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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Alsip announces no right turn on 115th and 122nd Cicero Avenue

by Jan Glaz

At the Feb. 18 Village of Alsip Board to Trustees Meeting, Mayor John Ryan announced he had observed blue prints from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to help support traffic and for a rework of traffic signals. There will be no right turn on 115th and 122nd and Cicero Avenue. "We are trying to alleviate traffic in that area," stated Ryan. "According to the plans IDOT will also be cutting the curbs back due to trucks tearing them up. The Village appreciates IDOT's attention to the matter."

A motion met with approval to promote one police Lieutenant and one police Sergeant at the Feb. 24 Committee Meeting. Trustee Christine McLawhorn voiced concern about how the promotions fit into the Ordinance budget.

Alsip Police Chief Jerold Miller replied that the Village lost a patrolman who transferred to another town's Police Department and that the budget was authorized for 42 full time officers. Following the new promotions there will be 42 full time officers.

"These promotions will not increase or alleviate overtime. The difference cost between a Sargent and a Lieutenant is a total of \$14,200.00 over a year, or \$275.00 per week, there are nine weeks left in this budget year and this will cost



Midlothian Village Hall, 14801 Pulaski Road, Midlothian, IL, 60445

Village of Midlothian celebrates 92 years

by Jan Glaz

Midlothian Trustee Jerome Gillis announced at the February Board of Trustees Meeting that the Village will celebrate its 92nd birthday on March 17. Back in 1927, due to the growing population, leaders decided to officially organize the town and on March 17 it was incorporated into the "Village of Midlothian." The name was taken from the golf club around which the community had grown and prospered. One month later, John H. Hamilton was elected as the village's first President.

In 1949 the present Village Hall was built at 14801 Pulaski Road. Since that time the facility has been expanded and renovated. The current Village Hall Complex houses the ad-

ministrative staff, public works offices and garages. The address is also home to Fire Department, Station 1, and the Fire Department administrative offices, the Police Department and police administrative offices.

Residents have access to a conference room and meeting room and the Village Board Chambers. Monthly hearings for parking tickets and housing-code violations are held at the Chambers. Visit the Village of Midlothian website www.villageofmidlothian.net for a wealth of present and historical information.

Board meeting postscript: Trustees voted to repeal Ordinance #1871 pertaining to "spot zoning" at 4600 W. 147th St. It is repealed as not hav-

ing effectuated a zoning change of any kind from B-1(business) to R-1 (residential) under the Illinois Municipal Code.

The Village Attorney determined that Ordinance #1871 was not in fact a text amendment and neither directed nor resulted in a change in the text of the Village Zoning Ordinance. The passing of the Ordinance did not go through the proper process and action such as the Zoning Board of Appeals, a map amendment and text change and action of full board approval. The way it passed was illegally insufficient to change the zoning. The property remains in the same zoning status of B-1 it held prior to the passing of Ordinance #1871.



Alsip Mayor John Ryan and Police Chief Jerold Miller

the village \$2,500.00 until the next budget starts,"

Chief Miller said. "The last budget report dated December 31, 2019, had 67% of the year elapsed and the village spent 61% of the salary line and only 62% of the overtime line, so we're in line with the budget."

Meeting endnote: Trustees voted unanimously for a proposal from Barton Real Estate Holdings, LLC,

for the property owned by the Village of Alsip at 11640-58 S. Pulaski. The developer proposes to construct a 6,000-square-foot retail center consisting of three suites: a 3,600-square-foot BBQ restaurant, a 1,200-square-foot Italian restaurant and a 1,200-square-foot jewelry store.

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"Molly Sweeney" reveals the unexpected consequences of a modern medical miracle. Having lost her sight at infancy, Molly agrees to an operation that could restore her fifth sense. But is it she who benefits most, or her hopeful husband, or her ambitious doctor?

Fraternal Friday fish fries

Blue Island Eagles Aerie 1332, 2427 Grove St., will offer Friday Fish Fries 4-8 p.m. through April 10. The event features delectable fish dinners, entertainment most nights and a Women's Auxiliary bake sale.

The main menu offers fried shrimp (\$14), fried catfish, cod and perch filets (\$13 each) and whitefish and chicken tenders (\$10 each). All dinners come with fries or baked potato and coleslaw; add mac and cheese for \$2. More sides and appetizers available.

Call-ahead to-go orders will be available at 708-388-9739.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



Thomas and Lisa Kmak, owners of Lisa Thomas Salon, 15930 84th Avenue, Tinley Park.

