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# Village View

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## B-MAC EDITION

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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

### St. Mary Magdalene in Blue Island

The newly formed parish, St. Mary Magdalene, consists of the former St. Benedict Parish, the former St. Walter Parish and the former St. Peter Claver Mission. Each one of these locations hosted a celebratory Mass to thank their parishioners before the new name of the parish was implemented. Upcoming is the Women's Club Bake sale on Oct. 23, & 24. All are welcome for homemade

pies and baked goods. The schools formerly called St. Benedict and St. Walter have united to become one school with two campuses. This newly formed St. Walter-St. Benedict School is thriving! Many classes have reached enrollment capacity! The school principal, Dr. Emily Hanlon, would like to welcome any interested families to inquire, as a few spots are available. Call the school at

708-385-2016 (Blue Island Campus) or 773-445-8850 (Chicago Campus) for more information.

The St. Mary Magdalene Parish, led by Monsignor Dennis Lyle, consists of three unique and diverse communities whose unification will no doubt begin an era of prosperity for the newly formed parish creating a lasting legacy for the future.



Village of Alsip Heritage Apartments

### Changes in Library Staff



Come and visit us and you'll see new faces in every department: Adult, Youth and Patron Services at the Alsip-Merriquette Park Public Library at 11960 S. Pulaski, Alsip, IL 60803.

One staffing change was due to the retirement of Adult Services Librarian Cynthia Blietz after 39 years of service.

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*Pictured here are Library Trustees Les Engelbrecht, Board President Mary McKendree Poremba, Secretary Mary Jane Schneider, Cynthia Blietz, Trustee Judy Buerger, and Treasurer Jerry Dujsik.*

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Designed to prevent and relieve housing instability for suburban Cook County renters and landlords who have experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ERA 2 can help with up to 18 months of rental assistance. The program will cover past and current utility expenses,

### Alsip welcomes HRE Property Management Services

by Jan Glaz

Village of Alsip Mayor, John Ryan, and the Board of Trustees bid a fond farewell to Zeiler Management Services. Zeiler Management is retiring after 33 years of managing Alsip's village owned properties, Heritage Apartments. On October 5th the Village welcomed HRE Real Estate Services as their new property managers for the village-owned Heritage apartment complexes. HRE began work as of Friday, October 1, 2021. HRE Real Estate Services opened in 2009 and pro-

vides clients with full service for commercial real estate including leasing, tenant representation and tenant construction management services.

Alsip Heritage I and Heritage II apartment complexes, 3715 W. 123rd Place, are senior apartments for adults 55 years and older. The property features lush landscaping in a quiet, peaceful environment. The apartments are spacious and up to date. The community is professionally managed with an excellent maintenance staff. For more information please call 708-

597-3333 or visit: [www.apartments.com/heritage](http://www.apartments.com/heritage).

In other news: The Alsip Police Department, 4500 W. 123rd Street, has requested that residents sign up for "Smart911". First responders will be aware of important information you have provided that will help in an emergency. Your information will be available to Police, Fire, and Emergency Management Services. Additional information about "Smart911" is available at: [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) or phone the Alsip Police Department at: 708-385-6902.

or other related housing expenses including relocation costs, security deposits, processing fees, and temporary housing solutions. In addition, under ERA 2, public housing residents and families with Housing Choice Vouchers are eligible to apply for assistance with their portion of rent.

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ligation to pay rent, utilities, and/or other housing-related expenses and have a household annual income at or below established requirements (ranging from \$52,200 for single-person households up to \$98,450 for eight-person households). Additionally, applicants must have proof of financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic such as losing income, working fewer hours, being furloughed, needing to stay home because of risk of in-

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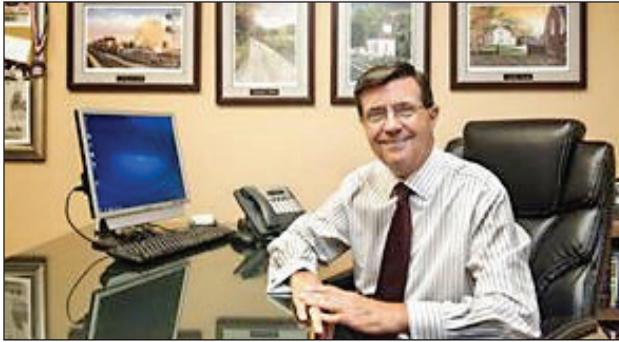
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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

## Mayor's Welcome

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the Rock Island line to



Generally speaking, a community's quality of life is determined by the sum of its "parts". Ease of transportation, quality of schools, recreational opportunities and local government services are all important factors when determining your family's home. The Village of Mokena, nestled in the northeast corner of Will County, is ideally situated between Interstate 80 and U.S. Route 30. Our residents enjoy convenient transportation to interstate highways, rail service and two major airports. Interstate 80, which runs along the northern border of Mokena provides easy access to I-355, I-55, I-57 and I-294. Daily, over 100,000 motorists pass through the I-80/Rt. 45 interchange with another 35,000 traveling through the 191st/LaGrange Road intersection. In addition, Mokena is home to both the Hickory Creek and Front Street Me-

downtown Chicago's LaSalle Street Station. Approximately 1,000 people use these facilities daily to travel to and from the Chicago loop for work and play.

