

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Almost everyone knows why we celebrate Memorial Day, but few Americans do not really understand the Flag Day holiday. Today, Flag Day is honored nationwide, but only Pennsylvania still recognizes it as a legal holiday.

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing this letter the morning after Memorial Day, which is the unofficial start of summer. Almost everyone knows why we celebrate Memorial Day, but few Americans, including me, do not really understand the story behind the Flag Day holiday, which occurs on June 14. So, I did some research on Google to learn about the beginnings of this holiday.

A resolution was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, that a flag of the United States shall be of 13 stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of 13 stars of white in a blue field, representing the new country. A flag of this design was first carried into battle on Sept. 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine.

It took nearly a century for the first official commemoration of June 14 as Flag Day to finally occur in 1861, in Hartford, Conn. Pretty soon schools all over the United States started holding Flag Day programs of their own to aid in the Americanization of immigrant children and from that point, it didn't take long for the observance to catch on in other communities.

The most recognized claim to the origins of this holiday comes from New York. On June 14, 1889, Professor George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten for the poor of New York City, held the first patriotic ceremony ever in observance of the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution. This initiative attracted attention from the State Department of Education, which arranged to have the day observed in all public schools thereafter.


It wasn't too much longer before the New York State Legislature passed a law making it the responsibility of the state superintendent of Public Schools to ensure that schools also held observances for Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

In 1893, the Society of Colonial Dames, led by Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin, succeeded in getting a resolution passed to have the flag displayed on all of Philadelphia's public buildings and to officially call June 14 Flag Day. However, it was not until May 7, 1937, that Pennsylvania became the first state to establish June 14 Flag Day as a legal holiday. It wasn't until Aug. 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance of Flag Day and President Harry Truman signed it into law. Today, Flag Day is honored nationwide, but only Pennsylvania still recognizes it as a legal holiday.

Through the past many years, there have been 27 different versions of the United States flag with the present configuration dating back to 1960.

And speaking of special days, July 7 starts the 130th Anniversary of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast. No event has brought more positive publicity to our village than the Feast. The Feast has become synonymous with Melrose Park and I am always honored to participate in the Sunday procession. While attending this year's Feast, please take a moment to visit the beautifully remodeled church. Well, it's time to end this letter because I need to buy propane for the BBQ grill, I just love summer!

Sincerely,


Mayor Ron Serpico



Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor

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Learn More About Our Community!**



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





Village of Melrose Park

Ronald M. Serpico, Mayor

Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

Trustees

Anthony J. Abruzzo • Jaime Anguiano

Arturo J. Mota • Sonny Nicotera

Mary Ramirez Taconi • Anthony "Tony" Williams



To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

Police Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-8409

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

Fire Emergency911

Non-Emergency(708) 344-1210

Public Safety/Homeland Security(708) 649-8000

Library(708) 343-3391

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

Building and Code(708) 343-4000

Civic Center(708) 450-0555

Hall and Field Rentals, Sports, Etc.

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

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

Taste of Melrose Park

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsJuly 10 and Aug. 28

Village Hall Holiday ClosingsJuly 4

Resident Response

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...

I am writing to extend my gratitude for your great service to the community as director of Police of the village of Melrose Park.

On the week of April 21, our community was at risk. As you know, the Joseph Academy School Program was under a credible threat of gun violence by one of its students. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Joseph Academy and the Archdiocese of Chicago are eternally grateful for your support, effective action and presence.

As director of Police of Melrose Park, once again you have shown your commitment to protecting the community and assuring a safe environment. I have no words to express the gratitude for your paramount efforts to act in due time and avoid a community tragedy.

Thus, I would like to acknowledge you for your cooperation, support and immeasurable actions of goodness.

• Sincerely,

Leondra Fossá, c.s.

Pastor and Rector, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Dear Director of Police Sam Pitassi ...

I had Lt. Mark Rieger at my shop for a safety class with our company. He did an awesome job! Thought you should know.

Thank you for operating a great Police Department and protecting my shop and employees!

• Take care,

Fred Kahn

Riley Heating

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.**

MP Village Trustees Take Oath of Office



In May, a ceremony was held for Melrose Park's recently elected village trustees who were sworn in for a new term in office. The ceremony, performed by Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio (top photo), was open to the public and attended by several community members and village representatives. Pictured after the ceremony (middle photo, left to right) are Melrose Park trustees Mary Ramirez Taconi, Sonny Nicotera and Jaime Anguiano, Mayor Serpico, Village Clerk Paolantonio, and MP trustees Anthony N. Abruzzo, Arturo J. Mota and Anthony "Tony" Williams, whose family and friends are photographed with the mayor at the swearing-in event (bottom photo).



The 41st Annual Taste of Melrose Park is Looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to Be a Part of a Great Weekend

Mayor Serpico and the Taste of Melrose Park are seeking volunteers for the beverage booths (individual or groups of eight or less) or ticket booths (a group of six or less) to help support this year's big event and we appreciate any assistance you can provide over the three-day festival.

All volunteers receive a 2023 Taste of Melrose Park T-shirt and we're sure you'll have plenty of fun!

Friday, Sept. 1 • 5:30-11 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2 • 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-11 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 3 • 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-10:15 p.m.

To volunteer, please complete the
Taste of Melrose Park Volunteer Form and mail it to:
Taste of Melrose Park, Attn.: Lorena Anguiano,
1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

Interested parties, please respond before Aug 1, 2023.
If submitting as a group, please send a main contact person's information.

Mayor Serpico and the Taste of Melrose Park Volunteer Form

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____

Phone _____

Please check all that apply.

☐ Individual ☐ Group

Available to work: ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

Would like to volunteer for:

☐ Ticket Booth ☐ Beverage Stand

**For more information, call Lorena at
(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4452.**



Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS

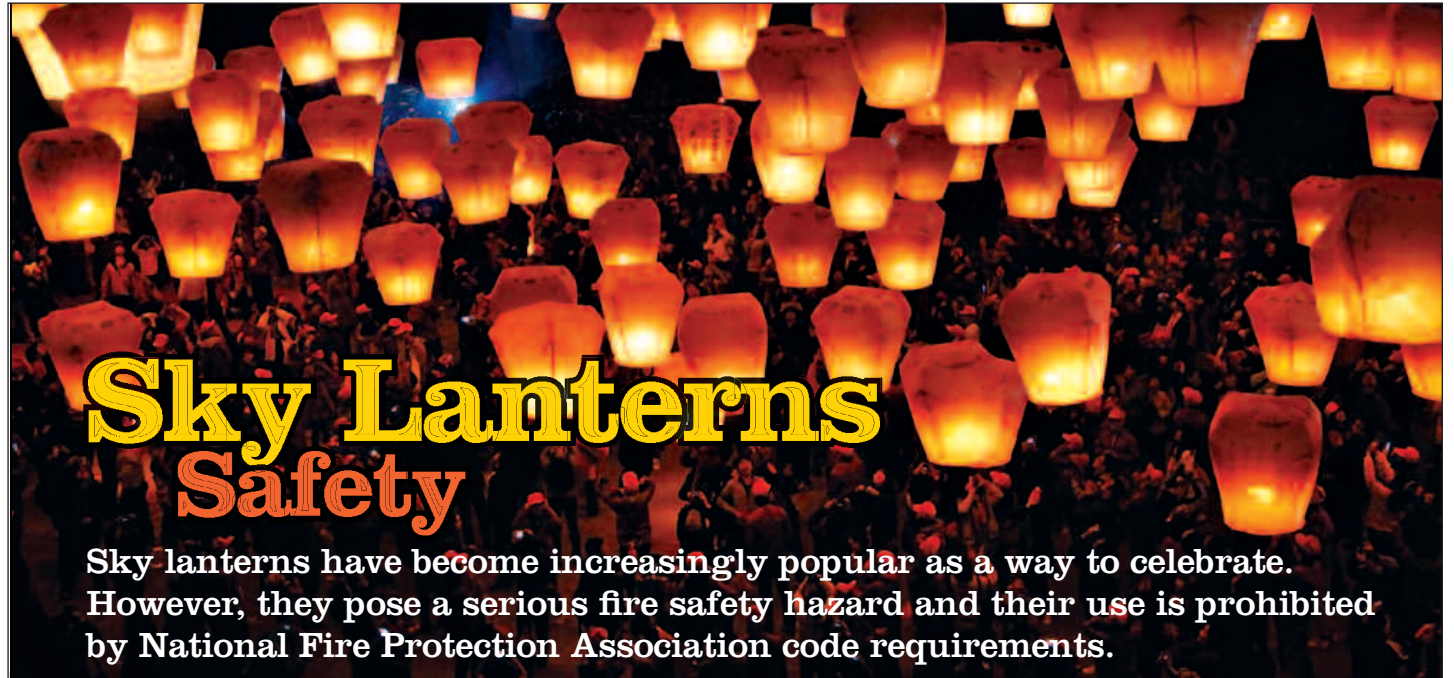


*Rick Beltrame
Director of Fire Dept.*

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 sky lantern safety tips on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association.

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



Sky Lanterns Safety

Sky lanterns have become increasingly popular as a way to celebrate. However, they pose a serious fire safety hazard and their use is prohibited by National Fire Protection Association code requirements.

- » The lanterns are made of oiled rice paper with a bamboo frame, materials that can easily catch on fire.
- » A candle or wax fuel cell is used with the device.
- » The lit flame heats the inside of the lantern, causing it to rise into the air.
- » Once lit and airborne, it can travel over a mile in distance.
- » Wind can affect the sky lantern, blowing the sides, forcing the hot air out and sending the flaming lantern back to the ground.
- » These lanterns have the potential to cause fires.
- » A flaming lantern can drop onto a rooftop, field, trees or power lines before the flame is fully extinguished.
- » A destructive fire can result when a flaming lantern reaches the ground during dry conditions.
- » Sky lanterns should not be used under any circumstances.

Recent fires

A **sky lantern** landed on the canopy of a country club, igniting the canopy.

Two sky lanterns landed in forested land impacting valuable wildfire firefighting resources.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

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

A Message from Director of Police Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Director of Police*



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 ...

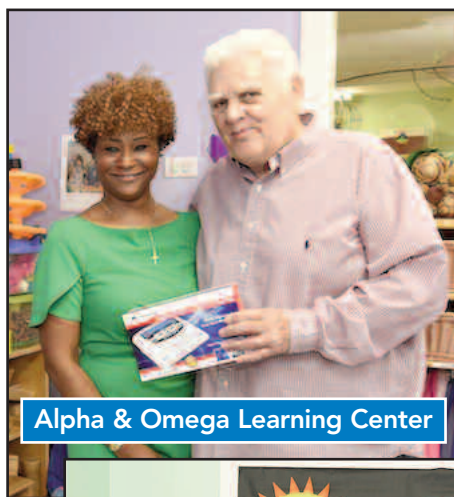
An Exciting Day for Preschoolers at Small World Learning Center

On Thursday, May 4, members of the Melrose Park Fire Department visited Small World Learning Center, located on 25th Avenue, to give the preschoolers a tour of one of the fire engines that's part of the Melrose Park Fire Department fleet.

The children were super excited to climb aboard the vehicle and meet with some of Melrose Park's finest.



Stepping Up for Childcare Safety



Alpha & Omega Learning Center

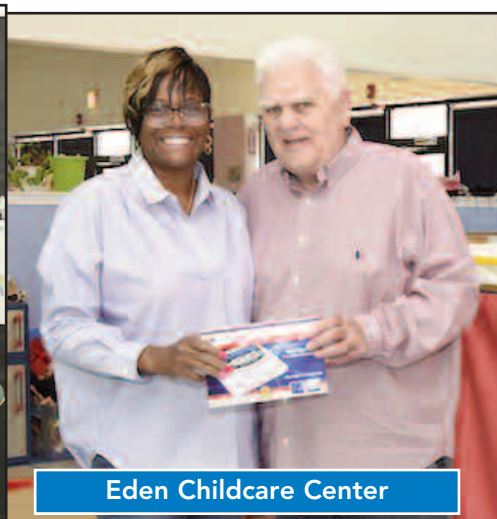
Mayor Ronald M. Serpico recently spent a day and visited the day care centers located in Melrose Park to speak about weather safety and to present each center with a complimentary NOAA Weather Radio to help ensure the safety of our children.

The NOAA Weather Radio sets off an alarm in the event of upcoming severe or dangerous weather.

A shout-out and gracious thank you goes to Chief Phil Schwartz and his Departments of Homeland Security – Public Safety team for coordinating this important initiative.



Small World Learning Center



Eden Childcare Center

Come and Play ...



Free Family Fun
Wednesday, June 28 · 6-8 p.m.
In the Alcove

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North Avenue & 9th Avenue
Melrose Park, IL



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

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

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

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

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



MP Residents, Please Join Us at the "Avenue of Flags – East" Dedication Ceremony on July 1

Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission will be launching its Avenue of Flags – East campaign on Saturday, July 1, 2023.

This program, spearheaded by the Melrose Park Youth Commission and made possible with support from residents and local businesses, is the second in a series of the Melrose Park Avenue of Flags initiative that began in 2014 (22nd Avenue from Division Street to North Avenue).

Prior to this year's big event, flags representing the United States of America, state of Illinois, village of Melrose Park, POW/MIA and branches of the military will be installed on Riverwoods Drive in the Residences of Riverwoods (located on the south side of North Avenue between First Avenue and Thatcher).

The dedication will consist of a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Serpico and members of the Melrose Park Youth Commission establishing Riverwoods Drive as Melrose Park's second Avenue of Flags to be known as Avenue of Flags – East.

The intent of this Youth Commission project is to continue the beautification efforts of Mayor Serpico throughout the village – enhancing and providing a new, respectful and fascinating look to our streets.

If you would like to make a contribution and help support this project, donations can be sent to: Village of Melrose Park/Avenue of Flags, 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill. 60160.

Please make checks payable to the Melrose Park Youth Commission or Melrose Park Sports & Family Benefit Fund.

Save the date and join us at Riverwoods Drive on Saturday, July 1, 11:30 a.m.

We thank you in advance for your commitment to this epic cause.





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

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE A QUICK NOTE TO UPDATE WEEKEND PARKING RULES ...

As of Saturday, April 1, 2023, parking is allowed on both sides of the street on weekends, Friday, 5 p.m.-Monday, 9 a.m., now until Dec. 1, This does not include the West Melrose and Winston Park areas. Remember, parking is never allowed on east and west streets – 2-6 A.M.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: 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: July 10; Aug. 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 13; and Dec. 11.

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



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.



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.

Melrose Park Can Help You Remove Unwanted Animals From Your Home

For any animal control issues on residential property like skunks, raccoons and bats ... call the Melrose Park Police Department non-emergency phone number at (708) 344-8409 to report the problem and they will contact an outside contractor to eradicate the issue.



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.

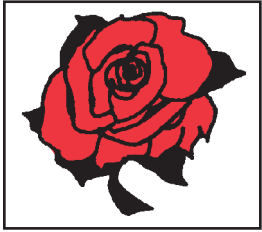
For an appointment or further information, please call Sr. Nila or Sr. Jan at (708) 567-5083, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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.



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.

Grass Clippings are to be Bagged for Pickup

Please refrain from throwing grass clippings in the street. Clippings are to be bagged and set out for landscaping on Tuesdays.

Street Parking Restriction Signs

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

Street Sweeping

The street sweeper has been out sweeping roadways. 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 2023 Street Resurfacing List is Being Compiled for this Year and Projects will be Ongoing









As of now, the following streets have been resurfaced:
Iowa Street – 24th Avenue to 19th Avenue • 10th Avenue – Lake Street to Main Street • Roy – Lake Street to Soffel.



New State-of-the-Art Field Being Set

Under the leadership of Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, a new state-of-the-art, multi-purpose field is being set in place at the Ralph "Babe" Serpico Memorial Field on 25th Avenue.

The new diverse field can be used for a football field, soccer field, unified lacrosse field and a new walking track.

SPORT COLORS:  FOOTBALL COMPLETE COLOR NAME: WHITE PANTONE COLOR NUMBER: WHITE  SOCCER COMPLETE COLOR NAME: CANARY YELLOW PANTONE COLOR NUMBER: 136C  UNIFIED LACROSSE COMPLETE COLOR NAME: REFLEX BLUE PANTONE COLOR NUMBER: RFXC	LOGO COLORS:  COMPLETE COLOR NAME: WHITE PANTONE COLOR NUMBER: WHITE  COMPLETE COLOR NAME: BLACK PANTONE COLOR NUMBER: BLACK  COMPLETE COLOR NAME: RED PANTONE COLOR NUMBER: 185C	LEGEND:  FIELD GREEN FIELDTURF 71,400 sq. ft.	FIELD LAYOUT NOTES (sports are in order of dominance): 1. FOOTBALL MARKINGS ARE 4" WHITE NFHS STANDARDS. 2. SOCCER MARKINGS ARE 4" CANARY YELLOW NFHS STANDARDS. 3. UNIFIED LACROSSE MARKINGS ARE 4" REFLEX BLUE NON-STANDARD. FIELD DOMINANCY IS ONLY WITHIN THE FOOTBALL FIELD OF PLAY. ALL DIMENSIONS TO BE VERIFIED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS.
END ZONE COLOR:  COMPLETE COLOR NAME: RED PANTONE COLOR NUMBER: 185C			



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.

Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors

*Socially
Distanced
Activity*

*Face
Masks
Required*

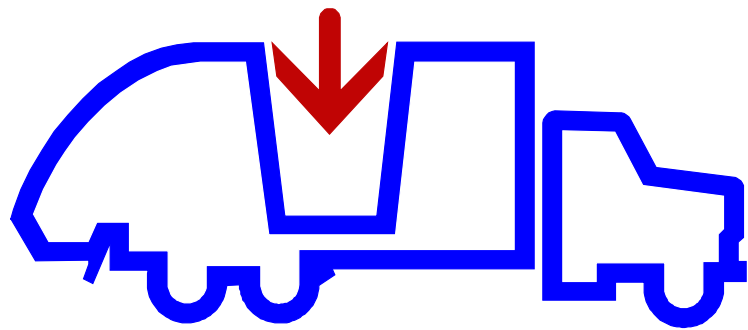


*Come Join in the Fun with
Instructor Barb Rubright
of Rube's Garage!*

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 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.

