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B-MAC EDITION

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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Midlothian spends \$27,830 for disinfection lights

by Jan Glaz

The Village of Midlothian agreed to invest \$27,830.00 in 5 UV-C lights from Evergreen UV as recommended by Fire Services, Inc. at the Board of Trustees Meeting held on July 22nd. Trustee Jerome Gillis introduced the request and stated the amount plus cost of shipping. “The light units will be designated as 2 for the Fire Department and 2 units for the Police Department and 1 unit for the Village Hall,” Gillis said.

Fire Services, Inc. spokesman, Pete Lombardi, reported that UV disinfection light has been used for over 100 years in many fields including medical operating rooms, water treatment, food manufac-

turing, and pharmaceutical manufacturing. The UV light directly hits and kills whatever virus or pathogen is on the surface within seconds. Once the UV light hits the direct surface it bounces off and travels into shadowed areas in the immediate vicinity.

The Evergreen UV-C light equipment purchased by the Village is industrial grade Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) compliant and not for residential use. Lombardi stated that cheaper hand held units seen on the internet are not EPA compliant.

Evergreen UV has over 53 years of experience in manufacturing UV-C air

and surface disinfection systems and is the recognized world-wide leader in their field. Among others, Evergreen UV is a supplier to the Military, Homeland Security and the World Health Organization.

Meeting postscript: Trustee Gillis requested and the board approved Richard Moore to attend Company Fire Officer classes at the Romeoville Fire Academy in an amount not to exceed \$1200.00 for 3 separate classes of \$400.00 each; and approved Michael Golden to attend the Fire Apparatus Engineer course at Romeoville Fire Academy in an amount not to exceed \$450.00.

Alsip supports TarpHaus Transportation Services

by Jan Glaz

TarpHaus Transportation Services located at 5822 W. 118th Street, in Alsip, is looking to expand. On July 20th the company requested and the Alsip board of trustees granted approval for a Class 6b Assessment classification for property located at 3843 W. 128th Place. The Class 6b Assessment classification is an economic development incentive offered by the Cook County Assessor’s Office. It provides a real estate tax reduction incentive for the development of new industrial reutilization of abandoned buildings.

TarpHaus Transportation Services has invested \$2.8 million for improvements on the property and will hire about 30 employees. Alsip Mayor, John Ryan, stated that without the Vil-

lage’s approval for a Class 6b Assessment classification TarpHaus would not be able to finalize purchase of the property. TarpHaus Transportation Services offers custom tarps and covering frameworks and provides a colossal stock of hardware and metal items. For additional information please visit: www.tarphaus.com.

New and noteworthy: Alsip is offering a free Disaster Preparedness Training 20-hour basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. The free course will be held on five Wednesday evenings and one Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Alsip Village Hall, 4500 W. 123rd Street. The CERT program educates

people about disaster preparedness for hazards and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety and extinguishment, light search and rescue, including first aid, bandaging, splinting and bleeding control.

No experience is required to be trained as a volunteer Alsip CERT member. The CERT program course is open to all ages with a minimum age of 18. Those interested in registering for the CERT course should contact Charles Geraci, Department of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Village of Alsip, 708-254-2900 or email Charles at cgeraci@villageofalsip.org. Class size is limited to 30 and registration closes on August 24, 2020.



Photo by Annette Dixon

Alsip VFW # 450

Great remembrance for military who have given their lives and those who are serving presently in our

Alsip Veterans of Foreign War Post #450, 11800 South Cicero Ave., Alsip, IL, 60803, 708-388-2387.

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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Sertoma builds multi-unit dwelling in Orland Park

by Jan Glaz

On July 20th officials in Orland Park authorized an Ordinance approving the vacation of a portion of vacant and unimproved 142nd Street right-of-way and authorized and approved the vacation of a portion of the vacant and unimproved Oak Place right-of-way and a Plat of Vacation relating to the right-of-way vacations also met with approval.

On February 5, 2018, the Village Board of Trustees approved a Site Plan, Elevations, Landscape Plan, Subdivision, Rezoning, Vacation of Right-of-Way, and Spe-

cial Use Permit with modifications to allow for a residential development with attached dwellings in the Village Center District for the Sertoma Centre.

Plans include a 3 story, sixteen dwelling unit multi-family building located at 14205 Union Avenue.

The site was formerly occupied by Schmaedeke Funeral Home. The existing right-of-way for 142nd Street along the north property line is currently unimproved. A significant portion of Schmaedeke Funeral Home's outdoor space

and the parking lot was actually built within 142nd Street right-of-way without Village authorization and also encroaches on Cook County Forest Preserve land.