Tinley Park authorizes property acquisition

by Jan Glaz

The Tinley Park Board of Trustees voted Feb. 18 to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of real property located at 6706 and 6712 North Street through condemnation or other means. The Ordinance authorizes the Village Attorney to file a 'Condemnation Suit' to acquire the property as acquisition of the real estate is necessary for a public purpose.

Condemnation, also known as eminent domain, is the right of a government or its agent to take private property for public use, with payment of compensation. In condemnation action the Village of Tinley Park takes both physical possession and legal title of the property.

Trustee Michael Mueller reported that to date negotiation with the owner of the property, which according to a track search is Tinley Park Real Estate Investors, LLC, has not been successful and that an offer has been made, or will be made, at fair market value. Both 6706 and 6712 North Street are within the New Bremen Redevelopment Project Area and the acquisition and redevelopment is to further the Project plan.

Board meeting postscript: Trustees adopted an Ordinance in regard to the Summary of Rules and Regulations for the Tinley Park Civil Service Commission. No comprehensive review had been undertaken in over 20 years since their adoption in 1977. Only minor changes, as needed, had been made to certain portions of the Rules and Regulations. Approval of the ordinance is necessary to determine whether or not the existing Rules and Regulations provide clear guidelines for all Commissioners, members of the public and potential employees.

Officials welcomed Lisa and Thomas Kmak owners of "Lisa Thomas Salon" during the business spotlight portion of the meeting agenda. Lisa Thomas Salon is celebrating 30 years of business in Tinley Park this March. Their beautiful hair and beauty makeup studio is located at 15930 84th Avenue. The salon is top rated and offers a full complement of professional beauty services and products. Lisa Thomas Salon has three locations in Tinley Park, Orland Park and Mokena. For additional information visit www.lisathomassalon.com

Orland Park joins car theft task force

by Jan Glaz

Lawmakers in Orland Park entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on Feb. 17 to share police services, equipment and resources with neighboring communities in order to create a task force to perform enhanced enforcement to address a sharp increase in car related thefts in the south suburbs. The task force will be composed of the Villages of Orland Park, Tinley Park, Midlothian, Orland Hills and the City of Oak Forest.

The Agreement states in part: Each municipality shall remain responsible at all times for their individual police officers and personnel participating in this joint task force, as well as any equipment used to carry out the joint task force. Although police officers shall assist and take direction from the Police Chief or his designee of a participating municipality, the police officers of each municipality will remain under the command of their own Chief of Police, at all times. A municipality providing police services pursuant to the Agreement shall at all times have the right to withdraw all police services, or any portion thereof, upon the order of its respective Police Chief.

Noteworthy news: Orland Park trustees voted to purchase 19 laptop computers and 70 personal computers through the Midwestern Higher Education Compact cooperative purchase technology contract from Dell Marketing LP, at a cost not to exceed \$120,395.75. The Orland Park Manager's Office will expend \$7,517.04 from for the purchase of four laptop computers for support-

ing the U.S. 2020 Census. The cost for these four laptop computers will be offset by a 2020 U.S. Census grant.

Waste Management is offering Orland Park residential customers a service to dispose of home generated special materials such as paints, cleaners, fluorescent lamps, automotive products, garden chemicals, batteries, electronics and more! For information or to schedule a pickup phone 800-449-7587 or visit wmatyourdoor.com.

Mokena Mayor advises Police Officer

by Jan Glaz

The Village of Mokena welcomed new Patrol Officer Owen Price at the Village Board of Trustees Meeting Feb. 24. Mokena Mayor Frank Fleischer addressed Officer Price with these words: "What we want our new police officers to understand is that when you go out there you do your job, you do your job to take care of yourself and the police officers around you. This board will always be here for you." The Mayor added, "And you do what you have to do to go home to your family at the end of the day. Thank you so much for choosing Mokena to be a police officer."



Owen Price

Police Officer Price fulfilled certification requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, and comes to Mokena after having worked as a full-time police officer in Sheridan, Illinois, where he started his career as a full-time police officer in November of 2018. He's expected to be released for solo

patrol in mid-August.

In other meeting news: Trustees appointed Kelly Huscher to the position of Customer Service Representative. Huscher will be filling an open position in Mokena's Administration Services/Public Works Departments. As a result of interviews and skills tests, it was determined the Kelly possessed the qualities and skills that would best benefit the Village. Huscher is a resident of Mokena.

