

# Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

*From the Desk of  
Gary Marine,  
Director of Public Works*

## Multi-Purpose Field

A new state-of-the-art, multi-purpose field has been 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. The field is now open to the public.



## 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.

## 25th Avenue Municipal Lot

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

## Street Parking Restriction Signs

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

## Street Sweeping

The street sweeper has 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.

## 2025 – Fall Tree Planting Program

The list is now open for 2025 – Fall Tree Planting. To request a tree for 2025, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

## 2025 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program

If you would like to participate in the 2025 – 50/50 Sidewalk Program to request replacement of sidewalk squares, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 for more information.

## 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.



## Silver Creek Restoration Project

Under the direction of Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, the Village of Melrose Park Public Works employees constructed the Silver Creek Eagles Nest Park. This is a natural preserve that includes a walking path and a pavilion/gazebo, along with a canoe/kayak launch.

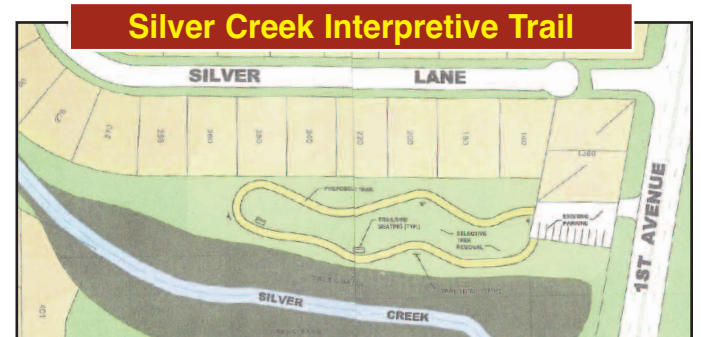
**Phase 5 and 6 of the  
Silver Creek Stabilization Project have been completed.  
Phase 7 is underway.**

This stabilization project restores the natural balance of the creek by restoring the embankment, and bringing back native landscape and shrubbery along with aquatic habitat. This is an invaluable stream system that provides storm water runoff, flood management and many other benefits for the residents of Melrose Park.



## Silver Creek Trail Park

The Silver Creek Trail Park is located off of First Avenue. The trail is centered off the pond between Silver Creek and its tributary, the Des Plaines River. Native plants of this area were once lost to development and are now being reintroduced to the area. With the help of these native plants, more wildlife is returning to the area – from the Bald Eagle (sighted in the area), the Northern Pike, Red Foxes, Black-Crowned Night Herons and Cooper's Hawk, to name a few.



### Do's and Don'ts While Visiting the Silver Creek Trail Park

1. No littering. Please clean up after any activities.
2. Pets must be leashed.
3. Smoking or fires are prohibited.
4. Please clean up pet waste and dispose of it.
5. Do not disturb any plants, trees or wildlife.
6. No loitering.
7. No hunting.
8. Fishermen must clean up any cut line, bail containers and all litter.
9. Park opens one hour after sunrise and closes one hour before sunset.
10. Enjoy the park.

*The Public Works employees are always in full force, working to keep the village of Melrose Park clean and well-maintained. If you have a request, please feel free to call Gary M. Marine, director of Public Works at (708) 343-5128.*



# Melrose Park to Unveil New Lighted Walkway Along North Avenue Business District

Mayor Ron Serpico and the village of Melrose Park are excited to announce the development of a new lighted walkway along North Avenue in the heart of one of the village's business and commercial districts. Construction is now underway for this state-funded project, supported by the state of Illinois and being led by The Will Group, a Wheaton-based company renowned for its innovative lighting and infrastructure solutions. The walkway promises to bring enhanced safety, accessibility and an aesthetic upgrade to the area, fostering a welcoming environment for residents, visitors and local businesses alike.

This project marks a significant step in Mayor Serpico's ongoing commitment to beautifying Melrose Park and enhancing its public spaces in alignment with eco-friendly and green initiatives. The installation of energy-efficient lighting along North Avenue will not only ensure a safe and accessible environment for pedestrians after dark, but also contribute to the village's sustainability goals. The lighting design has been carefully chosen to reduce energy consumption and minimize light pollution, aligning with Melrose Park's dedication to environmental responsibility.

"This new walkway is more than just a path – it's a statement of our commitment to the people of Melrose Park," said Mayor Ron Serpico. "We want our residents and visitors to feel proud of the spaces they walk through. By making these areas safer, more accessible and visually appealing, we are investing in the future of our community and supporting the growth of local businesses."

The walkway will foster a more vibrant community hub that draws residents and visitors alike. This initiative also reflects Mayor Serpico's vision of creating accessible, pedestrian-friendly spaces that encourage foot traffic and support local commerce. By offering a well-lit, safe route through the North Avenue business district, the project aims to attract more shoppers and patrons to local businesses, helping drive economic growth in Melrose Park.

The addition of the lighted walkway along North Avenue is expected to reach completion by the end of the year, with a formal ceremony scheduled to celebrate this new milestone for the village of Melrose Park.

## Melrose Park Announces Decorative Roadway Lighting Streetscape Project on North Avenue

Mayor Ron Serpico and the village of Melrose Park are proud to announce an exciting streetscape project that will bring new decorative roadway lighting to the business and commercial district along North Avenue. This state-funded initiative, coordinated by The Will Group, will enhance visibility, safety and the overall aesthetics of the area, while simultaneously advancing the village's commitment to green energy and sustainable infrastructure improvements.

The project features state-of-the-art decorative LED lighting that will brighten North Avenue, providing a modern and inviting atmosphere for residents, visitors and local businesses. These energy-efficient fixtures align with the village's green infrastructure goals, offering improved illumination with reduced energy consumption. While much of the project's impact will be visible through the beautiful lighting above ground, significant upgrades are also being made below ground with new electrical infrastructure to support the system.

"This decorative lighting project is a shining example of our commitment to beautification, safety and sustainability in Melrose Park," said Mayor Ron Serpico. "North Avenue is a vital corridor for our village and this investment not only enhances its visual appeal, but also ensures a safer, more accessible environment for everyone. We're grateful for the state of Illinois' support and for The Will Group's expertise in bringing this transformative vision to life."

In addition to increasing safety through brighter, more reliable lighting, the project reflects Mayor Serpico's long-term vision of fostering economic growth by creating attractive, pedestrian-friendly spaces. Improved lighting and infrastructure will encourage more foot traffic and commerce, benefiting local businesses and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

The decorative lighting streetscape project is scheduled for completion in late spring 2025, at which time the village of Melrose Park will host a celebration to commemorate this significant milestone.



# Apply Now for the 2025 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 (right) 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**

The 2025 Senior Painting Program list will be closed July 31, 2025.

Only one item will be painted per year. Get your request in early as the list fills fast.

## Mayor Serpico's 2025 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. The 2025 list will be closed July 31, 2025.