In exchange for the vacation of the right-of-ways Sertoma Centre will dedicate a new 142nd Street right-of-way along the south side of the property measuring approximately 294 feet by 30 feet to connect to the existing Oak Place right-of-way to the east. The new 142nd Street right-of-way is designed to meet Village standards, it will be constructed by

Sertoma, and upon acceptance, will be owned and maintained by the Village of Orland Park.

Orland Park President, Keith Pekau, presented a proclamation to Police Chief, Timothy J. McCarthy, in honor of 26 years of dedication and service to the Village of Orland Park as its Chief of Police. Chief McCarthy addressed the meeting and, in part, stated:

"Our Police department is one of the best in the state of Illinois. Every crime in Orland Park we take serious and sleep with one eye open in case we are called



Orland Park President, Keith Pekau and Orland Park Police Chief, Timothy J. McCarthy

out. We have outstanding professionals in our department and without them we would not be the great department we are. I also have to give a heads up to our residents and businesses for

their support and to the support of Mayor Pekau and the members of the board. Thank you! As I fade into the sunset of retirement, I do so knowing the department is in good hands."

Tinley Park amends Cannabis law

by Jan Glaz

An Ordinance in the Village of Tinley Park approving text amendments to the Village's zoning ordinance allowing for adult-use cannabis dispensing organizations in certain zoning districts as a special use with certain restrictions, passed on July 21st. The ordinance eliminates Medical cannabis cultivation facilities. Medical cannabis dispensing organizations will still be allowed in the Villages M-1 District but in that district will not be allowed to sell adult-use cannabis at those locations.

Tinley Park Trustee, Michael Mueller, stated municipalities have the authority to adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate the possession and public consumption of cannabis, as long as the regulations are



Golden Corral, 6803 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL

consistent with the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (Public Act 101-0027) legalized cannabis for Illinois residents over 21 years of age. The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act became effective on January 1, 2020.

Meeting endnote: Tinley Park President, Jacob Vandenberg, introduced a request from petitioner, Bhavin Patel, for board approval of a Class D Liquor License for the Golden Corral, a buffet restaurant located at 6803 W. 159th Street. The Class D license allows for the sale of alcoholic liquor in addition to beer and wine.

The Golden Corral, a family-friendly restaurant, has been closed since late June as a result of COVID-19. The restaurant's business model could not easily adapt to carry-out or outdoor dining. The owners of the Golden Corral reported that they will see increased labor costs to accommodate safety guidelines and as they move forward to attract business back to their establishment. Serving liquor would bring in additional revenue. Upon roll call the motion to approve denying the Golden Corral a Class D Liquor License.

Mokena sets timeline for road repairs

by Jan Glaz

Brian Fei, Mokena Civil Engineer, announced at the July 27th Village of Mokena board meeting that maintenance road and sidewalk repair should begin within the next few weeks and with the Village's late start due to COVID-19 the work will be finished later than usual.

Fei requested and the board agreed to award the following Maintenance Program bid awards: For street maintenance a contract to P.T. Ferro Construction of Joliet in the total amount of \$976,464.11, to patch and resurface 2.82 miles of Mokena's roadways as well as the curbs and guttering along these thoroughfares. A contract to patch other damaged and deteriorated roadway areas was awarded to Austin Tyler Construction

in the total amount of \$86,470.

The bid award for sidewalk and curb repair went to Strada Construction of Addison in the total amount of \$74,475. To remove and replace approximately 6,500 square feet of sidewalk and about 500 lineal feet of curb and gutter. The crack filling program contract went to Denler, Inc., of Joliet, in the total amount of \$22,834.40 to fill 74,448 lineal feet of pavement cracks, approximately 4.7 miles of roadway.

A.C. Pavement Striping Company of Elgin, IL was awarded a pavement marking contract in the total amount of \$30,075 to repair 2.9 miles of Mokena's roadways. "Lane striping, stop bars, and crosswalks along these roads will be restriped as

necessary," commented Brian Fei.

Mokena Trustee, Joseph Budzyn, questioned the longevity of markings prior to approval of the pavement marking contract and was informed that the duration was from 5 to 7 years. Trustee Budzyn replied, "The markings south of Wolf Road were done two years ago and look pretty bad, some gone in many spots. I'm not certain we're getting the best bang for our buck." Brian Fei answered, "The life of markings depend on the road. The amount of traffic and plow use as opposed to a side street, but I'll check this with the contractor." For questions regarding road and sidewalk maintenance please contact Brian Fei, Civil Engineer, at 708-479-3906, extension 238.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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



Residence located at 7400 W. Kiowa Lane, City of Palos Heights, IL

Palos Heights finalizes pool request

by Jan Glaz

Palos Heights Alderman, Jack Clifford, brought forth a motion at a recent city council meeting to approve or deny a petition filed by residents Santos Gonzales and Anna Moore, 7400 W. Kiowa Lane, allowing a variance for a pool to extend 3 feet beyond the building line and a fence to extend 10 feet beyond the building line and returning perpendicularly to the northwest corner of the house. Alderman Clifford stated that neither the pool nor fence will extend into the required 20 foot front yard of the two-lot block of Comanche Drive.