The Mayor introduced Joe Matisse, owner of D-Bat Baseball & Softball Academy located at 9950 W. 190th Street, in Mokena. Matisse announced that D-Bat offers baseball lessons, cage rentals, pitching machines, baseball camps and clinics, parties and a Pro Shop. A Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled on March 18 followed by a "Big Grand Opening Event Celebration" on March 21. "D-Bat" can be contacted by phone at 708-852-3228 and by email at sandi@dbatmokena.com. For additional information, visit www.dbatmokena.com

Oak Forest revises housing Program

by Jan Glaz

Lawmakers in the City of Oak Forest agreed to make changes to the City's Municipal Code to reflect the current practices of the Police Department's administration of the Crime Free Housing Program at the city council meeting held on the 25th of February.

Oak Forest Police Chief Tim Kristin reported the City's Crime Free Housing Program dates back to 2006 and is managed by the Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer. The new

code amendment is associated with Residential Rental Licensing. Kristen stated the Board of Commissioners of Cook County passed an Ordinance Amendment, effective Dec. 31, that conflicted with Oak Forest's background checks regarding lessees.

The City decided to codify the Cook County Ordinance Amendment and the City's Police Department's administration of the Crime Free Housing Program to alleviate the conflict. In part, changes are as follows:

A housing provider may deny an applicant if the applicant, or household member, is a current sex offender required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act; or is a current child sex offender under residency restriction; or has a criminal conviction for an offense that could pose a risk to personal safety and/or property.

Criminal background checks should be inclusive of the applicants entire adult criminal history, and criminal background checks may be completed when considering to renew or extend a lease. If an applicant is denied due to the background investigation they may be provided a copy of the results and may submit a new application if there are mitigating factors for the licensee to consider. For further information, please contact the City of Oak Forest at 708-687-4050 or visit www.oak-forest.org

In other city council news: Aldermen approved the purchase and installation of 26 equipment truck lockers at a total cost of \$28,600.00 from Police Department Systems Inc. of Tinley Park. Jason Reid, Deputy Police Chief, reported that the system currently used by the department to secure critical equipment is ineffective.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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



Palos Heights Mayor Robert Straz

Palos Heights pressures Jewel Osco

by Jan Glaz

City of Palos Heights Mayor Robert Straz announced at the city council meeting held on Feb. 18 that he joined approximately 100 residents at the City of Palos Heights Library to discuss redeveloping the former Dominick's Food Store that closed in 2014, at 127th and Ridgeland Avenue.

Mayor Straz stated, "We are working to pressure Jewel Osco to release the 127th Street lease for redevelopment of the property and allow someone else to go in. I had a discussion with Geneva, IL, Mayor, Kevin Burns, who had a similar experience. He said one thing Jewel is adamant about is that there be no large grocery store in the location to compete with their stores in the surrounding area. As far as subdividing it with tenants, Jewel would agree upon smaller grocery stores.

"I recently received a letter from the President of Jewel Osco, Mike Withers. He wrote the Palos Heights property location hasn't produced any interest when marketed, though they remain hopeful that this will

change. Since 2013 more than 80% of the Dominick's locations have been occupied by other tenants. The current lease on the 127th Street property expires in 2022. Withers also said that their marketing team is working diligently to market the property and they are confident that there will be a favorable outcome in the foreseeable future.

"In response I wrote a letter asking them to relinquish their lease and also that the City of Palos Heights stands ready to offer incentives, to talk with realtors and developers to fill in the property. I've asked our Business and Economic Committee chaired by 1st Ward Alderman, Jeffrey Key, to help along with any of the city assets available.

Expenditures approved by the city council: A payment of \$45,825.50 for the second installment for 2019-2020 membership contribution to the South West Special Recreation Association and the replacement of two 2000 GMC pickup trucks under the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative with two new 2020 Chevrolet Silverado trucks. Purchase to be made with Currie Motors Chevrolet in the amount of \$64,166.

Owner of restaurant requests parking restrictions be removed

by Matt Mayer

Members of the Courtright family, owners of Jenny's Steakhouse, ad-

ressed the board at the past Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting regarding the ban the village imposed on public parking on nearby residential streets. Attorney David Courtright said the Courtright family is being detrimentally affected since the signs residential parking only on the 11000 block of Menard were installed a few weeks ago He added that the restaurant owns and maintains a parking lot on the west side of Menard but often it is not big enough to accommodate all the customers.

