

A Message From Mayor Ronald M. Serpico

Dear Neighbors,

Well, you don't need me to point out the sad fact that summer is almost over, just open a newspaper or turn on your TV and you will instantly be bombarded by a never ending barrage of "Back to School" advertisements.

Of course, along with the start of school comes the return of autumn activities, such as school-sponsored events, youth fall sports, senior citizen happenings, church programs and local community club doings. If you're wondering where you can find out about all these functions or if your own group or organization needs to promote an event or activity then look no further than the Melrose Park website at www.melrosepark.org. Over 10,000 people a month visit the website for information and to use all the free services offered. To place your group or organization's details on the Melrose Park website please send your info and flyers to hondo1949@gmail.com.

And speaking of events, my August letter would not be complete without mentioning the 34th Annual Taste of Melrose Park. The dates for this year's Taste are Sept. 4 through Sept. 6. Visit the website (www.melrosepark.org) to learn more and to download a schedule of this year's Taste entertainment events.

The following tidbits are just a sample to entice and to predict why I think this year's Taste of Melrose Park is sure to be the best ever:

1. The Taste of Melrose Park offers over 70 food booths, which is more booths than any other Illinois food festival, including the Taste of Chicago!
2. The Taste of Melrose Park is the only Illinois food festival to feature food booths run by residents serving long-held secret family recipes at \$3 or less per item, making it the lowest cost-to-consumer food festival in the state.
3. The Taste of Melrose Park offers live entertainment on four stages. This year's lineup is sure to top all other years. Here are just a few of the acts that will be appearing:
 - Chicago 6, the music group that features members of the famous 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl championship team, will be rocking the crowd from the main stage on Saturday night. This group includes Otis "Mama Boy" Wilson, Steve "Mongo" McMichael and Hall of Famer Dan "Danimal" Hampton.
 - American English, the Beatles Tribute Band and perennial favorite of the Taste, will make you twist and shout as they perform from the main stage on Sunday night.
 - Jim Cornelison, Chicago Blackhawks national anthem vocalist, is guaranteed to bring down the house at 10 p.m., Sunday, on the main stage with his stirring rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner*.
4. The Taste will offer the most arts and crafts, and informational booths ever for patrons to purchase items or learn about services that enhance the quality of life in Melrose Park.
5. The Taste of Melrose Park will continue to donate proceeds from the sale of beer and wine to the Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund, which has raised over a million dollars for worthy local causes.

As you can see, this year's Taste is shaping up to be the best one ever, so mark your calendars ... I'll be looking for you, but don't expect a wave, since I'll be juggling a cannoli in one hand and an Italian beef and tamale in the other ... Abbondanza!!!!



*Ronald M. Serpico
Mayor*

Sincerely,

Ron Serpico
Mayor Ron Serpico

**Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico**



Celebrate the Taste!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND • FRI., SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 4-6, 2015

Ethnic Foods Priced at \$3 or Less! FREE Parking, Admission, Entertainment & Trolley Service
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See the Taste of Melrose Park 2015 Ad Book on Pages 23-69.



Village of Melrose Park

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Mary Ann Paolantonio, Village Clerk

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To Know

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

Hours – Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Birth Certificates • First Copy – \$12, additional copies \$2 each

Death Certificates • First Copy – \$14, additional copies \$4 each

Water, Tickets, Etc.

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

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Fire Emergency.....911

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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, The Rose Newsletter

Dial A Ride(708) 343-7047

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

Economic Development(708) 865-8809

Important Upcoming Dates

Village Board MeetingsSept. 14 and 28, Oct. 13 and 26

Village Hall Holiday ClosingSept. 7, Oct. 12

Senior Club MeetingsOct. 8

Resident Response

Dear Mayor Ronald M. Serpico...

I am writing to you regarding a recent experience we had with the ladies in your Vital Records Department.

Thanks to their extraordinary efforts, we were able to lay my great-uncle to rest Wednesday, June 10. Just as I believe that people should be called out when they have not done their job, I strongly believe that people should be recognized when they do their job exceptionally well, as these ladies have.

We wish you and your city continued success and prosperity.

- With our deepest gratitude,

Jennifer N. Ruiz

Great-niece of Raul Rivera and Family Representative

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I would like to let you know how grateful I am to Police Officer Scarpelli #38 for his outstanding help recently.

His kindness, thoughtfulness and professionalism are greatly appreciated.

How very blessed our village is to have such an exemplary, caring officer when it was most needed.

Officer Scarpelli personifies what it means to serve, protect and defend.

May God bless all the members of our wonderful Police Department.

- Sincerely,

Joanne M. Amendola

Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...

Please accept this letter as a formal thank you.

Our organization recently laid one of our retired members to rest. The support your organization provided to us in this time is both appreciated and will be remembered always.

On behalf of the village of Maywood Fire Department, I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation.

- Respectfully,

Craig A. Bronaugh Jr.

Fire Chief

Village of Maywood

Dear Village Clerk Mary Ann Paolantonio...

Thank you so much for giving us the permit for Our St. Anthony Feast and Procession on Sunday, June 14.

You never bat an eyelash when we ask for the permit and it shows how much everything we do in the town of Melrose Park makes you proud.

It gives us great pleasure when we see how happy the people are that come out and enjoy the Mass, kissing the St. Anthony relic, and of course, getting bread that was blessed by our pastor.

We are very appreciative of everything you do.

May St. Anthony and our blessed mother shower you and your loved ones with special blessings

- Corinne Principe and Lucia Esposito

St. Anthony Society Coordinators

Dear Fire Chief Rick Beltrame...

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Dave Verde, John Cannici, John Lullo, Rocky Gutierrez, Jason Kezios and Sean Swors for the wonderful help they rendered to my husband, Dan Amendola, on June 25.

Their promptness, courtesy, thoroughness, kindness and professionalism

truly showcase how blessed we are to have such amazing people in our hour of need.

Many thanks again to these wonderful members of our stellar Melrose Park Fire Department.

- Sincerely,
Dan and Joanne Amendola

Dear Mayor Serpico, Police Chief Sam Pitassi and Director of Public Works Gary Marine...

The 122nd Feast of Our Lady has been celebrated and you have played a key role in another successful celebration.

On behalf of the Feast Committee, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation for all your help and support during the Feast and throughout the year.

We realize that without your support it would be impossible to celebrate our Feast to the extent and importance it deserves. With your help we are able to continue to elevate the name of our town by celebrating this wonderful tradition and legacy.

Please share our most sincere appreciation with all the employees of the village of Melrose Park, the Police Department and Public Works team. We truly appreciate you!

May Our Lady of Mt. Carmel continue to bless you and your family with health and happiness.

- Jaime Reyes
Feast Committee President

Dear Mayor Serpico...

I've been negligent in writing this letter of appreciation for the police officer who helped take a large bag of rock out of my trunk and took it into the garage and put it into a bucket for me.

This is not the first time I solicited help from our wonderful police force. When they are thanked, they reply "that's what we're here for."

I had the pleasure of having Fernando and Felix come to my home to do some outdoor touchup painting. They not only did a fantastic job, they were extremely polite.

They would not accept a monetary thank you. They only accepted water and cookies. I couldn't ask for a more professional job. When I say professional, I mean even the Director of Public Works Gary Marine stopped by to check on the job.

As a senior, who wouldn't want to live in Melrose Park.

Thank you Mr. Mayor for the wonderful police force and programs afforded to Melrose Park residents.

You're the best!

- Rochelle Grizaffi

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I would like to personally thank Police Officer Robert Anzaldi, Jr., for going above and beyond to help me out in a time of need.

On Thursday, June 4, my garage was tagged. Not only did your department help me in identifying the graffiti, meaning, when I was at my Melrose Park branch and showed Officer Anzaldi, Jr., the tag, he made me aware of the Cook County graffiti removal program. He contacted the Berkeley Police Department and told them exactly what to do.

Quickly, the Cook County graffiti removal team was at my front door to remove the graffiti.

I would like to commend you for training your employees to go the extra mile for anyone in need.

Please make sure you tell Bobby what a fantastic individual he is and that what he did to help me is greatly appreciated.

- Thank you,
Diane C. Salemi
Trustee
Village of Berkeley

Dear Police Chief Sam Pitassi...

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to officers Gio Sullo and Rocco Pretzie as members of the NIPAS Mobile Field Force for the assistance they provided to the Oak Brook Police Department on May 20 and May 21, regarding the SEIU Fight for \$15 Rally.

It is good to know that we can rely on your assistance in instances of this nature and that the NIPAS Mobile Force Program accomplished exactly what it is intended to do.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to officers Sullo and Pretzie, who came to our aid, for their professionalism, commitment and assistance. This cooperation between our departments proved invaluable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of my staff in the future for any assistance you may need. We will be more than happy to reciprocate.

- Sincerely,
James R. Kruger, Jr.
Chief of Police
Village of Oak Brook

Everyone Has the Right to Live Where They Choose



Village of Melrose Park

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
James M. Vasselli
Office of the Village Attorney
(708) 343-4000, Ext. 4487**

Melrose Park Police Officers Hit the Street on Four New Bicycles

A Message from Police Chief Sam C. Pitassi



*Sam C. Pitassi
Melrose Park Police Chief*



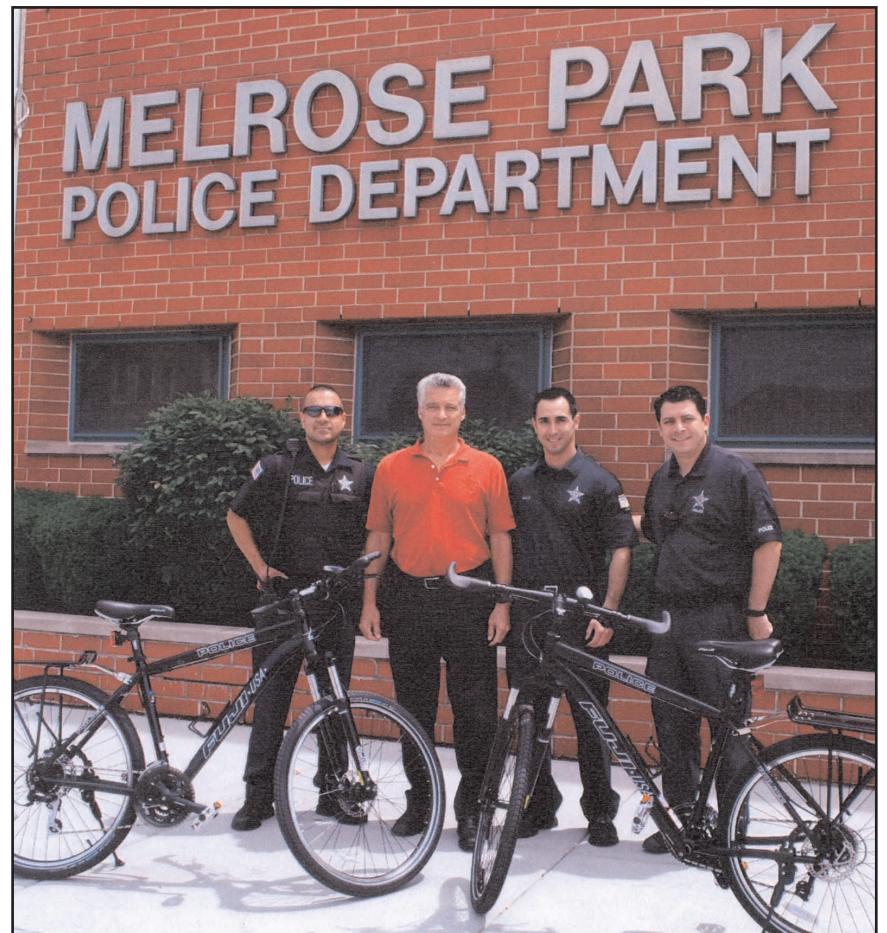
In an effort to increase police visibility and enhance community policing efforts as summer activities increased, police began patrolling the neighborhoods on bicycle.

The Melrose Park Police Department is working hard to build trust and strong, positive relationships with our neighborhoods. This is best accomplished through the establishment of good communications between the police and citizens. These patrols will allow us to be more proactive and reach out to our residents and business owners.

Additionally, their ability to navigate swiftly and safely around traffic, crowds or any obstacles blocking or limiting police vehicles would result in better response time on police calls for service.

You may notice the bicycle patrol at the Taste of Melrose Park and Hispanofest.

The bicycle patrols will continue throughout the summer and fall seasons.



Important Reminder: Police Department Notice

EFFECTIVE NOW THROUGH NOV. 1:

Parking is permitted on both sides of the street (weekends only)

Fridays 6 p.m. through Mondays 9 a.m.