For the past few months the variance request has bounced back and forth for numerous reviews by the council committee, the zoning board of appeals, and the city engineer. The house was built on an unconventional lot and has no backyard. In the easement is drainage, an underground pipe.

Over the months Santos

Gonzales and Anna Moore redesigned the pool to straddle the underground pipe, changed the style of the pool and did whatever the city asked for. At roll call Aldermen voted unanimously to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance granting a setback variance. The City of Palos Heights Public Works Director will oversee construction of the pool.

New business in Palos Heights: Aldermen approved a petition filed by David Courtright to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to allow a zoning change from R-1 Residential to B-1 Restricted Business for purposes of a Law Office to operate at 12624 S. Ridgeland Avenue; and a petition filed by Kevin Hauser to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to allow a Chiropractor Medical Clinic to operate at 7230 W. 127th Street, contingent upon issuance of occupancy permit by Building Department.

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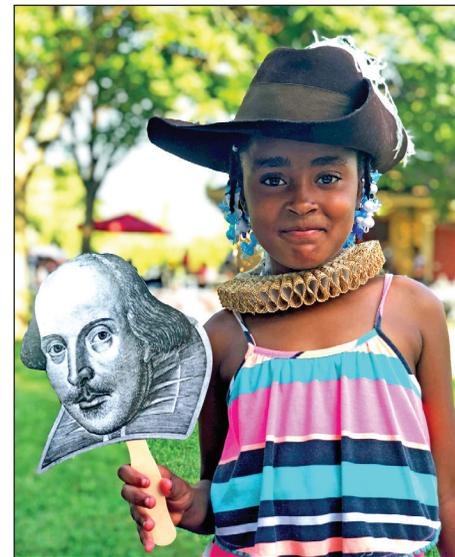


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Vehicle Stickers for the Village of Worth

The expiration date for the 2019-2020 vehicle stickers have been extended to August 29, 2020. The Village Hall is currently closed to the public; however, you may fill out the vehicle sticker application and put in our drop box with a check or mail the application and payment to the Village Hall. Your

stickers will then be mailed to you. The new 2020-2021 must be displayed on the bottom passenger side of your windshield by midnight on August 29, 2020. Penalties will be applied to all stickers purchased after August 29, 2020.

For a Vehicle sticker application go online at <http://villageofworth.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=31>

Concert in the Park

On Thursday, August 20,

2020 at 7 pm, join us for the live, energetic music, of this nine-piece group, Chicago Experience in Memorial Park's Gazebo. As part of the Palos Heights Recreation Department's Concert in the Park series co-sponsored by the Palos Heights Library. Pre-Registration is REQUIRED AT 708-361-1807 or by visiting the PH Recreation Department. No on-site registration will be available.

Social distancing is encouraged, and a mask will be required inside City Hall while using the restroom.

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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Village of Justice grants new business licenses

by Jan Glaz

Officials in the Village of Justice recently voted to approve the business licenses of the following: Marcus Way, LLC d/b/a Victory Smokes operating a tobacco shop at 8519 S 88th Avenue; a home occupation license for Design by Three, Inc. for a construction business located at 1 Hickory Trace Drive; and a business license for B&S Food & Liquor operating as a convenience store located at 8511 S. 88th Avenue, contingent upon all inspections.

In addition trustees agreed to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Justice-Willow Springs Water Commission and the Village of Justice relating to the cost of sharing for the construction of the Justice 83rd Street Improvement Project.

Noteworthy news: The Justice Police Department announced the passing of a six year member of the Justice Police Department, Corporal Joseph Pavlik,



Corporal Joseph Pavlik

who passed away unexpectedly at his residence on July 22, 2020. Corporal Pavlik was assigned to the 5th District Swat team. Throughout his career he had received numerous commendations for exemplary service from the Department as well as adjoining agencies.

The Justice Police Department stated, "Corporal Joseph Pavlik remained true to his personal pledge and oath to be compassionate to those he served without reservation." Corporal Pavlik is survived by his wife and child, his parents, family and friends. A GoFundMe account under "Supporting the family of Corporal Joe Pavlik" has been established to help his family in this time of need. Donations may also be forwarded to the Justice Police Department in care of Corporal Pavlik, delivered or mailed, to the Justice Police Department, 7800 S. Archer Road, Justice, IL.