Courtright said on some days there are three funeral luncheons and the lack of parking is deterring business because Menard is no longer available for overflow parking. Trustee Lisel Kwarnik said, "This puts us between a rock and a hard place. We support businesses, but we are obligated to support residents who don't want cars parked in front of their houses."

Owner Carl Courtright said attempts to acquire more land for parking have been unsuccessful adding that on many days, there are only three or four cars parked on the street. Kwarnik, along with Trustees Jack Lind and Deb Pyznarski, said that the signs were put up after residents complained about restaurant customers parking vehicles across driveways, blocking them in.

Kwornik suggested that the restaurant look into valet parking on busy days, and she along with other board members, offered to put them in touch with nearby businesses with available parking.

When Courtright offered to circulate petitions on the block to see if resi-

dents would agree to some changes in the parking restrictions, Trustee Lind cautioned against it, saying that it took a lot for the residents to come to us the first time. They shouldn't feel pressured to change their minds. The Courtrights said they are most interested in having the parking restrictions lifted up to 4 p.m., not at night. "They might be amenable to that", said Lind. The board agreed to work on a town hall meeting to be held at the village hall to discuss the situation in the near future.

In other business, Tyler Swyndroski was sworn as a part time firefighter/paramedic. A resolution authorizing a collective bargaining agreement for the clerical police department by and between the Village of Chicago Ridge and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP) was approved.

A Lions Club Raffle request during Ridge Fest, July 2-26, was approved as well as a request for Lions Club Candy Days, Oct. 9-11. An agreement with Administrative Consulting Specialists LLC regarding grant opportunities was also approved.

The following business licenses were approved: Smoke and More Inc. at 10343 Southwest Highway; INS Market, a storefront in the Chicago Ridge Mall; Love Bear, a kiosk in the mall; and Shrimp Max, a storefront in the mall.

The following expenditures were approved: A resolution on Feb. 19 for \$65,954.16 for the payment of all departments customary billing expenses, Attorney Cainkar, \$67.50 for Harlem TIF, Kane, McKenna, \$4,262.50 for the Harlem TIF and \$300.00

for the downtown TIF, Engineer Burke, \$28,156.57 for time and materials for January, and Oldelson and Sterk \$14,239.45 for legal services for January, \$3,485.45 for litigation and labor, and \$2,220.00 for the Harlem TIF.

St. Joseph Table

Join Sacred Heart Parish for a traditional Italian celebration Saturday, March 14. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the church at 8245 W. 111th St., Palos Hills. For more information, call 708-974-3336.

Lipinski invites students to participate in congressional art contest

Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) is inviting high school students from the 3rd Congressional District to participate in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. The winning piece will be displayed in the Capitol complex in Washington, D.C., for visitors to view for the next year. The runner-up will have their artwork displayed in Rep. Lipinski's Washington office for one year.

The competition is open to all students in grades 9 through 12 who reside in the 3rd District. Entries must be received at Rep. Lipinski's district offices in Chicago at 6245 S. Archer Ave.; Oak Lawn at 5210 W. 95th St.; Orland Park at 14700 Ravinia Ave.; and Lockport at 222. E. 9th St., Suite #109.

Artwork, which also includes photography and computer-generated art,

must be received no later than April 9.

For more information, including contest guidelines and student information and release forms, visit <https://lipinski.house.gov/congressional-art-competition1/>, or call the congressman's Chicago office at 773-948-6223.

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

Evergreen Park praises retiring water management director

by Matt Mayer

Mayor James Sexton along with the board members praised Michael Knieps, Director of Water Management Division, at the past Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. He is retiring after 40 years with the Village of Evergreen Park. Sexton said he and Knieps worked together with the Cook County Abatement Program in the fight against the West Nile Virus.

"We first contacted the Cook County Abatement Program before I became ill with the West Nile. Since then and after my recovery, we both worked hard to keep people from getting the virus. We started working on it about 15 years ago and the numbers and instances of West Nile virus have gone down. Michael, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you," Sexton said.

In other highlights, a request pertaining to the revision of the Village of Evergreen Park personnel policy dated Feb. 27 was approved along with a request for the payment of \$5,500 for the

dues for the Southwest Conference of Mayors. A request from the Evergreen Park Girls Softball League for a parade on Friday May 8, at 6:30 p.m. was also approved.