Violators will be ticketed.

Be aware that if anyone comes to your door stating they are from the village of Melrose Park Street or Water Department, they should be wearing either jackets or shirts marked with the village of Melrose Park on them, as well as driving vehicles marked with village of Melrose Park. If they are not, do not let them in and call 911 to report this to the police.

Report any suspicious person(s) to the Police Department.

You do not have to give your name to the dispatcher.



Melrose Park Fire Department NEWS



*Rick Beltrame
Melrose Park Fire Chief*

A Message from Fire Chief Rick Beltrame

Thank You from the Melrose Park Firemen's Association



This year the Melrose Park Firemen's Association annual golf outing was held on Thursday, June 25, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville.

The event was a huge success and proceeds from the outing will be used to make charitable contributions to various organizations.

Members of the Melrose Park Firemen's Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the sponsors and golfers for their continued support.

Congratulations Blackhawks! From the Richters

Melrose Park residents, Dwayne and Mom Richter, showing off their brand new Chicago Blackhawks 2015 Stanley Cup Championship hat and T-shirt.



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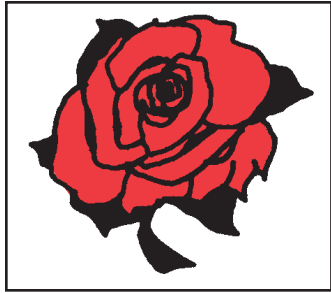
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Village of Melrose Park Public Works Report

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

The summer of 2015 has been a summer of unusual weather with heavy rainfalls, high winds, high temperatures, unusual low temperatures and as always the Public Works Department employees are always available and ready at a moment's notice.



Emerald Ash Borer/Tree Removal

Members of the village of Melrose Park Public Works Department are working with an independent contractor to remove the diseased ash trees that exist throughout the community. For more details, see Page 7.

Second Phase Division Street Enhancement Project

Lighted monuments on 25th and Division that are the gateway to the Division Street Corridor are situated.

Street Resurfacing

The village of Melrose Park street resurfacing project includes the following streets:
12th Avenue from Division to Park • Winston Drive from Ninth Avenue to Fifth Avenue • Division from 31st to 37th avenue.

25th Avenue Overpass

The overpass is on schedule and moving along and should be completed by the fall of 2016.

Fall Tree Planting

If you are interested in a tree for the parkway, we are now compiling a list for fall tree planting.
To request a tree, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128.

TV Pickup

Please call and make arrangements for pickup before putting your TV out.

Dog Park

Dog Park hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week throughout the summer and fall months.
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.

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.**

Emerald Ash Borer/Tree Removal

The village of Melrose Park Public Works Department has been receiving numerous calls regarding the large amount of trees being cut down in recent weeks. The following should answer many of the questions residents have been asking.

You might have read it in the newspaper or seen it on TV of the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer. Recently this green beetle has infested the trees of our town. Yes, the village of Melrose Park ash trees have been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer, making it necessary to rid the town of all ash trees. Mayor Ronald M. Serpico has initiated a program to aggressively eliminate the village of Melrose Park of all infested ash trees.

The Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered in the United States near Detroit, Mich., in the summer of 2002. The Emerald Ash Borer originated in Asia and most likely entered the U.S. in packing materials such as crates. It is now believed this bug has been in the U.S. since 1990 or 1991 and was discovered in Illinois in June 2006 and as of October 2012 was found in 18 states across the country and Canada. Tens of millions of ash trees have been lost due to this invasive beetle.

Adult beetles are elongated with metallic green wings and bronze bodies. The adult beetles emerge from ash trees as the weather warms in the spring and can continue emerging through August. The adult beetles live for approximately three weeks. Beetles will hide in bark crevices and occasionally feed on ash foliage, leaving small holes along leaf margins. Shortly after emergence, adult beetles mate and lay eggs on the bark of ash trees that are at least 1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter. Females will mate multiple times and can lay 60 to 90 eggs during their lifetime. Eggs hatch approximately seven to 10 days. After hatching, larvae chew their way through the tree's bark and tunnel into the cambium layer where they continue their development. The larvae create serpentine galleries that affect the tree's nutrient and water system, causing it to decline and eventually die. The larvae are dormant over winter in the trees and pupate in the spring as the weather warms.

Adult beetles are capable of flying 1/2 mile from infestation sites. They can also travel much longer distances through the transportation of infested firewood and nursery stock.

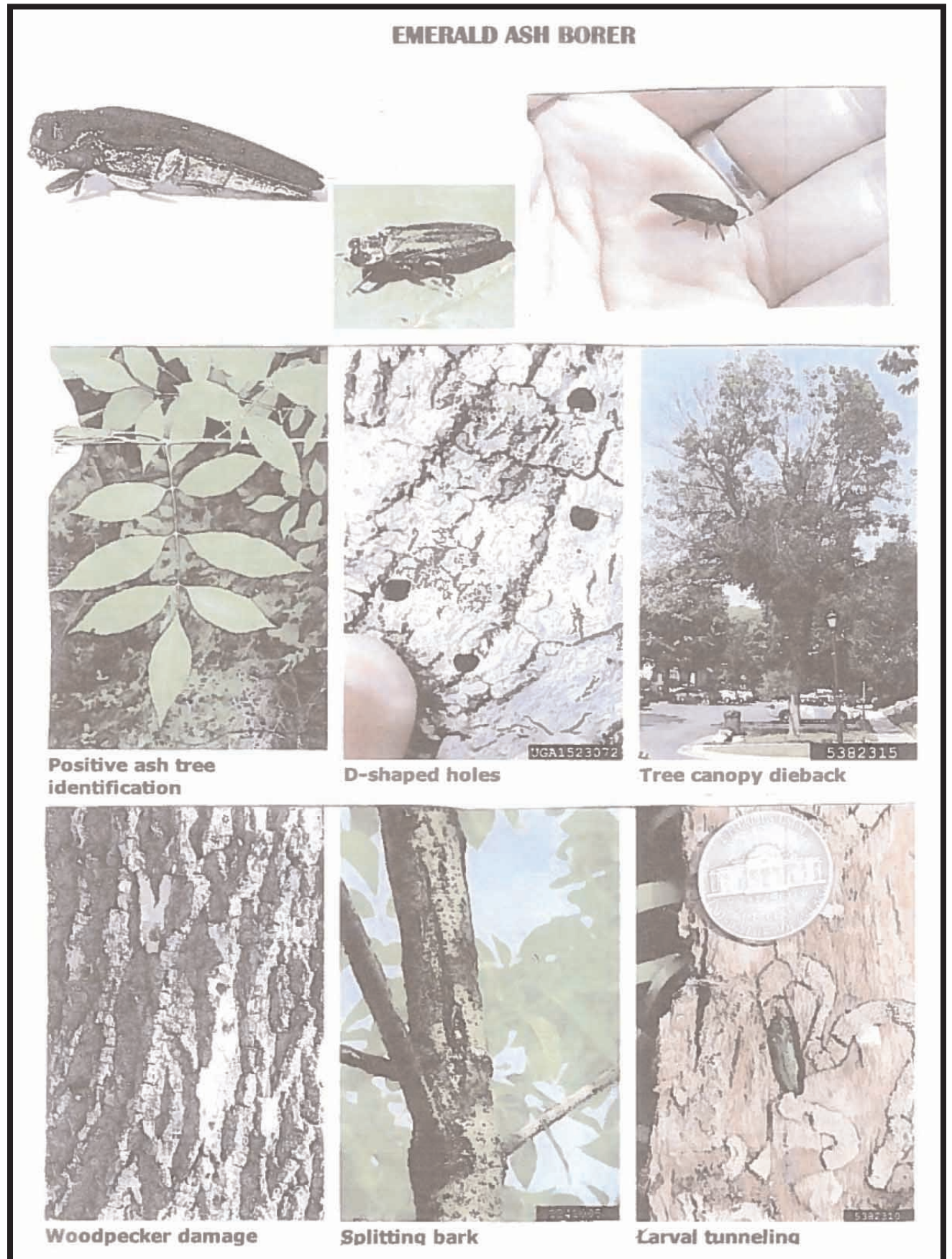
The Emerald Ash Borer is difficult to detect in low-level infestations. The only certain way to confirm the beetle is the presence of larva is: **1. Positive Ash Tree Identification**; **2. D-shaped Holes** in tree branches and trunks that are 1/8 inch in diameter. The holes may not be visible on the lower trunk or tree in less severe infestations; **3. Tree Canopy Dieback** which is the tops of trees dies off first; **4. Woodpecker Damage** often feed on the outer bark of an Emerald Ash Borer infested tree; **5. Splitting Bark** in which the tree bark splits vertically; and **6. Larval Tunneling** in which trees will exhibit tunneling beneath the bark.

Government quarantines restrict the movement of all ash products outside of the state of Illinois and in addition, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources prohibits transporting firewood in any quarantined area to any state park, fish and wildlife area, natural area, campground, recreation area or other property owned or managed by the IDNR.

Ash trees across the U.S. continue to be removed as a result of infestations. The village of Melrose Park has been removing ash trees in May and June and will continue throughout the summer and fall.

If any resident would like to replace an ash tree that has been cut down on the parkway, you can request a new tree from the village of Melrose Park by calling (708) 343-5128.

If any resident has an ash tree infested with the Emerald Ash Borer on their private property and wish to have the tree removed at the owner's expense, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 343-5128 to get the name and phone number of the contractor.



Melrose Park Public Safety News

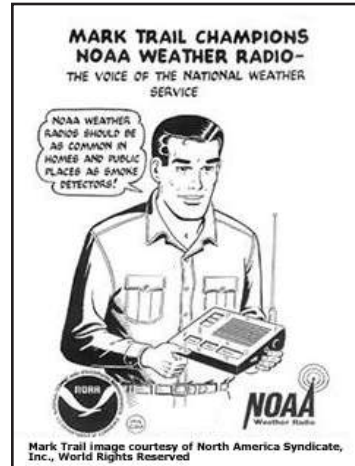
From the Desk of
Philip C. Schwartz,
Chief of Public Safety –
Homeland Security



**For more information,
please call
Melrose Park
Public Safety ~
Homeland Security
at (708) 649-8000,
or visit us on the
World Wide Web at
www.mpdhs.us.**

NOAA Weather (Radio All Hazards)

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Working with the Federal Communication Commission's Emergency Alert System, NWR is an all hazards radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information.

In conjunction with emergency managers and other public officials, NWR broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards including natural events such as earthquakes and avalanches, environmental accidents such as chemical releases or oil spills, and public safety issues such as a child abduction or 911 telephone outage. Research NWR Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) for Event Codes Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service." NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, part of the Department of Commerce. NWR numbers 1000 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz) listed below.

162.400 162.425 162.450 162.475 162.500 162.525 162.550

NWS suggests listeners change the batteries in their receivers in the spring and fall when Daylight Savings Time begins and ends.

Public Alert™ Devices and NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Logo

We cannot recommend one brand of receiver over another, but we do recommend users look for receivers with the Public Alert and/or the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards logo. The Public Alert Standard (CEA-2009-A) was developed by the Consumer Electronics Association in conjunction with NWS. Devices carrying the Public Alert logo meet certain technical standards and come with many, if not all, of the features mentioned in this article. NWS has evaluated devices carrying the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards logo for user friendliness and performance capabilities.



Residential Grade Radios and Features

Prices vary from \$20 and up, depending on the model. Many receivers have an alarm feature, but some may not. Among the more useful features in a receiver are:

- **Tone alarm:** NWS will send a 1050 Hz tone alarm before broadcasting most warnings and many watch messages. The alarm will activate all the receivers equipped to receive it, even if the audio is turned off. This is especially useful for warnings during the night. (Public Alert™ – required)
- **SAME technology:** SAME, or Specific Alert Message Encoding allows you to specify the particular area for which you wish to receive alerts. Most warnings and watches broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio are county-based or independent city-based (parish-based in Louisiana), although in a few areas of the country the alerts are issued for portions of counties. Since most NWR transmitters are broadcasting for a number of counties, SAME receivers will respond only to alerts issued for the area (or areas) you have selected. This minimizes the number of "false alarms" for events which might be a few counties away from where you live. (Public Alert™ – required)

- Selectable alerting of events: While SAME allows you to specify a particular area of interest, some receivers allow you to turn off alarms for certain events which might not be important to you. For example, if you live in a coastal county, but not right at the beach, you might not care about Coastal Flood Warnings. This feature may also be called "Event Blocking" or "Defeat Siren." (Public Alert™ – optional)
- Battery backup: Since power outages often occur during storms, having a receiver with battery backup can be crucial. However, unless you have a portable unit which you will use away from other power sources, an AC power connection is recommended to preserve battery life. (Public Alert™ - required for radios, optional for other devices.)
- External antenna jack: While most receivers come with a whip antenna you usually can extend to improve reception, depending on your location you also may need an external antenna. Some receivers come with an external antenna jack so you can connect to a larger antenna indoors or outdoors. You can often buy these antennas where you bought your receiver or from most stores with an electronics department. NWR broadcasts are in the Public Service VHF frequencies, just above FM radio and between the current TV channels 6 and 7. An antenna designed for analog VHF televisions or FM radios should work.