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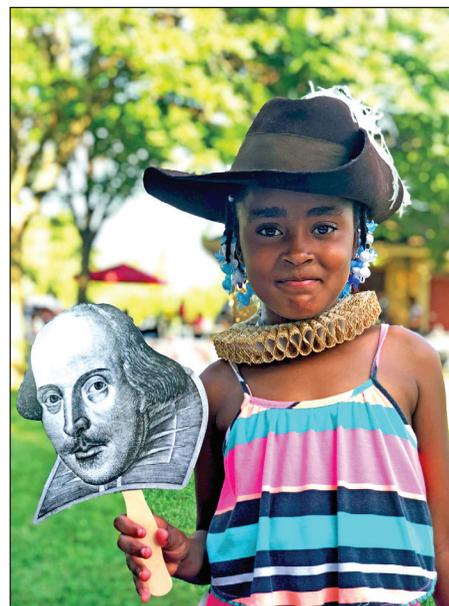


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Oak Lawn Public Library News

Oak Lawn Public Library eNewsletter: The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. now has an eNewsletter! Stay connected and up to date with current OLPL programs, events and services through email. To sign-up please visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/ef4vaGA>. For more information, please call 708-422-4990, visit www.olpl.org, or use the Ask a Librarian feature on our website.

Digital Downloads: Can't get to the Oak Lawn Public Library? During the closure, the Oak Lawn Public Library has a large collection of books still available to you. Our eBooks and audiobooks can be checked out 24/7 with simple, one-click returns, and the best part is there are no overdue fees. Lack of physical access to the library doesn't mean that your story doesn't go on!

Patrons can access two digital platforms Phone or tablet users can download the Libby by Overdrive apps, or the hoopla. Digital app for easy reading or listening. No smart device, no problem! You can use your laptop or desktop to access eBooks as well. If you need assistance downloading eBook or audiobook versions of these books, please email Shannon at skazmierczak@olpl.org. OLPL also has fantastic tutorials available on our Digital Downloads page: olpl.org/content/digital-downloads. For more information, please call 708-422-4990, visit www.olpl.org, or use the Ask a Librarian feature on our website.

Appointment of new Village of Oak Lawn Police Chief

Chief of Police/Interim Acting Village Manager Randy Palmer announced today the appointment of his replacement for the position of Chief of Police. Division Chief of Patrol Daniel Vittorio was selected from within the ranks of the Oak Lawn Police Department. Dan will be the 12th Chief of Police to serve the Village of Oak Lawn since the first Chief was appointed more than

100 years ago.

Current events across the United States have increased focus on police departments and on the men and women who have chosen policing as a career. Division Chief Vittorio has pledged to adhere to our local ordinances and the U.S. Constitution with respect to individual rights and safety and the protection of all of our residents and visitors to this great

community.

Dan has been a member of the Oak Lawn Police Department since 1997. Prior to becoming Chief he served as Division Chief of Patrol, Division Chief of Administration, Supervisor of the K9 Unit, and Field Training Supervisor. He also served as the Executive Officer for the Region 4 South Mutual Aid Response Team and as President of the South

Suburban Emergency Response Team.

Dan also completed the Voluntary Police Chief Certification Program through The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Governors State University, and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Dan resides in Oak Lawn with his wife



and two children.

Dan's experience will serve the department well and a smooth transition is expected.

Hurley highlights extended deadline for small businesses to apply to paycheck protection program

As many small businesses have been hit hard due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, is highlighting the recent extension of the deadline for small businesses to apply for the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

“Even though our state has transitioned toward reopening and restrictions

have been rolled back, many small businesses are still struggling due to the loss of business they have experienced over the last several months,” said Hurley. “The low-interest, forgivable loans offered through PPP are a great option for business owners who need assistance with day-to-day expenses including making

payroll, paying their mortgages and other necessary bills during this difficult time.”

Hurley is highlighting a recent extension to PPP, which replenished the relief program with over \$300 billion in funding for small businesses and extended the deadline for small businesses to apply for relief

funding to Aug. 8. PPP loans have an interest rate of 1% and are eligible for complete forgiveness if the funds meet benchmarks for payroll costs and other costs including mortgages, rent and utilities. Small business owners can access full information about PPP loans by visiting the website of the U.S. Small Business Admin-

istration at sba.gov/ppp.

“While many businesses in our community are still facing hardship, I encourage residents to each continue doing their part to support our local economy and business owners by shopping small whenever possible,” continued Hurley. “PPP loans can serve as a much-needed lifeline for

businesses that are struggling to make ends meet, so I encourage small business owners that have experienced an interruption in business due to the COVID-19 pandemic to apply.”

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

USO Clark After Dark @ Home, Rock YOUR Block

USO of Illinois raises money to support service members

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, USO of Illinois will not be able to host our annual Clark After Dark festival on Hubbard Street. But, USO still needs your support. On Saturday, August 15th, 2020, USO of Illinois, through the support of Boss Bar and Constellation Brands, will give summer its last “HOO-AH!” by rocking your block at USO Clark After Dark @ Home.