In other matters, Sexton thanked the public works department for the great job they did plowing after a recent snowstorm. He also thanked Cook County for a \$150,000 block grant for sewer lining. The "at your door" collection report for January is 61 stops and 3,880 pounds of material collected. The Fraternal Order of Police-Evergreen Park Lodge No 27 will host a Fish and Sports show on Friday, March 20, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Bourbon Street. The Village of Evergreen Park's Independence Day Parade will be held on Friday, July 3, at 6:30 p.m. with a rain date on Sunday, July 5.

The following business licenses were approved: Everything Beautiful (hair studio/retail boutique) at 9537 S. Pulaski Road and Elle Mechelle (office for photographer) at 9250 S. Kedzie Ave.

Oak Lawn getting ready for spring and summer

by Matt Mayer

Officials at the past Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting approved a resolution awarding the 2020 landscape maintenance service and annual flower installation contract to Semmer Landscape, LLC, who had the lowest bid of \$158,595, out of the four bids received. A resolution to award the 2020 cyclic tree pruning service contract to the low bidder, Smithy's Tree

Service, for \$157,230 was also approved.

In other business, a resolution regarding a fourth amendment to an option and site lease agreement between the Village and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining a communications facility and other improvements at the village owned property at 9727 S. Central Ave. was



Lipinski honors students

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) recognized an accomplished group of local 7th and 8th grade students recently as part of his "All-American Boy and Girl Program" awards ceremony at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. The 100 finalists recognized at the event were selected from a group of over 1,000 applicants. The finalists underwent formal interviews with a panel of judges, who then selected first, second, and third place winners in each category. Criteria for the award included academic achievement, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

"This extraordinary group of young people gives me hope for the fu-

ture," Lipinski said.

A request to hire one firefighter/paramedic from the current eligibility list due to a resignation was approved as well as a request regarding this year's proposed Band schedule which was recommended by the Arts & Events Committee for the Sunday Concerts and Fall on the Green for \$20,950.

A resolution waiving

the competitive bidding

requirements and authorizing the purchase of one Brush Bandit Chipper for the street department from Atlas Bobcat for \$67,344.20, was approved. This chipper will replace a 1990 and 1992 Vermeer chipper.

A request from the zoning and planning commission for a special use permit for a restaurant in an "O" office

zoning district at 9628 S. Pulaski Road was approved as well as an ordinance granting a special use permit for a restaurant.

In other matters, a request to approve the 13th Annual Oak Lawn Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk on Sunday, May 3, beginning at 9 am at Richards High School, 10601 South Central Avenue, was approved.

Each finalist was awarded a certificate for their hard work and superior applications. The 16 winners were given a framed certificate and a gift card.

Seventh Grade Girls: Jenna Eggerding, St. Francis Xavier in La Grange (1st Place); Maya Patel, Pleasantdale Middle School in Burr Ridge (2nd Place); Cecilia L. Bernardoni, Wilkins Jr. High in Justice (3rd Place); and Cecilia Leonard, St. Joseph School in Lockport.

Seventh Grade Boys: Ethan Wen, Robert Healy Elementary School in the 11th Ward of Chicago (1st Place); Robert Raphael-McElroy, St. Jane School in the 14th Ward of Chicago (2nd Place); Alexander N. Angulo of St. Leonard School in Berwyn (3rd Place); and Hubert Stasik of Wilkins Junior High in Justice (3rd Place).

Eighth Grade Boys: Sean Dusak of St. Joseph School in Lockport (1st Place); Patrick Thompson of Bridgeport Catholic Academy in the 11th Ward of Chicago (2nd Place); Daniel D'Andrea of St. Symphorosa School in the 13th Ward of Chicago (3rd Place); and Giovanni Garcia of St. Joseph School in Summit (3rd Place).

Eighth Grade Girls: Lia Alfonso of St. Alphon-

sus St. Patrick in Lemont (1st Place); Julie Perretta of Homer Junior High in Homer Glen (2nd Place); Sienna Stopka of Montessori School of Lemont (3rd Place); and Kendall Wendt of Willow Springs School in Willow Springs (3rd Place).

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Hurley-backed initiative to create domestic violence task force

To better protect and support victims and survivors of domestic violence, state Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, is sponsoring bipartisan legislation to create the Domestic Violence Task Force with the goal of analyzing current Illinois law and developing new, more effective policies.