Flooding – What You Need to Know

Flooding is a coast to coast threat to the United States and its territories nearly every day of the year.

Flooding typically occurs when prolonged rain falls over several days, when intense rain falls over a short period of time, or when an ice or debris jam causes a river or stream to overflow onto the surrounding area. Flooding can also result from the failure of a water control structure, such as a levee or dam. The most common cause of flooding is water due to rain and/or snowmelt that accumulates faster than soils can absorb it or rivers can carry it away. Approximately 75 percent of all presidential disaster declarations are associated with flooding.

What is the difference between a Flood Watch and a Flood Warning issued by the National Weather Service?

- Flash Flood Warning: Take Action! A Flash Flood Warning is issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.
- Flood Warning: Take Action! A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.
- Flood Watch: Be Prepared: A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.
- Flood Advisory: Be Aware: A Flood Advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance. A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

**FLOODING AHEAD
TURN AROUND
DON'T DROWN**

Flash floods are exactly what the name suggests: floods that happen in a flash! Flash floods generally develop within six hours of the immediate cause. Causes of flash flooding include heavy rain, ice or debris jams, and levee or dam failure. These floods exhibit a rapid rise of water over low-lying areas. In some cases, flooding may even occur well away from where heavy rain initially fell. This is especially common in the western United States where low lying areas may be very dry one minute and filled with rushing water from upstream the next.

There are many reasons that flash floods occur, but one of the most common is the result of copious amounts of rainfall from thunderstorms that cause flash flooding. This can also occur when slow-moving or multiple thunderstorms move over the same area. These sudden downpours can rapidly change the water levels in a stream or creek and turn small waterways into violent, raging rivers. Urban areas are especially prone to flash floods due to the large amounts of concrete and asphalt surfaces that do not allow water to penetrate into the soil easily.

**For more information, contact the
Melrose Park Departments of Homeland Security and Public Safety
at (708) 649-8000 or visit our Web site at www.mpdhs.org.**

Village of Melrose Park

Garage Sale Notice



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 remaining dates for 2015 are Sept. 17-19.

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 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.

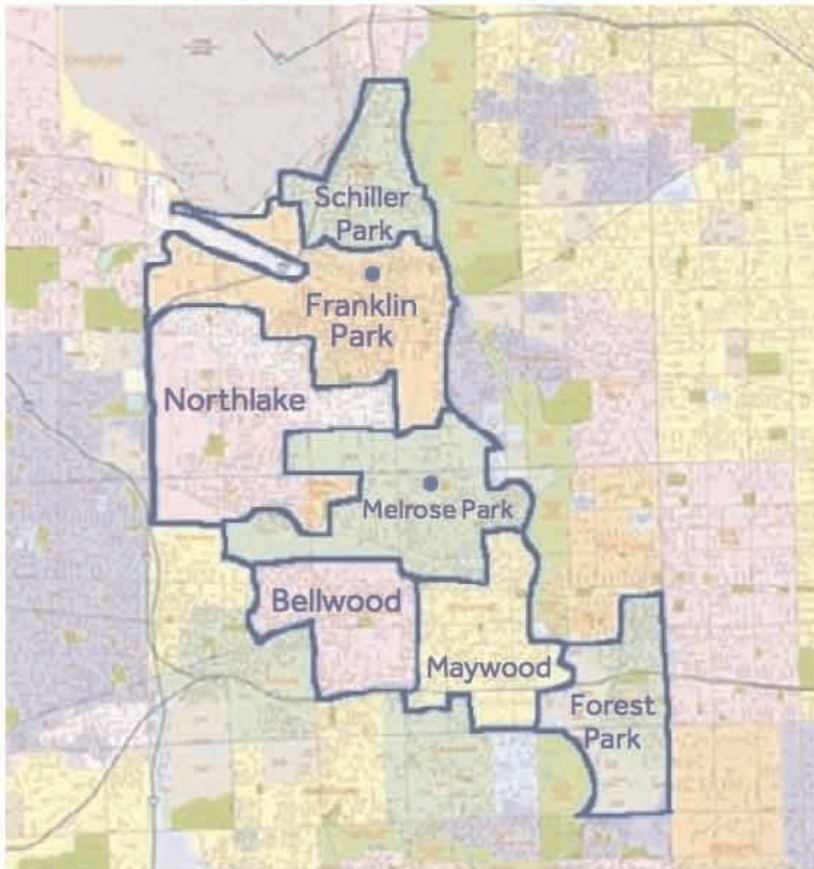
A copy of the garage sale rules is available at the Village Hall.

Special Notice

Redevelopment of Vacant Properties

The Cook County Department of Environmental Control is working in collaboration with seven municipalities including Bellwood, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, and Schiller Park to conduct redevelopment planning activities for brownfield properties *at no cost to municipalities or property owners*. Brownfields are vacant or underused industrial and commercial properties that are contaminated or perceived to be contaminated.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Map of participating coalition communities

Learn how this project will investigate contamination at brownfield sites to lead to their eventual redevelopment in your community.

Benefits of redeveloping brownfields:

- Increased quality of life
- Opportunity for attracting business and creating jobs
- Increased floodwater retention
- Property beautification and blight reduction

Presentation will include information on:

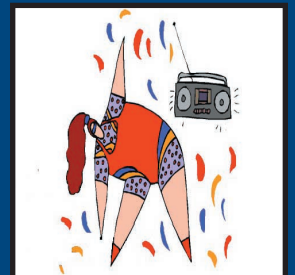
- Project goals and timeline
- The brownfield redevelopment process
- Which sites are initially selected for investigation

The Cook County Department of Environmental Control is collaborating with seven municipalities including the Villages of Bellwood, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake and Schiller Park. The purpose of this program is to begin the process of evaluating and selecting brownfields for eventual redevelopment or reuse. Brownfields are abandoned or under-used industrial and commercial properties with actual or perceived contamination. Their redevelopment can attract business, create jobs, increase floodwater retention, and an increased quality of life, among other benefits.

More information: www.cookcountyil.gov/environmental-control-2/cook-county-brownfield-program/



Free Exercise for Melrose Park Seniors



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

Monday-Friday • 9:15-10:15 a.m.

**Melrose Park Senior Center
900 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park**

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

Village of Melrose Park Dial A Ride for 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 8:15 a.m. to

4:30 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 make a cancellation you must call at least 24 hours in advance.

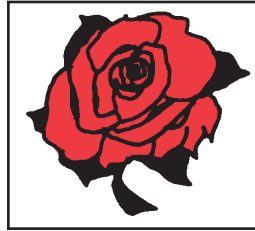
Policies and Procedures

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.

Call (708) 343-7047 for service.



Village of Melrose Park Senior Club News

*From the Desk of Peggy DiFazio,
Director of Senior Services,
Special Events and
Taste of Melrose Park*

2015 Meeting Dates

Sept. – No Meeting • Oct. 8 • Nov. 12 • Dec. 10

Meeting dates are scheduled that include lunch meetings and coffee and ... meetings. Registration must be made two weeks prior to meeting date.

Registration for New Memberships

We're looking for new members to join our club and we're inviting current members to renew their memberships.

You must be 55 years or older and a Melrose Park resident. Cost is \$10 per year and includes a picture ID. Each meeting cost \$5 per person and includes lunch, informative speakers and more. Preregistration for meetings is required.

It's a good place to make new friends and renew old ones.

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

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.

The Melrose Park Senior Club 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.



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Melrose Park Sports & Fitness Club

Fitness for All Ages

1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park • (708) 450-0555

BOXING

Instruction by retired professional Rocky DiFazio
Tuesdays and Thursdays • 4-9 p.m.
Saturdays • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

AEROBICS

Instruction by Lena
Step • Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays • Noon-1 p.m.
Sr. Exercise (Low Impact) by Barb Rubright
Monday-Friday
9-10 a.m. • Senior Center

MARTIAL ARTS

Monday-Friday • Residents – \$50, Nonresidents – \$60
For additional information,
call (708) 450-0555.

ROOM RENTALS

Multi-purpose Room
Birthdays • Anniversaries • Graduations
Religious Celebrations
Weddings • Business Meetings • Etc.

150 Maximum Capacity

Days and Nights Available
Mondays-Saturdays • 9 a.m.-Midnight
Sundays • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Rentals Include:
Four Hours • Setup of Table and Chairs
Security • Use of Kitchen and Ice Machine

**HALL RENTALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
IN THE SENIOR BUILDING (900 N. 25th Ave.)**

Call (708) 450-0555 for info.

CYBEX AND NAUTALUS MACHINES

Crunching Machines

Wrist and Forearm • Arm • Abdominal • Shoulder Fly
• Chest Press • Rowing • Lateral Pulldown
Lifefitness Treadmills • Gauntlet Stairmasters
Life Cycle Bikes • Free Weights

Come visit our surrounding park.
Perfect for taking pictures for all occasions.
Stop by our front desk and we can answer any questions
you may have about your next party or event.

We can accommodate most party requests.

For more information, call (708) 450-0555.

Summer Hours (Memorial Day-Sept. 30)
Weekdays – 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Winter Hours (Oct. 1-Memorial Day)
Weekdays – 7 a.m.-10 p.m. • Weekends – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Melrose Park Public Library

In Person. Online. We Bring You the World.

A Big Thanks to all the Local Businesses that supported the Melrose Park Public Library's Summer Reading Program!



Adult Services Upcoming Programs



Saturday, September 19 & November 7: 11am

Apple Festival @ the MPPL!



Saturday, October 3:
11am—1pm

Join us to learn all about apples and to make delicious hand-dipped treats!



Saturday, September 12 & October 10: 11am



www.MPPLibrary.org



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mps@mpplibrary.org
(708)343-3391

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Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-8:00pm
Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm
Closed the last Saturday of the month
Sunday, Closed



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Youth Services

Lego Club

Calling all builders! Kids in grades K-6 are invited to attend; kids ages 3-5 must attend with a parent.



Tuesday, September 8th and October 13th from 4-5 pm



Family Movie Night

Spend an exciting afternoon at the library where you, your family and friends will watch a special movie and enjoy some snacks! For all ages.

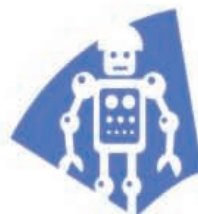
Wednesday, September 9th and October 7th from 5-7 pm

Plundering Pirates!

Arrgh you ready for Talk Like a Pirate Day? Batten down the hatches for tales from the high seas! Heave ho mateys and learn the pirate lingo or be forced to walk the plank. Then we'll feast and plunder buried treasures from the depths of Davy Jones's locker. Ages 3-7.



Tuesday, September 15th from 4-5 pm



Ready! Set! Tech!

Join our new monthly club and have fun experimenting with our amazing new tech toys and gadgets! Grades 2-5.

Wednesday, September 16th and October 21st from 4-5pm

Arts & Crafts

The library is hosting a monthly craft program in which kids will make a special treasure to take home. Crafts are limited to 15 kids each session; be sure to register early to reserve your spot! Grades K-6.



Thursday, September 17th and October 15th from 4-5 pm



Teen Book Club

Read, talk about books, eat snacks, and make cool stuff! What could be better? Grades 7-12.

Tuesday, September 23rd and October 27th from 5-6 pm

Tween Book Club

Come and join the new tween club! We'll choose some amazing books to read, rate our favorites, and have great fun talking all about them. Grades 4-6.



Wednesday, September 23rd and October 28th from 4-5 pm



I Spy Banned Books

Let's celebrate Banned Books Week! Come over to the library and join our giant game of "I Spy!" Pick up a worksheet at the Youth Services desk and spy all of the hidden items. For all ages.

Monday, September 28th (Beginning after 10:00 a.m.)

All programs at the library are free, and registration is required. To register, call Youth Services at (708) 343-3391, ext. 7484.



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Banned Books into Movies

Enjoy a special movies that was based on a banned book! We will have a few choices available and vote for a winner. For all ages.

Tuesday, September 29th from 4-6 pm



Uniquely Unicorns

Do you believe in unicorns? Come and frolic with one of the most fantastic creatures ever imagined during this magical storytime. Ages 3-7.