Whether it's public or private, grammar or high school, Mokena students receive an excellent education from top-notch schools. Mokena #159, Frankfort #157C, New Lenox #122 and Summit Hill #161 are all within Mokena's boundaries. These schools consistently meet or exceed State education standards and feed into LincolnWay High School #210. In addition to being ranked in the upper 10% of Illinois schools, LincolnWay High School has been recognized with one of the lowest per-pupil expenditures for all high schools in the six counties of the Chicagoland area.

There is no shortage of recreational opportunities

in Mokena. As a walker, I frequently take advantage of the walking paths throughout our community. No matter what the season, I am in awe of the scenic beauty along the Hickory Creek Preserve and Old Plank Trail and urge you to take advantage of these local gems. Bad weather? Not a problem. The Mokena Park District offers a wide variety of recreational programs including indoor basketball/volleyball courts, walking track, fitness center, exercise rooms, etc. at The Oaks field house. There are plenty of opportunities for organized team sports, Burros Football, Jr. Griffins Football, Mokena Baseball/Softball Association to name a few. There are also a multitude of civic and charitable organizations that would welcome new members.

The Village of Mokena employees take great pride in offering our residents great customer service and user-friendly programs, such as the prescription drug drop off location. Our employees are knowledgeable, experienced, friendly and helpful. I encourage you to contact the Village Hall at any time with your questions or concerns.

**Frank A. Fleischer**  
Village President

## Tinley Park appoints Patrick Carr Village Manager



Left to right: Former Tinley Park President, Ed Zabrocki; Former Tinley Park President, Dave Seaman; Tinley Park Village Manager, Patrick Carr; Former Tinley Park Village Manager, David Niemeyer; Tinley Park Village Clerk, Kristin Thirion; Tinley Park President, Michael Glotz

by Jan Glaz

At a recent Village of Tinley Park Board Meeting trustees appointed Assistant Village Manager, Patrick Carr, to the position of Village Manager. Carr replaces retired Village Manager, David Niemeyer, appointed as Village Manager back in June of 2014. Tinley Park Mayor, Michael Glotz, commented prior to the appointment, "Patrick Carr is one of the most honorable people I have ever met."

Patrick Carr served the Village nearly 16 years as Director of Emergency Management and 911

Communications. He was promoted to Assistant Village Manager in 2017. He has a long list of accomplishments as a dedicated public servant and has been a resident of Tinley Park for over 23 years.

In attendance at the board meeting were former Tinley Park President's Dave Seaman and Edward Zabrocki. Both offered remembrances of their years working Patrick Carr. President Ed Zabrocki announced, "One thing that I would say about Patrick Carr, he'll tell you, not what you want to hear, but what you should hear and that's

the mark of a very good Village Manager".

Mark your calendar: Trustees approved a request from the Illinois Arborist Association, website, [illinoisarborist.org](http://illinoisarborist.org), to conduct a raffle on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. The society fosters interest, establishes standards, exchanges professional ideas and pursues scientific research in the field of Arboriculture. The total retail value of all prizes is a maximum of \$1,000.00. The maximum price per ticket is \$2.00.

## Sharon Dangles Named New Finance Director

Your Mokena Village Board has approved the appointment of Sharon Dangles to the position of Finance Director. Ms. Dangles, a Lincoln-Way area resident with over 15 years of municipal finance experience, will fill the vacancy created when career Village of Mokena employee and long-time Finance Director Barb Damron retires in early

January, 2022.

Ms. Dangles was selected for the post from a pool of 75 applicants following a thorough review of candidate qualifications and three rounds of personal interviews.

Holder of a B.A. in Accounting from Governors State University, Ms. Dangles' professional resume includes tenures with the Village of Oak Brook

and (most recently) the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

Ms. Dangles is scheduled to start employment with the Village November 8, thus allowing her to work for two months alongside Ms. Damron, easing transition challenges and allowing for knowledge transfer prior to Ms. Damron's departure.

## Scholarships Awarded to Moraine Valley Students

The Moraine Valley Foundation awarded more than 300 scholarships to local students attending Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills during the 2021-22 academic year. A list of scholarship recipients, organized by town, can be found on the news page on the college's website.

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possible year, with students facing more challenges than ever. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Foundation has been able to support these deserving students through scholarships that allow them to continue their education," said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation. "We are proud to

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## SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Palos Heights



Hohmann & Barnard, Inc., 9999 Virginia Avenue, Chicago Ridge, IL

## Chicago Ridge supports Hohmann & Barnard tax reduction

by Jan Glaz

A Resolution met with approval by the Village of Chicago Ridge to support a request from Hohmann & Barnard, Inc., 9999 Virginia Avenue, Chicago Ridge, IL to provide support for renewal of a Cook County Class 6b Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification. The adopted resolution will be presented to the Cook County Board for recommendation. Properties receiving the Class 6b are assessed at 10% of market value for the first 10 years, 15% in the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year, a substantial savings.