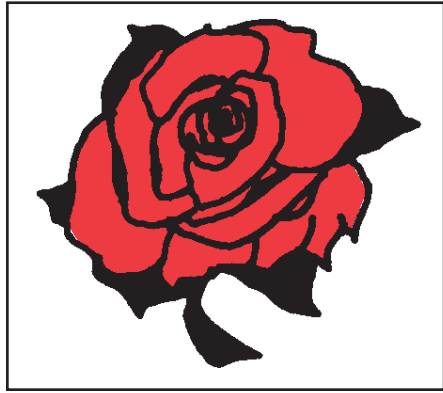
ATTENTION RESIDENTS – CALL TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT RESIDENT GARBAGE CANS

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 Dial A Ride Program for MP Residents

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

This service is available to residents Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make a reservation, please call (708) 343-7047. You can make appointments from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and all major holidays. To book an appointment or make a cancellation, you must call at least 24 hours in advance.

Policies and Procedures

Only one reservation per rider per day. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Only two appointments a week can be made for miscellaneous use such as grocery shopping etc. Anyone using the van for doctor appointments, etc., may use the van up to three times a week.

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

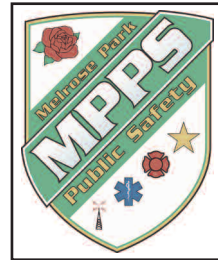
Only three shopping bags per rider. Forgotten items in the van will be returned at the next pickup date. Please note that our service is getting more popular every day so we will try to accommodate your needs to the best of our ability.



***Mayor Serpico
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Call (708) 343-7047 for service.

Melrose Park Public Safety News



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

Know Your Risk When Severe Weather Occurs

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

Here's what you need to know:

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

Take Action

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

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

Be a Force of Nature

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

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

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

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.

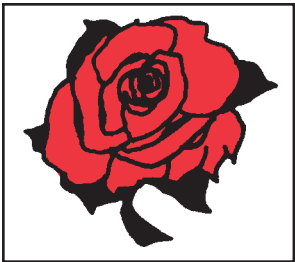
We are Currently Recruiting for ...

- 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.

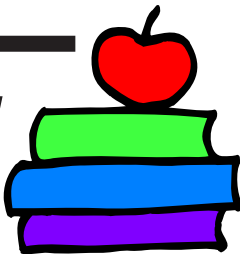
Questions? Please call us at (708) 649-8000 or email us today at training@mpdhs.net to join one of the most prestigious public safety departments in the region!

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

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



Melrose Park Public Library



www.MPPLibrary.org

2023
iRead Summer Reading Program

Now through July 28th
Find Your Voice
mpplibrary.org



This program is for Melrose Park Library adults patrons (ages 18 & up) because we know you also love books!

- Register for the program online or in person.
- Turn in the reading log EVERY FRIDAY at the library, or email: mpref@mpplibrary.org, or call: (708) 649-7485.
- At the end of each week, all entries will go into a WEEKLY DRAWING for a prize.
- The number of books read and logged each week will determine the number of tickets that will be entered for the grand prize. The more books logged, the greater chance participants get to win the grand prize!

The program runs now through July 28th

Pick up or download the reading logs starting today and either:
submit logs in-person, or email: mpref@mpplibrary.org, or call: (708) 649-7485

Visit our webpage for more information.

mpplibrary.org



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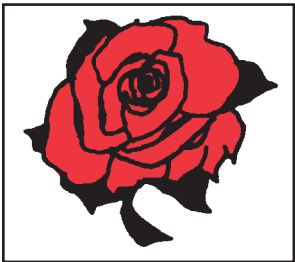
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Last Saturday of the month - Closed
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Melrose Park Public Library



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Salsa Dancing

Thursday, June 29th @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Heat things up with salsa dancing!
Instructor Dora Parks from Studio VIVA
will get you moving. No experience or
partner required. All Ages.

Registration Required

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Melrose Park Public Library Summer Program



class schedule 2023



Chair Yoga Classes

RHONDA FENTRY

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

Register now on our website
MPPLIBRARY.ORG



Begin Your Journey...

FRIDAYS
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

DATES

July 14th	October 13th
August 11th	November 17th
September 8th	December 8th

FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

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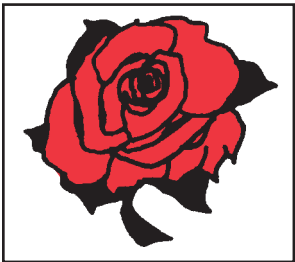
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Youth Services



Make It Mondays

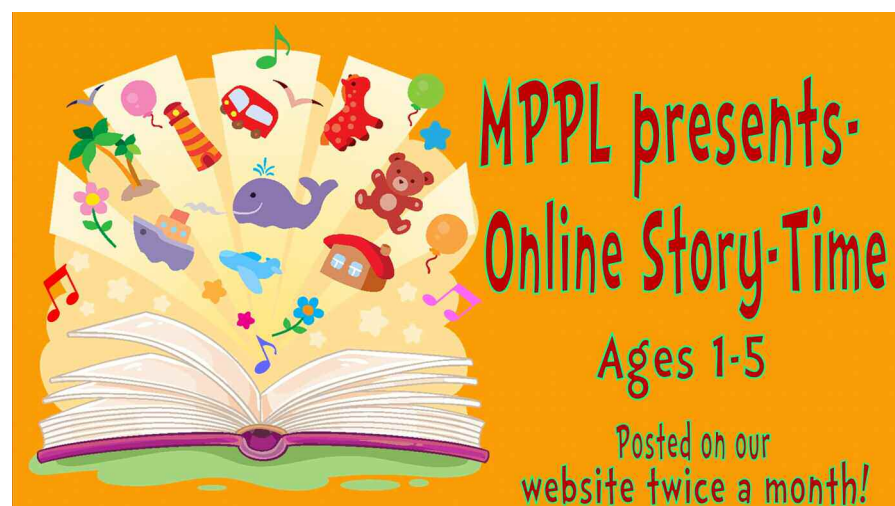
Weekly Crafts on YouTube

Make something special every week with us on the Melrose Park Library Official YouTube Channel! Contact us for information, or drop by the library to pick up the weekly craft supplies. Ages 3 & up.

Online Storytime

Bi-Monthly on our Website

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 our website.



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



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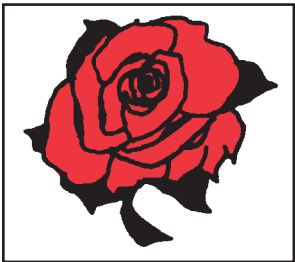
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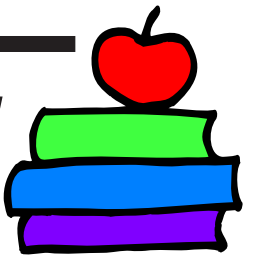
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SUMMER READING 2023 — Now-JULY 28

Come on into the library and sign up for our summer reading program! Children and teens, ages 3-17 can register for ***Find Your Voice!***, our theme for this summer. At registration, you will receive a reading log to record what you read this summer. For six weeks record your reading and every week come in for a special prize and a raffle ticket for the Grand Prize Drawing on July 28th. We will also be offering a variety of fantastic programs, give-aways, and contests all summer, so pick up a calendar of events and drop in as often as possible!

All dates and times are subject to change without prior notice. Please see the website, or call us for updated programming information. All programs at the library are free but registration is required. MPPL card holders have first priority. To register, or with any further questions, please call 708.649.7400



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Summer Programs 2023

Featuring 4 Fabulous Fridays, 1 Terrific Thursday, and 1 Wonderful Wednesday!

Summer Reading Kick-Off - Stop in the library to register for our latest Summer Reading program "Find Your Voice" to get your 2023 reading log and a tasty treat to celebrate the start of summer fun!



Aloha to You! – Explore the culture of Hawaii with Aunty Holly! She will share stories, songs, rhythm instruments, dancing & incredible balloon creations! **All ages.**

Friday, June 23 — 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.

Salsa Dancing - Heat things up with salsa dancing! Dora Parks of Studio Viva will get you moving. No experience or partner required! **All ages.**

Thursday, June 29 — 5:30-6:30pm, Registration required. Limit 25.



Animals Around the World - Travel around the world and learn all about some amazing animals, their diet, habitats, and much more! A fun, hands-on experience. **All ages.**

Friday, June 30 — 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.

Big Bang Bubbles - Come to Absolute Science's exciting show that will take ordinary bubbles to an astonishing extreme dimension! **All ages.**

Wednesday, July 5 — 3:30-4:30pm, Registration required. Limit 25.

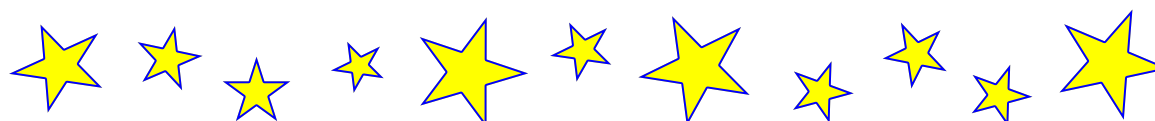


Beach Bingo – Let's play everyone's favorite game, BINGO! Come have fun playing our Beach-themed game at the library. **All ages.**

Friday, July 14 — 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.

Jason Kollum Variety Show– See the Show! Be the Pro! Jason will impress and amaze you with his juggling and balancing routine! Then everyone will participate in his interactive workshop to learn some of his tricks! **All ages.**

Friday, July 21 — 2-3pm, Registration required. Limit 25.



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Village of Melrose Park

Garage Sale Notice

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

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

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

The upcoming dates for 2023 are 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.





Village of Melrose Park

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



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

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

Important Melrose Park Village Notice ...

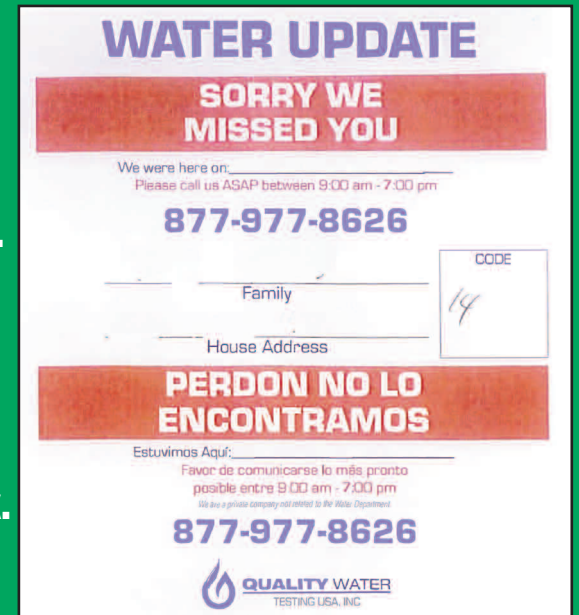
**Alert, Alert, Alert!
Water Update Flyer Being Circulated is
Not from the Village of Melrose Park.
Do NOT Contact This Company!**

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.



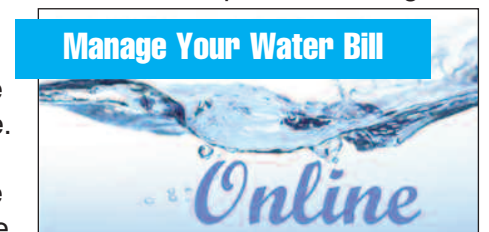
Manage Your Water Bill Online ... It's Easy!

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.





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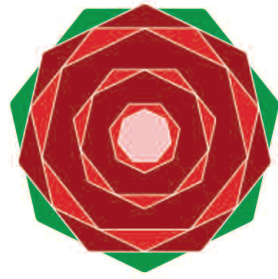
Catering for All Occasions ...

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For Any Type of Party!

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MELROSE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Welcome New Members

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomed eight new members in April and May. Please help us welcome RLA Learning Center, The Kids Lounge Inc., West Central Municipal Conference, Diana Ibarra/State Farm Insurance Agency, All My Sons Moving and Storage, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, La Dolce Vita de Melrose Park and Corrigan Financial Services, Inc., to the growing list of members/partners that are now part of the MPCCCD.

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 lbazbaz@mpcccd.org or call (708) 343-9500 and he will schedule time to meet with you to discuss the benefits of partnering and working with our chamber.

For information about membership, please visit the chamber website Membership page at <https://mpcccd.org/benefits-dues/>.

Grand Opening Celebrations in May and June!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development joined Mayor Ron Serpico and other representatives from the village of Melrose Park, business owners and employees, and most importantly customers, at the grand opening celebrations of three new business locations in Melrose Park within nearly six weeks (between April 30 and June 3).

We want to not only thank each of these business owners for making the investment to grow their business in the village of Melrose Park, but also to thank the entire community for your support by shopping local and taking advantage of all that Melrose Park has to offer! If you have not yet visited these three new locations, please take time to stop by and check them out.

On April 30, My Dogs Groomers opened the doors to their new location at 1703 Division St. My Dogs Groomers offers world-class dog grooming services and have added a self-washing station, as well as a boutique experience where you can find just about everything you can imagine to make your dog feel truly pampered.

On May 19, S.E.V. Nutrition opened the doors to their new location at 1807 N. Broadway and has a very broad menu of energy drinks, meal replacement shakes and smoothies, as well as high protein pastries and desserts to offer its customers.

On June 3, Mayor Ron Serpico and the MPCCCD Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz, joined the celebration at Playas Nayaritas new restaurant at 1419 N. 15th, as they cut the ribbon to their new location. Playas Nayaritas is another great example of how the community and customers make a difference by supporting local businesses as they had outgrown their old location and are now ready to bring their awesome menu and service to more people in Melrose Park.



Grand Opening – My Dogs Groomers



Grand Opening – S.E.V. Nutrition



Grand Opening – Playas Nayaritas



Chamber Highlights from April and May 2023

On April 11, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development hosted its Annual Legislative Breakfast and along with Mayor Ronald Serpico, welcomed over 185 business and community leaders from the area. During this event, attendees were provided with a state legislative update by House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch and Senate President Don Harmon.

In addition to the current state of the state presentation from Speaker Welch and President Harmon, there was over 45 minutes of Q&A where they answered questions and took suggestions from the audience on topics that included education, workforce challenges and resources, tax incentives, business grants, public safety, transportation, and repair plans for Lake Street and North Avenue business corridors.

Thanks to all that attended and for your engagement during the event, as well as the networking time before and after the actual presentations.

As part of the MPCCCD mission, we work to bring resources and information to our businesses to help them fuel growth, and for sustainability of their business and the local community. This is done through many programs, but one that occurs regularly is our Business Breakfast Program that is generally held around the third week of each month.

At our May Breakfast on May 25, more than 40 business owners joined in as Michael Corrigan from Corrigan Financial Services explained the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERC) and how businesses that experienced losses or other financial hardship in 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but retained employees, could qualify for and recover up to \$26,000 per employee retained. Through this presentation, we learned that the deadlines for applying for these funds are approaching quickly and the last date to apply for 2020 will be on April 15, 2024, and to recover money from 2021, the last date to apply will be April 15, 2025.

Mr. Corrigan also cautioned businesses not to wait to apply for the ERC as there have been regular changes to this program since it was first approved as part of the CARES Act and federal legislative efforts to support businesses that were navigating difficult times.

If you have questions about ERC for your business or looking for assistance in completing the application process, we encourage you to contact Corrigan Financial Services at (708) 482-3800 or email mike@corriganfs.com for assistance.



Annual Legislative Breakfast



May Breakfast

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 to participate in community events.

Upcoming Events Include:

- **July** – Understanding and navigating procurement opportunities with the state of Illinois, specifically working with Illinois’ Capital Development Board (CDB) on sessions regarding construction and building trades sector opportunities.
- **August** – The Business Enterprise Program (BEP) and MBE/SBE Certification will be highlighted and this program will help minority, women, veteran, and other disadvantaged businesses get their business certified to position them for contracting opportunities or even make them a preferred vendor with other private entities looking for minority businesses to work with.
- **September** – Creating or improving your digital footprint to connect with new and existing customers.
- **October** – Workforce development and solutions that are planned for manufacturing, TDL and health care segments.
- **Chamber After Hours Networking Events** – In July and September, to 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.

Learn More About the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development!

If you are not getting emails from the MPCCCD about events, training or technical assistance offered for certifications, grant applications, etc., sign up for our newsletter at <https://mpcccd.org>. You can also follow the chamber on Facebook or LinkedIn to stay current on chamber activities.

To schedule an appointment to learn more about the chamber or to get information on membership, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at lbazbaz@mpcccd.org or call (708) 343-9500 and he will schedule a time to meet with you.

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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
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English Classes for Women

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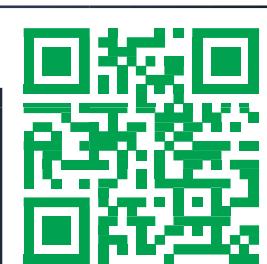
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WELCOME TO THE 41ST ANNUAL TASTE OF MELROSE PARK



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.

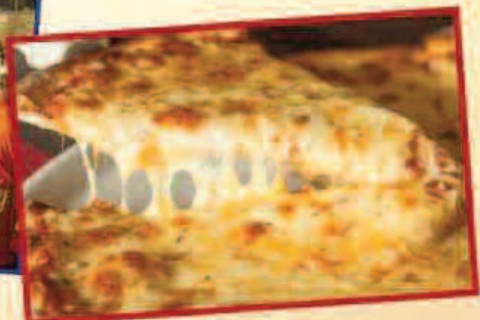
The **Taste of Melrose Park** always brings people together to enjoy savory food choices, celebrate life, and that warm feeling of being part of a larger community. **It is with your financial help that we can not only host this wonderful family-oriented event but also help keep our per serving price 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)
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- Main Stage Video Wall
 - 1 - 3' x 4' Banner
- Public Address System Announcements
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\$3,500.00 SILVER SPONSOR PACKAGE

- 1 - Full Page Color Ad
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\$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR PACKAGE

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★ MUST SUBMIT BY JUNE 30. ★

\$1,250.00 SHUTTLE SERVICE SPONSOR

- Your Name Displayed on an "A" Frame in Shuttle Pickup and Dropoff Area
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\$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,
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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
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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 31 for the
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Taste of
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TASTE OF MELROSE PARK

Please return this form with
a check or money order no later
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Please Select One of
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____ \$1,500.00 BRONZE SPONSOR

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(Submit by June 30.)