Wednesday, September 30th from 4-5 pm

Stay and Play

Beginning again in October!

Join our lively and interactive playtime for great fun with books, music, puzzles and toys. For families with children 5 years old or younger. In the month of September this program will not be held in order for staff planning, but will resume again in October.

Every Thursday in October from 10-11 am



ACT Test Prep

Take a FREE ACT practice test at the library. Get realistic practice and try your hand at the types of questions you'll face on the actual exam. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!

Saturday, October 3rd from 10 am-2:15 pm



Stories To Stage

Do you like to perform? Join us for an afternoon of fun and engaging theater games! With monies from our Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Mini-Grant, we will start the planning for our next production of a shadow puppet theater. Grades 2-5.

Wednesday, October 14th from 4-5 pm

Zany Zombies

Let's get creepy and creative just in time for Halloween! We will take some old dolls, paint, other ghoulish craft supplies, and turn them into some truly frightening zombies. Join us if you dare! Grades 2-6

Tuesday, October 20th from 4-5 pm



Halloween Horror Read-Out

Here is your chance to "act-out" in the library! Choose your favorite scary story to read or perform in our "haunted" basement. Got stage fright? Just sit back and enjoy the spine-chilling show and tricky treats. Halloween costumes are optional but encouraged! All ages.

Wednesday, October 28th from 6-7 pm



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MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

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Fall Season

Night time Camp Fun

REGISTER NOW! CAMP BEGINS SEPT. 28!

The Melrose Park Youth Commission is holding a Night-time Camp Fun for children 4-7 years of age. Children who register will participate in a number of fun activities geared towards learning, athletics and having fun with others.

The program includes a number of arts and crafts activities, kids sports – basketball, soccer, etc., make and bake nights, movie nights, tutoring, holiday parties, video game nights, field trips and more.

Our Night-time Camp Fun runs three nights a week (Mondays-Wednesdays, 6:15-8:30 p.m.) Sept. 28-Nov. 10.

Cost is \$25 per child for Melrose Park residents and \$100 per child for nonresidents

Why not join us? Come on and have some fun.

Registration can be made at the Youth Commission located on the first floor of the Melrose Park Civic Center, Mondays-Fridays.

For more information, call (708) 450-0555.

A Special Message to the Parents of Melrose Park Children from the MELROSE PARK YOUTH COMMISSION

Dear Parent,

The Melrose Park Youth Commission is compiling a mailing list of children who attend an elementary school that is not located in Melrose Park.

We are trying to reach all children from our community and let them know of the great events and programming options the Youth Commission offers throughout the year.

If you have a son or daughter attending an out-of-town school or children who are being home schooled, please take some time to complete this form and mail it to:

**Melrose Park Youth Commission
1000 N. 25th Ave. • Melrose Park, IL 60160**

Once we receive this form, we will add your name to our database and follow up with a courtesy phone call to introduce ourselves and provide information about our organization.

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

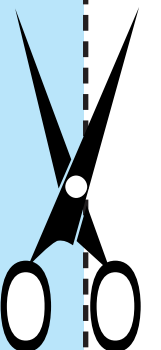
Age of Child #1 _____

School Attending _____

Age of Child #2 _____

School Attending _____

For more information, please call us at (708) 450-0555.



Show Your Community Support!

In 2014, Mayor Serpico and the Melrose Park Youth Commission launched Melrose Park's Avenue of Flags campaign. Flags representing the United States of America, the state of Illinois, the village of Melrose Park, the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marines,

United States Coast Guard and POW/MIA were displayed on lightpoles within the village.

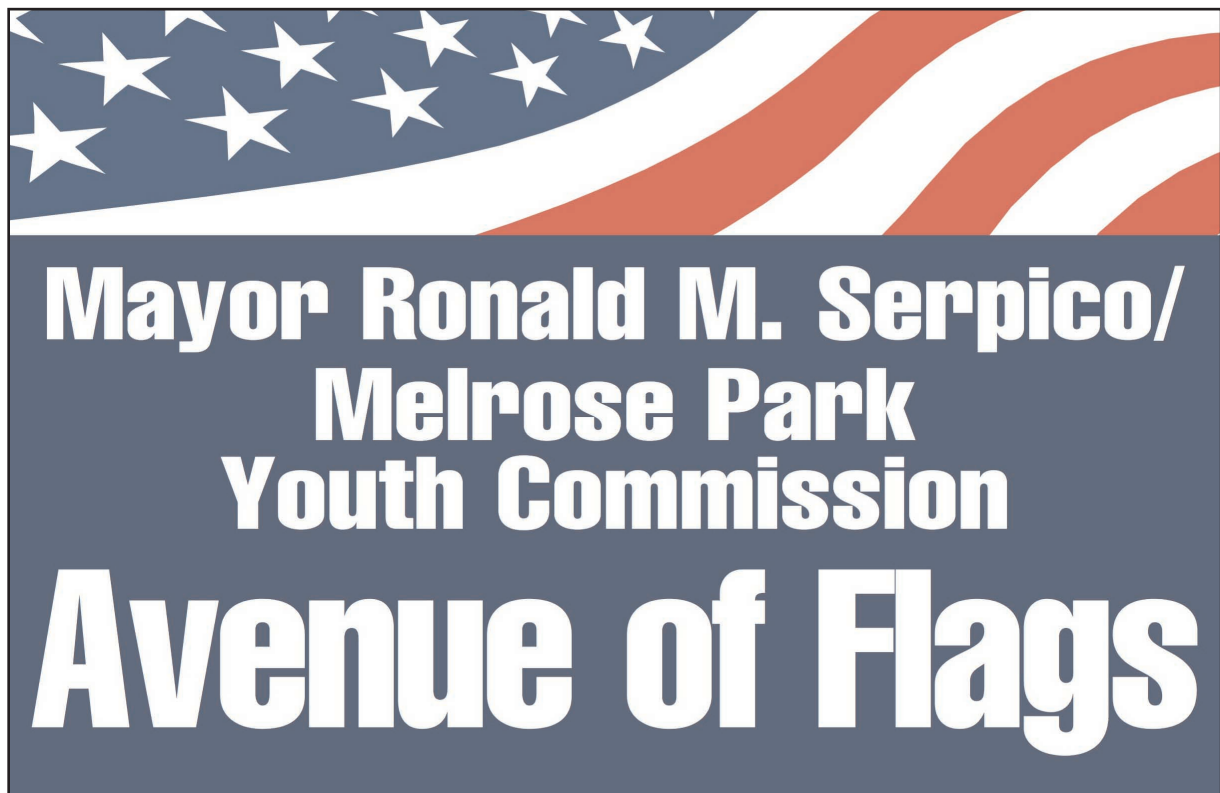
The intent of this Youth Commission project is to continue the beautification efforts of Mayor Serpico – enhancing and providing a new, respectful and fascinating look to our streets.

Contributions are still being accepted and additional flags can be flying in new areas of the village.

Donations of any amount to support this creative project are appreciated and 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.

**For additional information,
please call the
Youth Commission at (708) 450-0555.**



A Wealth of Flowers, A Tradition of Beauty

Melrose Park resident, Sonny Nicotera, once again continues to amaze community members with his ability to create a highly visible horticultural masterpiece of colorful flowers and well-groomed shrubbery around his home.

Sonny is proud of the decor he fashions each summer and looks forward to the warm weather each year to plan and maintain his tradition of beauty.



Creating a New History of Martial Arts ... The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School



This is based on a true story in the village of Melrose Park. It all started when a martial arts family was split up in November 2011. Hundreds of students and parents were deep in sorrow. They went to the current mayor of Melrose Park Ronald M. Serpico and asked for help. From November 2011, after the martial arts program shut down, to the present day, the current school has been creating a new history of martial arts. In the following paragraphs, you will find a true inspirational story of the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School and how the school has reached for new heights.

Martial Arts Master Jong Yoon Han came to United States of America in January 2009 as an employee of the Total Martial Arts Department at Bally Total Fitness.

Master Jong Yoon Han taught hundreds of students at Bally Total Fitness in Melrose Park, until November 2011.

In November 2011, Bally announced the closing of the Martial Arts Program, and as such, a martial arts family was dispersed.

Fortunately, the martial arts family refused to be split so easily. Hundreds of parents and students of Master Jong Yoon Han's

Martial Arts Program gathered to save the program.

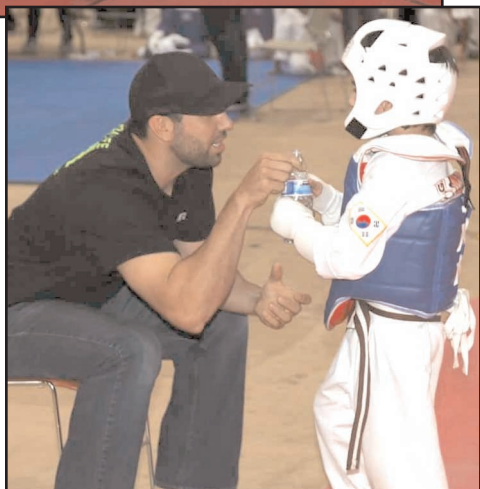
Parents and students requested a meeting with Mayor Serpico.

After the meeting, the mayor immediately helped kick off a brand new program. Articles were featured in *The Rose* (the official newsletter of the village of Melrose Park) regarding Mayor Serpico and Master Jong Yoon Han.

The village built an office and classrooms for the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School.

Since December 2011, the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School has played a significant educational and community role in the village of Melrose Park bringing around 5,000 students, parents and participants of the school together for its events on a yearly basis from inside and outside of the village. With all of these participants and students, the school helps improve the standing of education, moral, ethical, discipline, and mental and physical development to its students for a normal school and daily lifestyle.

Students are taught the importance of leadership, loyalty, perseverance, love, respect and concern to everyone around us, obedience to elders and honesty in every occasion, and mercy in the sense of never misusing the art, in hope that these very lessons will help motivate younger students to try harder for their education to reach their goals, as well as setting new ones.



As for adult students that take a class, the school hopes that their classes and lessons will help them keep a positive mental attitude, keep them in healthy physical condition and help them feel refreshed in living their daily lifestyles.



The Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School has been producing taekwondo sparring champions from several tournaments: International Mayor Ronald M. Serpico Cup Taekwondo Championship, USA Taekwondo Illinois State Championship, Chicago Martial Arts Association Tournament, Chicago Expo Tournament and International Yongin University Presidential Cup Taekwondo Championship.



The village of Melrose Park and the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School recently hosted their very first International Mayor Ronald M. Serpico Cup Taekwondo Championship by a municipal government (Village of Melrose Park) which more than two countries have participated in. Individuals representing the United States, South Korea and Mexico were involved in this international amateur sport event as participants and staff (judges, referees, advisors, coaches, and martial arts masters).



A total of 12 different teams and schools participated in the International Mayor Cup Taekwondo Championship – Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy, United Taekwondo Center, World Champion Taekwondo, American Martial Arts Academy, Family Martial Arts, Jang's Yongin Martial Arts, Tiger Koo's Martial Arts Academy, Park's World Champion Taekwondo, World KM Taekwondo, Lee's Martial Arts Academy and Flying V Martial Arts.



This international amateur sport event (International Mayor Ronald M. Serpico Cup Taekwondo Championship) hosted by a municipal government (village of Melrose Park) has created great financial and community benefit.

Stories of the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School are very inspirational and the school is very proud for reaching these heights and feels that sharing its story with other communities will help to contribute social and ethical benefits and bring hope and inspiration to those who find their story motivating.

For more information on the Village of Melrose Park Martial Arts School, please call (708) 450-0555.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

MELROSE PARK

GAELS



BE A PART OF THE TRADITION!
Stay Connected with the
Melrose Park Gaels Football Organization!
Visit MPGAELS.com for this season's schedule,
scores and updates!

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., or send an e-mail to franciscanresourcecenternfp@gmail.com.

Centro De Recursos Franciscanos, NFP

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.

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 remaining schedule for calendar year 2015 is: Sept. 14 and 28; Tuesday, Oct. 13 and Oct. 26; Nov. 9 and 23; and Dec. 14 and 28.

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

Village Hall Announces Holiday Closings

The Melrose Park Village Hall will be closed for the following holidays: Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 7, 2015; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 12, 2015; Veterans Day – Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015; Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, Nov. 27, 2015; Christmas Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 24; Christmas Day – Friday, Dec. 25, 2015; and New Year's Eve (1/2 Day) – Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

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

The ROSE AD RESERVATION DETAILS

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

Rates – Full Color Ads

Full Page – \$400 per issue (9 x 10 1/2) • Half Page – \$200 per issue (9 x 5 1/4)

1/4 Page – \$100 per issue (4 1/2 x 5 1/4) • 1/8 Page – \$50 per issue (4 1/2 x 2 5/8)

If you are interested in advertising in one or more issues that will be delivered every other month, please call (708) 343-4000, Ext. 4448.