In the absence of this incentive, industrial property would be assessed at 25%

of its real estate market value. Upon reaching the 13th year a renewal application may be filed with the Office of the Assessor along with a fee of \$500.00 and a certified copy of an ordinance or resolution approved by the municipality in which the real estate is located, stating that it supports and consents to the renewal.

Hohmann & Barnard, Inc., founded in 1933, is known worldwide for quality fabrication and innovative design serving commercial and institutional markets, as well as, residential markets, as the leading developer and distributor of reinforcement, anchoring, and air barrier systems for masonry. Residential

products include residential building envelope systems: roofing, waterproofing, termite protection and air barrier systems. For further information please visit [www.h-b.com](http://www.h-b.com).

Trustees voted to approve a request for attendance at the Fire & Police Commissioners Association Seminar, for commissioners Kucharskii, Fernandez & Albright at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.00 and an Integrity Sign proposal for the Village Hall front sign repair in an amount of \$2,760.00. The board also granted Chief of Police Robert Pyznarski's recommendation to hire one part-time crossing guard alternate, Amanda Smith.

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## The FINAL Chipper Service is November 1

The Chipper Truck in the Village of Palos Park will start on Monday, November 1 at the WEST side of the Village and will continue east until all the public streets have been serviced. Please do not place branches at the street until the weekend before November 1. Branches should be placed out by 7:00 am on November 1. Once the chipper services your street the chipper will not return

until the Spring of 2022. Please see the complete list of dates and the regulations on Tree Branch Pick Up | Palos Park, IL.

Landscape Companies hired to remove trees or trim bushes should also remove the cut branches. The Chipper Service is for homeowners cutting on their own trees and bushes. There is a size limit for branches a 4 feet x 10 feet pile or 20 minutes of chipping at one address.

Wood Chips Available  
Wood chips are available through the chipping program. Call 708-671-3721 to receive up to two loads (8 yards each) of wood chips during the remaining chipping weeks. When the truck is full you will be called to receive the load of wood chips. Leave your name, address, a phone number where you can be reached, and if you would like one or two loads of chips.

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## Coffee with A Cop

Come hang out with Palos Park PD officers and meet some of our team. The Palos Park Police Department will be hosting another "Coffee with A Cop" at the Plush Horse, located at 12301 S. 86th Ave., from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday

October 20.

Our program highlights the fact that we are all stakeholders in the community, and we need to engage in conversation with each other.

Events the past several years have highlighted the need for communication,

respect, and transparency. We work for the public and want to build on that level of trust that we hope is formed by connecting, one cop and one cup, at a time. Stop by, have a cup of coffee, and let's talk... even if it's just about the weather. It's a start toward open communication, sharing ideas, and developing a partnership.



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## SUBURBAN EDITION

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Burbank, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Justice, Oak Lawn



### EPCHS Opens Athletic Fields With Special Dedication for Mayor Sexton

Evergreen Park Community High School formally opened the renovated athletic fields recently, with a dedication ceremony with special guest, former Mayor Jim Sexton.

As part of the ceremony, Superintendent Tom O'Malley announced that the entrance to the fields

(running south from 99th Street) will be named Honorary Mayor James Sexton Drive as a salute to his remarkable twenty years of service to the Village as Mayor and continued support for the high school.

Mayor Burke offered congratulatory remarks and Mayor Jim humbly thanked

the high school for the honor, and congratulated them for all their achievements in recent years.

The renovated fields are, in themselves, fields of dreams. Families are invited to visit the fields as part of a trick or treating event on Tuesday, October 26 from 4pm to 5:30pm.

### Oak Lawn engages a Push Tax

by Jan Glaz

Village of Oak Lawn Trustee, William Stalker, addressed the board at a recent meeting with news of a presentation he attended referred to as the 'Push Tax'. The tax is called push tax because it's based on the number of times a gambler presses a button on a gaming machine. The tax, a penny a push, is charged only on plays and not charged for buttons pressed on wager amounts, game selections or printing of receipts.

Trustee Stalker reported gaming revenue is split at 34 ½ % for the purveyor, 34% for the gaming operator, 25% for the State of Illinois and 5% for the village, a very limited amount compared to total revenue. "I can understand that the

business operators, restaurants and bars, provide these machines and have to put out the floor space and maintain the area, they certainly deserve thirty-four percent. The push tax is a small tax but it's something the village can do to move forward with a bit more revenue sharing on these devices without hurting anyone," Stalker said, and concluded, "I hope our law firm Peterson, Johnson & Murray, continue to prevail in the next year towards a push tax in the village."

Oak Lawn approved the following items: An Ordinance for a 2-lot re-subdivision with equal side yard and side back variations at 6632 and 6644 W. 91st Place and a garage size length, impervious surface and side yard setback varia-



Village of Oak Lawn Trustee, William Stalker

tion at 5361 W. 90th Street, petitioner, Frank Nielsen.