“Unfortunately, many survivors live their lives in silence and fear, so they need support and deserve protection from their abuser,” said Hurley. “This task force will ensure that lawmakers are continually searching for new solutions to better serve survi-



Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago

vors of domestic violence and give law enforcement the tools they need to crack down on abusers and hold them accountable to the fullest extent of the law.”

Hurley is sponsoring House Bill 4262, a measure which would create the Domestic Violence Task Force with the goal of reviewing current Illinois law and law enforcement practices regarding domestic violence. Hurley’s legislation, which is backed by a wide coalition of bipartisan lawmakers, comes in the wake of a recent rise of incidents of domestic violence against women from an intimate partner. A 2018 report from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence showed that over a third of women have ex-

perienced intimate partner violence and without intervention that number is expected to increase.

“Protecting women, children and other individuals that are victims of domestic violence is very important to me,” continued Hurley. “This legislation will help protect survivors better by supporting law enforcement to hold abusers culpable in the criminal justice system.”

For more information, reach out to Hurley’s constituent service office at 773-445-8128 or RepFranHurley@gmail.com.



Vote early in Tinley Park

Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Ave., will be an early voting location for Cook County residents for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election, which occurs March 17.

Early voting dates and times include: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 2 to Saturday, March 7; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 9 to Friday, March 13; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 14; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 16.

Early voting for Tinley Park residents who live in Will County will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays March 2-13 at Frankfort Township, 11000 W. Lincoln Highway, Frankfort. Saturday and Sunday early voting hours will be available at the Will County Clerk’s Office in Joliet.

IDOT to begin 159th Street work March 2

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will resurface a five-mile stretch of 159th Street from 94th Avenue in Orland Park to Cicero Avenue in Oak Forest beginning Monday, March 2 (weather permitting). Lane closures will occur on the Tinley Park, Oak Forest, Orland Park and Orland Hills portions of 159th Street.

According to IDOT, drivers should expect delays and allow extra time for trips through the work area.



“Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment,” an IDOT spokesperson said in a news release.

The project, which is slated to be finished by July, also includes construction of new American with Disabilities Act- (ADA) compliant sidewalk ramps. Previous work included curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs.

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Doors Open at 4:30
Bonanza Starts at 6:30
Bingo to follow
Food Kitchen | Bar | Gaming Machines

Evergreen Park American Legion
9701 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park, IL
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alpost845il@aol.com

Plan your future

Please join us for a tour and refreshments during our
Sunday Open House on March 22, 2020
from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Phoenix, Arizona, is the place to be for winter

by Annette Dixon

Did you know that Phoenix is the fifth largest populous City in the United States and possibly has the most golf course resorts? What is most unusual about this city is that it has the lowest humidity of all 50 states, and what is unusual is that many populated states appear dirty and smoggy, but not Phoenix.

Phoenix, the Valley of the Sun, is part of the Salt River Valley, the mountains overlook downtown Phoenix which is beautiful and yet Phoenix is considered flat and many villages sprung up and development took place. The climate is hot and typical of the Sonoran Desert, that's why snowbirds flock there in the winter. With 3800 plus hours of sunshine, Phoenix receives the most



sunshine of any major city. Deserts can be fun if following an experience hiker and following the paths faithfully.

Downtown Phoenix is transitioning to around the clock playroom for the celebrity watchers. But for those who want to broaden their perspective Phoenix offers Free Museum Days.

Heard Museum with an array of American Indian Culture is free admission every Friday except March from 6:00-10:00pm and 4th Sunday of the month 11:00- 5:00pm June through September.

Phoenix Art Museum free admission every Wednesday 3:00-9:00pm and the 1st Friday of the month 6:00 - 10:00pm and 2nd Sunday of the month 12:00 - 5:00pm.

Desert Botanical Gar-

den, admission is free all day the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Children's Museum of Phoenix, Kids up to 10 years of age can crawl, play and create for free on the 1st Friday of the month from 5:00 pm.- 9:00pm.

Mesa Arts Center located in the East Valley City of Mesa has free entry every day.

Arizona Capitol Museum Free to the public.

Another amazing trip is the Apache Trail, the world-famous trail was used by Apache Indians as a short cut through the mountains to reach early Salt River Settlers. The



trail twists throughout Superstition Mountain from Apache Junction to Roosevelt Lake and the town of Globe. Other scenic stops

includes Lost Dutchman State Park, and Roosevelt Dam. Enjoy Phoenix and its surrounding cities, and you can't go wrong!