How can you support?

1. Become a Clark After Dark @ Home host. Visit www.clarkafterdark.com to sign up to rock YOUR block in honor of the USO.

2. Can’t host? Every gift counts. Make a donation and challenge your friends, family and colleagues on social media to do the same with the hashtag #ClarkAtHome

3. Spread the word. Use #ClarkAtHome to spread the word, that USO of Illinois needs help to support our service members and their families.

A special thanks to Constellation Brands without whom this event would not be possible. Proceeds from the event benefit USO of Illinois’ programs and services that support nearly 350,000 military and military families annually throughout Illinois.

How are we supporting?

1. USO of Illinois has supported, and will continue to support, more than 2,500 members of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard deployed on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis in Chicago and statewide through meal deliveries, snacks and beverages.

2. We are hosting web-based programs for our military families in self isolation, including sing-alongs with local performers, story time with a celebrity voice over artist, STEAM activities such as learning engineering through the building of newspaper forts, and other interactive activities for children of all ages. Nearly 1,000 military families have



been impacted by our virtual events.

3. USO of Illinois has supported, and will continue to support, quarantined service members at Naval Station Great Lakes with drinks, snacks, video games and entertainment items. We have served 17,000 military members and their families in the communities around Naval Station Great Lakes.

Your home or online! Visit www.clarkafterdark.com for more information.

“For the past 11 years, Chicagoans have showed their support for our Illinois service members by rocking the block at Clark After Dark.” Said Christopher Schmidt, Executive Director, USO of Illinois, “Now, with social distancing and our mission to keep everyone safe and healthy, we are asking you, the American people, to rock your block in support.”

Pay Cook County property taxes through October 1 with no penalty

Second Installment Cook County property tax bills was due August 3, 2020, but property owners have two extra months to pay without a late fee, Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

“In my nearly 22 years as Treasurer, I’ve never told people not to pay their taxes,” Pappas said. “But the pandemic has changed a lot of things. If you’ve lost your job and don’t have the money, you do not have to pay until October 1, 2020”



Property owners can pay the Second Installment without a late fee through October 1.

To download a copy of your tax bill or to make a payment, visit cookcounty-treasurer.com:

treasurer.com:

Select the blue box labeled “Pay Online for Free”

Search by property address or enter your Property Index Number (PIN).

There is no fee if you pay from your bank account

You may also use cookcountytreasurer.com:

Search \$75 million in available refunds going back 20 years.

See if you are missing out on \$34 million in senior exemptions going back four years.

Free Help for Homeowners Who Need Mortgage Relief

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) allows struggling homeowners who have federally backed mortgages to pause mortgage payments for at least six months and up to one year. Once payments resume, lenders must review the homeowners for a range of payment options, including loan modifications. The

Act also freezes foreclosure actions in court.

A homeowner must ask the bank for this relief while the President’s disaster declaration is still in effect. Most people don’t know about the program and time is of the essence.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services has created a simple step-by-step tool to help homeowners find out if

they are eligible for this relief and to request it if they are. Instructions, form letters, and links to helpful sites and FAQs are free and available to anyone on CVLS’ website at <https://www.cvls.org/get-legal-help/covid-19-relief/>.

Homeowners can also call CVLS’s hotline or send an email: 312-332-8785; cvls@cvls.org to get free help with the process.

Deadline extended to order brick pavers



The deadline to order brick pavers for the walkway at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza, Tinley Park, has been extended to Friday, Aug. 7. Bricks ordered by that date will be installed at the plaza in time for Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 11.

To order your personalized brick honoring a friend or family member in the Armed Forces, please see the Brick Paver Order Form on the Village of Tinley Parks website.

For more information, call 708-444-5000 or visit www.tinleypark.org.

Evergreen Park Vehicle Sticker News

Your 2020-2021 Stickers are due to be purchased and on your cars by September 15. You will be receiving your renewal forms in the mail in the next day or two ...

You can now purchase the stickers ONLINE at <https://www.green-pay.us/TMAV-VPAY/evg/>

home.html with a credit card!

This will save you the hassle of coming into the Village Hall during these social distancing times.

Keep safe and buy these online and eliminate the worry. As always, if you have any questions, please call us (708) 422-1551.

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Nick Colletti celebrated 30th anniversary

De La Salle congratulates faculty and staff member Nick Colletti who celebrated his 30th anniversary at our school at the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Colletti, who serves as the assistant principal at De La Salle, is also the longtime public-address announcer for the varsity Meteor boys basketball team.

In addition, Nick is the proud dad of three De La Salle alumni in current fac-



Nick Colletti (Willowbrook)

ulty member Tim '03, William '07 and Benjamin '15.

De La Salle thanks Nick for his commitment to our school over the years and wishes him great joy and success in his future.