Mark your calendar: Trustees agreed to approve a request from St. Linus Catholic Church, 10300 Lawler Avenue, (708) 422-2400, for a 'Turkey Trot' to take place on November 6, 2021.

### Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Hosted a 75th Anniversary Celebration

Members and supporters of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce gathered at Stony Creek Golf Course recently to celebrate the 75th Anniversary.

The evening began with the gift of music. Samantha Elliott, new Choir Director at Oak Lawn Community High School and friend Jeremy Kiobassa performed a variety of songs while those in attendance had a chance to reconnect and share stories of the long history of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. The event had a Polynesian Theme with a special appetizer & dessert

menu created specifically for this event.

The night continued with a standing ovation for the Veterans present to thank them for their service. Next, the Chamber Past President and Past Executive Directors who were in attendance were invited up to speak to the audience. They were asked to share a story or lesson learned from their time in office. The following were honored: Julie Miller (2017 - 2020), Don Murphy (2019), Adam Woodworth (2017), Karen Boll (2012), Anne Marie Casey (2004), Laura Shallow (1998), Joan

Buschbach (1996), Brian Anderson (1994), Robert Kuenster (1990), Judy Grant (1981-1985) and Milt Andersen (1977). Milt Andersen and Judy Grant lent the Chamber photos, programs and newspaper clippings of some fun and important events in the Chamber's history including past golf outings, the Farmer's Market, 4th of July parade and the tornado of 1967.

The night concluded with a fabulous performance by The Barefoot Hawaiian Performers ending with a fire dance outside on the Stony Creek green space.



Past Presidents & Executive Directors present at celebration

From left to right: Julie Miller - Past Executive Director, Bob Kuenster - Past President 1990, Anne Marie Casey - Past President 2004, Milt Andersen - Past President 1977, Brian Anderson - Past President 1994, Karen Boll - Past President 2012, Laura Shallow - Past President 1998, Adam Woodworth - Past President 2017, Judy Grant - Past Executive Director and Joan Bushbach - Past President 1996 (not shown)

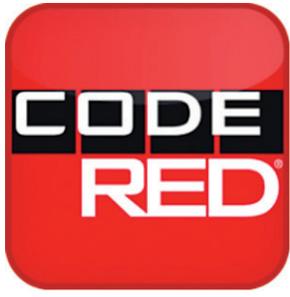
The Chamber would like to thank Stony Creek and the 75th Anniversary planning committee. Additional thanks to Eileen Kerlin Walsh, Joe Cwiklinski,

Jeff Reynolds for their donations. A raffle basket included items donated by Cardinal Liquor Barn, Kenwood Liquors, Country Daisy Florist. Sweets were

donated by Ferrara Candy.

For more information, please call the Chamber office at 708-424-8300 or visit our website: [www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com).

## Sign up for CodeRED



The Village utilizes the CodeRED community notification system to send emergency alerts and critical information to Village

staff, residents and businesses. The system also sends non-emergency information such as road closures and trash collection schedule changes. Notification is customized, allowing residents to choose which alerts they'd like to sign up for and how they would prefer to receive them. Visit [TinleyPark.org/StayInformed](http://TinleyPark.org/StayInformed) for more information or to sign up.

### Ten-digit dialing required beginning Oct. 24

Starting Oct. 24, Illinois residents will be required to dial 10 digits (or 1 plus the 10-digit phone number) when making calls to the 309, 618 and 708 area codes. This will include the South Suburbs residents to dial the 708-area code even if they're trying to reach a number within the same area code.

This change is due to the

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopting an order approving 988 as the three-digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. Callers must continue to dial (800) 273-8255 to reach the Lifeline until then.

Visit the FCC website ([fcc.gov](http://fcc.gov)) for more information.

**We are always looking for great news. Email us at [vnnew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vnnew@sbcglobal.net) or call us at 708-425-1910.**

### Oak Lawn Village View Newspaper Archive

Explore digitized microfilm from the Oak Lawn Village View. Papers range from 1973 to 2013 and are hosted by the Internet Archive. Look at the Oak Lawn Library website at <https://www.olpl.org>.

### Proud member of following 2021 Chambers

Alsip Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.alsipchamber.org">www.alsipchamber.org</a>	The Hills Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.thehillschamber.org">www.thehillschamber.org</a>
Bedford Park-Clearing Industrial Association <a href="http://www.bpcia.org">www.bpcia.org</a>	Justice Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.villageofjustice.org">www.villageofjustice.org</a>
Blue Island Chamber of Commerce & Industry <a href="http://www.blueislandchamber.org">www.blueislandchamber.org</a>	Oak Forest-Crestwood Area Chamber - The OC Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.oc-chamber.org">www.oc-chamber.org</a>
The Burbank Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.burbankchamber.com">www.burbankchamber.com</a>	Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.oaklawnchamber.com">www.oaklawnchamber.com</a>
Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau <a href="http://www.visitchicagosouthland.com">www.visitchicagosouthland.com</a>	Palos Area Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.palosareachamber.org">www.palosareachamber.org</a>
Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.evergreenparkchamber.org">www.evergreenparkchamber.org</a>	Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce <a href="http://www.tinleychamber.org">www.tinleychamber.org</a>
	United Business Association of Midway <a href="http://www.ubam.org">www.ubam.org</a>

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## Hurley to Host Burglary Prevention Seminar

To help residents feel safer in their neighborhoods, state Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, is hosting a Burglary Prevention Seminar on October 25 at 6:30 pm. "It's important that people not only feel safe where they live, but also feel confident in what to do to minimize the chances of becoming a victim of

a crime," said Hurley. "This seminar is a time for people to learn from crime specialists on the best ways to protect their home and families."