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The musical record of your memories is being brought back for a day of fun at the Orland Park Record Collectors Show at the Georgio's Quality Inn & Conference Center, 8800 W. 159th St., on Saturday, March 14.

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nal issues that will appeal to all generations of collectors and fans of all ages.

This show is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3, free to children 12 & under. For more information call (773) 585-6254.

Lincoln-Davis Civil War Roundtable

The Lincoln-Davis Civil War Roundtable hosts Rob Girardi presenting "Civil

War Generals." Optional dinner buffet (\$10) at 6 p.m., with program (\$5) starting at 7. After the program, enjoy coffee, dessert, gifts and raffles. All are invited! The event will be Tuesday, March 17, at Country House Restaurant, 5400 W. 127th St., Alsip.

St. Pat's Parade and Celebration

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 8, at VFW Post 2791, 1747 Oak Park Ave, Tinley Park starting at 1 p.m. When the parade is over

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Shakespeare's 'Titus Andronicus,' directed by Ian Damont Martin

By Kathryn Moery

Haven's production of this, the bloodiest of Shakespeare's play, is not for the faint-hearted or sleep deprived.

Terrifying tribal-like action between the Romans and the Goths energetically opens the play. During this performance, the audience cheered the Romans, played by an ensemble of African-Americans, in their defeat of their enemy, the Goths, played by a white ensemble.

The stark racial distinction is noteworthy, and the action ends with the prancing of a witch-doctor as the lights go down. This drama revolves around the ruthless revenge of Tamora, the Goth captive, whose son is brutally murdered by Titus Andronicus' sons, then marries the new Emperor Saturninus, replacing his betrothed, Lavinia, the daughter of Titus Andronicus.

In this production, Titus Andronicus (Colin Jones) dresses like a preacher, and delivers his lines as if from a bully pulpit, as his thirst for revenge mounts when all of his children are punished by the vengeance of the empress. He seeks the counsel of his brother, Marcus, played by a woman (Gabrielle Lott-Rogers) in this production, who offers compassion, healing and guidance as Andronicus rails against the forces of brutality surrounding him, and petitions the gods for intervention.

Throughout the play, the stage is continuously awash in bloodshed and well-choreographed physical fighting.

Finally, Titus Andronicus seeks revenge through trickery, resulting in unmitigated brutality, ending with only a plaintive hope of a new democracy in this ancient empire.

The show runs through March 14 at The Den, 1331 N. Milwaukee. Tickets are \$35 and are available at havenchi.org.



Zoe Less and Taylor Mallory by Kristie Kahns.

Chicago Tap Theatre presents Sweet Tap Chicago

Artistic Director Mark Yonally and Chicago Tap Theatre (CTT) present Sweet Tap Chicago Sunday, March 8, at 2 and 5 p.m. at The Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave.

Sweet Tap Chicago is a celebration of Chicago musicians and music, with a live jazz sextet featuring rapper/singer/host Taylor Mallory and JC Brooks and tap dancing by CTT.

Musicians and bands to be covered include Smashing Pumpkins, Chaka Khan, Curtis Mayfield and more.

Doors open one hour prior to start time and the running time of the performance is one hour and twenty minutes including one intermission. Tickets are \$30-40 and may be purchased at ChicagoTapTheatre.com, by calling 800-440-8539 or at the door the day of the performance, pending availability. Please see website for subscriber offers and group discounts for groups of 10 or more.

"Bringing tap dance to the jazz club is impor-

tant to CTT, and I've been wanting to bring Chicago Tap Theatre to the Mayne Stage since the first time I saw a show there. I grew up tap dancing in the jazz clubs of Kansas City, and the connection between live music and tap dance has always been the root of my love affair with tap. This helps fulfill my young-artist dreams to make sure that even as CTT becomes associated with larger venues and grander shows, we keep one foot in the jazz club door," Yonally said.

One of these pieces is going to be a brand-new piece from Chicago Tap Theatre dancer Sterling Harris, making his choreographic debut on the Chicago professional stage. Sweet Tap Chicago will feature choreography by Mark Yonally, Kirsten Uttich, Sterling Harris and Rich Ashworth.

Dancers include Mark Yonally, Kirsten Uttich, Jennifer Yonally, Aimee

Chause, Isacc Stauffer, Sterling Harris, Case Prime, Molly Smith, Heather Latakas, and Bailey Caves. New to the ensemble this year are Alison Calamoneri, Alexander Pasker and Zoe Lesser.