____ \$1,250.00 SHUTTLE SPONSOR

____ \$1,000.00 VIDEO WALL SPONSOR

____ \$850.00 3 X 4 COLOR BANNER

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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Call Peggy DiFazio or Lorena Anguiano at
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to develop a sponsorship package that will meet your budget.

Important – Please Read!

No later than June 30, we need you to email us your billboard or banner
camera-ready artwork or email us the vital information we need for us
to create your billboard or banner to taste@melrosepark.org

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

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
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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

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John Lullo – A Good Man and A Happy 90 Years Young!

Well-known, Long-time and Loved Melrose Park Resident Celebrates a Milestone – He's a Genuine Friend Worth Having!

Here's the Lullo Story ...

Celebrating a remarkable milestone, John Lullo, at the helm of four generations and a cherished member of the Melrose Park community, recently turned 90, marking a lifetime filled with extraordinary experiences and an unwavering commitment to his family and hometown. The Lullo family's deep roots in Melrose Park span for generations, leaving an indelible legacy that has played a vital role in shaping the community's identity.

Born in 1933 to John and Florence Lullo, John is the proud grandson of Frank and Rose Lullo, whose journey from Chicago to Melrose Park in the early 1900s symbolizes the spirit of hope and opportunity that defined the era. In a horse and buggy, Frank and Rose made the early morning pilgrimage to attend the inaugural Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. This journey prompted their move to the village, establishing a connection between their family and the heart of Melrose Park.

Frank, an immigrant from Italy, and Rose, also of Italian descent and born in Chicago, settled in Melrose Park and became pillars of the community. Their resilience laid the foundation for the family's enduring presence in the town.

John's father and mother, John and Florence, met when they were teenagers at a dance hall located in Melrose Park. John's father owned his own business doing plaster and drywall work and John's mother hailed from a coal mining family with roots in Alabama and Pennsylvania. Her father worked at the American Can Company in Maywood after migrating north when the coal mines dried up in Alabama. Florence worked for Borg Warner in Bellwood for 27 years.

John's childhood was marked by challenges, as he encountered two incidents that left him deaf in one ear and blind in one eye. However, these obstacles only strengthened his determination to make a difference in the world. He attended Proviso East High School, where he cultivated a thirst for knowledge and personal growth. Graduating in 1953, John embarked on a path that would shape his future and leave an indelible mark on Melrose Park.

With his country engaged in the Korean War, John answered the call of duty and was drafted into the military. Displaying exemplary dedication and commitment, he rose through the ranks from private to sergeant in just 13 months. His role in the adjutant general's office involved administering aptitude tests and assisting with soldier placement, showcasing his strong organizational skills and attention to detail. Later, he was deployed to Korea, where he efficiently managed transportation for fellow soldiers while stationed in the sergeant's office. John's service in Korea spanned 18 months before he returned home at Christmas time.

Following his military service, John returned to his original place of work, International Harvester, where he was previously employed as a typist. Upon John's re-entry into the workforce at Harvester, he became a technical writer and embarked on a distinguished career spanning 43 years there. He quickly rose through the ranks, earning promotions to high-level management positions. Throughout his tenure, he exhibited exceptional leadership qualities and a tireless work ethic, becoming a respected figure within the company. Additionally, John's entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish and manage a ceramic studio in Melrose Park for over 55 years, where he not only shared his expertise, but also taught



Mr. John Lullo (center) is pictured with his son John and daughter Karen.



The Lullo grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all with big smiles, are pictured with John, a proud family man.

classes, sharpened his artistic talents and inspired others to explore their creativity. He won many awards for his work at various ceramics shows throughout the years.

Love found its way into John's life when he met Antoinette Bianco at International Harvester. Their courtship began with a memorable second date, where Antoinette took a literal fall while dancing. John humorously remarked, "This is the first time I took a girl out on a date and she fell for me so fast." The couple eventually married in 1957 and embarked on a beautiful journey together, nurturing a bond that withstood the tests of time.

However, life presented John with profound challenges as Antoinette faced serious and debilitating illnesses. Undeterred, he dedicated himself wholeheartedly to her care, standing as a pillar of strength and support. Their enduring love and commitment demonstrated the power of partnership and the true essence of a lifelong bond.

John and Antoinette were blessed with two children, Karen and John, who would continue the family's tradition of making a positive impact in their respective endeavors. Karen, born in 1958, pursued a successful career in the corporate world at Rust-Oleum, contributing her talents to the company's growth. John, lovingly known as John Nick, made his entrance into the world on New Year's Day in 1960, being the first baby born at Westlake Hospital that decade. His professional journey led him to become the assistant supervisor of the Maintenance Department at School District 89, where he diligently served all the facilities throughout the district.

John's grandchildren carry forward the Lullo family's legacy of achievement and community service. Dr. Scott Price, his eldest grandson, stands as a testament to academic excellence, serving as a tenured chemistry lecturer at UC Santa Barbara. John beamed with pride as he attended Scott's dissertation defense, witnessing his grandson's remarkable achievement. Another grandson, Kevin, contributes his compassion and expertise as a social worker at Aetna, touching the lives of those in need. John's granddaughter, Jamie, resides in the bustling city of New York, working for the second-largest law firm and handling filings for the Securities Exchange Commission. Meanwhile, grandson John Peter serves his community well as a proud first responder in the Melrose Park Fire Department, exemplifying the family's dedication to public service. He is also an entrepreneur and the owner of a successful local construction business. Additionally, granddaughter Nicolette, is currently pursuing her degree in radiology, poised to make a difference in the field of medical imaging.

Beyond his personal achievements and family's contributions, John Lullo actively engages with his community, demonstrating a selfless commitment to serving others. As a Eucharistic minister, he visited patients at the former Westlake Hospital and in their homes, providing comfort and spiritual support during challenging times. John's affiliation with Sacred Heart Church, followed by his involvement with St. Vincent Church, where he serves on the parish council, underscores his unwavering devotion to his faith and the spiritual well-being of his community. Additionally, he facilitates weekly spiritual ministry groups, fostering an environment of shared growth and connection.



Four generations of Lullos – John, John Nick, John Peter and great-grandson John Christos.

***Melrose Park Wishes Mr. John Lullo and His Wonderful Family
Real Good Happiness and Lots of Luck!***

The Lullo family's impact on Melrose Park extends beyond John's remarkable journey. Uncle Tony Lullo, a local building contractor, played a significant role in developing nearby communities, including Addison and Bellwood, leaving a lasting imprint on the landscape. John's brother, Frank, fondly known as Duke, dedicated over 50 years to the Melrose Park Little League, where he served as president and umpire. Duke's love for baseball and unwavering commitment to the organization led to the naming of Duke Lullo Lane near the Ruby Street baseball field, a testament to his enduring legacy. Additionally, John's Uncle Danny's leadership and prominent role as a Little League baseball and Gaels football coach helped instill valuable skills and values in young athletes from Melrose Park. The Lullo family's contributions extend even further. During World War II, when soldiers in the South Pacific were plagued by malaria, Uncle Tony Lullo volunteered to test a malaria vaccine, earning recognition from President Truman for his selfless act of medical research.

As John Lullo celebrates his 90th birthday and patriarch of four current generations, Melrose Park joins in honoring his remarkable journey and the enduring contributions of the Lullo family. Their story is one of resilience, dedication and unwavering commitment to family, community and faith. Through their collective achievements, the Lullo family has left an indelible mark on the fabric of Melrose Park's history, forever shaping the town they call home.



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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**



Veterans Park District

Programs & Happenings

Creative Arts & Tweens

Key Wind Chimes, Ages 6+ – Ever wonder what to do with old useless keys? Don't throw them out! Have fun making a colorful outdoor wind chime by spray painting your keys and attaching a vibrant beautiful bead strand. Enjoy the pretty sound it will make as the wind blows. (If you don't have keys to bring, no worries, we will have extra.)

- Tuesday, July 11; 5:45-7:45 p.m.; Fee – \$30/NR \$40. Class held at Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

Fairy Gnome Sweet Home, Ages 6+ – A home is not a home without a fairy or a gnome. Learn to make a fairy/gnome home using mother nature's outdoor creations, like rocks, pebbles, twigs, moss, leaves, feathers, dry grass or acorns. Your creative abilities will give your garden a feeling of a gnome!

- Tuesday, July 25; 5:45-7:45 p.m. Fee – \$30/NR \$40. Class held at Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

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 childcare 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-Thursday, Aug. 9-10; Fee – R \$194/NR \$204. Classes held at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

Youth Athletics

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, July 14-Aug. 4; 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, July 13-Aug 3; 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, July 11-Aug. 1; Noon-12:45 p.m.; Fee – R \$55/NR \$70. Classes are held at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

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Come check out our new, expanded weight room and new warm-up/ab area. The new weight room features two new squat racks, two new Olympic barbells, three new hex barbells and over 1000 pounds of new Olympic bumper plates. The warm-up area features mats, foam rollers, stretching straps and medicine balls. Come check out all of our new

exciting features. We're located at 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park.

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Daily admission: Ages 2 and under – free; Ages 3-11 – R \$8/N \$10 (special pricing after 4 p.m. – R \$4/N \$5); Ages 12 and up – R \$10/N \$11 (special pricing after 4 p.m. – R \$5/N \$6).

All Veterans Park District residents are required to show proof of residency (current photo ID and current utility bill). Regular Season Pass – R \$70/N \$90/Senior 60+, \$35. When you visit the pool six times the pass has paid for itself! Prices are for individuals 3 and up. Children 2 and under are admitted free of charge. Includes picture ID with bar code identification. (Replacement pass – \$5 fee.)

Active Adults

Bunco and Bites – Calling all bunco lovers. This program is designed with social butterflies in mind. Play bunco or just visit with friends. Light bites will be served.

- Monday, July 10; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$8 per person for each bunco event. George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

Bingo with Lunch – Visit with friends and play bingo! Lunch meal and one bingo card included. Prizes for winners. Fee is \$10 per person. Each bingo event runs 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bingo will be held on Wednesday, July 12, at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

Yoga for the Actively Aging (Chair Yoga) – A gentle yoga class that is designed to maintain healthy joints, muscular flexibility, strength, balance, and coordination. Poses can be done using a chair or free-standing according to your abilities. Yoga is held every Tuesday, 11 a.m., at Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake; and every Thursday, 1 p.m., at George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park.

- 55 and older – Pay \$1 drop-in fee, no registration needed.
- Under 55 – Register and pay R \$40/NR \$55.

Land, Water & Wine! – Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in the rustic dining room at the Starved Rock Lodge. A narrated trolley tour will take you to the riverboat to view the east end of the Starved Rock area. To end the day, you will attend a wine tasting at the August Hill Winery in Utica. Cheers!

- Active adults on Tuesday, July 18; 9:30 a.m. (departure)/6:30 p.m. (estimated return); Fee – \$110; Departure and return location – Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake.

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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! Join us for a fun and exciting week of adventures!

Next Session Begins June 26!
Register Now!

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

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!

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.

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 throughout the summer!

Next Session Begins June 26!
Register Now!

Join us for a "beat" that is fun and exciting! We will have everyone "loving" 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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June 14

Please Join Us on June 28
For Our Next
Featured Film!

Featuring: **Steven Seagal**
A retired cop travels to a
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becoming a champion surfer.



June 28

Bulger Park, Melrose Park

Featuring: **Vivo** (in Spanish)
An adventurous and music-loving capu-
chin monkey as he makes a perilous jour-
ney from Havana to Miami to pursue his
calling and ambitions in show business.



August 2

Trumbull Park, River Grove

Featuring: **Little Rascals**
Adaptation of the "Our Gang" TV series,
that continues the high jinks of our
favorite characters.

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MUSIC & MOVIE IN THE PARK

Double the fun on these midsummer night free family events! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks or pack a picnic. Dogs are not allowed on park properties.



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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Grant Park Recreation Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

7 PM: LIVE MUSIC BY

THE STINGRAYS

The Stingrays have a highly interactive show, featuring the greatest Rock & Roll music ever written from the 50s & 60s.



8:30 PM: FEATURED MOVIE

GREASE

A 50s musical love story.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Bataan Park, 1220 N. 9th, Melrose Park

7 PM: LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT BY

THE BAREFOOT HAWAIIAN

Experience island entertainment with dancers and musicians featuring music from the Hawaiian and Polynesian islands.



8:30 PM: FEATURED MOVIE

MOANA

An adventurous teenager embarks on a journey to save her village.



Free fresh popcorn while supplies last. Call (708) 343-5270 or check the VPD Facebook page for rain out details.

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Men's 16" & Co-ed 14"
Friday, August 4 – Sunday, August 6

Veterans Park District hosts its Annual Softball Tournament at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

We are looking for Men's 16" and Co-ed 14" softball teams to participate in each tournament. Team spots fill up fast for this yearly event so register your team now and don't miss this action-packed weekend of softball, food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

- A deposit is required to hold your spot or you can pay the fee in full.
- Registration will be taken throughout the spring and early summer.
- Monetary prizes and trophies will be awarded to all winning teams of each tournament.

Game times to be announced.

Non Refundable Deposit: \$100 (applied towards balance).

Fee: \$200

Check quickscores.com/vpd for league updates.

For more information or to register a team, contact Joe Serpico at (708) 870-4780.

Bocce Ball Tournament

Saturday, August 5-Sunday, August 6

Join Veterans Park District as we celebrate the tradition of Bocce Ball, a game that can be enjoyed by all ages. Sign up your team for the 2023 Tournament now! Call (708) 343-5270. There must be two players on a team. Court times will be assigned the day of the tournament. Preregistration required.



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Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks or pack a picnic. Dogs are not allowed on park properties.

Bands start at 7 PM.

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



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park
1800 Riverwoods Dr., Melrose Park
(located in the back of the complex next to the forest)

CHICAGO SKYLINERS BIG BAND

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Bulger Park Community Center
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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)



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ages 6-12

Multi Sports Camp

ages 8-12

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ages 13-15

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ages 6-12



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Triton College NEWS

Register Early for Fall Classes at Triton! Semester Begins Aug. 21.

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

Triton College Horticulture Department Opens Farm Stand Herbs, Produce and Flowers Available for Purchase



The Triton College Horticulture Department is hosting its Farm Stand on Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., under the B Building Pavilion, weather permitting. Flowers, herbs and produce grown by Triton College students, staff and faculty will be available for purchase. Cash, checks and debit/credit cards will be accepted.

The next Farm Stand will be on July 6. The weekly setup will continue every Thursday concluding with Fall Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Sept 30. Stop by and grab some delights.

For more information,
please visit <https://www.triton.edu/news/farm-stand/>
or send an email to Grow@triton.edu.

Triton College Graduate Miguel Sahagun Recipient of Elmhurst University Full-Ride Scholarship

Miguel Sahagun of Melrose Park, a May 2023 Triton College graduate, is the recipient of the Triton Scholars Program-Elmhurst University Full-Ride Scholarship. The scholarship is worth approximately \$80,000.

At Elmhurst University, Sahagun plans on studying public health and aspires to become a doctor.

"I feel really passionate about studying medicine and helping people," he explained.

Sahagun grew up in Melrose Park and attended Proviso Math & Science Academy in Forest Park. During his freshman year of high school, he failed his physics class.

"Failing my physics class severely degraded my sense of self-worth and competency at the time.

Eventually, years later, I climbed to the top of my class and developed my passion for learning," he explained.

After graduating from Proviso Math & Science Academy in 2021, he wanted to attend a college that was close to home and affordable. At Triton, he tested into the Scholars Program.

"At Triton, I knew I was going to save a lot of money and the opportunities were endless," he said.

While a student at Triton, Sahagun volunteered 100 hours of his time to Triton's Academic Success Center as a tutor. He has tutored many students in multiple subjects.

As a member of the Scholars Program, Sahagun credits Dr. Michael Flaherty, the Scholars Program director, for helping him reach success during his years at Triton. He said Dr. Flaherty has a "fervor" for watching his students succeed.

After receiving the Triton Scholars Program-Elmhurst University Full-Ride Scholarship, Sahagun said he feels an "endless amount of gratitude." He feels Dr. Flaherty's encouragement helped him receive it as well.

"How many people can graduate from college without any debt? I am very grateful," he said.

Although Sahagun plans on majoring in public medicine at Elmhurst University, he still isn't sure what area of medicine he wants to study. As of right now, he's focused on beginning his new adventure at Elmhurst University as a commuter student.

"I loved everything about Triton College," he said. "I loved the people, close-knit relationships and beautiful campus. It was amazing."

The Triton College Scholars Program is a two-year program for academically talented students. The students selected for the program plan on transferring to a competitive four-year college or university after Triton.

For more information, please contact michaelflaherty@triton.edu or (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3250.



Miguel Sahagun

Triton College Offers Critical Race Theory and Philosophy Course

Triton College will be offering Critical Race Theory and Philosophy (PSY 296), Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 21-Dec. 13, from 12:30-1:45 p.m., in Room E-131 (E Building). Those enrolled will learn the meaning and origins of critical race theory (CRT) as well as movements that have been sparked by it. The course will examine the various themes that are often addressed by CRT.

Dr. Eugene Muhammad, Philosophy Department chairperson, wants students to have an open mind, a desire to learn and an eagerness to respectfully debate. Since the PSY 100 course is not a prerequisite, any student can enroll.