The Burglary and Prevention Seminar will take place on Monday, October 25 at 6:30pm at 115 Bourbon Street Restaurant, located at 3359 W. 115th st, Merrionette Park. The seminar is co-hosted with state Senator Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, and will have crime specialists available to give tips on home security and ways to minimize your risk of becoming a victim. Since the event will be held indoors, masks will be required. The event is free and open to the public. "You can never be too prepared for anything," continued Hurley. "I encourage all who are available to come to the seminar and learn from specialists on ways to protect yourself and your family."

## Humanity Forward Statement on Fourth Round of Child Tax Credit Payments

Millions of American parents will receive the fourth monthly installment of child tax credit payments, providing \$250 per child under 18 and \$300 per child under six for eligible families. In response, Liam deClive-Lowe, Executive Director of Humanity Forward, issued the following statement: "As families receive the fourth round of child tax credit payments, with only two payments left under the current program structure, the onus is on members of Congress to extend the program and build on the monumental progress it has already made.

Without question, monthly child tax credit payments have been a critical tool for incentivizing parents to work and contribute to our economy. Our data shows that nearly 94 percent of parents plan to continue working or even work more while receiving the credit. And while encouraging work, these

payments give parents the freedom and flexibility to make the best choices for their family.

The stories we've heard from parents over the last few months demonstrate how these payments have made a dramatic impact in so many families' lives. Some parents have stopped worrying about paying for their weekly grocery trip and paying their rent on time. Others now have the ability to build an emergency savings account for the first time. If this program permanently ends in December, it will be devastating for the progress we have made to grow our workforce, eliminate child poverty, and rebuild our economy. We're working with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to support a common-sense extension to this program, which has already made transformational change in the lives of so many American families."

Dear Cook County Health Friends and Partners,



Cook County Health marked another milestone in our COVID-19 vaccination efforts, with the administration of our 900,000th dose. It is a remarkable achievement for the organization and a credit to the efforts of so many people who have worked very hard to ensure widespread and equitable access to the vaccine.

While I am proud of these efforts, I know that there is more work to be done. More than 60% of suburban Cook County residents have had at least one dose of the vaccine, but we must continue to educate those individuals who have not gotten their shot about the importance and safety of the vaccines, and make it as easy as possible to get vaccinated. As we head into the fall and winter, and as variants continue to emerge, we are at a critical juncture in our fight against COVID-19.

As health care workers, we set the tone and are leading by example, which is why all Cook County Health staff are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This policy will ensure that CCH is doing everything it can to protect our patients,

staff and communities from infection.

The science is clear. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

By setting an example, we hope to build trust in the vaccine for our patients and those in Cook County who remain hesitant. I believe our staff are our best ambassadors of the vaccine. Our providers have been active in Chicagoland media dispelling myths about the vaccine, talking about the importance of vaccinations and sharing their own stories about why they chose to be vaccinated.

Recognizing the important relationship between a patient and their doctor, we have launched the next phase of our vaccine ad campaign, titled "Trust Us", in which CCH physicians express their confidence in the vaccine and ask you to trust them when they say to get vaccinated. Learn more about that in a story below.

Please share the information below with the communities you serve. The last 18 months have been unprecedented and providing the latest information on the COVID-19 virus is critical to ensuring a healthy Cook County. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines or to find a vaccination site, visit [MyShot-CookCounty.com](http://MyShot-CookCounty.com) or call 833-308-1988.

Sincerely,

Israel Rocha, Jr.  
CEO

## Hickory Hills News

### Roberts Road Update

Cook County is appreciative of the motorist patience during this road improvement. Crews are finishing up some minor asphalt areas, landscaping, traffic signals, pavement striping and cleanup. Temporary lane closures might occur during these last few activities. Cook County will sweep the new highway clean. IDOT will soon be finishing up their sidewalk work on 95th Street which includes the intersection of 95th Street and Roberts sidewalks. Both projects have been a major inconvenience to our community, but at least the work will be completed before winter.

Overnight Lane Closures Due to I-294 Improvements Just a heads up that the tollway plans on overnight work with road closures for bridge removal:

- Roberts Rd – east of intersection will be closed overnight Oct 19th, 20th and November 10.
  - 87th Street will be closed overnight Oct. 26th, 27th and November 11
- Message boards are out there, and detour routes will be clearly marked.

# Quality Plus Photo Design Center's Grand ReOpening & Ribbon Cutting

A private grand reopening event will take place on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 5 pm. Mayor Robert Straz will kick off the two-day celebration with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony.