Save the Dates!

Next Issue – October 2015 (Deadline for material Sept. 20, 2015.)

Remaining schedule for 2015 – October, December.

**The Most
Family Affordable
Food Festival in Illinois**

**34th
Annual**



**Taste Of
Melrose Park**



**SEPTEMBER 4 • 5-11 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 5 • NOON-11 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 6 • NOON-10 P.M.**

**Melrose Park Village Complex
Near the NW Corner of 25th Ave. and Lake St.**

FREE

**Affordable
Carnival For
Children 10
& Under**

- **ADMISSION**
- **PARKING**
- **TROLLEY SERVICE**
- **ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES ON 4 STAGES**
- **SALUTE TO AMERICA FIREWORKS
10:15 P.M., SUNDAY**
- **ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS**
- **GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS INFO BOOTHS**

All Food Items Cost \$3 or Less!!!

Welcome to the 2015 Taste of Melrose Park

**Mayor
Ronald M. Serpico**



.....
Celebrating
Our 34th Year

If you enjoy a smorgasbord of delicious homemade food, rocking out to great local bands, and are closely watching the family pocketbook, you have come to the right place ... the 34th annual Taste of Melrose Park.

The Taste of Melrose Park has twice as many food vendors than the Taste of Chicago, and more importantly, all food items cost a mere \$3 or less. Besides our affordable food prices, all our entertainment is free, parking is free, the trolley service is free, and a great time shared with family and friends is not only free, it's guaranteed!

The Taste of Melrose Park is dedicated to providing a safe and fun atmosphere for kids of all ages, 1 to 100. Most of our food booths are operated by Melrose Park families who are committed to treating every "Taste" patron as part of their extended family.

This year's "Taste" features 70 one-of-a-kind ethnic food items. We also provide continuous multicultural entertainment programs and venues that will delight one and all.

Please visit our Beer and Wine Tent where all the net proceeds are deposited into the "Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund." Due to your past generosity, this fund raised over \$1.5 million, which was donated to local civic groups, charities, schools and youth organizations.

At this point, we must admit to one little problem that everyone strolling the "Taste" grounds seems to encounter, and that is the, "I'm So Full I Can't Eat Another Bite Dilemma!" When this condition occurs we recommend resting your palate by sampling the entertainment offerings on any of our four stages. Just about the time that you've had your fill of great entertainment, you should be ready to sample more of the best epicurean delights found at any food fest in the country.

And let it be known that we could not even attempt to host such a large event without the financial assistance of our fabulous business community or without the 500 plus volunteers who are responsible for making the Taste of Melrose Park run so smoothly.

Lastly, it is due to your overwhelming positive response to our philosophy of treating all fest goers as part of the family that makes the Taste of Melrose Park the most friendly and affordable food festival in all of Illinois.

Bon Appetit!,

Mayor Ron Serpico

34th Annual Taste of Melrose Park ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Johnny Maggio
8:30-10:30 p.m. • Hot Rocks
Rolling Stones Tribute

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Romeo Bros.
8-10:30 p.m. • Bill Croft & 5 Alarm

6:30 p.m. -? • Karaoke-Greg Rini
8-10:30 p.m. • The Nostalgics

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

WINSTON PLAZA MAIN STAGE

6-7:45 p.m. • The Vinyl Highway Band
8:30-10:30 p.m. • CHICAGO 6 ('85 Bears)
Dan Hampton, Otis Wilson, Steve McMichael

MEIJER STAGE

4:30-5:30 p.m. • Jr. Beatles
6-7:30 p.m. • Jimmy Night Club
8:30-10:30 p.m. • Dueling Pianos

PERONI GARDEN

5:30 p.m.-? • Karaoke-Greg Rini
6-7:15 p.m. • Classical Blast
8:15-10:45 p.m. • R-Gang

MAIN DRIVE

4-5 p.m. • Jesse White Tumblers
4:30-6:30 p.m. • Steel Express

SABOR DE MEXICO

To Be Announced

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

6-6:45 p.m. • Danny Fox
7-9:30 p.m. • American English
9:35-9:50 p.m. • Pets & Vets Military Tribute
10 p.m.-? • Jim Cornelison (Chicago Blackhawks)

5:30-7 p.m. • The Other 3 Tenors
7:30-9:30 p.m. • DeJaVu

5 p.m.-? • Karaoke-Greg Rini
6:30-9:30 • R-Gang

2:30-3:30 p.m. • Jesse White Tumblers
4-5 p.m. • Pipes & Drums of Emerald Society

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6 – FIREWORKS DISPLAY • 10:15 P.M.

TASTE OF MELROSE PARK 2015 FOOD VENUE All Vendors Priced \$3 or Less

Nonna Graziella's Ristorante
Italian Sausage

Lil Mac's Fried Calamari

Andrew's Pork Chop Sandwich

Carlotta's Sweet Aroma Linguine
w/Garlic&Oil

Shwings Jumbo Fried Shrimp

Iannelli's Panzerotti

Goo's Steak Sandwich

Mickey's Italian Beef

Honey Hot Boneless Chicken Bites

J.K. Chicken Wings

Putts Raw Clams

Richie's Curly Fries w/Cheese

Larrys B-B-Que Pulled Pork

Horchata

Comales Let's Taco "About It"

Rich's "Corn on the Cob"

Cillas "Steak Teriyaki"

Betty & Docca's " Mostaciolli"
With Tomato & Basil Sauce

Boneless Rib Sandwich

Melrose Park Style Hot Dogs

Italian Stuffed Mushrooms

Nacho Mama

Silvio & Carmella's
Homemade "Crustels"

Frankie G's
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich

Gia & Nat's Gnocchis

Siciliano's Old Fashioned
Fried Bologna

Kay's Hand Dipped Chocolates

Frank & Theresa's
Pepper & Egg Sandwich

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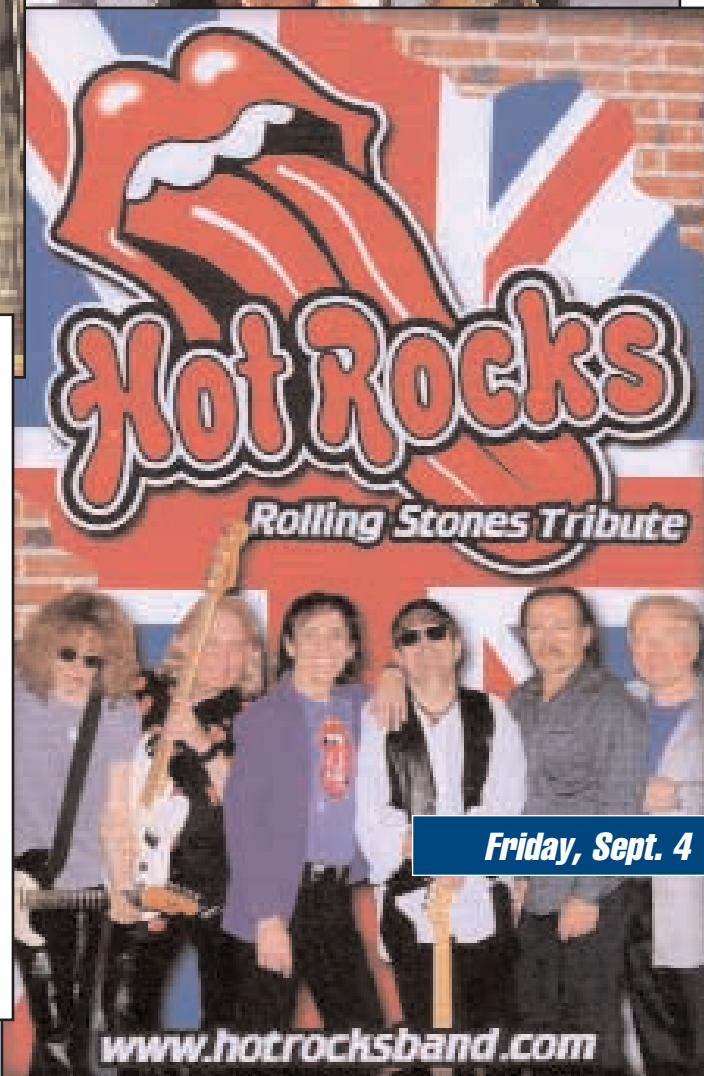


