatta

Sylvia Fatta. Dearly beloved wife of the late Louis Fatta; loving mother of Louis Jr. (the late Karen); loving sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Garcia-Tello

Luis Garcia-Tello. Beloved husband of Martha Garcia; beloved son of Domingo Garcia and Amanda Tello; loving father of Gabriel Garcia and Martha Jessica (Thomas) Bongiorno; fond grandfather of Letty Chavez, Eduardo Chavez and Anais Bongiorno; dear friend and cousin of many; wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Always put others before himself. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Services private.

Manzo

Francesca Manzo, nee Carafiello. Beloved wife of Angelo Manzo; loving mother of Fortunata Manzo, Angela Manzo and Melissa Manzo; cherished nonna of Isabella Vazquez; beloved daughter of the late Carmine (Carmela) and the late Francesca Marena, and the late Antonio Rugano and the late Grazie Defeo; dear sister of Sonia (Gianpietro) Perna and Genero Carafiello; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Petrella

Joseph Petrella. Beloved husband of Rae Ann (nee Perri); loving father of Florene Petrella and Raymond (Lynne) Petrella; fond grandfather of Nicholas (Karina), Andrew and Michael; dear brother of the late Dora (the late Charles) Felella, the late Viola (the late Frank) Mazzuca, the late Mary (the late Herb) Buenger and the late Vincent (Rose) Petrella; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Schwarz

Nicholas Schwarz. Dearly beloved husband of Rose Ann (nee Pizza); loving father of Michael (Suzanne) and Lisa (Bruce) Cuscaden; beloved son of the late Michael and Angeline Schwarz; fond grandfather of Katlyn, Nicholas, Julia, Emily, Katherine and Angela; fond great-grandfather of Lucy, Olivia and Frederick; dear brother of the late Anthony and the late Michael; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

Slyder

Phyllis A. Slyder. Loving mother of Michael (Cynthia) Slyder, Javette (Joseph) Pavone, Catherine (James) Mrase and Leslie (John Kopp) Slyder; cherished grandmother of Rashel, Michael, Christopher, Tyler, Danielle and Johnathan; great-grandmother of Anthony, Kayla, Aiden, Jack, Audrey, Ava, Callie, Savannah, Elora, Zachary and Juliette; great-great-grandmother of Calvin; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Sommese

John Sommesi. Beloved husband of Deborah (nee Pasquale); loving father of Jessica, Courtney (Sean Buchanan); beloved son of Gregory and Mary; dear brother of Gregory, David, Rosemary and the late Maryrose; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Stallone

Lorraine Stallone. Beloved wife of the late James “Jimmy” Stallone; loving mother of Laura Stallone; beloved daughter of the late Samuel and Angeline; fond grandmother of Joseph, Nicholas (Amanda) Rentmeester and Angela Rentmeester; fond great-grandmother of Mason Gregory Rentmeester; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Tallman

Thomas Orland Tallman Sr. Dearly beloved husband of Diane; loving father of Timmy, Tommy Jr., Jeff, Amanda (Larry) Corso and Sara (Al); beloved son of the late Orland and Cora Lee; fond grandfather of Hailey, Kaitlyn, Mia, Mason and Larry Jr.; dear brother of Carolyn (the late Kline) Howell and Jon Tallman; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Thompson

Annette Thompson. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Trail

Darrel Trail. Loving couple of Mary Ann Benak of 64 years; beloved son of the late Woodfred and Alma Trail; dear brother of the late Phillip Trail; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven.

Trybula

Anna M. Trybula. Dearly beloved wife of Darlene Cole; beloved daughter of the late Stanley and Grace Trybula; dear sister of Steve (Karen); loving niece, god-mother, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.



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