Quality Plus Photo Design Center warmly welcomes the public to the Grand ReOpening, 40th Year Celebration, and Move/Expansion celebratory event on October 23, 2021, Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm at 12244 S Harlem Ave. There will be many raffle prizes, so be sure to come and join us

in wishing Quality Plus Photo Design Center another 40 years of service to the Palos Heights and surrounding communities.

"We are so delighted to be in Palos Heights. Forty years has gone by so fast. Thanks to our loyal customers and growing customer base, we are moving and expanding our business. One of the best decisions we made as a small business located in Palos Heights was to work with Fusion 59 from Trinity Christian College. The students helped us improve our marketing strat-

egy giving us a new vision for our modern young clients. My husband Mike and I along with our tenured staff are excited to offer new, fun and valuable products and services", stated Judi Weber, co-owner of Quality Plus Photo Design Center.

Quality Plus Photo Design Center is a unique, modern photo and gifting center. For 40 years, we have focused on personal customer service, allowing you to imagine and design your very own custom photo gifts, photo books, calendars, greeting

cards along with a large selection of photo prints, canvas, wall art in various sizes and finishes. We also specialize in archiving your slides, negatives, photos (old and older), movies and videos so your memories will never be forgotten.

To learn more about the services Quality Plus Photo Design Center offers visit their website: [www.qualityplusphoto.com](http://www.qualityplusphoto.com) or stop by at the new location located at 12244 S Harlem Ave. Do you have questions about photos, call us at (708) 448-2140?



## Record Collectors Show

The songs, sounds, and moments of the past 60 years are captured on thousands of records that will be at the Orland Park Record Collectors Show, 8800 W. 159th St. on Saturday, November 6th at the Quality Inn at Georgio's Conference Center.

A great place to collect Soundtracks from stage and screen, Rock & Roll, Country, Soul, Rap,

Heavy Metal, Classical, at 40 vendor tables. There will also be an abundance of cassettes, memorabilia, cd's, archival supplies and enjoyment at this all ages event.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an admission of \$3.00 Early Bird hour starts at 8 a.m and has a \$10 admission. For vendor and general info call 773-585-6254.



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Tickets: Adults \$23-28; Seniors (65+) \$18-23  
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## Brownies, Seniors Share Creativity Through SWAP



A Brownie troop # 65143 and a group of residents with dementia recently celebrated their friendship with a pin swapping ceremony at Porter Place. An Anthem Memory Care community at 17833 Harlem Ave., Tinley Park.

Both the girl scouts and the seniors hand crafted the pins to share as small tokens of their friendship. The little gifts, called SWAPS, stand for "Special

Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere" or simply "Shared with a Pal."

"This activity brings back many fond scouting memories for our residents," said Meredith Morris, Porter Place community relations director. "It's a great opportunity for the young people and our seniors to share their creativity and to get to know each other better."

### Join us at Sportsplex

Join us at the Sportsplex for a week of activities designed specifically for those 55 and older. Each day will feature a variety of sample fitness classes, a pickleball tournament, chipping contest, workshops, screenings, and health vendors, along with a light breakfast each morning.

Participate in 5 or more activities and receive a free Active Aging t-shirt.

Free Flu shots will be available on Monday, October 18 from 9am-12pm.

Don't miss out on free pizza, Thursday night, October 21st at 5:30pm.

It's going to be a great week focused on senior citizen interests. Be sure to join the fun!

For those on Medicare, other activities are being offered.

Call 708.403.5000 for more information.

## Adler Planetarium Creates 3D Universal Virtual World for Middle Schoolers

*Across the Globe to "Walk" the Solar System*

Earlier this year, Chicago's historic Adler Planetarium launched its interactive, 3D, virtual world for middle school-aged students across the globe to experience a universe no video chat could ever replicate. Now, the Adler's Virtual Field Trips experience is back for the new school year and ready to transport students to our historic building on Chicago's lake shore where they can digitally "walk among the planets" to truly grasp the size, scale and dimensions of our celestial neighbors. Through the use of individual avatars, students have the opportunity to ask questions, have engaging conversations with each other, and tour the universe like never before with the help of their own personal Adler educator.

Leveraging Adler staff expertise in visualization software and web development, the Adler built its immersive digital experience within the Mozilla Hubs virtual reality (VR) environment. Mozilla Hubs is an education-focused, open-source software. Because the public-facing experience is browser-based, no downloads or software installs are needed. Hubs gives students more agency and control over their learning than a traditional virtual format. It also lets all participants connect with each other in more authentic ways. For example, students talk to each other in a way that is realistic: a voice is louder the closer you are to an avatar and quieter the further away you get. Students engage and interact with the educator to form hypotheses based on their observations, rather than listening to an educator lecture, and they explore based on their interests.

Groups will have the virtual space (and the attention of our educators) all to themselves as they learn and explore together. Adler educators will provide teacher guides for use before and after the experi-

ence to help them make the most of this cosmic classroom getaway.