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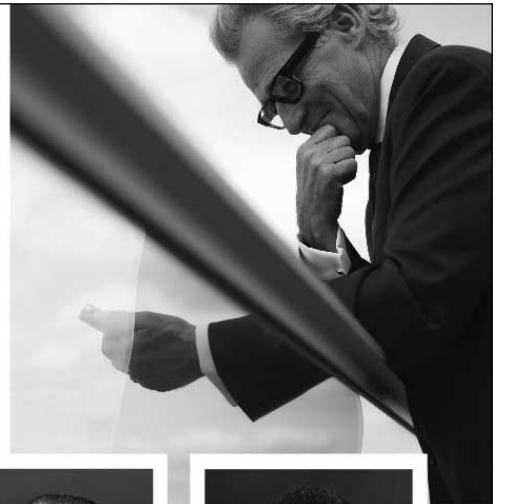
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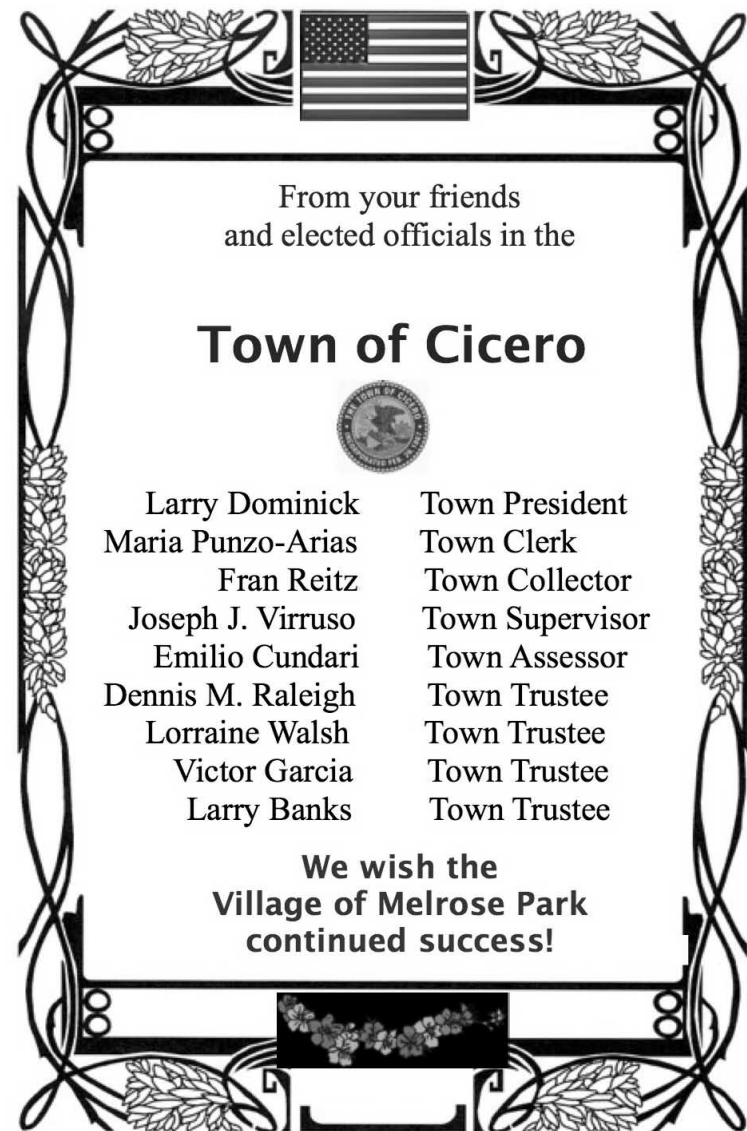
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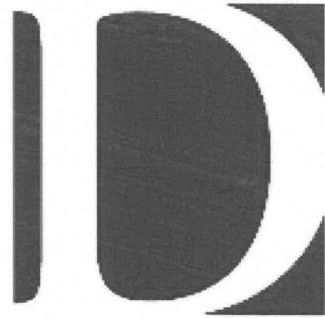
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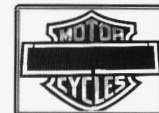
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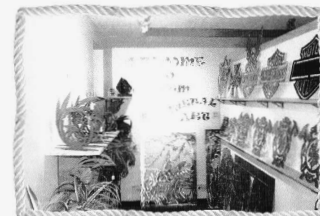
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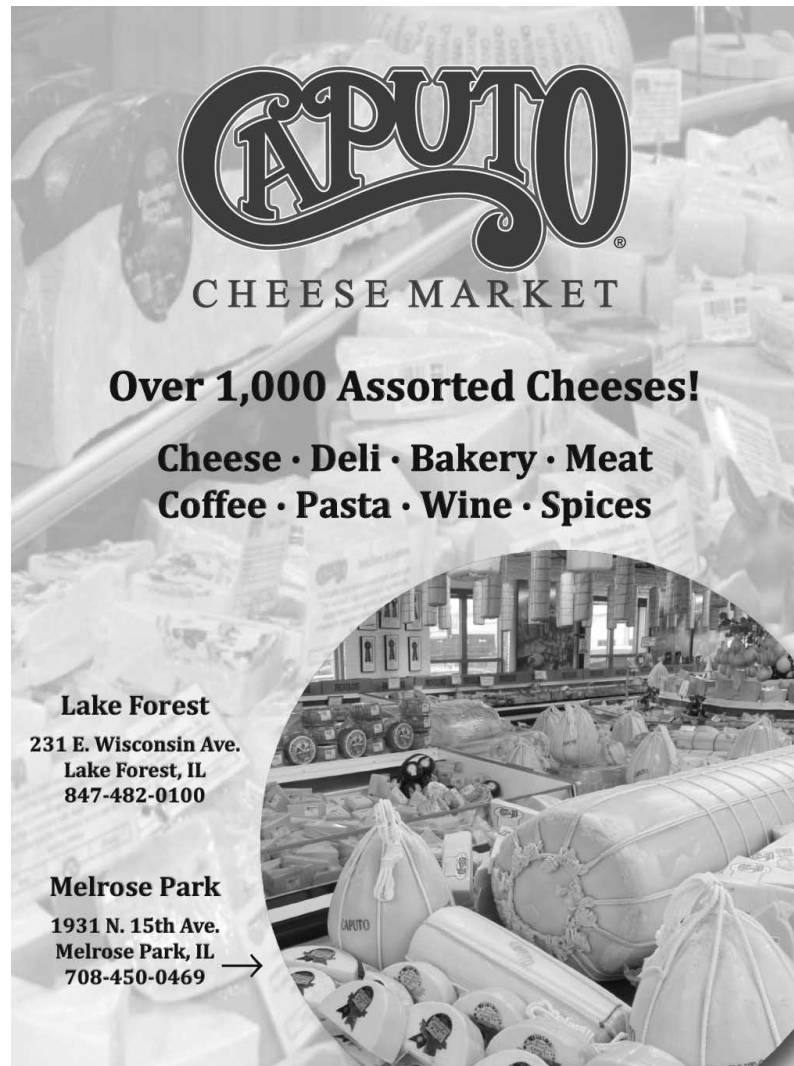
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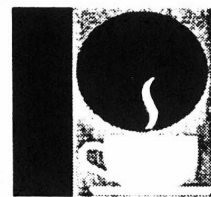
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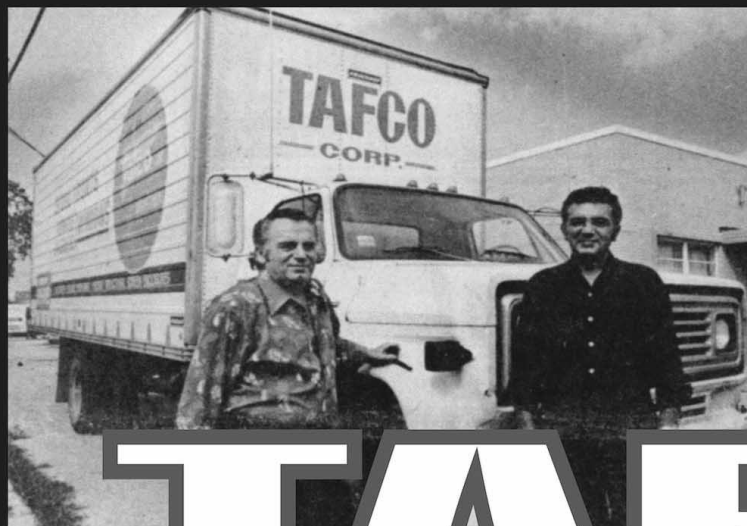
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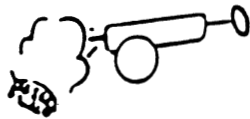
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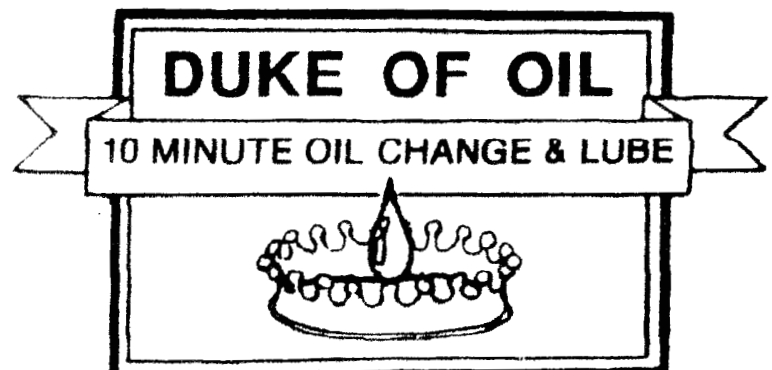


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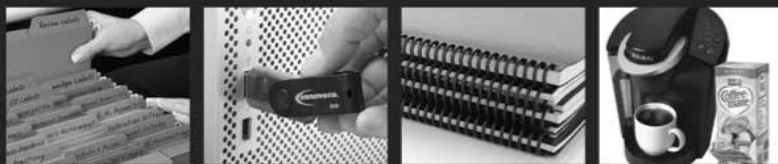
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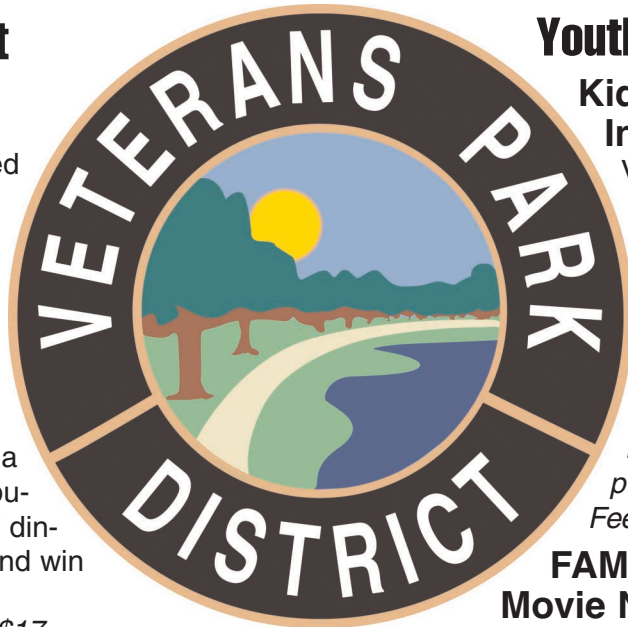
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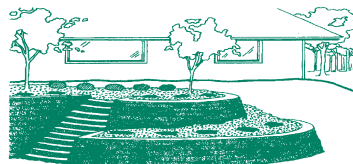
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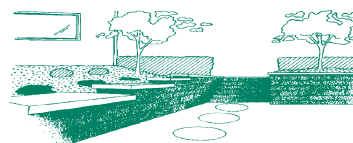
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NEW CERTIFICATES

Cybersecurity and Information Assurance Certificate

Triton now offers a cybersecurity certificate – a growing field, with a 37 percent job growth rate by 2022 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). The certificate is designed to provide students with the foundational, and advanced knowledge and experience with technical security practices and information assurance policies. Positions in this field include cybersecurity analysts, specialists, engineers, technical security support personnel and managers.

Eye Care Assistant Certificate

The new Eye Care Assistant Certificate Program prepares students for work in an entry-level position in ophthalmic technology. Eye care assistants usually work under the direction of optometrists and ophthalmologists as part of private or group practice settings, clinics, hospitals or commercial eye care facilities. With an expected job growth of 23 percent by 2022 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics), Triton's new certificate program will put many careers into sharper focus.

Architectural Studies Certificate

The Architectural Studies Certificate provides students with the group of classes commonly required for transfer to a baccalaureate architectural program. This certificate requires a minimum of 34 credits in program requirements. Additional coursework in math, physics and general education will be required for transfer to a baccalaureate architectural program.

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Triton College Offers Information Sessions for Health Careers Programs

Triton College's Health Careers programs will hold information sessions for prospective and current students interested in entering health career programs. The sessions will include details on program prerequisites and sample course planning.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

5 p.m., Nov. 3 • 10 a.m., Feb. 4, 2016
3 p.m., April 4, 2016 • 4 p.m., May 3, 2016
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Nuclear Medical Technology

4 p.m., Oct. 21 • 3 p.m., Jan. 14, 2016
4 p.m., March 9, 2016 • 4 p.m., May 4, 2016
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Ophthalmic Technology

4 p.m., Sept. 21 • 5 p.m., Oct. 14
5 p.m., Nov. 19 • 4 p.m., Feb. 8, 2016
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All located in the G Building, Room G-209.

Radiologic Technology

3 p.m., Oct. 21 • 1 p.m., Jan. 14, 2016
3 p.m., March 9, 2016 • 3 p.m., May 4, 2016
All located in the F Building, Room F-110.

Surgical Technology

9 a.m., Oct. 9 • 1 p.m., Jan. 12, 2016
6 p.m., March 10, 2016 • 9 a.m., May 17, 2016
All located in the G Building, Room G-205.

For more information about any of these programs, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3723, or visit www.triton.edu.

What's Coming Up at Triton?

The following are events coming up at Triton College. All of the events listed are free and open to the public, and will take place on Triton's River Grove campus, located at 2000 Fifth Ave., unless otherwise stated.

Sept. 9

Campus Visit Day, 6-7:30 p.m., Student Center (B Building)

Prospective students can learn everything they need to know about enrolling at Triton College during Campus Visit Day. The event will discuss admission and financial aid topics, introduce students to Triton's faculty and provide campus tours. This session will be focused on bilingual/Spanish speakers. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or email admissions@triton.edu.

Sept. 15

World Music Series: Kaben Kafo, African Djembe Ensemble, Noon, Outside on the Mounds

Kaben Kafo (translation: "Let's play together" in the Malinke language spoken in West Africa) is a djembe ensemble comprised of some of Chicago's most studied and gifted djembe and dunun professionals. This concert will feature six musicians led by the Chicago-based djembe virtuoso, Taylor. The event will be moved into the Student Center Cafeteria in the case of inclement weather. This performance is part of a four-part series sponsored by Triton's Visual, Performing and Communications Arts Department. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music. For more information about Kaben Kafo, visit www.holygoat.com/kabenskafo.html.

Sept. 15 and 16

Auditions for Triton College's Performing Arts Department

Production of *Collected Stories*,

7-9:30 p.m., Room J-108, Fine Arts Building (J Building)

Triton College's Performing Arts Department will hold auditions for the two female roles in the production *Collected Stories* by Donald Margulies on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15 and 16. Callbacks will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17. Those who audition are asked to prepare two contrasting monologues and bring a photo/headshot, as well as a resume of performance experience. The Triton College community and community members are welcome to audition and participate behind the scenes of the production. For an audition appointment or more information, contact Amy Fenton at amyfenton@triton.edu.

Sept. 21 through Oct. 16

Gerry Lang Ceramics, Fine Arts Gallery, Room J-107 (J Building)

Triton College faculty Gerry Lang is new to Triton but not to ceramic connoisseurs in the Chicago area. His work in Triton's ceramics studio is creating a buzz among Triton's students and it's likely that seeing his work will create a bigger buzz about town. A public reception is scheduled for 6 p.m., Sept. 23, in the gallery. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/VPC.

Sept. 25

Movie on the Mounds, 5:30-9 p.m., Outside on the Mounds

Families are invited to watch Disney Pixar's *Inside Out* at the annual Movie on the Mounds event held on Triton's campus. The free event will have popcorn, a raffle and \$1 hot dogs. The movie will begin at sunset. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the Robert M. Collins Center. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3572.

Sept. 26

Fall Family Fun Fest, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Botanical Gardens

Prepare for non-stop fun at Triton College's Annual Fall Family Fun Fest, where families can enjoy new games, activities, exhibits and fall favorites, such as the ever-popular pumpkin patch and straw maze, in Triton's Botanical Gardens. Food and beverages will be sold by Triton's Hospitality Program. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3867, or visit www.triton.edu/fallfest.