Library to further reopen, start renovation in August

Midlothian community members will see the return of more library services that have been suspended due to the pandemic and see the beginning of the long-awaited building envelope renovation project.

August 12, library patrons will again be able to request and receive materials from the approximately 100 libraries in the SWAN consortium. Requests may be made online or by phone.

August 17, the library will open its building, located at 14701 Kenton Ave., for expanded services by appointment, including browsing and checking out books and indoor tables for WiFi use. Appointment-based services begun in July (including those for computer, FAX, scanner, copier and printer use and library card applications) will continue. Midlothian cardholders or residents applying for a library card may call (708) 535-2027 up to 2 business days in advance to make an appointment. Walk-ins (including non-cardholders and non-residents) will be accepted at start of each time slot if space is available. The library especially invites everyone to come in and fill out their 2020 Census online if they have not already to do so and to use library computers to register to vote.

The library will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 am

to 4:00 pm, with one-hour appointment time slots at 10:00 and 11:15 am, and 12:30, 1:45 and 3:00 pm. The library will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 7:00 pm, with appointment time slots at 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45 and 6:00 pm.

The library is taking important precautions for the safety of patrons and staff. Appointment slots are spaced 15 minutes apart to allow for cleaning breaks. All staff and patrons age 2 and up are required to wear masks and observe 6 feet of social distance. Staff can only offer technology help that can be given from 6 feet away. Payment for Print/Scan/FAX/Copy must be by credit card, bills or coins at pay box. Only credit cards may be used to pay library bills. Staff cannot handle cash or make change. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult age 18 or older.

For those who prefer not to enter the library, curbside service and homebound delivery of materials will continue. For more information on all current library services visit www.midlothianlibrary.org/curbside Throughout August, online programming for all ages will continue as well. For the program schedule, click the "events" tab on the library website.

August 24 is the projected start date for the library's planned building envelope renovation Project.

Anyone with inquiries about library programs or services is encouraged to call (708) 535-2027 or email mds@midlothianlibrary.org.

Oak Lawn concerts

The Village of Oak Lawn Summer Concerts on the Village Green are scheduled for:

Sunday, August 9, 7-9:30 p.m. Sushi Roll (rescheduled)

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Sunday, August 30, 7-9:30 p.m. Cadillac Groove