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



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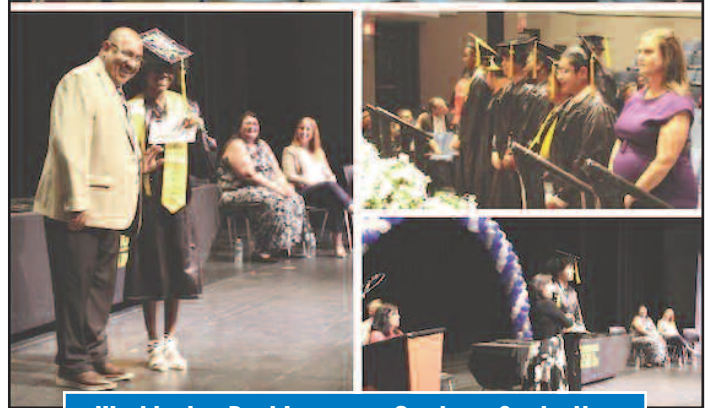
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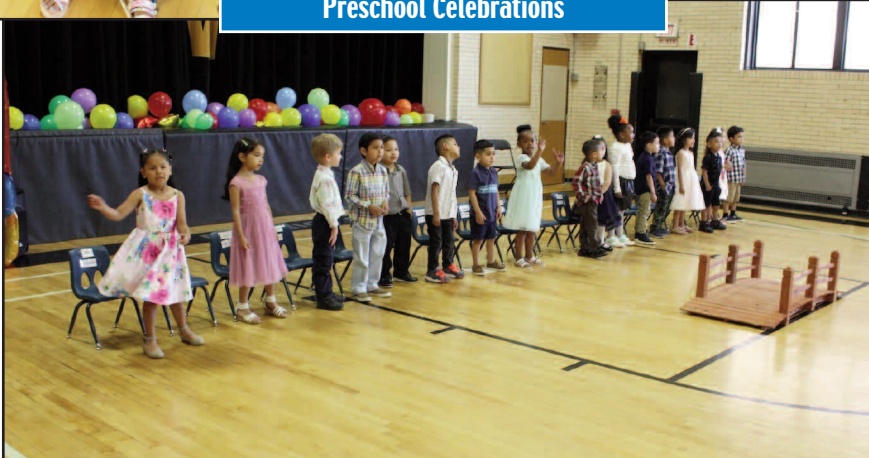
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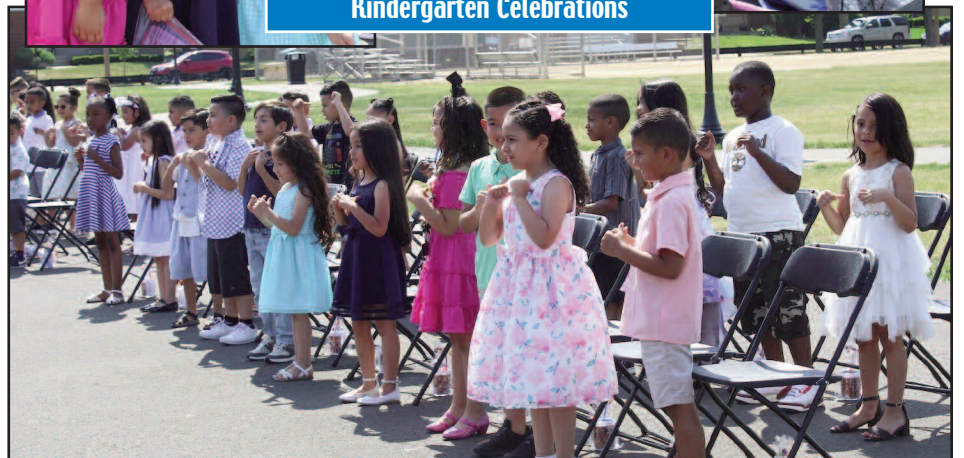
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D89GirlsFutsalChampionship

On May 6, Jane Addams hosted the District 89 Girls Futsal Championship between host Jane Addams Panthers (5-2) and the Lions of Lincoln (7-0). It was a tight first half, but the Lions eventually showed why they were undefeated this year and pulled away in the second half taking top honors.

Congratulation to Coach Perez, Coach Mazzetta and their teams on a great season.

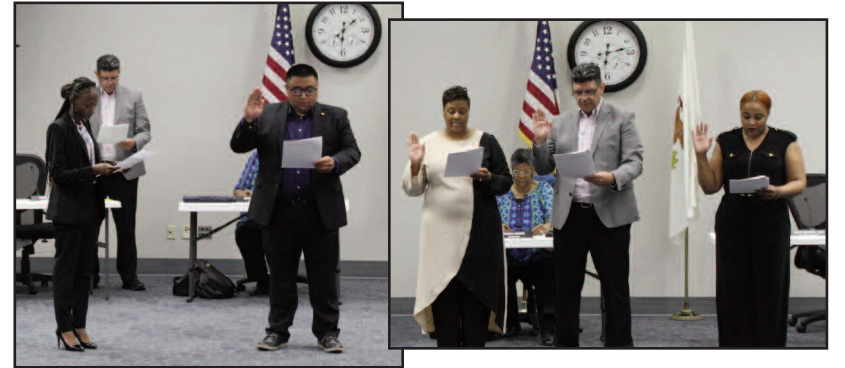


D89ElementarySoftballChampionship

On the evening of May 17, Conner-Heise Park in Maywood hosted the District 89 Elementary Softball Championship in which the Lincoln Lions had to win twice to avenge last year's loss to the Emerson Eagles and be crowned as Coed Softball Champs for the 2022-23 school year.

In the semi-final game against WDLA, the Lions took a commanding lead early and finished with a 13-5 win to advance to the championship game against last year's champion, Emerson Eagles.

The bats stayed hot in the championship game where both teams exchanged runs early on. Several breakdowns on the defensive side of the ball for the Eagles led to multiple run innings for the Lions late in the game. With Emerson unable to come back, the Lions avenged last year's loss to the Eagles by winning in a commanding fashion by the score of 11-4.



D89BoardReorganization

The District 89 Board of Education held a swearing-in ceremony for Oscar Giron Jr., Jesse Macias, Kasharii Parker, Shakeesta Williams and a farewell to Board President Gwaine Dianne Williams at the monthly District 89 Board of Education meeting held on Thursday, May 11. Thank you for your guidance – you will always be a part of the #D89Community.



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Lincoln Lions with the D89 Athletic All-Sports Trophy!



For the second year the district presented the D89 Athletic All-Sports Traveling Trophy to the elementary school and its athletic program for their achievements on the field. Points are awarded to the first and second place teams in Boys and Girls Cross-Country, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Coed Softball and Cheer.

Point per place: First Place-10 Points/Second Place-9 Points.

This year's winner (back-to-back) is Lincoln Elementary School! Lincoln ended the year with three first place finishes and a second for a grand total of 39 points making them the overall winner of the D89 Athletic All-Sports Trophy.

Here are the results for D89 conference schools ...

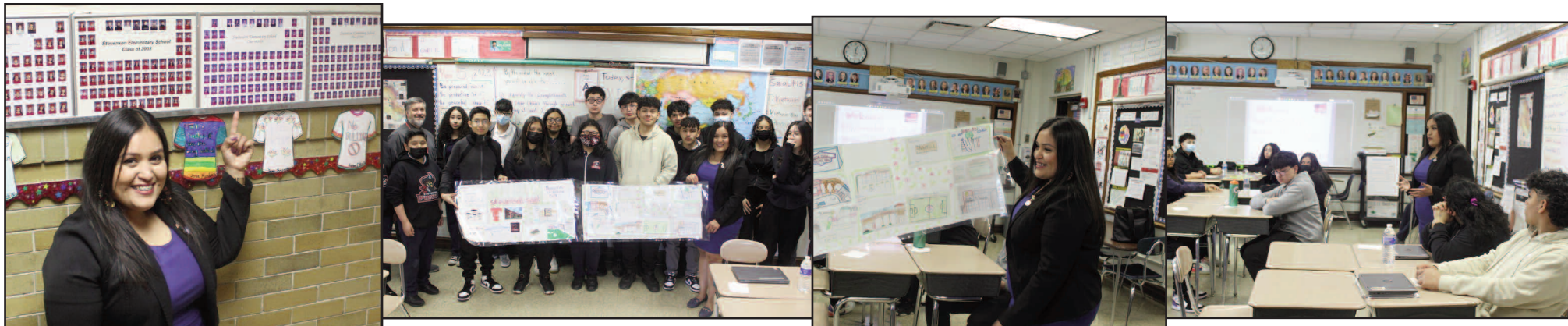
Lincoln-39 • Garfield-30 • Jane Addams-28 • WDLA-19
Roosevelt-18 • Melrose Park-9 • Emerson-9



Clifford Visits D89 Schools

D89, in partnership with Scholastic and our local libraries gave kindergarten-second grade students fun reading challenges. The three schools with the most participation were visited by none other than Clifford himself!

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StateRep. **Norma Hernandez** Visits Stevenson

On May 5, students in Mr. Golding's class had a special visit from State Rep. Norma Hernandez – Class of 2004. Students learned about her experiences growing up in the neighborhood and they had a discussion regarding civic duty. Thank you for sharing your educational and career experience with your fellow Pirates!



2023 **Band and Orchestra** Spring Concert

On May 17, the D89 Band and D89 Orchestra performed their Annual Spring Concert at Jane Addams School. Eighth graders were honored with plaques given by Orchestra Director Robin Krieb and Band Director Tayiib Dauda.

Lincoln Lions **Celebrate Fifth Graders**



On May 31, Lincoln School held a fifth grade awards ceremony. The school also gave them a parade in the hall wishing them luck in middle school next year. Students were filled with joy, tears and excitement as they move on to next year.

Congratulations to all the fifth graders at Lincoln Elementary School! We wish you all the best in middle school and beyond.

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Parent Advisory Council Meeting

On May 9, Ms. Madilyn Wiley and Mr. James Ferguson presented to District 89's Parent Advisory Council an overview on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS) with suggestions and resources for use during the summer.



Encore Expo 2023

The SMS Encore team hosted their Annual Encore Expo at Stevenson Middle School on May 4. On display were projects created in Stevenson's Encore courses including Art, Drama, Global Awareness, Journalism, Music and STEM. In addition to all the creative student projects, student performances by D89 Orchestra, D89 Middle School Band and the *Newsies, Jr.* cast occurred throughout the evening.

The Stevenson Encore Team's mission is to foster students' creativity through a holistic approach, while enriching their academic experiences within core content. Our courses help students progress toward college and career readiness. ENCORE classes foster students' emotional awareness, self-expression, critical thinking, visual and media literacy, and civil responsibility.



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Newsies Jr.

On April 27 and April 28, students from Irving Middle School, Stevenson Middle School, and Washington Dual Language Academy performed Disney's musical, *Newsies Jr.*



D89 FineArts FamilyNight

On the evening of May 3, D89 students, families, staff and community members came together to view student artwork, enjoy listening to student choirs, band and a special encore performance from the *Newsies Jr.* cast.

Thank you to our community partners for joining us in all the fun.

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D89 FieldDay Celebrations

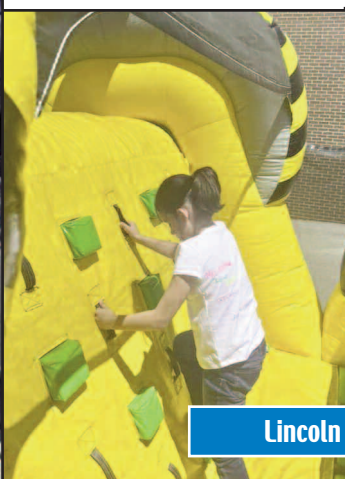
Our students had so much fun celebrating the end of the school year at Field Day!

Thank you to all grown-ups who helped and braved the heat to help us celebrate our students! Congratulations on another wonderful school year.

To all our fifth graders heading to middle school, and to all of our eighth graders heading to high school, we will miss you, but know you will do great and we are so proud of you!



Jane Addams School Field Day



Lincoln School Field Day



Stevenson Middle School Field Day



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DISTRICT 89

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023
11:00am - 1:00pm

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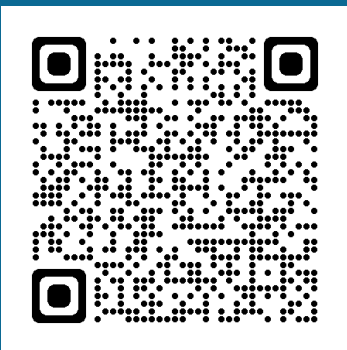


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Exámenes Dental**

Sign up/Registrate



DISTRICT 89



Online Enrollment for the 2023-2024 School Year is Now Available!

¡El registro en línea para el
año escolar 2023-2024 ya está abierto!

How do I Register a New Student?

Parents registering new students from Kindergarten - 8th Grade for schools in District 89 will need to go to:

www.maywood89.org/student-registration/
and click on the New Student button. From there, parents will create an account with InfoSnap and fill out the form.

How do I Register for PreSchool?

Parents will need to fill out a request to attend a screening online at:

www.maywood89.org/preschool/

¿Cómo registro a un nuevo estudiante?

Los padres inscribiendo a nuevos estudiantes de kindergarten a 8vo grado para escuelas en el Distrito 89 deberán visitar:

www.maywood89.org/student-registration/
y hacer clic en el botón Nuevo Estudiante. A partir de ahí, los padres crearán una cuenta con InfoSnap y completarán el formulario.

¿Cómo se registra para preescolar?

Los padres deberán completar una solicitud para asistir a una evaluación en línea en:

www.maywood89.org/preschool/

Parents registering returning students from PreSchool - 8th Grade for schools in District 89 will need to go to:

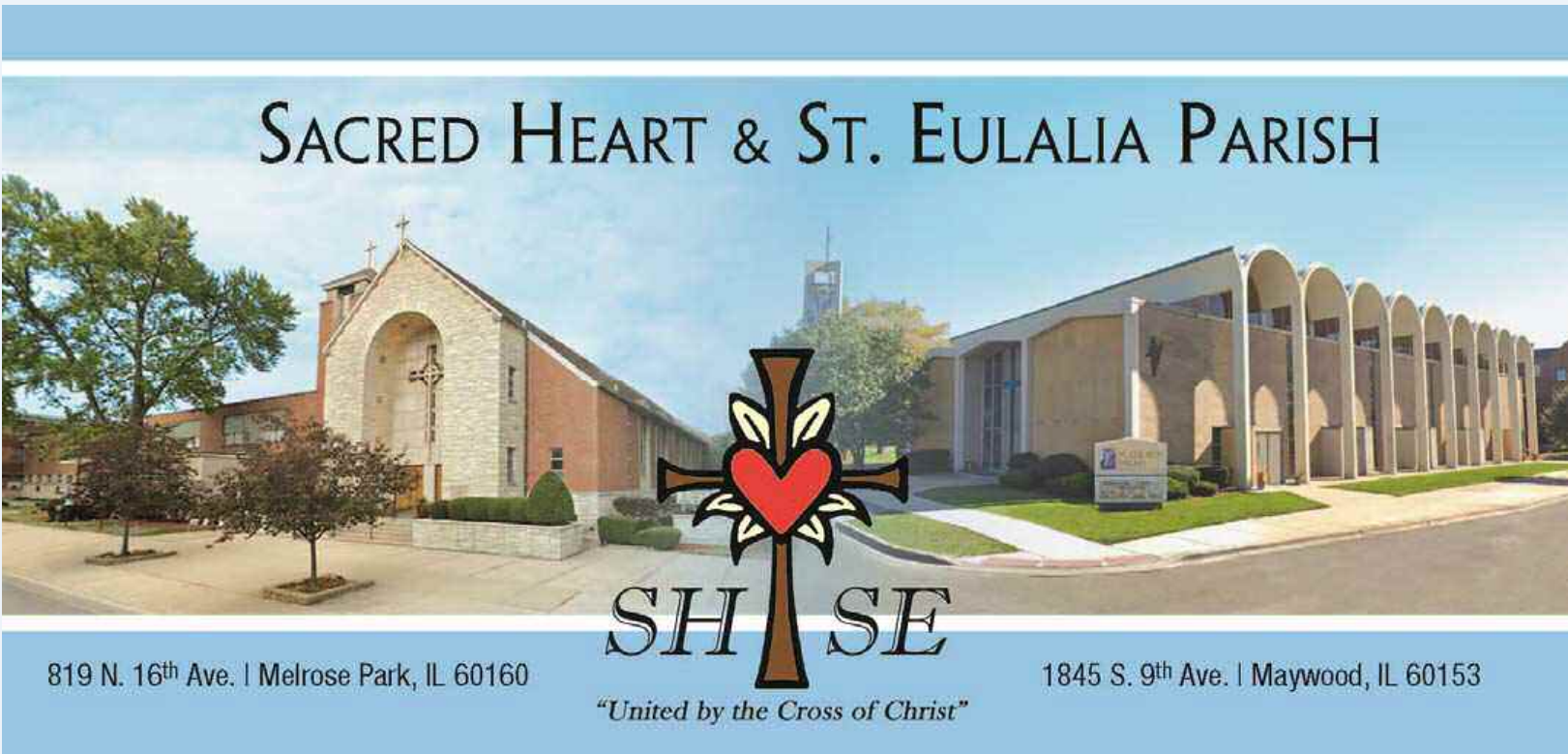
www.maywood89.org/student-registration/
and click on the Returning Students button. From there, parents will login to their account with InfoSnap and fill out the form.

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

Los padres que registren a los estudiantes que regresan a Preescolar - 8vo Grado para las escuelas en el Distrito 89 deberán ir a:

www.maywood89.org/student-registration/
y hacer clic en el botón de Estudiantes Regresan. A partir de ahí, los padres iniciarán sesión en su cuenta con InfoSnap y completarán el formulario.

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



Our Pastor, Father Francisco Ortega welcomes you to join us for Mass at one of our following Mass times:

Sacred Heart Church

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

SUNDAY **8:30am English**
SUNDAY **10:30am Spanish**
SUNDAY **7:00pm English/Spanish**

WEEKDAYS **8:00am English**

St. Eulalia Church

SATURDAY **5:00pm English**

SUNDAY **10:30am English**
SUNDAY **12:30pm Spanish**

Visit our website at **shsparish.org** or call us at **708-344-0757** for more information.

First Friday Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Every First Friday of the month **7:00pm** at Sacred Heart.

Thursday Adoration and Confession
Every Thursday except the week of the First Friday of the month, alternating between Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia churches at **7:00pm**.

Parish Taco Sale Fundraiser
Join us on **Sunday July 23rd** for a Taco Sale held from **11:00am** to **3:00pm** at St. Eulalia.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday August 15 we will have Mass at **8:00am** and **7:00pm** at both Sacred Heart & St. Eulalia for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

A Message from Fr. Leandro Fossá, C.S., Pastor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and Shrine THE 130TH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL IS COMING – SUNDAY, JULY 16!

