



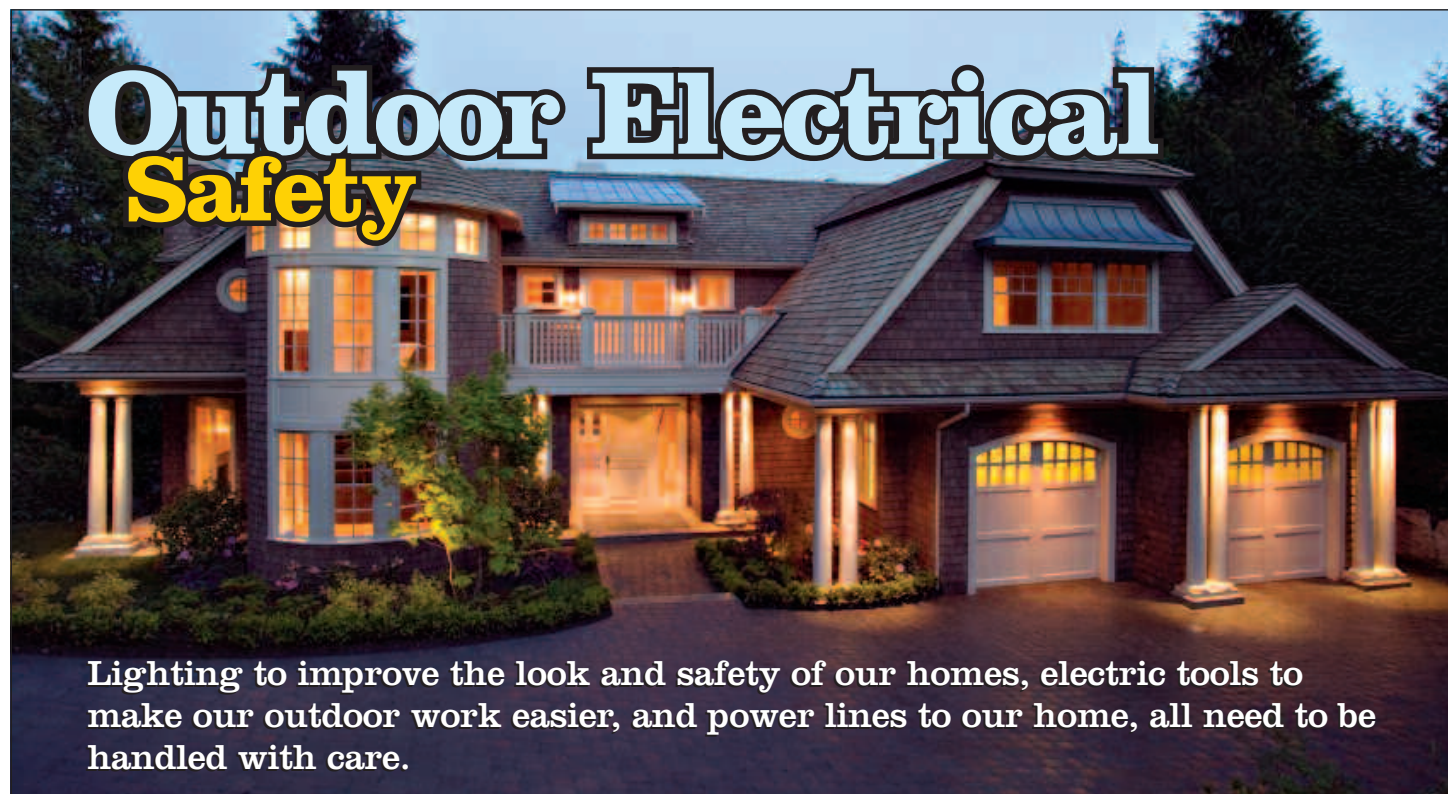
# Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*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 outdoor electrical fire safety tips on behalf the Red Cross and National Fire Protection Association. Please follow these tips to ensure your family's well-being and safety!



## Outdoor Electrical Safety

Lighting to improve the look and safety of our homes, electric tools to make our outdoor work easier, and power lines to our home, all need to be handled with care.

### Outside Electrical Work

- Have a qualified electrician do all electrical work.
- To prevent an electrical shock, make sure all your outside electrical receptacles are GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter) protected.

### Equipment Safety

- Use lighting and power tools that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and make sure they are made for outdoor use.
- Store your electrical tools indoors.
- Keep electric tools away from children.
- Keep the area around your electric meter and other electrical equipment clear.
- Check lighting and extension cords for damage before using. Replace any damaged cords right away.
- Use extension cords that are listed by a qualified test laboratory and are marked for outdoor use.
- Extension cords are not meant for long-term use.

## POWER LINES

Have a professional tree cutting service trim branches that might fall on electric wiring. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder outside. Keep the ladder at least 10 feet away from power lines. Never touch anyone or anything in contact with a downed wire. Power lines may be live, stay a safe distance away. Report downed wires to authorities right away.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call **"Before You Dig"** (8-1-1) before any digging on your property. They will mark where your underground utilities are located. **It's a free service!**



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# Always Stepping Up ...

## MPFD Welcomes New Firefighters

Village of Melrose Park Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame recently swore in two new firefighters – Dominic Prunotto and Anthony Raffaelli, Jr.

The ceremony took place in the training room of Melrose Park Fire Station #3 as family, friends and well-wishers looked on.

Mayor Serpico and Director Beltrame welcome these fine men, and wish them and their families good luck as they embark on new careers as Melrose Park firefighters.

As probationary firefighters Prunotto and Raffaelli recently attended Romeoville Fire Academy and graduated on Friday, May 2, 2025.



Firefighter Prunotto being sworn in.



Firefighter Raffaelli being sworn in.



Melrose Park's newest firefighters are pictured at the swearing-in ceremony with Director Beltrame, Lead Inspector of Code Enforcement Billy Campanelli and Assistant Fire Chief Steve Morella.

## Food4Less Recognizes Firefighters/First Responders



Melrose Park's Food4Less grocery store, located at 25th and North Avenue, recently held a special initiative for customers to express their appreciation for area firefighters and first responders.

Early this spring, Food 4Less employees hosted an in-store setup for shoppers to write a special one-of-a-kind note of thank you on a large poster to firefighters and first responders for them going above and beyond to provide critical assistance and keep the community safe during emergency situations. The layout was later given to members of the Melrose Park Fire Department.

Pictured are Food4Less representatives with MPFD members Jimmy Wrosch, Chris Bojko, Guy Le Gal, Sam Ciancio, Rick Klugger and Asst. Chief Steve

## Congrats Asst. Chief Morella!



Melrose Park Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame hosted a special gathering on Wednesday, April 30, to congratulate Asst. Chief Steve Morella on his retirement after 32 1/2 years as an MPFD first responder.

Pictured are Director Beltrame, new Asst. Chief Dom DiFazio, Capt. Mark Hardy, Asst. Chief Morella, and inspectors Frank Pope and Frank Urso.

Steve, the Melrose Park community thanks you for your exemplary service and wishes you all the best for a happy retirement!