Musicians include Taylor Mallory (host, singer and music director), JC Brooks (singer and host), Kurt Schweitz (bass), Elisa Calson (keys and vocals), Bob Parlier (drums) and Corbin Andrick (sax and clarinet).

'My Fair Lady' at Cadillac Palace Theatre

Broadway in Chicago presents "My Fair Lady" at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph Street, Chicago. Parking is at 177 N. Wells Street. "My Fair Lady" runs March 24 through April

12 and is directed by Bartlett Sher.

Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" and "On the Street Where You Live," "My Fair Lady" tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins, a linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a "proper lady." But who is really being transformed?

All patrons, regardless of age, must have a ticket. "My Fair Lady" is recommended for ages 8 and up. Cost of Tickets, starts from \$27. Runtime is 2 hours and 55 minutes with one intermission.

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brother, Kenneth Patrick Powers, founded Jack & Pat's in 1972. And the Butcher Shop is still in business today. Jack was a butcher at A&P and Kenneth was a butcher at Krogers.

In 1988 Pat retired and

sold his half of the business to Jack. In 1990 Jack semi-retired and John Powers, his son, took over the daily operations of the business. Jack came in almost daily. He wanted the meat market to be a family business. So, John, his

brother Brian and sister Jackie all have worked at the store.

Jack was an Army Veteran in the Korean War. Devoted father of John E. (Karen), Steve, Brian, Jacqueline, Patrick (Jodi) and the late Timothy Powers. Cherished grandpa of Jennifer (John) Clark, John J.

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**Jerry Dollear,
Feb. 17, 2020**

Jerome A. Dollear often
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of the "World's Three Great-
est" at any number of activi-
ties. For instance, "did any-
one ever tell you that I'm one
of the World's Three Greatest
ox-tail soup-makers?" Or
"I'm one of the World's Three
Greatest zucchini farmers."
Jerry felt as if a joke was fun-
niest when it was told of-
ten while switching up the
punchline.

He was the youngest child
born to Clarence and Mar-
garet Dollear and raised Ro-
man Catholic. He attended
St. Nicklaus Grammar
School and St. Ignatius Col-
lege Preparatory High School
(class of 1959). While in
high school, he met the love

of his life, Winnie (nee Slat-
tery) and married her in
1964. Together they had four
kids: Dan, Tim, Mary and
Steve. Jerry and Winnie were
together until his last breath,
over 56 years of marriage!

Jerry was a proud member
of Pipefitters Union Local
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earned his journeyman's card
in 1967 and in 1979 took a
position as a superintendent
for a mechanical contracting
company. While serving as
superintendent, Jerry went
back to school and in 1991,
he earned a bachelor's degree
in business management
from National-Louis Uni-
versity. Throughout his life,
Jerry was a firm believer in
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couraged his kids to study,
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**Come in for one of our great daily breakfast specials. 2+2+2
(2 eggs-2 pancakes, 2 sausage or 2 bacon) and coffee. \$5.25!**

**Breakfast & Lunch Specials, Monday through Friday
Serving Beer & Wine
Dine in/Take Out/Delivery by Door Dash**

We love our Senior Menu

Just for Seniors

Served Monday through Friday from
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Excluding Holidays)

Ham Steak \$9.95
with Pineapple Ring and Au Jus
Chicken Kiev \$9.95
with Rice

Above entrees served with soup or salad, rolls and butter,
beverage (choice of coffee, hot tea, iced tea or a soft drink) and dessert
(choice of jello, ice cream, tapioca or rice pudding) No Substitutions on Above Menu

Chicken Stir Fry \$9.95
with Sweet and Sour Sauce over a Bed of Rice
Baked Scrod (5 oz.) \$9.95
with Tartar Sauce and Potato
Fried Perch \$9.95
with Tartar Sauce and Potato
Baked Mostaccioli or Spaghetti (no potato) \$9.40
Eggplant or Zucchini Parmigiana (no potato) \$9.40
Chopped Round Steak \$9.95
with Grilled Onions and Potato
Grilled Beef Liver \$9.95
with Onions and Potato
Baked Meat Loaf \$9.40
with Brown Gravy and Mashed Potatoes
Roast Loin of Pork \$9.95
with Brown Gravy, Dressing and Potato
Breaded Pork Tenderloin \$9.95
with Brown Gravy and Mashed Potatoes
Breaded Veal Cutlet \$9.95
with Brown Gravy and Mashed Potatoes



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