Sunday, September 13, 6:30-9 p.m. The Walk Ins
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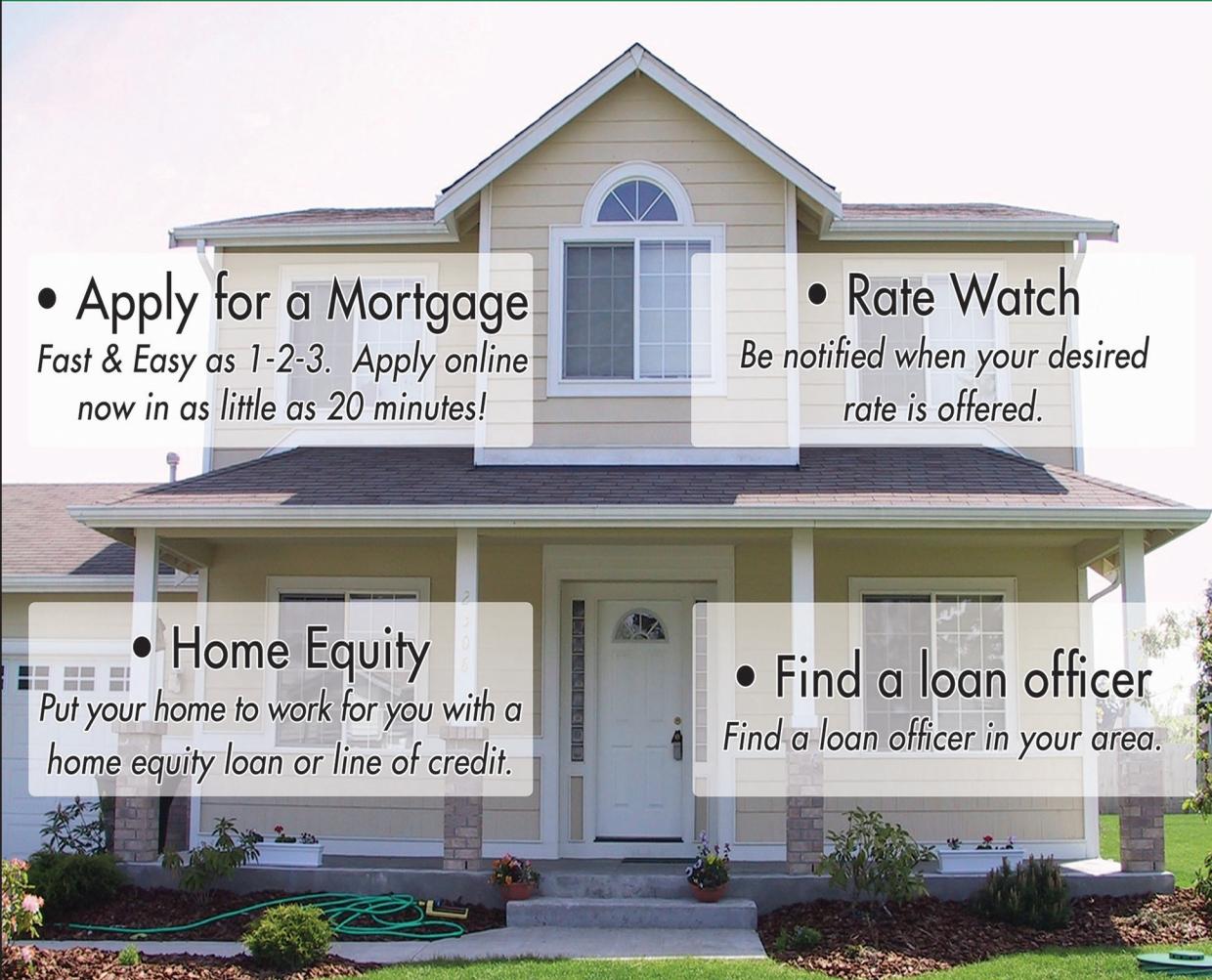
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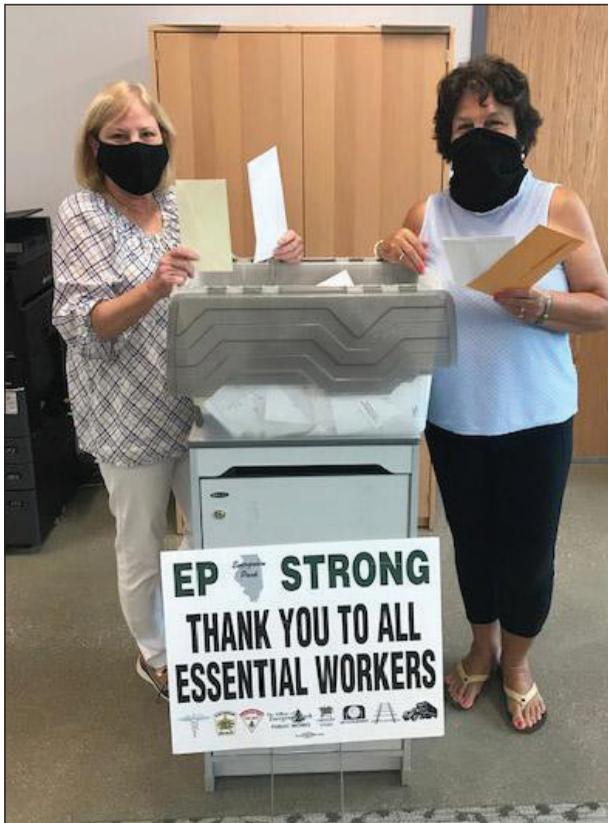
EP STRONG Raffle Winners Announced

Jill Lynn and Karen Sexton, of the Evergreen Park Recreation Department, recently announced the raffle winners!

Evergreen Park residents helped raise almost \$20,000 in the yard sign program, the net proceeds of which went to providing meals to First Responders, Medical Staff at LCMH and Public Works, as well as a donation to the Village Pantry.

The four winners are: Sue Klimowski, Mike O'Neill, Chris Brettman, and Colleen and Tom Brychel

Each received a gift card for an EP business. Thank



you so much to the residents of EP, and always, our essential workers. Keep safe!

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Cookieman Turns 97

Long time Midlothian residence since 1923, Glenn H. Drechsel celebrated his 97th Covid Birthday with a Fire-truck parade followed by, Church Family, Neighbors and Family!!

Distanced everyone behind the "Cookieman Turns 97" Banner. From the sidewalk...

Balloons, Banners, Cards and lots of Love, decorated his house.

Which is the original family home, he still lives in!

All day celebration everyone stopping by to



Glenn H. Drechsel

bring a balloon, or card till parade participation at 6:00pm.

Veteran of U S Navy, Longtime member Oak Forest United Methodist Church, now Faith United Methodist, in ORLAND Park. Glenn was known in town as the "Cookie-

man" had a big blue truck and distributed cookies to retail grocery stores throughout the Chicago-land and suburban area.

Loved to camp and travel with his late wife Lorraine, family and friends.

Glenn's sons and wives, with most of the grandchildren, and most of the great grandchildren were on board to celebrate, this special day!!!

Wonderful, kind, generous, always smiling man, very sharp dresser "watch out gents", very much loved by all!!