The Adler's Virtual Field Trips experience fits into a standard class period and is designed to align with middle school space science curriculum. We have enlisted the help of more than 40 pre-K-12 active and retired teachers and administrators to work with the Adler as Teacher Evaluators to provide monthly guidance and feedback on Virtual Field Trips as well as our future in-person education offerings to ensure we are creating experiences to help supplement their classroom work.

For more information about the Adler's Virtual Field Trips program visit: <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/learn/educators/virtual-field-trips/>

## News In Evergreen Park Village

### SIMPLY GIVE

Meijer's Simply Give program is underway! The Simply Give \$10 donation cards can be picked up at the Village Hall (and taken to Meijer for formal purchase). Donations received will benefit our Village Pantry. Donations made on December 11 will be double matched by Meijer.

### EP SENIOR COUNCIL LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 21 • Community Center,  
 3450 W. 97th Street  
 Meeting begins at 11am  
 Special Guest: Frank Murray, EP Library Director  
 Luncheon: Barbecue Beef • Entertainment: Steve and Trisha Lydell  
 (Walgreen's Flu Shot Drive at 10:30am)  
 Luncheon cost is \$10, tickets must be purchased by Mon 10/18  
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### TRUNK AND TREAT

Sunday, October 31. Noon-2pm • First United Methodist Church (parking lot) • 9358 S. Homan Ave.



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# Harvesting Hope Benefitting Christmas Without Cancer

The hugely popular fundraiser Harvesting Hope returns with a new location, live entertainment, exciting raffles, and fun for the entire community. Benefitting the not-for-profit Christmas Without Cancer, Harvesting Hope will take place on Saturday, November 6 from 2 pm through 6 pm at 115 Bourbon Street is located at 3359 West 115th Street in Merrionette Park, Ill.

Harvesting Hope will kick off, with a not-to-be-missed, live music performance by the legendary Liam Durkin Band. Featuring an eclectic mix of music for every taste, The Liam Durkin band will perform favorites songs from country, folk, rock, blues and Irish genres.

For the first time ever, an incredible specialty raffle

featuring a Peloton Bike Family Collection, will be offered. Featuring a Peloton bicycle; two pairs of cycling shoes; weights; a pair of Urbanears Sumpan earbuds; two Peloton X Camelback water bottles; and a pair of heart rate monitors, the Peloton Bike Family Collection is perfect for exercise enthusiasts or those looking to get a jump on their New Year's resolutions. Tickets for the Peloton raffle are \$40 each or three tickets for \$100. Tickets may be purchased at the event, or in advance by messaging the Harvesting Hope Facebook page.

Other featured raffles and activities include:

**Plinko: Come On Down!**  
The most popular game to ever be played on The Price is Right will once again be a crowd-pleaser at Har-

vesting Hope. For \$10 per chance contestants will be given a round flat disc to use on the Plinko Board. Various prizes such as cash, gift certificates, t-shirts, and more will be awarded to lucky winners.

**Punch-A-Bunch:** Another favorite game, Punch-A-Bunch will feature a board where guests can punch through a piece of paper to win a variety of prizes such as cash, gift certificates, koozies, bracelets, lottery scratch offs, and more. Each punch will cost \$10.

**Specialty Liquor Wagon:** Attendees can enter to win a sports wagon filled with a variety of alcoholic beverages for every palate, and several accessories, such as an ice machine and Yeti cups. Tickets are three for \$20.

**Wine Pull:** A favorite from past events, the Wine Pull will offer the opportunity to choose a bottle of wine from a variety of price ranges, many of which will have surprise gift certificates to various businesses. Each wine pull chance will be \$10.

**Specialty item raffles:** Guests will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to be entered to win a variety of exciting items, including an iPad, Air Pods, an overnight stay in Lake Geneva, an air fryer, a bonfire Solo stove, sporting events tickets, Yeti products, and more. Tickets will be available for purchase for three for \$20

**Basket raffles:** An incredible array of baskets filled to the rim with amazing items will be raffled. Many baskets will be showcased, featuring everything from bath and body works to exciting date nights. Tickets for the basket raffles will be six for \$5.

Open to ages 21 and above, admission to Harvesting Hope is \$50 per person, with tickets available for purchase at the door or in advance online at [myevent.com/HarvestingHope2021](http://myevent.com/HarvestingHope2021).

For more information on Harvesting Hope, please visit [www.christmaswithoutcancer.org](http://www.christmaswithoutcancer.org).

# MONSTER MASH

## Halloween Dinner Dance & Party



Our Last Big Event of 2021 is our Monster Mash Halloween Dinner Dance and Costume Party on Saturday October 30th as we soon will be getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Tickets are available and going fast (We sold out both the Sock-Hop and

Motown) so don't wait too long. We will have a great meal of Roast Beef, Meatloaf and Baked Chicken. We will have a Costume Contest raffle baskets and much more. If you have any questions, please contact the VFW # 2791 Post at 708-532-2333.