Dear Readers, Devotees, Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

It is with great joy that I invite you to the 130th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, certain that we all rejoice in our Mother's arms with gratitude for her tender intercession for all of us.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is a center of genuine religious devotion to the Blessed Mother, a sacred place of prayer, recollection, and spiritual refreshment with a full program of sacramental and pastoral activities. Our mission will be to promote devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to all its parishioners and the community at large. On this celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, I want to invite all the devotees and those who love the blessed Virgin Mary to enjoy our feast.

This year, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel welcomes you with renovations and fresh views. After more than three decades, the parish has decided to change the carpet, acquire new pews, and bring the baptismal fountain to the main church space. The initial idea was only to change the carpet and refinish the pews, but after considering that our worship space has not had a major reparation for quite a few years, we decided to do more.

I invite you to come out to the Novena and see the difference in the walls of the Shrine, the confessionals, the front door adjustments and handicap accessibility, the new pews and many more details that were repaired. My dear friends, it is a wonderful time to get together, to pray and to ask our Mother Virgin Mary of Carmel to intercede for our needs with these fresh views and repairs.

I want to commend all those participating and applaud the hard work of our Feast Committee and Altar & Rosary. They have worked tirelessly for so many moments to organize the Novena and Feast days because they love this parish and tremendously care for the devotees of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Allow me also to recognize and commend all those who have carried out our devotion and tradition to La Madonna del Carmine for so many years. We do realize how much our community has been reshaping its image. I want to acknowledge the mayor and all the workers of the village of Melrose Park that make this Feast possible, as well.

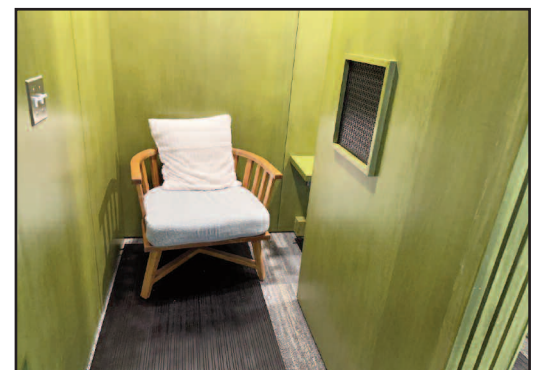
Every July the Parish and Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel pray and process in the streets of Melrose Park. All of us who are here could feel that this event is the effort of a whole town, a community loved and blessed by Madonna del Carmine, and this year we pray on the streets of this town because we know that Our Mother will always protect us.

Lastly, "mille grazie" and I am certain that you will continue loving, venerating and supporting La Madonna del Carmine and I pray that the Blessed Virgin Mother of Mount Carmel embraces and presents you and your entire family to Her Son Jesus asking to pour His grace and blessings upon you to experience the tenderness and sweetness of Our Lady's loving intercession.

Blessings to all of you. Bendiciones a todos ustedes. Benedizioni a voi tutti.

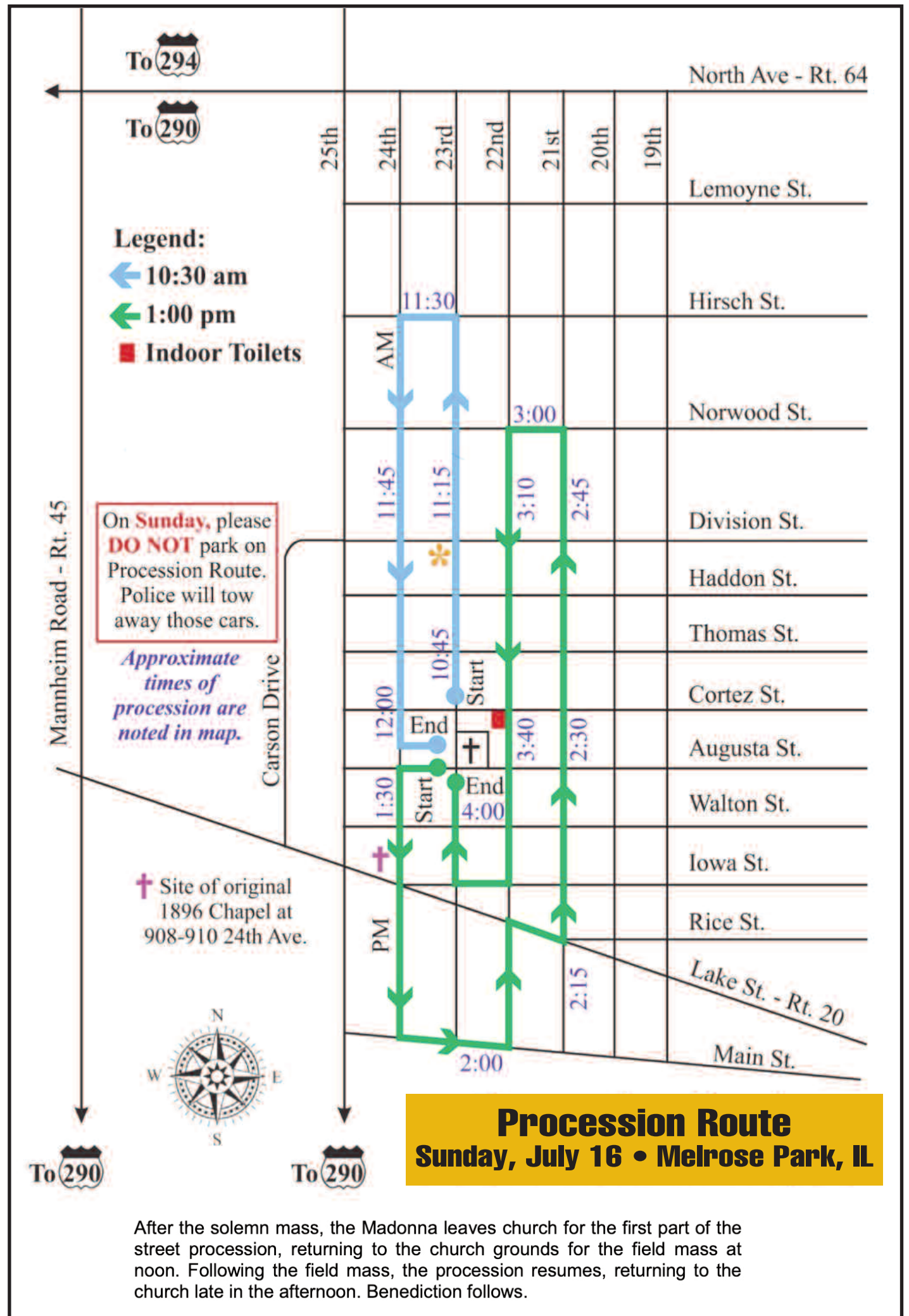
VIVA LA MADONNA DEL CARMINE

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





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



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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 with Bishop Kevin Birmingham

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 68-69 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.olmcparish.org or www.facebook.com/olmcparish.

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 :)

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

Sponsor/Ad Book/Dinner/Raffle Ticket Reservation Form

Tent Tops Sponsor - \$500

(Replacing 2 tops at \$4,000 each, includes full page in ad book)

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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish-Shrine

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Melrose Park Free Methodist Church Hosts Free Essential Supplies Giveaway

All are welcome to join the Melrose Park Free Methodist Church for a free essential supply giveaway on Sunday, June 25, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

The 14th Big Bash Buffet for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL.**

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Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Opens Satellite Office in Leyden Township

The Office, Which will be Staffed on the First Tuesday of Each Month, Will Allow for Commissioner Aguilar to Increase Constituent Services for Leyden Township Residents



*Cook County Commissioner
Frank J. Aguilar*



On Tuesday, May 16, Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar joined Leyden Township officials to kick off Commissioner Aguilar's new Leyden Township satellite office. The event included elected officials, community organizations and residents from throughout the 16th District. This "Cook County Open House" was held to promote Commissioner Aguilar's new office and to highlight the increased constituent services that will be provided to Leyden Township residents.

"Accessibility must be centered in everything we do," said Commissioner Aguilar. "This satellite office will allow for my administration to work closely with Leyden Township residents and officials alike to make sure their needs are covered and that resources are continued to be provided. Our district is wide and diverse, and so between our regular office in Lyons and this new satellite opportunity in Leyden Township, we will be able to be easily accessible to all 16th District residents. I'd like to thank Leyden Township Supervisor Rocco Biscaglio for his gracious offer to host us and look forward to continuing our partnership."

The event was held at the Carl Fiorito Senior Center in Franklin Park, which will also be the location of the satellite office. Before the general public arrived at 5 p.m., Commissioner Aguilar was joined by Leyden Supervisor Rocco Biscaglio and Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen for a brief press conference, where they highlighted the importance of this new office and the impact of increased constituent services in the area. After the press conference, elected officials, community organizations, local community leaders, and 16th District residents mixed and mingled, discussing ways to

support each other and how they can all work together to further the supply of resources to Leyden Township residents.

"Leyden Township welcomes Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar to the Leyden Township community," said Leyden Township Supervisor Rocco Biscaglio. "We appreciate Commissioner Aguilar's commitment to Leyden Township and constituents of the 16th District to be top priority. A large portion of Leyden Township falls within the boundaries of Commissioner Aguilar's district, and we know this partnership with Commissioner Aguilar is designed to increase our influence and deepen our connections. When we come together around common goals, we truly can empower our communities to thrive. We are excited to have his satellite office in our Town Hall and look forward to a number of joint events together in the future."

This satellite office will administer the same functions as Commissioner Aguilar's regular office in Lyons, but with an extra emphasis on Leyden Township initiatives. Residents should expect in-depth constituent services, such as help with their homeowner exemptions, while also receiving updates on county resources. This office, and the accessibility it will bring to residents, will also lead to an increase in partnerships in Leyden Township with other Cook County departments, such as the Cook County Sheriff's Department and Cook County's Health Network. The office will be staffed on the first Tuesday of each month.

"Government services at all levels should be easily accessible. The collaboration between Leyden Township and Commissioner Aguilar's office is a great example of expanding county-level services and bringing them to where the people are," said Illinois State Rep. Norma Hernandez.

Residents who wish to learn more about Commissioner Aguilar's Leyden Township office and its functions are encouraged to reach out to commissionerfrankjaguilar@gmail.com. We urge all residents throughout Leyden Township and the surrounding areas to take advantage of this opportunity and use the office to access resources or information on any Cook County needs.

"I would like to thank Commissioner Frank Aguilar for locating his new district office in Leyden Township," stated Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen. "This resource will be of great benefit to the citizens and businesses of Franklin Park. It is comforting to know that representation at the county board will be so close."



*Pictured with Commissioner Aguilar are some area dignitaries
who were in attendance at the satellite office kick-off event.*

Homeowner Exemptions Have Opened – Property Owners Deserve Some Relief!

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

Listed here are the exemptions that automatically renew each year – Homeowner Exemption, Senior Exemption and Persons with Disabilities.

Listed here are the exemptions that must be reapplied annually – “Senior Freeze” Exemption, Veterans with Disabilities Exemption, Returning Veterans Exemption and Long Time Homeowner Exemption.

To learn more about Property Tax Exemptions, please visit www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.

Cook County to Award Additional \$100,000 in Honor Grants to Nonprofits that Serve Veterans

Awards Help Expand Existing Programming for Veterans and Their Families

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle recently announced an additional \$100,000 in funding for Honor Grants, a program spearheaded by the Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs (CCVA) to expand programming offered by nonprofit organizations that serve the veteran community and their families. Applications are open and close Friday, June 30.

Last November, the county awarded \$1.4 million in Honor Grants to 18 nonprofits. This year, CCVA will distribute 10 \$10,000 grants, bringing the total amount of Honor Grant funding awarded to \$1.5 million.

“Last year, the county helped expand programming and resources to over 2,000 veterans through Honor Grant funding,” said President Preckwinkle. “I am grateful to be able to offer this opportunity once again for nonprofits who continue to do the heavy lifting to assist and create a better quality of life for our veteran community.”

Honor Grants are available to nonprofit organizations who have existing programs for veterans and their families that provide resources and services to address mental health, education and job placement, home and food security in addition to making benefits more accessible.

“In America, veterans volunteer to protect this country. They show courage and embrace all challenges when serving both overseas and at home. When their tours are over, we must be there to support them and give them the tools they need to succeed in life,” said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. “By funding specific organizations who are equipped to help veterans, we are making sure these funds are used appropriately, delivering the most effective relief to those who served.”

The county is funding the Honor Grants Program through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). CCVA was allocated nearly \$5 million in ARPA funding to support programs that assist veterans and their families.

For more information and to apply, visit www.cookcountyil.gov/honorgrants.

Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar Encourages Eligible Residents to Apply for Medicaid Redetermination

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, Medicaid Continuous Enrollment protected people from losing Medicaid coverage. The public health emergency declaration ended on May 11, 2023, causing Medicaid Continuous Enrollment and other Medicaid flexibilities to end as well.

This means – Medicaid customers could lose coverage as soon as July 1, so don’t wait to renew. Individuals must go back to applying for their eligibility of benefits every year. This is called redetermination. It is critical that those receiving Medicaid benefits take action to avoid losing coverage.

To continue your Medicaid coverage, manage your case at abe.illinois.gov or call 1-800-843-6154 for help with the renewal process.

“All residents who are enrolled in Medicaid need to be aware of these developments,” said Commissioner Aguilar. “Over the last few years, things have been very different. Now as we return to a more normal state of affairs, we need to make sure that residents, municipalities, community organizations and all other networks are aware of these changes to Medicaid Redetermination. I am looking at every possible avenue to get this information out to the 16th District and to bring those in need of help into direct contact with county and state health officials who can help navigate this process.”

Commissioner Aguilar would also like to promote an upcoming Medicaid Redetermination event in North Riverside. On Monday, June 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Cook County will be hosting a Medicaid Redetermination session at the North Riverside Health Center, 1800 S. Harlem Ave., Suite A, North Riverside, Ill. Commissioner Aguilar encourages all eligible residents to attend this event if they have any questions on the process for applying for redetermination.

What is the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) doing to educate the public about Medicaid redetermination?

- Since mid-April, CCDPH has been raising awareness on its web and social media sites, and collaborating with community-based organizations and partners to share information regarding the need for Medicaid customers to complete redetermination in order to maintain coverage after the end of the Public Health Emergency declarations on May 11, 2023. Materials can be found by going to ccdph411.com.
- CCH is working to educate Medicaid members about redetermination, creating and sharing information English, Spanish, Polish, Chinese, Hindi, Arabic and Russian.

For more information, please visit <https://cookcountyhealth.org/redetermination/>.

Loyola Medicine Donates Ambulance to Support the Effort in Ukraine

On Monday, June 5, during a ceremony at Loyola University Medical Center, Loyola Medicine donated an ambulance to help save lives in Ukrainian communities under attack by Russian forces. The ambulance was covered with signatures and messages of support from Loyola Medicine colleagues to lift the spirits of the people of Ukraine.

"Loyola Medicine is committed to delivering health care and hope to those we serve," said Shawn Vincent, President and CEO of Loyola Medicine. "And when we can serve a larger purpose, we will. I am proud that we are donating this ambulance to help save the lives of those fighting to protect their home country."

U.S. Ambulances for Ukraine will work with the UA Resistance Foundation, a charity fund to support Ukraine, to deliver the ambulance to the front lines. U.S. Ambulances for Ukraine was founded by Chris Manson, vice president of Government Relations at OSF HealthCare in Peoria. He was inspired to find a way to donate an ambulance by his 7-year-old daughter who was moved by coverage of the war and asked how they could help. Since March 2022, U.S. Ambulances for Ukraine has facilitated the donation of 39 ambulances.

During a visit to Ukraine, Manson was struck by the reception the ambulances receive. "The reactions you see from the people when they see the American vehicle, when they see the messages, you can just tell there's another kind of benefit. They know they aren't alone."

To ensure the ambulance is in good condition and ready to get to work, Loyola Medicine Transport gave the ambulance a tune-up and will fill it with five Stryker stretchers and additional EMS supplies. "We are beyond excited and grateful to be helping those in Ukraine," said Tim Prokop CCENT-P, operations manager for Loyola Medicine Transport.

About Loyola Medicine

Loyola Medicine, a member of Trinity Health, is a nationally ranked academic, quaternary care system based in Chicago's western suburbs. The three-hospital system includes Loyola University Medical Center, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, MacNeal Hospital, as well as convenient locations offering primary care, specialty care and immediate care services from more than 1,500 physicians throughout Cook, Will and DuPage counties. Loyola is a 547-licensed-bed hospital in Maywood that includes the William G. and Mary A. Ryan Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine, the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, a Level 1 trauma center, Illinois's largest burn center, a certified comprehensive stroke center and a children's hospital. Having delivered compassionate care for over 50 years, Loyola also trains the next generation of caregivers through its academic affiliation with Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine and Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. Established in 1961, Gottlieb is a 247-licensed-bed community hospital in Melrose Park with the Judd A. Weinberg Emergency Department, the Loyola Center for Metabolic Surgery and Bariatric Care and the Loyola Cancer Care & Research Facility at the Marjorie G. Weinberg Cancer Center. MacNeal is a 374-licensed-bed teaching hospital in Berwyn with advanced medical, surgical and psychiatric services, acute rehabilitation, an inpatient skilled nursing facility and a 68-bed behavioral health program and community clinics.

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We do more at the Illinois State Treasurer's Office than simply invest money.

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One of our greatest tools to create change so we can have better jobs and stronger neighborhoods is ILGIF—the Illinois Growth and Innovation Fund. ILGIF allows us to invest money in small, startup companies with big ambitions. We insist our private-sector partners pursue Illinois-based companies that use technology to create a product or service that makes our lives easier or more convenient.

We choose funds well-positioned to independently evaluate proposals, research trends and identify leaders in markets that often are overlooked. This approach ensures a level playing field for all entrepreneurs.

We invest to make money for the state, but we also want to invest in a way that grows jobs. Job creation leads to stronger neighborhoods, and the development of new technology leads to more opportunities and a better quality of life. This is the very definition of an economic engine – turning over and over

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



as monetary investment leads to jobs and jobs lead to more companies looking for monetary investment.

We launched ILGIF in 2016, and it has been a rousing success. As a result of our startup money, private-sector investors have followed up with an additional \$25 billion. The companies have reported revenue in excess of \$38 billion and hold more than 800 patents.

These and other companies have created 5,000 new jobs and supported tens of thousands of jobs across Illinois, according to the ILGIF annual report. Because these are startup companies, the potential for future direct and indirect job growth is exciting.