Sept. 29

Health and Sciences Facility Grand Opening, 10 a.m., H Building

Join Triton College for the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of its new health and sciences facility in the newly renovated H Building! Come take a look at this cutting-edge facility that will house some of the college's health careers and sciences programs, and see the state-of-the-art technology and simulation equipment that will prepare Triton's students for tomorrow's workforce. If unable to attend the 10 a.m. grand opening, you are welcome to attend the open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m. that day. Please RSVP by Sept. 15 by calling (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3607, or emailing bradyniemiec@triton.edu.

Oct. 7

Campus Visit Day, 6-7:30 p.m., Student Center (B Building)

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Oct. 14

Triton College Faculty Artist Series, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center

Two of Triton College's music faculty members, soprano Ingrid Israel Mikolajczyk will be performing songs by Czech composer Vítzlava Kaprálová and pianist David Flippo will be performing jazz compositions and arrangements for piano. Meet the artists in a reception in the lobby following the concert. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music.

Oct. 18 through Nov. 20

Berwyn Art League, Fine Arts Gallery, Room J-107 (J Building)

The Berwyn Art League returns to Triton College's Fine Arts Gallery. Artwork from members of the Berwyn Art League will include a diverse body of great accomplishments. A public reception is scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 20, in the gallery. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/VPC.

Oct. 19

Triton College Automotive Technology Program Open House, 7 p.m., Room T-154 of the Industrial Careers Building (T Building)

Triton College's Automotive Technology Program will hold an open house for current and prospective students interested in pursuing a degree or certificate in Triton's Automotive Technology Program. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3456, or visit www.triton.edu/auto.

Oct. 23

Triton College Community Band, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center of the Robert M. Collins Center

In its first concert of the season, the Triton College Community Band will perform an eclectic variety of original compositions and arrangements for concert band and wind ensemble, led by Triton faculty Josh Hernday. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3506, or visit www.triton.edu/Music.



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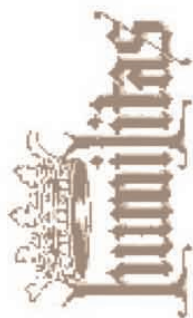
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Willis-backed Bill to Help Reunite Owners with Lost Pets Becomes Law

Animal shelters and intake facilities are now required to scan microchips in newly acquired strays in order to quickly reunite the pets with their owners under a new law that was supported by state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison.

“This bill is a way to make sure that shelters are utilizing the best technology for identifying stray animals to quickly return them to their families,” said Willis. “As a pet owner myself, it gives me some peace of mind to know that this new law will provide help for families looking for a lost pet.”

Prior to the new law, shelters and intake facilities were under no obligation to scan the animal for microchips to identify the lost pet. Further, facilities were not required to scan the pet even before transferring the animal to another facility, no matter how far the distance. The new law will require such scans to take place in order to quickly identify the animal and to notify the family that the pet has been located. Advocates for the new law say it will help to control the populations of animals in shelters and to quickly reunite the pets with their families.

“The men and women who dedicate their time to volunteering at animal shelters are not only doing a great service to the animals, but also to the worried families who may be searching for the lost animal,” said Willis. “This law will help

to make sure we have uniform standards throughout the state to quickly reunite owners with their pets.”



Willis Bill to Protect First Responders Becomes Law

Those who assault first responders in Illinois will be subject to tougher sentences under a new law backed by state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison.

“The last thing a paramedic or firefighter should have to worry about when arriving at a scene is being physically attacked by a criminal,” said Willis.

“Unfortunately, we’ve found that such attacks have been a growing problem in Illinois so we decided to take action.”

Willis voted to institute a new law, which upgrades the penalty for assaulting a firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT) from a misdemeanor crime to a Class 4 felony. Prior to the law, assaulting an EMT could result in a prison sentence of no more than one year. Under the new law backed by Willis, such offenses could result in up to three years of imprisonment. Proponents of this measure include the Illinois Fire Chief EMS Committee, the Illinois AFL-CIO, AFSCME Council 31 and the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois.

“This law is a common-sense step to provide greater protection to our men and women who put their lives in danger to serve us,” said Willis. “These individuals lay their lives on the line every day for us and we need to do what we can to make sure they’re protected while on the job and criminals who harm them are brought to justice.”

Willis Backs Launch of E-Learning Pilot Program for Public Schools

Under a new law sponsored by state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, students participating in a new pilot program will be able to log-in to their classrooms from home utilizing new technologies to cut down on the amount of time lost in the classroom due to weather-related school closings.

“This law will bring our education system in alignment with current technologies,” said Willis. “This program will help us to develop better strategies to maximize the learning experience of our students, inside the classroom and out.”

The legislation, cosponsored by Willis and recently signed into law by the governor, calls for at least three school districts to pilot ways to provide instruction electronically on days schools would close for emergency days. Each e-learning day a district would use – up to five days – would count toward the required number of attendance days so schools would not have to make up the lost days at the end of the school year. Lessons from the three-year pilot would help legislators draft a statewide e-learning plan that eventually could eliminate the need for snow days and give all students the same advantage when it comes to tests administered in May.

“Every moment a student loses in the classroom is a moment they are not going to get back,” said Willis. “Our mission is to make sure students are learning in the best way possible and this pilot program is the first step in reaching that goal.”

Willis Rejects Legislative Pay Hike

As the budget standoff continues in Springfield, state Rep. Kathleen Willis – D-Addison, renewed her push to eliminate the cost of living increases scheduled to go into effect this year for legislators and state constitutional officers.

“As I go door-to-door in my district, families continue to voice their concerns about the economy and how it is becoming more difficult for them to make ends meet,” said Willis. “As their representative, I think it’s irresponsible for legislators to be receiving a pay raise while so many constituents are struggling.”

In May, Willis voted for a plan that included a freeze to salaries for legislators. Republicans in both the House and the Senate opposed the plan and voted against the measure. When the bill passed without Republican support, Gov. Rauner vetoed it, ensuring the pay raise would go into effect. Willis voted for a bill to reject the cost of living increase outright.

“The number one issue facing our state is the budget deficit,” said Willis. “We need to take sensible steps to closing the budget deficit and letting a pay raise go into effect for state lawmakers is not a responsible thing to do.”

Willis Warns Homeowners to be on Alert for Storm-related Home Repair Scams

As the storm season rolls along, state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, is warning local residents to be on alert for home repair con artists targeting suburban Cook County and DuPage homeowners and local businesses who may need repairs due to storm-related damage.

“July was a month that has broken records for rainfall and we’ve seen our share of strong storms in the past few weeks,” said Willis. “It’s a shame because we’ve seen reports of individuals who will attempt to scam and profit from the damage left in the wake of storms.”

Willis urged residents to reach out if they would like to report suspicious activity on behalf of a contractor and also directed residents to these tips provided by the Attorney General’s Consumer Fraud Division:

- Be wary of contractors who go door to door to offer repair services.
- Ask for recommendations from people you know and trust.
- Whenever possible, use established local contractors.
- Get all of the terms of a contract in writing and obtain a copy of the signed contract.
- Never make full payment until all the work has been completed to your satisfaction.
- Never pay in cash.
- Be aware that you have the right to cancel a contract within three business days if you signed it based on the contractor’s visit to your home.
- In the case of disaster repair, you have an additional right to cancel. If your insurance carrier denies coverage, you have the right to cancel the contract within five days of when your insurance carrier denies your coverage.
- Ask to see required state and local permits and licenses. Insurance adjusters and roofers must be licensed by state agencies. If the contractor does not have a required license, or if the name on the license doesn’t match the name on the contractor’s business card or truck, that should raise a red flag.

“If you think you might have been targeted by a con artist, please call the Attorney General’s Consumer Fraud Hotline at (800) 386-5438,” said Willis.

Willis-backed Law Seeks to Better Train Child Abuse Investigators

A bill backed by state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, to require the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to overhaul their training methods for investigators tasked with looking into possible cases of child abuse was signed into law recently.

“This new law will help to provide investigators working for DCFS with new training that will better equip them to identify cases of child abuse and to help keep kids out of harm’s way,” said Willis. “This law is long overdue and will help to save lives of some of our state’s most defenseless individuals.”

As part of the new training guidelines, investigators will receive specialized instruction focused on recognizing and responding to cases of child abuse or neglect, cultural competency training and hands-on training including the use of mock facilities such as houses and courtrooms. Advocates for the new law state current training for DCFS investigators focuses too much on classroom work and discussions, leaving the individuals lacking in field-work experience or training. Willis said this law will help to fix that problem and ensure investigators have the skills needed for the job.

“Recent events have shown that the state is not doing all it can to protect children who are part of the DCFS system,” said Willis. “It is our responsibility to make sure these children are safe and this law is one piece of that overall mission.”

Kathleen Willis is serving her second term in the Illinois General Assembly as state representative of the 77th District, which includes O’Hare Airport and portions of Addison, Bellwood, Bensenville, Franklin Park, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, Stone Park and Wood Dale.

Interview Opportunity – Weight-loss Patients and Psychologist The Skinny on Summer Weight Loss from a Loyola Psychologist

Don't Skip Meals, Plan in Advance of Social Gatherings and Other Summer Strategies

Summertime. Corn on the cob dripping with butter. Hot dogs and cheeseburgers hot off the barbecue grill. The telltale music signaling the ice cream man. Craft beer and fruity cocktails. Indulgent vacations. With an increase in gatherings with friends and family and special seasonal foods, is it possible to maintain or even lose weight in the summertime?

“It is absolutely possible to enjoy the summer and not get carried away by the many high-calorie, tempting treats,” says Allison Grupski, PhD, psychologist at the Loyola Center for Metabolic Surgery & Bariatric Health. “Taking time to prepare and be mindful of your choices is key. Summer is a terrific time to enjoy fresh fruits, grill vegetables, lean meat or fish and enjoy active time outdoors.” Dr. Grupski regularly counsels weight-loss patients at Loyola and is certified in bariatrics, or weight-loss medicine.

Here are tips from Dr. Grupski on how you can experience summer at its best without racking up extra inches.

Attending Parties and Gatherings

Be prepared. Avoid skipping breakfast or lunch to “save up” for special appetizers, drinks and dessert. If you arrive to a party famished, you are likely to eat more. You also may choose foods that are higher in calories than you would have had you shown up with your appetite under control. Eat a low-fat snack that contains protein before the dining occasion to curb your appetite and your impulses.

Plan ahead. Before you arrive at the event, decide what types of food you will eat and what foods you will avoid. Once you are at the party, take a visual inventory of the food options to see what fits into your plan before you begin to serve yourself. And bring a fresh fruit or veggie dish to share.

Wait for the crowd. There is often a mad rush to the table or buffet line once food is served; many people experience a mild increase in anxiety at this time. Consider talking with other guests and waiting to serve yourself. This will allow you to take your time and approach choosing your food in a relaxed way.

Control your environment. After you have finished your planned meal and feel satisfied, use some of the following strategies to prevent continued eating: 1) discard your plate and utensils or cover them with a napkin if you are seated at a table; 2) engage in conversation in a location away from the food; 3) offer to help clean up; 4) play with any children present or invite another guest to take a quick walk outside; or 5) help yourself to a beverage as a signal that you are finished eating (e.g., flavored water, unsweetened iced tea, a cup of coffee/tea).

When You are the Chef

Avoid nibbling. Be mindful of the tendency to sample while you cook. Eating planned meals through the day (e.g., breakfast and lunch) can help prevent mindless snacking when you are cooking.

Plan healthy options. Grilled skinless chicken breasts or fish, steamed fresh vegetables, crisp salads and sliced fresh fruit all are popular summer foods that are lower in calories and high in nutrition.

Dealing with leftovers. Purchase cheap plastic containers that your guests can fill with leftovers to take home. Freeze any remaining food to reduce the tendency to snack mindlessly. If you have leftovers that are especially tempting to you (i.e., food that leads you to feel loss of control), bring them to work, to a neighbor or consider throwing them away.

General Troubleshooting

Beware of liquid calories. To many, a cold beer, chilled glass of wine or icy soda says summer. These drinks are high in calories, go down very easily, and don't do much to satiate hunger or provide nutrition.

Plan alternative coping strategies. Write down a list of active things you can do when you feel bored, frustrated, lonely, depressed or any way that leads to craving certain foods. Examples include taking a walk, riding your bike, gardening or sitting on the deck and reading a book or enjoying music. Keep the list taped to your refrigerator.