## Worth Township Hosts 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Event (Drive-Thru)

The Worth Township Youth Commission on Wednesday, October 27, at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Children can dress up and stay in their cars and view all the decorated trunks and will be handed a bag of treats at the end

while supplies last. All are welcome to attend. Masks and Social Distancing Observed.

Trunk or Treat is at Worth Township (back parking lot) • 11601 South Pulaski Road • Alsip, IL

If you would like to par-

ticipate and have a decorated vehicle in this event, or would like to donate to the treat bags or need further information, please contact Sue Sortino at (708) 972-7837 or feel free to email us at [youthcommission@worthtownship.com](mailto:youthcommission@worthtownship.com)

### Halloween Hours Sunday, October 31, 2021

Worth - Halloween Hours from 2-7 p.m.

Oak Forest - Halloween Hours 2-7pm

City of Palos Heights begin on 3:00 PM and end promptly at 7:00 PM.

Tinley Park will be from 2 to 6 p.m.

Trick or Treat hours in Hickory Hills are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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## Holiday Craft and Vendor Show

November 6, 2021 from 9 am - 3 pm, for a 8 x 10 spaces (table included) at \$40 each table. For more information please contact Ginny Franson @ [missgabby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:missgabby@sbcglobal.net) at First United Methodist Church, 9358 South Homan, Evergreen Park, IL

## Join Us For a Turkey Shoot

Who's hungry for victory...and turkey?  
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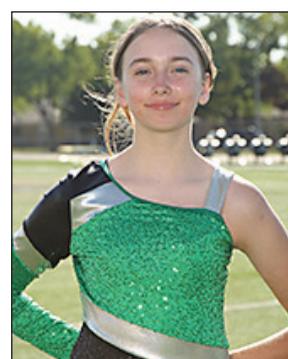
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**Gallian Performs Double Duty for Spartan Halftime Shows**

Written by Brian Frangella, OLCHS Staff Writer

Pushing oneself to learn the moves, count the steps, truly nail a dance routine takes time, effort, and determination. When adding in training and practicing for a marching band halftime routine



**Charlotte Gallian** at the same time, it gets downright challenging. However, sideline dance team member Charlotte Gallian is able to shine in both roles.

"Charlotte is a phenomenal member of the dance team, not only because she is responsible, reliable, and respectful, but also because she successfully performs in multiple half-time shows at every home game by being a member of the band," head coach Ryan Brandt said. "Charlotte keeps a positive attitude towards everything she does and constantly puts in the hard work necessary to achieve challenging dance skills. Way to go, Charlotte."

Look for Gallian in both roles at halftime on Friday, Oct. 22, as the Spartan football team will play its final home game of the 2021 season.



**Hints For Homeowners**

**What To Know About Mold And Mildew**

(NAPS)—If you're like a lot of homeowners, your domicile is in danger from an insidious, invisible growth—mold—and you don't even know it. That's because for many people, mold conjures up images of smelly, green and black growth that can cause serious respiratory issues. It is often found in a home after an intrusive water event, such as a flood or a severe rainstorm. The reality is, just about every home has mold, though it only becomes a concern when there are moist building materials and you begin to notice visible mold growth and can smell it.

**Why To Fight Mold**  
 Mold and water damage can have a negative effect on your and your family's health, as well as on the safety and structure of your home. People with allergies to mold may experience sneezing, runny nose, red eyes, rash and upper respiratory problems.  
 Homes in areas where there's a potential for flooding, tornadoes, or hurricanes are especially at risk. Mold typically grows in damp places such as basements and crawlspaces. Apart from floods, the four major causes of mold and water damage in residences are: leaks in the building envelope

(that is, around window frames, roof); unintended plumbing leaks; high humidity levels (particularly from unvented or improperly vented indoor moisture sources, such as kitchens, bathrooms, and clothes dryers); and condensation on cool surfaces (on kitchen and bathroom surfaces, on window frames, in basements).  
**How To Fight Mold**  
 The good news is there are steps you can take to identify and remove mold, and prevent its re-occurrence by keeping the water out of the house. AIHA (formerly American Industrial Hygiene Association), the organization for scientists

and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) in the workplace and community, created free resources for consumers including: "Facts About Mold: A Consumer Focus," a downloadable guide to the problems of mold growth and what you can do to prevent it; and a brief video, "What is mold? Who's affected?"—a quick guide to the dangers of mold in your home.  
**Who Can Fight Mold**  
 If mold damage is severe, it may be time to seek the help of an OEHS professional or Certified Industrial Hygienist with extensive mold investigation and remediation experience. You can find a list of OEHS experts at [www.aiha.org/public-resources/consultants-listing](http://www.aiha.org/public-resources/consultants-listing).

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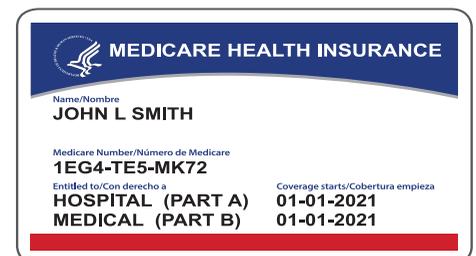
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