Better jobs create stronger communities and stronger communities help everyone.

ILGIF is another example of how the Treasurer's Office drives innovation, job creation and economic growth.

It also is another way the Illinois State Treasurer's Office is invested in you.

It's Never Too Late for Scholarships

It is never too late to search for college scholarships.

Yes, high school seniors and their families, there still is time to earn financial help.

College is expensive, but still attainable. The average price for college tuition and required fees at a public four-year school in Illinois is more than \$26,000 annually for in-state students.

"Early and often is sort of my credo regarding scholarship searches," Kevin Ladd, chief operating officer at Scholarships.com, told the Tribune Content Agency.

Start looking at home.

First, have a conversation with the high school guidance counselor, who should have a ready-made list of scholarships.

Second, stop by your city hall, park district or chamber of commerce. Each might know of scholarship opportunities presented by local employers, foundations or service organizations, such as Kiwanis or the American Legion.

Do not forget your local place of worship, which also might have information on ways to help.

Remember, it is possible to win more than one scholarship.

Finally, do not forget to ask the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. The office will know if additional scholarships or grant money are available since the last time you checked.

Also, be stingy. Do not pay money to find scholarships and do not pay a fee to apply for a scholarship. There are plenty of free services available.

Prioritize and keep track of your work. Know application deadlines, as well as when scholarships will be awarded. Re-use your work – An essay written as part of the application for one scholarship can be edited and tailored to another scholarship application.

"Knock out the ones that are about to expire first," Ladd said, "particularly the ones that don't take as much of your time."

5/29, A Day for a College Savings Plan

On May 29, Illinois marked 5/29 Day, named after the 529 college savings plans that allow parents to put away money for their children's education.

Illinois lawmakers approved the May 29 designation six years ago "to help raise awareness about the escalating costs of higher education and the importance of saving for college."

In Illinois, the Bright Start Program is a tax-advantaged investment vehicle to help save for college. Under Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, the state's highly rated Bright Start Program has more than doubled to \$16.5 billion in assets since 2015 and has grown to more than 850,000 accounts. The Treasurer's Office has worked with program manager Union Bank & Trust to reduce fees to ensure more investment dollars go directly to college savings.

We understand parents' desire to save for their children's future, and the Illinois Treasurer's Office's 529 plans offer a variety of investment options and flexibilities for families. We want families to be comfortable investing their hard-earned dollars in a college savings plan.

Anyone can contribute to an account and there are no enrollment fees, minimum contribution or minimum balance requirements to open or maintain one. There are tax benefits, too. Earnings are free from federal and state taxes if used for qualified education expenses, and up to \$10,000 per year in contributions (\$20,000 per year for married couples filing jointly) to an account are eligible for an Illinois income tax deduction. With Bright Start, you don't even need a financial advisor and it takes just approximately 10 minutes to open an account online.

To learn more about Bright Start, visit the treasurer's college savings page at https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Individuals/College_Savings.

Nicor Gas Announces \$100,000 in Support of Community Programs Promoting Stability, Wellness

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

As of June 1, nonprofit organizations may apply for these assistance grants from Nicor Gas to support their initiatives that provide food, shelter, clothing and disaster relief to the community.



Applications are available at www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving through Aug. 31 with funding decisions by Oct.

31. Selected nonprofits and community organizations will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funds this year.

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

In 2022, the company provided grant support to:

- **Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry** – Supported mobile pantries throughout Fox Valley, distributing food, diapers, hygiene products, baby formula and other basic need items.
- **South Suburban PADS** – Supported emergency shelter, food and case management to help families move into stable housing.
- **Rock River Valley Pantry** – Supported the delivery of dairy products to those experiencing food insecurity in the Rockford area.

To submit an application for the basic needs and energy assistance grants, visit www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving.

Nicor Gas Launches TotalGreen™ Program to Help Customers Manage Their Carbon Footprint

On May 30, Nicor Gas announced the launch of TotalGreen™, a voluntary pilot program designed for qualified customers to balance their carbon footprint from their use of natural gas by combining renewable natural gas credits^[1] with the purchase of carbon offsets.^[2]

“At Nicor Gas, our team is excited to offer a new way for our customers to help reach our state’s goal of a clean energy economy,” said Meena Beyers, vice president of Community and Business Development. “We are committed to doing our part to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle and offer programs and options for our customers to live and work more sustainably as well. TotalGreen is just one example of how Nicor Gas is working tirelessly to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.”

The program cost is an additional monthly charge that is calculated on a per therm basis – the measure of natural gas use. On average, the cost of participating in the voluntary TotalGreen Basic Program for a single-family home is approximately \$100 a year, but varies based on individual natural gas use and plan selection.

To learn more, explore program details and to see if you are qualified to enroll today, visit www.NicorGas.com/TotalGreen.

In addition to TotalGreen, Nicor Gas also offers a robust energy efficiency program that all residential customers can take advantage of to save money and energy, including free energy-saving kits and complementary in-home energy audits. The company is also committed to reaching net zero GHG emissions from its operations by 2050 and supporting emissions reductions across the natural gas supply chain.

Through its parent company, Southern Company Gas, Nicor Gas is a founding member of Our Nation’s Energy (ONE) Future, a coalition of natural gas companies working to achieve a rate of methane emissions across the natural gas supply chain that is less than 1 percent of total production.

Beyond the company’s commitment to providing sustainable programs for our customers, Nicor Gas is also dedicated to achieving equitable access to the more than 650 communities it serves every day. As the largest natural gas provider in Illinois, Nicor Gas is focused on creating, maintaining and sustaining 10,000 acres of open space in its service territory.

Last year, Nicor Gas distributed \$52,000 in grants to support environmental stewardship initiatives for nonprofit organizations that contribute clean air, conservation, preservation and sustainable activities.

To learn more about how renewable natural gas is contributing to a more sustainable future, visit www.NicorGas.com/RNG.

^[1] i.e., Credits associated with the production of RNG, transferred to Nicor Gas in the form of Renewable Thermal Credits.

^[2] TotalGreen™ addresses greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with the combustion of natural gas at the point of consumption and does not include lifecycle emissions that occur during the extraction, production or delivery of natural gas.

Nicor Gas Employees Commit More Than 600 Service Hours During Company’s Volunteer Week

For nearly three decades, Nicor Gas employees and their families have rolled up their sleeves to donate their time and resources during their annual Volunteer Week every May. This year, employees donated more than 600 hours of service at nearly a dozen projects across Northern and Central Illinois.

“At Nicor Gas, we are committed to giving our time, skills and resources to the more than 650 communities we serve every day,” said Wendell Dallas, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. “I am so proud to be part of a selfless and dedicated team who shows their ‘energy to serve’ not just during Volunteer Week, but throughout the year to ensure our customers have access to the most basic and essential needs when they need it most.”

This Volunteer Week, employees and their families gave their energy to serve in just a few of the following ways:

- Packed 500 care kits and snack packs for communities in need in partnership with the United Way of Metro Chicago.
- Packed 980 food boxes that will provide nearly 20,000 meals to families in need at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.
- Sorted food donations that will feed nearly 300 families through the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Joliet.
- Removed 47 bags of trash from the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve as part of the DuPage County River Sweep.
- Painted a community center to be used by victims of domestic and sexual violence at Mutual Ground in Aurora.
- Assisted with construction of a home for a veteran family in need through Will County Habitat for Humanity.

Since 2018, Nicor Gas employees have donated more than 3,000 hours/resources to more than 650 communities across the company's service territory across the state.

To learn more about Nicor Gas' commitment to the community, visit www.nicorgas.com/community.

Nicor Gas Named the Recipient of

On May 11, Nicor Gas was named the recipient of The Salvation Army North & Central Illinois Division's 2023 'Others' Award at the nonprofit's annual Civic Luncheon. The award is presented annually to an individual or organization that exemplifies an extraordinary spirit of service to others, not only through support of The Salvation Army but the broader community as well.

The 'Others' Award is rooted in the history of The Salvation Army, dating back to the early 1900s when Gen. William Booth, the Army's founder, wanted to send a word of encouragement and direction to his officers around the world.

"We are honored to be this year's recipient of The Salvation Army's 'Others' Award and are appreciative of our decades long partnership to meet the greatest needs in our communities," said Wendell Dallas, president & CEO of Nicor Gas. "The Salvation Army has always been an incredible friend to us and to our customers when they need it most. We could not support our communities across Northern Illinois without their tireless work and commitment to make our region better every day."

Nicor Gas has partnered with The Salvation Army since 1983, first with the company's Sharing Program which is funded by the generous donations of employees and customers to offer bill payment assistance to eligible residential Nicor Gas customers in need. Three years ago, the company launched the Energy Aide Program, in partnership with The Salvation Army and other select local agencies, to further assist families who need extra help with their bills.

In 2021, following the COVID-19 pandemic, Nicor Gas partnered again with The Salvation Army to create and administer Shield of Caring to provide emergency financial and basic needs assistance, as well as homelessness prevention across a 37-county area throughout Chicagoland and Northern Illinois.

To date, Nicor Gas has committed \$10 million to Shield of Caring, which in its first year, awarded \$1.75 million in grants supporting nearly 8,000 customers with bill payment assistance and supported 9,500 families with basic needs, including winter coats, food boxes and emergency disaster services. The company expects to help more than 55,000 families across its service territory over the next four years through Shield of Caring.

In 2022, Shield of Caring, combined with the Nicor Gas Sharing and Energy Aide programs, provided more than \$2.1 million in bill payment assistance grants. To learn more about these programs, visit nicorgas.com/energyassistanceinfo.

Grants of Up to \$5,000 Available to Cultural, Community Service Programs from Nicor Gas

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

As of May 1, 501(c)(3) designated nonprofits are able to apply for grants from Nicor Gas to support their cultural and community service initiatives. Applications are available at www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving through July 31, with funding decisions made by Sept. 30. Selected nonprofits and community organizations are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funds this year.

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

"At Nicor Gas, we are committed to improving our local neighborhoods and communities by partnering with nonprofits who are making an impact through cultural and community services," said Jackie Nagel, manager of Community Engagement. "Strong communities depend on good citizens working together, and we are proud to invest in organizations that hold these same values and support these causes across the state."

Grants awarded last year include:

- **Paramount Arts** – Supports the Paramount Access Program which removes barriers to attending productions through "pay what you can" nights and sign language interpreted performances.
- **Tri-City Family Services** – Supports family-centered counseling for children, adolescents, adults, families and community members across all income levels and life stages.
- **Children's Advocacy of North and Northwest Cook County** – Supports trauma focused therapeutic intervention for child survivors of abuse and family violence.
- **Children's Discovery Museum** – Supports the STEAM-based "Museum in Motion" program that brings the museum experience into local classrooms.

To submit an application for the community enrichment grants, visit www.NicorGas.com/CharitableGiving.

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

ComEd Rebates for Rooftop Solar Reach \$100 Million

Church on Chicago's Northwest Side Presented Rebate for \$27,000

ComEd industrial and commercial customers, as well as schools and churches, have received a total of \$100 million in rebates from the electric company for rooftop solar installations, including the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in the Norwood Park neighborhood, which was presented on April 19 with a rebate check for \$27,580.70. Established in 2019, ComEd's distributed generation (DG) rebate program reduces the upfront costs of installing solar systems and spurs renewable energy development across northern Illinois.

"Our roof-top solar installation is enabling us to realize meaningful savings on our energy bill through ComEd's DG Rebate Program," said Rev. Todd Roberts, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. "What's more, it's well aligned with our effort to be better stewards of the land and facilities under our management and reduce our carbon footprint."

The 226 solar panels installed on the roof of the St. Paul Early Childhood Center generate approximately 91.9 kilowatts of clean energy – equal to one year of planting 1,435 acres of forest or removing greenhouse gas emissions from 268 gasoline-powered vehicles.

"We applaud St. Paul Lutheran for taking the initiative to support a cleaner energy future by installing rooftop solar panels at their school," said Scott Vogt, vice president of Strategy and Energy Policy at ComEd. "The DG rebate program is one example of the many ways ComEd continues to support the growth of solar in our service territory."

ComEd estimates that solar power on its grid, including rooftop and community solar systems, will grow five times from almost 650 MWs today to about 3,300 MWs by 2030. In 2022, ComEd received a record-setting 19,292 applications from residential, commercial and industrial customers to connect solar panels and other distributed energy resources to ComEd's grid, a 40-percent increase from the prior year.

The multi-year grid and rate plans ComEd filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) earlier this year support this rapid expansion of renewable energy and help ensure equitable access to the benefits of clean energy under the state's Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. The plans align with ComEd 2030, the company's recently announced vision for a carbon-free energy future that will benefit all communities and meet customers' changing needs for the rest of this decade and beyond.

The DG Rebate Program is available to commercial, industrial, and residential customers that install distributed generation projects, as well as community solar projects. Owners and operators of a distributed energy generating system are eligible for rebates of \$250 or \$300 per kilowatt of generating capacity, dependent on customer rate class. Rebates are also available on energy storage systems associated with an eligible DG facility. To be eligible for the rebate, customers need to install a smart inverter, which converts direct current power to alternating current power.

Customers can learn more about the new ComEd rebate program requirements and apply for a rebate at www.comed.com/DGrebate.



ComEd Program Prepares More than 80 Local Residents for Growing Clean Energy Jobs

ComEd CONSTRUCT and Craft Academy Graduates Train for Careers in Construction, Energy Industries

Community members, and corporate and workforce partners joined ComEd on April 28, for a graduation ceremony celebrating the newest cohort to complete the CONSTRUCT Infrastructure Academy and Craft Academy job training programs. More than 80 local residents graduated from these programs, which develop a skilled and diverse talent pipeline to support the clean energy transition in Illinois.

A recent study reveals that the clean energy transition could bring as many as 150,000 jobs to Illinois by 2050. To ensure that local talent is available to maintain and operate the electric grid, and enable the clean energy transition, ComEd has pledged to hire additional entry-level trades roles and has continually invested to expand workforce training programs, such as CONSTRUCT and Craft Academy.

"Our move to a cleaner energy future requires swift action and skilled talent, which is why we are investing to grow training programs that will prepare people from our communities to take on the jobs of the future," said Gil Quiniones, CEO of ComEd. "Programs like CONSTRUCT and Craft Academy are essential to our efforts to prepare the electric grid to meet future demand and provide our communities the key to earning not just a job, but a family sustaining career in our fast-growing industry."

Today's graduates represent diverse backgrounds and every corner of the ComEd service region, including 49 different Illinois zip codes; 98 percent of the graduates are people of color and 21 percent are women. The CONSTRUCT and Craft Academy programs increase the pool of qualified female and minority candidates for construction jobs in Illinois by strengthening job readiness and life skills, and preparing for industry-required testing.

CONSTRUCT Infrastructure Academy

Now in its 11th year, CONSTRUCT Infrastructure Academy is an 11-week program that prepares individuals for careers in the skilled trades. Since its launch, nearly 800 participants with diverse backgrounds have completed the program, boasting a more than 70 percent job placement rate.

CONSTRUCT exposes students to innovative solar and energy efficiency technologies to help prepare them to join the local future energy workforce. Participants gain knowledge and experience that helps qualify them for entry-level jobs with good-paying, livable wages. Participants can earn various

certifications, including a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and an Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) 10-Hour Safety Training Certification via City Colleges of Chicago's Olive-Harvey College. CONSTRUCT participants also receive a stipend to supplement expenses during training.

"CONSTRUCT has been a life-changing investment for me," said Brianna Ware, a 2023 CONSTRUCT graduate. "I knew I wanted a career change and this program has shown me all the interesting opportunities that are available. I am looking forward to entering this industry. As a single mom, it is important that my son and I both have a secure future. I am grateful to ComEd and the YWCA for this amazing opportunity."

Since its launch, the CONSTRUCT Program has greatly expanded and now includes more than 40 partners – including organized labor, construction companies, educational institutions and 10 workforce community organizations – working to recruit, train and prepare area residents for well-paying construction and related careers. Illinois American Water is ComEd's newest corporate partner, joining the program this year.

"We are proud to partner with ComEd in developing the next generation of talent and leadership in this industry," said Jennifer Morrison, program director, Supplier Diversity and Community Outreach of Illinois American Water. "ComEd along with their many agency partners have done a remarkable job selecting the right talent, and supporting and nurturing them along the way. They are making an incredibly positive impact on the communities that they serve."

Craft Academy

CRAFT Academy, which lasts three weeks, prepares students for utility and construction roles that require pole climbing and other specific physical attributes. The program is designed to increase knowledge, awareness and capabilities – with an emphasis on field roles that require physical aptitude to increase the success rate of employment offers. At the conclusion of the program, students are prepared for entry-level roles, including construction work and overhead helper.

CONSTRUCT and Craft Academy participants must be at least 18 years old with a high school diploma or GED equivalent, a valid driver's license, and able to pass a background check and admission interview.

ComEd offers a range of exposure and career readiness programs for adults and youth at every stage of their career journey, and last year alone these programs reached more than 2,000 people in the service territory. For more information on how to enroll in ComEd training programs, please contact WorkforceDevelopment@ComEd.com or visit ComEd's website.

Power Grid Investments Increase ComEd Resilience to Severe Weather as Summer Approaches

ComEd Preparing System for Higher Temps and Greater Electrification

With severe weather showing up early and often, and high summer temperatures placing more stress on the electric grid, ComEd has taken steps to ensure reliable energy for the 9 million people it serves in northern Illinois. On May 4, ComEd presented its summer readiness plan and a look at its future work to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC).

"The summer is typically our most active weather season," said Terence Donnelly, president and COO at ComEd. "However, climate change has made severe weather more likely year-round. While we spoke with the ICC about our preparations for this summer, the reality is that the work we do is meant to ensure reliability in the face of increasing severe weather and prepare the grid for the rapid growth of clean energy technologies."

In ComEd's presentation, Donnelly reviewed ComEd programs and processes to help protect against the impacts of severe weather, including Distribution Automation, a technology that has helped ComEd avoid more than 15 million customer outages; light detection and ranging, or Lidar, which helps to identify trees that might be more susceptible to the effects of climate change; and an outage prediction tool that uses analytics from system data to map out effective preventative maintenance.