Be realistic. Trying to lose weight while on vacation or at a summer family reunion can be a self-defeating goal, leading to frustration and negative emotions (which often leads to overeating). Instead strive to maintain your weight.

Enjoy yourself. Forget the all-or-nothing mindset. If you try to completely avoid your favorite summer foods, you might end up thinking about them more and ultimately overeating. Instead, plan to have your favorite treats at a time when you are not overly hungry. Choose a reasonable portion and take your time enjoying each bite.

The Loyola Center for Metabolic Surgery & Bariatric Care is designated a Level 1 facility under the Bariatric Surgery Center Network (BSCN) Accreditation Program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). To achieve this accreditation, Loyola had to meet a number of rigorous institutional performance measures.

Since opening on July 10, 2012, at Loyola's Melrose Park campus, a multidisciplinary team of bariatric-certified professionals, including surgeons, psychologists, dietitians, exercise physiologists and physicians has cared for hundreds of morbidly obese men, women and children.

Loyola offers surgical and non-surgical medical weight-loss programs. Surgical procedures offered by Loyola include laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy.

Free information sessions and more can be found at www.loyolamedicine.org/weight-loss-bariatrics or by calling (800) 355-0416.

On The Move: Avoid Travel-related Blood Clots

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Every year, more people travel long distances. Whether by air, train, bus or car, sitting for extended periods can increase the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVTs) or blood clots. These clots can form in the deep leg veins. Sitting immobile in a confined or cramped position for too many hours is a major reason these can form. While clots like this may dissolve spontaneously, causing little problem, often they do not. Besides causing pain, they can sometimes break loose and travel to the lungs causing a blockage known as pulmonary embolism. This is a serious complication and can be life-threatening, without immediate medical intervention.

The risk of developing a travel-related blood clot is generally small, unless you have other related risk factors. Some of these are being over 40 years old, being overweight, smoking, taking female hormones, including birth control pills, being pregnant, having had surgery within three months of travel, having varicose veins or having had previous blood clots. The combination of long distance travel with one or more of these risk factors increases the risk for blood clots.

So how can a person be best protected? First, talk to your doctor if you are planning a long trip and think you might be at risk. Make important lifestyle changes now, that also affect your general health. These are maintaining a healthy weight with diet and exercise, controlling high blood pressure and not smoking. When traveling, do not sit immobile for more than one hour. Try to stop the car and walk around for a few minutes or if unable to do that, move your feet and legs frequently. If possible, say when flying, extend your legs and pull your knees to your chest, rotate your ankles, and flex and extend your feet as often as you can. Your doctor may recommend wearing compression stockings during travel times. Also, limit caffeine and alcohol, and stick with water to avoid dehydration.

A travel-related blood clot usually occurs in the leg but it may also form in other places, like the arm. Symptoms may include swelling, pain and tenderness in the area, and skin that is red or warm to the touch. If you have any of these symptoms, see a doctor as soon as possible.

Blood clots are serious. Knowing how to avoid them and recognize them is a challenge and a responsibility for every traveler.

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Obituaries

Acey

Irene Acey, nee Ciemiega. Beloved wife of Alfred Acey; loving mother of Ken (Evan) and Karen (Ray) Medina; fond grandmother of Jessica, Cidney, Kenny and Gerard; dear sister of the late Edward (the late Virginia) Ciemiega and Sister M. Anisia; fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Cemetery.

Ayala

Luis Ayala, age 28, passed away July 2, 2015. Beloved son of David and Lucia Ayala; devoted father of Julian, Ayden and Dalila; cherished brother of Daniel and Yesenia; loving nephew of many aunts and uncles; also survived by many cousins and friends. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Castro

Eduardo Castro, age 49, of Melrose Park, passed away July 15, 2015. Beloved son of Aurelia and the late Dionicio; loving husband of Romelia; dear father of Veronica Castro and Eduardo Castro Jr.; cherished grandfather of Daniella Ayala; fond brother of Jose (Carmen) Castro, Salud (Nicolas) Belmonte, Adelina Castro, Luz Maria (Tito) Nava, Maria Sanchez, Mario (Mary) Castro, Juan Carlos (Guadalupe) Castro and Alex (Carlos) Perez; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Mass and burial were held in Dr. Miguel Silva, Michoacan, Mexico.

Castronova

Frank P. Castronova Sr. Dearly beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee Lechman); loving father of Frank Jr. (Marylynn), Pat (Tony) Serpico and Marie (Michael) Garnhart; cherished grandfather of six; cherished great grandfather of 10; dear brother of seven; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery Christ the King Mausoleum.

Cosentino

Ubaldo "Cos" Cosentino. Dearly beloved husband of Giovanna (nee Scoleri); loving father of Laura and Angela Cosentino; dear brother of Anna, Lidia, Ivana and the late Giuliano; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment private.

Cruciotti

Louis Cruciotti, age 88, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 13. Beloved husband of Genevieve (nee Taddeo) for a loving 63 years; devoted father of Linda (James) Norini, Patti (Mark) Melone and Vicki (Dan) Baker; loving son of the late Philip and the late Luisa (nee Pulcini) Cruciotti; fond grandfather of Anthony Norini, Danielle (Anthony) Nigro, Michelle (Sean Broderick) Norini, Tricia (Dee Ann Quinones) Melone, Genevieve (Enzo) Mininni, Gianna (Drew) Kellogg, Louis, Daniel and Michael Baker and Courtenay (Shawn) Bach; dear great-grandfather to Enzo, Michael, Milana, Drew and Dominic, Kaitlyn and Christina; dear brother of Mary (the late Tom) Custardo, Adeline Campari, the late Anthony (the late Sandra), the late Rudy (the late Toni), the late Angeline (the late Tom) Milazzo and the late Augie; dear uncle and great-uncle to many. Arrangements by Russo's Hillside Chapels. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum.

DeStefano

Virginia M. DeStefano, nee Groell. Dearly beloved wife of Vincent "Giggi" DeStefano; loving mother of Robert, Kathy (Jim), Lynn (Joe), Vince (Donna), John (Christine), Jay (Claudia) and Barb (Joe) Cappello; fond grandmother of 14; fond great-grandmother of 10; loving sister, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Member of The Rose Lodge.

Freier

Tiffany Freier, age 29, passed away July 27, 2015. Beloved daughter of Deborah Thomas and James (Victoria) Freier; dear sister of Ashley Nicole Pickman, Danielle (Adam) Zapfel, Paul Freier and Thomas Freier; cherished granddaughter

of Ronald (Elaine) Matula and Paul Freier, and the late Lorraine Freier; loving aunt of Zack, Brad, Wes and Penelope; special friend of Dean Cihak. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Galindo

Juan A. Galindo, veteran of Vietnam War. Former husband of the late Juanita; loving father of Ronnie (Brandi), Kenny (Shannon) and Danny (Tiffany) Galindo; cherished grandfather of seven; dear brother, uncle and friend of many. Special thanks to Seasons Hospice. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment with military honors at Dallas/ Ft. Worth National Cemetery.

Galvin

William R. Galvin, Marine veteran of Vietnam War. Dearly Beloved Husband of Maria (nee Lucca); cherished father of Christina and Nicole; loving son-in-law of Teresa Lucca; dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many; faithful companion of Lexi. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Private.

Giles

Marvin W. Giles, retired sgt. for Melrose Park Police Department for 26 years. Dearly beloved father of Dawn (Rick) Schuenemann, Lorie Virola and Julie Cesarini; cherished grandfather of six; husband to Sharon Giles (nee Salvo); dear brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Member of Melrose Park FOP and Maywood Sportsmen Club.

Gora

Ersilia Gora. Beloved wife of the late Norbert; loving mother of Stan and Norbie; dear sister of Mariano, Vittorio, Connie, Peter, Anna Marie, Ada and Liliana; fond aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Haraf

Elizabeth M. Haraf, age 54, of Melrose Park, passed away peacefully July 30, 2015. Beloved daughter of Rosalie Gallo and Robert Ortiz; dear mother of Michael Anthony (Elaine) Haraf, Michelle Ann (Luis) Sulenski and Gianna Elizabeth Basile; loving grandmother of Antoinette, Mila and Gemma; fond sister of Joe O., Rob, Mark, Angie, Pino, Joe G., Julia and Kayla. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Hernandez

Juan Pablo Hernandez. Dearly beloved father of Alexa; beloved son of Maria (nee Badillo) (Javier Moya) and Paulin Hernandez; dear brother of Arturo Moya and Teresa Hernandez; fond nephew, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

Knox

Robert D. Knox. Dearly beloved son of Denise (nee Ippolito), and the late Robert D. Knox; loving brother of Deanna (fiancee' Marcin Markiewicz); dear grandson of Carmen Ippolito; cherished boyfriend of Nicole Zucchero; fond nephew, cousin and friend of Many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Languth

Mary Languth, age 93, of Melrose Park, passed away July 18, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Arthur; dear mother of Drucilla (David) Tanton. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Glen Oak Cemetery.

LaRocco

Angelo LaRocco, lifelong resident of Melrose Park, passed away June 22, 2015. Beloved son of the late Jack and Jennie LaRocco; fond brother of Rosalie Jaap of Melrose Park. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Graveside services held at Sacred Heart Chapel, Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Nargie

Joseph Nargie, formerly of Melrose Park, passed away June 8, 2015, in Simi Valley, Calif. Dear uncle of Riccardo Nargie of Arizona; cherished great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Palella

Michele "Mike" Palella. Dearly beloved husband of Anna (nee Lollino); loving father of Maria (Jeffrey) Laskowski, Michelangelo and Theresa (Nick) Caracci; cherished nonno of Amanda, Nicholas Jr., Alyssa, Alexis, Jenna, Deanna and Daniella; dear brother of Angela De Benedictis, Maria D'Amore, Vito Antonio Palella and Anna D'Addabbo; fond brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum.

Pilati

Concetta N. Pilati, nee Maratto. Beloved soulmate of Mario Rivosecchi; adored mother of Nancy Clark, Edie Scurto, Leo, Dominic, Ron and Frank; loving nana of Concetta and Elizabeth Scurto, Domenucci and Luciana Pilati, and Jacob Pilati; dear sister of Frank Maratto and the late Mike Maratto; much-loved aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Ramirez

Jeronimo Ramirez, age 77, passed away July 10, 2015. Beloved husband of Patrocinio; dear father of Maricela (Enrique) Guzman, Carlos Ramirez, Jorge (Delia) Ramirez, Aida (Tony) Rosario, Sergio (Rosy) Ramirez, Norma (Raymond) Hernandez and Hector (Marisol) Ramirez; loving grandfather of 21 and great-grandfather of 12; fond brother of Antonio, Socorro, Horacio, Guadalupe and Laco Ramirez. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Par Cemetery.

Ravelo

Mateo Ravelo, age 81, of Melrose Park, passed away on July 11, 2015. Beloved husband of Digna Ravelo; loving father of Ivis (Pablo) Montero; cherished grandfather of Jennifer (Joseph) Carbone, Alexander Montero, Eric Montero and Sandra Montero; great-grandfather of Nicholas and Christopher. Arrangements by Bormann Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Salgado

Juan Salgado. Dearly beloved husband of Estela; loving father of Juan Pablo, Marisol and Elizabeth; dear brother, uncle and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery.

Soberal

Frances I. Soberal, nee Orozco. Dearly beloved wife of the late Victor; loving mother of Veronica (David) Soberal; beloved daughter of the late Joe and the late Ernestina Orozco; fond grandmother of David, Jayden, Mya and Victor; great-grandmother of Alisa; dear sister of Dionisia (Late Lionel), Ernestina (Alicia), Jose (Esther), Isabel (John) and Jessie (John); fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

Spratt

Josephine Spratt, nee Annoreno. Dearly beloved wife of Lyle Spratt for 59 wonderful years; loving mother of Debbie (Robert) Muir and James; cherished grandmother of Daniel, Stephanie and Robert; dear sister of the late Rose Wagener, the late Mary (the late Fred) Vitale, the late Nina (the late Robert) Sumoracki, the late Laura Annoreno and the late Vince (Henrietta), Catherine (the late Paul) Cokinis and Joseph (Anita) Annoreno. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Private entombment Assumption Cemetery.

Valdez

Guadalupe Valdez, nee Rubio. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Walsdorf

Josephine M. Walsdorf, nee Schmid. Beloved wife of the late Gerald; loving mother of Mary Jo, Michael (Ellen), Resa (Louis) Alb, Gretchen (Michael) Cluff and Raymond (Nancy) Walsdorf; cherished grandmother of Mick, Leigh, Brian, Emily, Peter, Ben, Ellen, Jeff and Caity; great-grandmother of seven; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Arrangements by Carbonara Funeral Home.

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