Happy Birthday With Love and Gratitude to Glenn, Grandpa, and Great Papa, for continued health and happiness!!!

OSF Offers New, State-of-the-Art Imaging System

OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Evergreen Park has a new, interventional radiology suite, becoming one of only a handful of centers in the nation to offer the state-of-the-art imaging system which combines two types of imaging technology, CT and fluoroscopy, in one single machine, which shortens procedure times and requires fewer trips to the hospital for patients.

For many years, surgery was the only treatment available for many conditions. Today, many conditions can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists who specialize in minimally invasive, targeted treatments, combining diagnostic and clinical experience across all specialties. They use X-rays, CT and/or ultrasound, and other imaging

to advance a catheter in the body, usually in an artery, to treat at the source of the disease internally.

Treatments offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery and are first-line care for a wide variety of conditions. It can be used to freeze and destroy cancer cells, remove blood clots, cauterize and close abnormal veins, fix spinal fractures, insert and fix dialysis catheters, and drain pockets of infection inside the body. Additional areas that interventional radiology can treat include: deep vein thrombosis, varicose veins, gastrointestinal issues, uterine fibroids, pain management, and more.

"It deals with almost every body system and you use the technology to solve problems that we couldn't solve before and provide

treatment options that we couldn't before," explained Dr. Hamid Nazeer, medical director of interventional radiology, OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center. "During the peak of the pandemic, in order to keep everybody safe and to get certain measures in place, we were only performing critical and urgent procedures. Now we're offering every other procedure that we have here, and we can do it in a very safe way."

As OSF HealthCare brings elective procedures that had been curtailed or cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic back online, it continues to take extra measures to ensure the highest level of patient safety across the 14-hospital Ministry, including its interventional radiology suites.

Stickney Township's Viverito Senior Center to offer stress busting program for family caregivers

Taking care of a person living with Alzheimer's or related dementia is specialized work. To do this work successfully, caregivers need special skills, knowledge and a positive attitude that helps them to care for themselves.

The Stress Busting Program for Family Caregivers is an evidence-based program that provides support to family caregivers of people with dementia. It is proven to improve the quality of life of family caregivers who provide care for people with Alzheimer's disease and other

dementias. The program helps caregivers manage their stress and cope better with their lives.

Are you Caring for a Loved One with Dementia?

The Stress Busting Program for Family Caregivers is a free, nine-session workshop for family and friends who are actively caring for those living with Alzheimer's or related dementias.

Content includes: stress and relaxation; dealing with challenging behaviors; grief, loss and depression; coping with stress; positive

thinking; and choosing a path of wellness.

Stress management techniques that will be taught include: relaxation and breathing, imagery, meditation, art, music and journaling.

The Stress Busting Program will be held virtually on Wednesday, at 10am and will meet on consecutive Wednesdays through September 23rd. To request more information or sign up for the upcoming workshop series, please call (708) 636-8850.

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Maintain or Upgrade Your HVAC System: Check your system's air filters. A dirty air filter will make the system work harder to keep you cool, wasting energy. Filters should be inspected once a month during heavy

use.

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Council Oak Montessori School's Fall Plan

Council Oak Montessori School will open for in-person learning in September. With a focus on ensuring both the emotional and physical health of their students, Council Oak plans to utilize small class sizes and outdoor classrooms to ensure a positive learning environment. While following all State health and hygiene guidance, families can look forward to in-person school this fall.

Students will find plenty of opportunities to socially distance at school with 32,000 square feet of indoor space, including a full-sized gymnasium

and an outdoor space full of wildflowers, fruit trees, berries, surrounding the playground. Both the indoor and outdoor spaces can be used year-round. With careful use of these spaces, Council Oak is able to follow all health considerations during the pandemic. They are also able to keep their commitment to a thriving Montessori program.

For over 30 years Council Oak Montessori has kept its commitment to a Montessori program which nurtures the whole child. In that time, they have seen many changes.

With careful planning on the part of teaching and administrative staff, they are confident that they will maintain that legacy.

The school is also offering an online option based on the dynamic remote learning system they developed in March 2019. If you are interested in learning more about this program or in touring the facilities, please call (708) 926-9720 or visit their website at www.council-oakmontessori.org and click the "schedule a tour" button in the top right corner of the webpage. A member of staff will contact you shortly.

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How to make it look like someone is home, even when you're away:

Stop your mail. Nothing says "there's nobody home" like an overstuffed mailbox and a pile of newspapers on the front porch. You can fill out a simple form with the United States Postal Service asking it to hold your mail. Or, perhaps better yet, have a trusted neighbor stop by to pick it up.

Leave dog toys in the front yard. Even if you don't own a dog, you can give a burglar pause by making him or her think that you do.

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