Last year, investments in the power grid continued to pay reliability dividends for ComEd customers as the electric company delivered record reliability. Since grid improvements began in 2011, overall reliability has improved more than 80 percent. In that time, ComEd has avoided more than 19 million power outages for customers, saving more than \$3.3 billion in outage-related costs. In 2022, 85 percent, or nearly 3.5 million ComEd customers, experienced zero or one interruption in service.

Preparing for the Clean Energy Transition

In addition, Donnelly outlined steps the company is taking to support policy goals outlined in Illinois' Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) while continuing to invest in the system to provide reliable, safe, clean and equitable electric service.

"We are never just doing one thing at a time," said Donnelly. "We build with an eye toward resiliency and preparing the grid for severe weather, as well as increased clean energy technology and decarbonization, so that we maximize the long-term benefit for customers every time we make improvements to the grid."

Supporting the adoption of electric vehicles, and electrification of buildings and industry while maintaining grid safety and reliability will require physical and digital infrastructure upgrades. ComEd outlined these needs in the multi-year grid and rate plans that it filed in January with the ICC. The plans align with ComEd 2030, the company's vision for a carbon-free energy future that will benefit all communities and meet customers' changing needs for the rest of this decade and beyond.

From the Workplace to the Classroom, Walgreens Expands Commitment to Improving Mental Health and Well-Being

Walgreens and Mental Health America Collaborate to Address Youth Mental Health, Bringing Much-needed Resources to Local Schools

As part of Walgreens' commitment to the health and well-being of the communities it serves, as well as to fostering a healthy and inclusive workplace, the company is expanding its efforts to meet the growing need for access to mental health resources. The announcement came in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Month, which ran throughout the month of May in the U.S.

As the prevalence of mental health conditions has continued to grow exponentially over the past several years, the population that has been most impacted is our next generation – youth and adolescents. The National Institute of Mental Health estimates almost 50 percent of adolescents have had a mental health disorder at some point in their lives and just last year alone nearly 40 percent of those who took an online mental health screening in 2022 were under age 18.



Walgreens and Mental Health America Expand Partnership with Youth Initiative

To help bring much-needed screening tools and other educational materials to more schools nationwide, Walgreens is collaborating with longtime partner Mental Health America (MHA) on its Back-to-School Campaign, which will include a comprehensive set of new resources that will be available at no cost this coming August. Last year, the campaign reached more than 15 million people.

"We're proud to work with MHA to support this critically important work for the staggering numbers of teens and adolescents who are struggling, and for the teachers and administrators who play such a vital role during these pivotal years," said Holly May, global chief human resources officer, Walgreens Boots Alliance. "As an employer, we're committed to supporting the health and well-being of our team members. And as part of our purpose, more joyful lives through better health, we're also focused on addressing the most pressing needs in health care and our communities today."

The Back-to-School Campaign will include materials for students, parents, caregivers and school personnel. To further expand its reach, Walgreens will leverage a network of more than 800 schools it works with as part of the Walgreens Expressions Challenge, a platform to educate, empower and equip young people and their community with insights and resources on issues impacting teens.

"Our nation's youth are in crisis. At Mental Health America, we work to elevate their voices and to provide them with reliable information and resources to support their mental well-being as they navigate an increasingly volatile world," said Schroeder Stribling, president and CEO of MHA. "Our Back-to-School Campaign speaks directly to students who may be struggling or want to learn how to have a mentally healthy school year. It also educates adults on starting tough conversations, where to turn to get help and how to recognize when a child needs compassionate intervention. We thank Walgreens for continuing to support our mission to increase messages of hope and healing to a broader audience."

Last fall, Walgreens also partnered with MHA on the development of its first-ever Workplace Mental Health toolkit.

Improving Workplace Mental Health and Fostering a Culture of Wellbeing

Walgreens continues to build on its commitment to workplace mental health and is proud to be recognized for its programs and benefits for team members across its corporate offices, distribution centers and nearly 9,000 retail locations across the U.S. The company recently received MHA's Bell Seal for Workplace Mental Health, a national program which recognizes exemplary employers for their commitment to creating mentally healthy workplaces.

Walgreens is also expanding its Be Well Connected mental health and well-being program, which launched last May and was developed to support "whole person" health for employees and their family members. It includes a range of free services and resources available through the company's employee assistance program and other platforms.

To date, nearly 60 percent of Walgreens' approximately 240,000 team members have downloaded or engaged with the Journey LIVE health and wellness app, one of the new offerings made available through the program, and more than 80 percent of these team members are active users on the platform today. Walgreens and Journey have also partnered to further expand the content, launching a wellness series tailored for pharmacists, as well as a new series for caregivers of children with special needs.

"We're continually listening to our team members to understand how we can best support their health and well-being, and strive to create an environment where they feel supported, respected and celebrated for being their authentic selves," May added.

Walgreens Pharmacists Playing an Important Role in Improving Health Equity and Access

In 2019, Walgreens spearheaded efforts to provide mental health first-aid training for certain team members within human resources, as well as a specialized training that is now available for all of the company's approximately 25,000 pharmacists.

Walgreens pharmacists are also playing a focused role through a pilot program aimed at improving health equity in underserved communities. As part of the program, pharmacists are helping to support patients new to medication therapies for a range of mental health conditions, including anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder and others, with a series of check-ins aimed at improving outcomes by ensuring patients remain adherent to medications and aren't experiencing any problems or side effects.

Walgreens Eases Anxiety for Senior Shoppers with Monthly Seniors Day

Walgreens COVID-19 Pulse Check Finds Seniors are Less Socially Active Now Than Before the Pandemic and Seeking Confidence in Socializing

In April, Walgreens unveiled The Walgreens COVID-19 Pulse Check, a quantitative study commissioned by the health care retailer, which surveyed over 1,000 senior adults 55 and older in the U.S. about their feelings on socializing after the pandemic. As society moves past the impacts of this pandemic, the reality for many of the nation's 41+ million seniors is that they still feel concerned about getting sick.

The survey reveals that an estimated 17 million (42 percent) of seniors agreed they are less socially active now than they were before the pandemic. Additionally, an estimated 8.2 million (20 percent) of seniors feel lonelier now than before the pandemic.

The research also reveals that seniors are missing activities they enjoyed pre-pandemic due to COVID-19 exposure anxiety, which is still prevalent in the senior community:

- 60 percent are worried about seeing friends regularly and attending family gatherings.
- 36 percent miss going on vacation.
- 28 percent miss going shopping or running errands.
- 19 percent miss being connected to their local community.
- 15 percent miss the independence of doing things for themselves, like shopping.

This feeling of concern around socialization increases for the Black senior community 55 and older with nearly four in 10 (39 percent) of these seniors reporting feeling socially isolated, 13 percentage points higher than the total population of 55 and older. In addition, over four in 10 (43 percent) seniors in the Black community reported they are limiting what they do and where they go in fear of catching COVID-19 – 16 percentage points higher than the total population of 55 and older.

Inspiring Senior Confidence with Shopping Experiences, Savings and Support

When seniors think about their confidence in socializing, The Walgreens COVID-19 Pulse Check found 70 percent of seniors are more confident socializing when the people they are around are vaccinated against COVID-19 and other viruses like flu, shingles and pneumonia.

To help create inclusive communities and unlock the joy of aging, Walgreens Seniors Day fosters an accessible, safe and supported environment. Patients 55 and older and their caregivers can save 20 percent off eligible regular-priced merchandise on the first Tuesday of every month or online all week with code SENIOR20 at checkout (Sunday-Saturday of that week).

At checkout, seniors should let a Walgreens team member know they are shopping with the Seniors Day discount for the savings to apply to their purchase. Those with Medicare Advantage over-the-counter benefits are encouraged to ask team members how to take advantage of their benefit while in store.

Our pharmacy teams are trained to support the senior population through pharmacy services, including Save A Trip Refill, 90-day prescription fills and refill reminders which are designed to make medication management easier, keeping them healthy and avoid hospitalization.

With the Majority of Seniors Feeling More Confident in a Society with Immunizations and Testing, Building a Healthy Post-Pandemic World Where Everyone Feels Included is a Shared Responsibility

No cost at-home COVID-19 tests were available with most insurance plans in May. Limits apply to the number of tests covered per person per month. Walgreens brand at-home COVID-19 tests provide an affordable option and are available with a deeper discount on Seniors Day. Walgreens pharmacy team members are available to help customers use their pharmacy benefits to get over-the-counter test kits through their insurance.

“As a trusted health care destination, we’re giving customers another testing option to stay ahead of COVID-19 with our Walgreens brand at-home COVID-19 test, broadening our assortment in stores and online,” said Luke Rauch, Walgreens chief merchandising officer and senior vice president. “In addition to tests, we offer an assortment of Walgreens brand products that offer a great everyday value and are designed to meet our consumers’ needs.”

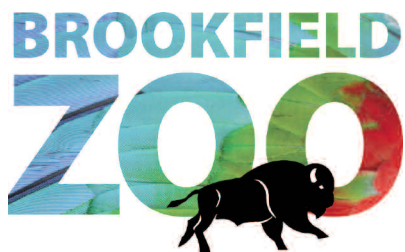
To help further protect this senior community more at risk from and concerned about COVID-19, shingles and pneumonia, Walgreens pharmacy team members are available during Seniors Days and every day to make getting vaccinated simple. This includes the recently approved additional bivalent (updated) COVID-19 dose for those ages 65+ and certain immunocompromised individuals. Customers can schedule a vaccine appointment online, via the myWalgreens app or by calling (800)-WALGREENS, available in both Spanish and English.

Unlocking the Joy of Aging with Essential Products and Doorstep Delivery

With more than 85,000 health care service providers, including pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and nurse practitioners, Walgreens offers customers with more complex health needs easy access to the medications, treatments and products they need to keep safe and well. This includes products from walkers and hearing aids, along with our Walgreens brand line of vitamins with a range of products like Calcium, Iron and Vitamin C. As a trusted name in health and wellness, Walgreens brand health and wellness products are Walgreens pharmacist recommended and backed by a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee.

Making it even easier for seniors to get the products they want and need, Walgreens now offers 24-hour delivery. Available around the clock, seven days a week from 600+ participating stores across the country, customers can get last-minute needs like groceries, over-the-counter medications, personal care items, household necessities and more. If a customer wants to swing by Walgreens, 30-minute pickup makes it easy to shop their local store via Walgreens.com or the myWalgreens app and have items ready for pickup in store or curbside in as little as 30 minutes.

To find out more about the work Walgreens is doing to support our senior communities, visit [Walgreens.com](https://www.walgreens.com).



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!**

Take a Winning Shot to Enter in Brookfield Zoo's 2023 Photo Contest

Submission Deadline Aug. 11

From butterflies to lions and snakes to macaws, Brookfield Zoo is a photographer's paradise. So, grab your camera and head to the zoo, where you might just capture a winning shot to enter in its annual digital Photo Contest. This year's grand prize winner will receive a Brookfield Zoo Family Plus Membership, a Penguin Encounter for two people, an original painting by one of the zoo's Humboldt penguins and a \$100 Brookfield Zoo gift certificate.

Photo entries can be color or black-and-white and must feature an animal or animals, although they do not have to be taken at Brookfield Zoo (photos with people will not be accepted and will be disqualified). Entries should be a JPG/JPEG at a minimum resolution of 3600 x 2700 pixels and a maximum file size of 24MB at the time of submission or will not be accepted. One entry per person. All entries, along with a completed Photo Contest official entry form, must be received by Aug. 11, 2023, 5 p.m. CDT. For the official rules as well as to obtain an entry form, go to CZS.org/2023PhotoContest.

Professional judges will select the grand prize winner from all entries. Additionally, they will select their top seven picks in each of the following categories: reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates/fish, mammals, and birds. The public is being asked to then go to the zoo's website from Aug. 21-Sept. 1, 2023, and vote for their favorites in the three categories. Photos with the most votes in each of the categories will receive first place, the photos with the second most votes will receive second place and the photos with the third most votes will receive third place.

Contest winners will be notified by Sept. 5, 2023. Prizes will be awarded during a reception for winners at the zoo on Sept. 16. Winning photos will be displayed at Brookfield Zoo on the digital monitor located at the Hamill Family Nature Plaza, at least through Oct. 31, 2023. The grand prize winning photo will be published in *Gateways*, the Chicago Zoological Society's members' magazine. Winning photographers' names and their photos will be posted on the society's website and social media channels once all winners have been notified.

Chicago Zoological Society's Whirl Raises \$1.6 Million

The Chicago Zoological Society's (CZS) Women's Board and Board of Trustees hosted their 42nd annual black-tie gala on April 29. The successful event raised more than \$1.6 million, which will benefit animal care and welfare initiatives, as well as the conservation and education programs of the Chicago Zoological Society. This year's theme – Gorillas in Our Midst – highlighted the new two-acre outdoor habitat for Brookfield Zoo's western lowland gorillas, orangutans and other primates that is scheduled to open in 2025.

The fundraiser, which was attended by 525 corporate, civic and philanthropic leaders from the Chicagoland area, was held at the Hilton Chicago. It was co-chaired by Barbara Bradford and Sasha Gerritson, both members of the society's board of trustees and women's board.

The evening began with a cocktail hour and featured several of Brookfield Zoo's animal ambassadors, including a blue-throated macaw; T-Mo, a Linnaeus's two-toed sloth; PJ, a prehensile-tailed porcupine; Norman, a cape porcupine; a snake, tamandua and a tarantula. Also, during cocktails, guests were able to view a detailed architectural model of the new outdoor primate habitat.

A three-course dinner followed in the Grand Ballroom, which was spectacularly decorated by Phillip's Flowers. While dinner was being served, several more animal ambassadors took center stage, including the zoo's popular Humboldt penguins, represented by Pepe, Pedro and Pepero, and Kyan, one of the servals. An impactful and heartfelt video, narrated by the society's staff, highlighted personal insight and anticipation to what the animals and guests will experience when the new outdoor primate habitat opens. Also appearing in the video was an inspiring 9-year-old girl, who donated money to the zoo that she raised from selling lemonade.

The evening also featured a paddle raise, raffle drawing and a live auction featuring incredible items. They included a royal stay at the historic Le Grand Controle in Versailles, France; a diamond collar necklace with a matching set of hoop earrings in 18 karat white gold and titanium; a four-day and

three-night stay in a Club Level suite at the Ritz-Carlton Sarasota; cocktails with the big cats and the opportunity to meet the staff who care for them at Brookfield Zoo; and the chance to name a baby Linnaeus's two-toed sloth, who made a special appearance. Additionally, guests were able to purchase beautiful animal prints from the Save the Species Wall. Dinner was followed by dancing to the music of the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra.

Concerts for Conservation Tickets on Sale Now

Soul Asylum, Macy Gray, Vertical Horizon and Plain White T's Coming to Brookfield Zoo in Support of Animal Conservation Programs

This July, Brookfield Zoo will host its Concerts for Conservation, presented by Meijer, on Fridays and Saturdays, July 14-15 and 21-22. Zoogoers can bring their lawn chairs or blankets to the East Mall while enjoying live music, food and drink offerings, and of course, seeing the animals. Each concert night will conclude with a spectacular 30-minute light show and dance party.

Concert goers can reserve their spots on the zoo's East Mall starting at 6 p.m. (VIP ticket holders at 5:30 p.m.). Performances, which begin at 7:30 p.m., include: Friday, July 14 – Soul Asylum with special guests The Verve Pipe; Saturday, July 15 – Macy Gray; Friday, July 21 – Vertical Horizon; and Saturday, July 22 – Plain White T's.

Prior to each concert, guests can meet some of Brookfield Zoo's animal ambassadors from 6:30-7 p.m. Additionally, they can stroll along the Big Cat walkway to see the African lions, Amur tiger and snow leopards until 7 p.m.

Guests are welcome to bring along their own picnics (alcoholic beverages may be purchased inside the zoo). Food selections are also available for purchase at the restaurants on the East Mall, including two food trucks – The Coop, which features hand-breaded chicken sandwiches and Taco Caja with offerings of Mexican fare.

General concert ticket price is \$45 (\$40 for Brookfield Zoo members). The VIP ticket, which includes early access to the venue at 5:30 p.m. and free parking, is \$55. Concerts for Conservation is a limited capacity event and concert tickets are required for everyone, including zoo members. To purchase tickets, visit CZS.org/ConcertsforConservation.

Check Out These Zoo Events ... Coming Soon!

HOWL: Helping Our WildLife • Saturday, Aug. 19, 6-9 p.m. Great Bear Wilderness and Hamill Family Wild Encounters

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

Please join us for their third annual HOWL event, an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and activities throughout Brookfield Zoo's Great Bear Wilderness and Hamill Family Wild Encounters.

Tickets – General Admission-\$150/VIP-\$200. Proceeds from the event will benefit animal care and welfare initiatives as well as conservation and education programs of the Chicago Zoological Society.

Interested in learning more? Contact CZSAssociates@czs.org or call (708) 688-8393.



ZooBrew • Saturday, Aug. 26 Pavilions and Discovery Center

Enjoy bears and beers, lions and lagers, anteaters and ales ... all at Brookfield Zoo's ZooBrew. ZooBrew is a fun-filled, 21 and over only, unique beer-tasting event. Ticket link to purchase coming soon!

Choose from three unique ZooBrew Sessions: **VIP – \$95/2:30-7:30 p.m.**, includes all-day admission to Brookfield Zoo (9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)/Extended admission to ZooBrew event in the Pavilions for five hours/Exclusive access to Discovery Center, VIP brews and specialty foods; 80+ beer and drink samples/And visit with animal ambassadors and commemorative ZooBrew glass as you exit; **Full Session Tickets – \$60/3:30-7:30 p.m.**, includes all-day admission to Brookfield Zoo (9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)/Admission to ZooBrew event in Pavilions for four hours/80+ beer and drink samples/And commemorative ZooBrew glass as you exit; **Half Session Tickets – \$40/Noon-2 p.m.**, includes all-day admission to Brookfield Zoo (9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)/Admission to ZooBrew event in Pavilions for two hours; 80+ beer and drink samples/And commemorative ZooBrew glass as you exit. All attendees must be 21 and over, no children will be allowed in the event area. Designated driver options are available for each session.



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.



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

OWLS: Older Wiser Learners/Summer Blooms – Tuesday, June 27 • 10 a.m.

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

Start your day with refreshments and fellow OWLS. A casual conversation followed by a nature-themed program.

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

Camping 101 – Wednesday, June 28 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Camp Bullfrog Lake (9600 Wolf Rd., Willow Springs)

Free workshop covering basic camping skills. All ages.

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

Firefly Night Hike – Wednesday, June 28 • 8:30 p.m.

Crabtree Nature Center (3 Stover Rd., Barrington)

Join us for a casual stroll on our trails to learn more about our glowing insect friends.

Registration required – Call Crabtree at (847) 381-6592.

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

International Mud Day Celebration – Thursday, June 29 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Join others around the globe for a morning of splashing, squishing, making mud pies and more! Dress to get messy. All ages. Grove 2.

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

Stories in the Forest – Thursday, June 29 • 10-10:30 a.m.

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

Join the River Forest Public Library for free *Stories in the Forest* and simple nature activities. Weather dependent. Ages 5 and under with adult. Drop in.

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

Paddle Day – Friday, June 30 • 9 a.m.-Noon

Busse Lake Boating Center

(Higgins Road/Route 72, East of I-290/Highway 53, Near Elk Grove Village)

Paddlers of all skill levels can experience nature by exploring these waterways. Equipment provided. Timed paddles. Ages 5 and up. Group reservations required. Meet at South Boat Launch.

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

Photography Walk – Saturday, July 1 • 9 a.m.

Maple Lake-East – Mountain Bike Staging Area

(95th Street, West of Willow Springs Road/Flavin Road, Near Willow Springs)

Grab your camera and explore Paw Paw Woods Nature Preserve with us, designated as one of the highest quality natural areas in the state.

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

Fireworks of the Prairie – Saturday, July 1 • 10 a.m.

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

Walk through the prairie to see the explosion of color this season. Ages 12 and up.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bat Monitoring Night Hike – Saturday, July 1 • 8:30 p.m.

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs)

Using monitoring technology, participate in a search for resident bat activity on our trails. Ages 12+.

Contact – (708) 839-6897/littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Dragonflies: Nature’s Airshow – Sunday, July 2 • 1 p.m.
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center (12545 W. 111th St., Lemont)

Watch the dragonflies acrobatic display at the CCC Quarry. Includes a moderate 1-mile hike. Ages 12 and up.
Registration required – Call Sagawau at (630) 257-2045. Contact – (630) 257-2045. Cost – Free.

Amazing Animal Skulls – Sunday, July 2 • 1-3 p.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Touch and then ID animal skulls and learn how local animals are adapted for their diet and habitat. Drop in.
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Senior Fitness Walks in Thatcher Woods – Wednesday, July 5 • 11 a.m.
Thatcher Woods (Chicago Avenue, West of Thatcher Avenue, River Forest)

A gentle, slow-paced 1-mile walk led by Roberta Jannsen, Univ. of IL Extension volunteer.
Registration required – Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Stories in the Forest – Thursday, July 6 • 10-10:30 a.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest)

Join the River Forest Public Library for free *Stories in the Forest* and simple nature activities. Weather dependent. Ages 5 and under with adult. Drop in.
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Butterfly Hike – Thursday, July 6 • 1 p.m.
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center (12545 W. 111th St., Lemont)

Learn how to spot butterflies on a 1-mile trail hike.
Registration required – Call Sagawau at (630) 257-2045.
Contact – (630) 257-2045. Cost – Free.

Fridays in the Field: Bats – Friday, July 7 • 10 a.m.-Noon
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs)

Univ. of IL Extension certified master naturalists will connect visitors with nature through inquiry-based activities on the grounds when the buildings are closed.
Contact – (708) 839-6897/littlered.schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Sunset Walk – Friday, July 7 • 8 p.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Join us for an evening walk in the woods as the sun sets and the fireflies flash. Family program.
Registration required – Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530.
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Wildflower Walk at Wolf Road Prairie – Saturday, July 8 • 10:30 a.m.
Wolf Road Prairie (31st Street, West of Wolf Road, Near Westchester)

Join us for a walk and learn about the history of this urban gem.
Registration required – Call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Contact – (312) 533-5751/experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

‘Bone’ Appétit (in Spanish) – Sunday, July 9 • 3 p.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Drop in and join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside’s outdoor ambassador animals.
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.gov. Cost – Free.

Monarch Drop-in – Tuesday, July 11 • 10 a.m.
Sagawau Environmental Learning Center (12545 W. 111th St., Lemont)

Learn about the monarch butterfly! Bring your questions about what plants support caterpillars and adult butterflies. Drop-in located along paved surface.
Contact – (630) 257-2045. Cost – Free.

Stories in the Forest – Thursday, July 13 • 10-10:30 a.m.
Trailside Museum of Natural History (738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest)

Join the River Forest Public Library for free *Stories in the Forest* and simple nature activities. Weather dependent. Ages 5 and under w/adult. Drop in.
Contact – (708) 366-6530/trailside.museum@cookcountyil.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!

Obituaries

Adames

Longino Adames. Dearly beloved husband of Kimberly Adames; loving father of Nancy, Kathy, Gino Jr., Ivy, Jeanette, Linda, Joel, Evelyn, John, Larry, Charles and Brean; cherished grandfather of 29; great-grandfather of 13; great-great-grandfather of three; dear brother of Isreal, Hector and the late Blanca; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery.

Aguayo

Daniel Aguayo. Loving father of Daniel Aguayo, Uriel Aguayo, Abigail Aguayo, Diego Aguayo, Daniel Aguayo Jr. and Yaniel Aguayo; beloved son of the late Policarpo and Eutiqua; dear brother of Polo Aguayo, Luis Aguayo, Martin Aguayo, Julia Aguayo, Maria Aguayo and Ricardo Aguayo; loving grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Anzaldi

Robert Anzaldi Sr. Loving father of Phillip De Salvo, Robert (Natalie) and Alicia; beloved son of the late Sam and Mary Anzaldi; fond grandfather of Robert III, Giancarlo, Alessia and Toni; dear brother of Carolyn (the late Ronald) Reda and Sam (Darlene) Anzaldi; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Coco

Agnes M "Peggy" Coco. Beloved daughter of the late Charles and Rose Coco; dear sister of the late Anthony (the late Josephine) Coco and the late Annie Coco; cherished aunt of Anthony (Rachel) Coco, Michael (Marion) Coco, Marianna Woosley and Stephen (Theresa) Coco; loving great-aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

D'Ambrosio

Alice D'Ambrosio, nee De Pinto. Beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Dominic (Patricia) and Vito (Terrie); cherished grandmother of Dominic (Jen), Antoinette (Michael) Hartman, Frank (Stephanie), Anthony (Sara) and Danielle (Matthew) Wright; cherished great-grandmother of nine; dear brother of the late Vito (Josephine) De Pinto and Mary (Tony) Giannelli; fond godmother to many and friend to all. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven.

DePirro

Paul "Paulie" DePirro. Dearly beloved husband of Patricia DePirro (nee Nunziato); cherished son of the late Mario and Angeline (nee Venute); loving brother of Nancy Castrejon, David (Gloria) DePirro, Thomas DePirro, Mary (Robert Heisler) DePirro and Jay (Linda) DePirro; loving uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Hernandez

Patricia Maria Hernandez. Dearly beloved wife of Jesus Hernandez; loving mother of Edgar (Melissa), Kristian (Carolynn), Paola, Aldo (Leticia) and Alexandro (Brittany); fond grandmother of Edgar Jr., Anthony, Crystal, Brandon, Dylan, Gabriel, Laila, Tannya, David, Anthony, Samuel, Angelo and Alejandro; loving companion of Dutchez; loving sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Landrebe

Marie E. "Betty" Landrebe, nee Gorr. Dearly beloved wife of the late Donald; loving mother of Don, Bob (Jane), Mark (Noreen) and Judy Landrebe; beloved daughter of the late Henry and Sophia Gorr; cherished grandmother of Cindy (J.P.), Nate, John (Jenny) Landrebe, Kira (Diego) Mendes and Lisa (Mike) Fowler; cherished great-grandmother of Nathaniel, Aurora, Azalea, Alice, Leo, Mel, Mia, Charlie and Gabrielle; dear sister of

the late Henry, Emma, Sophia, Frederick, Lydia, Amalia, Dorothy, Alexander, Walter and Shirley; best friend of the late Lydia Gerlinger; fond aunt and friend of many. Lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West.

Manzo

Rosa Manzo. Dearly beloved wife of the late Alfredo Manzo; loving mother of Anthony (Sara), Frances (Alfonso), Pompeo "Peter" (Marisa) and Elizabeth; cherished nonna of Alfonso, Anthony, Rosanna, Bianca, Rosa, Alfredo and Angela; cherished great-nonna of Sophia Rose, Aubrey, Jordan, Gia, Grace, Anthony, Sofia, John Guy and Serafina; dear sister of two; loving aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Miemczewski

Patricia Miemczewski. Dearly beloved wife of the late Ronald; loving mother of Randy (Patty) and Russell (the late Debbie); fond grandmother of Danny, Lee and Samantha; dear sister of the late Bud, Virginia, Cecelia, Nellie, Winnie, Daniel, Tommy, Eddie and Terry; loving great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery.

Muehlenbruch

Daniel "Danny" Muehlenbruch. Beloved son of Bill (Michelle) and the late Debbie; fond grandson of Judy and the late Louis Affarano; dear brother of Dana (Brian) Gardner and Amy (Matt) Gitzke; fond uncle of Gabby, Lucy and Bryce; loving nephew of Louie, Steve (Beth) and the late Susan; loving cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Nardella

James Richard Nardella Sr. Dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth "Ducky"; loving Father of Angelo, Jimmy Jr. and Michael; caring son of the late James and Teresa; cherished grandfather of Michael Jr.; dear brother of the late Ann Rakowski, Rosemary Vecchio and Michael Nardella; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Petruzzi

Michael Petruzzi. Dearly beloved husband of Carmella "Camille" Petruzzi (nee Loizzo); loving father of Michael (Lisa) Petruzzi and Anthony Petruzzi; loving son of the late Michael and Antonette Petruzzi; cherished grandfather of Michael and Chelsea Petruzzi; dear brother of James J. Petruzzi and Marie Therese "Tina" Cucci; loving uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Powers

Patricia C. Powers. Dearly beloved wife of the late John Powers and the late Winfred Haut; loving mother of John (Patty) Powers, James (Peggy) Powers, Thomas (April) Powers, Susan Szczepaniak, Susan Morrow, Mary (Glen) Brown and the late Daniel Haut; dear sister of the late Bob (Marilyn) O'Laughlin; fond grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. Member of the Glenview Square Dancers.

Rivera

Anthony Luis Rivera. Loving father of seven; beloved son of Luis and Theresa (Ron) Smidowicz; dear bother of Peter (Lily) and Jessica; loving nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Sammarco

Victoria Sammarco. Beloved daughter of the late Nello and Glenda Sammarco; dear sister of Felicia, the late Ron and the late Robert "Bob"; cherished aunt of Krystle, Ryan, Robert Jr., Joanna, Lauren and Alexandria; great-aunt of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Smith

Hugh Allen Smith. It is with sadness that we announce the death of Hugh Allen Smith, MD, on Feb. 18, 2023. Born to Helen and Harold Smith in Melrose Park, Ill., on Oct. 7, 1927, his long life was filled with love, family and adventure. He grew up in Illinois, attended the University of Illinois and served in the U.S. Army in El Paso, Texas. He attended Northwestern University Medical School where he met his beautiful wife of 72 years, Jane Ellen Cotts Smith. They were married in Chicago, July 21, 1950. Dr. Smith was an obstetrician and gynecologist who helped bring more than 6,000 babies into this world. Hugh and Jane started life together in Chicago where he worked at the Chicago Maternity Center. Later, they lived in Wichita, Kan., where he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, Greeley, Colo., where he worked at Weld County Hospital, and Elmhurst, Ill., where the bulk of his Broadview-based practice was at Westlake Community Hospital. After enjoying Tucson as "snowbirds," they relocated full time in 1997. Over the years, Hugh took his family on amazing adventures, including rafting the Colorado River, driving the Alcan Highway to Alaska and crossing the Kansas prairie in a covered wagon. He was proud of his ability to send his four children to college and expand that education with diverse travel and cultural experiences. Hugh and Jane traveled the world, always making a point to learn about the people and places they visited. They hiked Machu Picchu and the Milford Track, snorkeled at the Galapagos Islands, explored the Middle East and Southeast Asia, and "cruised" the Hebrides Islands on a converted fishing boat, to name just a few of their remarkable trips. As a volunteer, Dr. Smith touched many lives through Rotary Club and the Stephen Ministry. He shared his gift of music singing in his church choir and entertaining his family with a terrific repertoire of silly songs. He is remembered by his friends, family and caregivers for his abiding interest in them as people, as well as his storytelling and boundless sense of humor, things he passed down through the generations. Hugh and Jane "adopted" a cabin at the YMCA of the Rockies (Estes Park, Colo.), a place they each

visited with their families as children. They shared their love of the Rocky Mountains with their children, continuing the tradition of staying at the Y, gathering with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for family reunions. Hugh and Jane attended the most recent family reunion in July of 2022. Their cabin, Ghost rider (named for "their" song), served as a summer home where they enjoyed visits with friends and family. Hugh is survived by his wife, Jane Ellen Cotts Smith; children – Gerritt Smith (Debra), Lisa Fox (Darrell), Kimberly Otero (Walter) and Wendy Meluch (Ray); grandchildren – Andy Smith (Marina), Ryan Smith (Christine), Gabriel Smith (Ashley), Abigail Fox (Nick), Benjamin Fox (Gabrielle), AnnaRose Otero Colvert (Dustin), Allen Otero, Beata Meluch, Forrest Meluch, Suzanne Cox (Josh), Brett Winger (Bridget), Scott Otero and Raymond Otero; 22 great-grandchildren; sister – Marilyn Steele (Howard); and brother-in-law – William Cotts, MD. He is predeceased by daughter-in-law – Sara Ann Smith; and grandson – Mark Damon Otero. Hugh ("that's Hug, with an H") is greatly missed. As he would say, "Have a good day and that's an order, not a suggestion!" Arrangements by Bring's Broadway Chapel, Tucson, Ari.

Sullivan

Joan Sullivan, 91, a 45-year resident of Elk Grove Village, passed away on May 3, 2023. She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Sullivan for 54 years and the loving mother of Ralph (Ceci), Frank (Annette), John (Mary) and Guy (Joe) Sullivan; daughter of the late Frank Corrigan and Lillian (Wind); sister of the late Joyce, Earl, Frank and MaryAnn; sister-in-law of Diane (Ron) Walker; dear grandmother of Jim (Bonnie), Joe, Danielle (David), Corrin (Lance), Megan (the late Charlie), Frankie, Thomas, Nichole, Ross and Jamie; cherished great-grandmother of 20; cherished great-great-grandmother of two; dear aunt of Rebecca, Amanda, David (Jen) and Daniel (Kristi); and great-aunt of four. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Villegas

Fredie Villegas. Loving father of Angelo Antonio Villegas, Jesse Manuel Villegas and Armani Dante Villegas; beloved son of Antonio and Lupe; dear brother of Elizabeth Salgado and Rolando Villegas; fiancé of Yaritza Montenegro; loving grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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Proviso Township Handyman News

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Are you watering your garden or lawn? Do you notice your outdoor spigot drips after you turn it off? Keep your water bills from skyrocketing by having your spigot checked.

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.

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- Minor repairs only
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- 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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2023 Village of Melrose Park RE: 0311860 Consumer Confidence Annual Water Quality Report Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2022

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

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

SPANISH NOTICE

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

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

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

SOURCE WATER (MANDATORY)

VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK DRINKING WATER SOURCE

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

HOW IS MY WATER TREATED AND PURIFIED?

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

VOLUNTARY TESTING (OPTIONAL)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUBSTANCE EXPECTED IN DRINKING WATER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABULAR INFORMATION

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

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

2022 NON-DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

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

DATA TABULATED BY CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT
2022 WATER QUALITY DATA

-Definition of Terms;

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

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant (unit of measurement)						
Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
TURBIDITY DATA						
Turbidity (%<0.3 NTU)	N/a	TT(Limit 95% 0.3NTU)	Lowest Monthly %	100%-100%		
Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit.			100%			
Turbidity (NTU)	N/a	TT(Limit 1NTU)	0.30	N/a		
Soil runoff. Highest single measurement.						
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS						
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.0201	0.0193-0.0201		
Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.						
Nitrate (As Nitrogen) (ppm)	10	10	0.30	0.30-0.30		
Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.						
Total Nitrate & Nitrite (ppm)	10	10	0.30	0.30-0.30		
Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.						
TOC (Total Organic Carbon)						
The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA.						
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS						
Sulfate (ppm)	n/a	n/a	27.1	25.8-27.1		
Erosion of naturally occurring deposits						
Sodium (ppm)	N/a	n/a	9.08	8.56-9.08		
Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener.						
STATE REGULATED CONTAMINANTS						
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.76	0.63-0.76		
Water additive which promotes strong teeth.						
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS						
Combined Radium (226/228) (pCi/l)	0	5	0.95	0.83-0.95	2/4/2020	
Decay of natural and man-made deposits						
GROSS APLHA excluding radon	0	15	3.1	2.8-3.1	2/4/2020	
and uranium Decay of natural and man-made deposits						

UNIT OF MEASUREMENT

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

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE FOOTNOTES

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

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

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

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

2022 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR CHICAGO

Contaminant or Program	Violation Type	Monitoring Period Start Date-End Date	Violation Explanation
None	None	None	None
Health Effects (if Applicable)	None	None	None
Actions we took:	None		

WHAT'S IN MY WATER?

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

VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK

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

Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2022 (Collected in 2020.)

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

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

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

		Regulated Contaminants						
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2022	16	9.73-18.4	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes)	2022	33	16.99-49.5	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	2022	1.2	1-1.2	MRDLG=4	MDRL=4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes

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

2022 VIOLATION SUMMARY TABLE FOR MELOSE PARK

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
CCR Adequacy/Availability/Content	07/01/22	2022	We failed to provide you, our drinking water customers, an annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of our water and the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.

Corrected Measures
Moving forward we will provide all data of any violation.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

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

Conservation measures you can use inside your home include:

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

You can conserve outdoors as well:

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

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



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