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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Blue Island Welcomes Unique Daycare Facility

by Jan Glaz

Alderman in the City of Blue Island voted to issue a Special Use Permit for Alisha F. Battle to operate "Perfect Reflections Daycare, LLC, at 12128 S. Western. Alisha has five years' experience running family child care programs for children as young as six weeks through twelve years old, including children with special needs. The daycare center will offer care for preschool, full and part-time care, and drop

off care.

Summer camp is on the agenda as well as before and after school care for children up to twelve years old. Meals are provided with attention paid to a peanut free environment. "At a minimum, our teachers have an associates' degree," stated Alisha.

Noteworthy news: Aldermen agreed to a Special Use Permit permitting Steven Banas to operate 'Chicagoland Diesel Sales'

at 13816 Harrison. An ordinance passed by the City of Blue Island to amend the city's zoning map. The city will be expanding the uptown transit oriented district. For information on the expansion please contact city hall located at 13051 Greenwood Avenue, or phone 708-597-8603.

The Blue Island Police Department reported that it is committed to the safety and well-being of all who work



12128 S. Western Avenue, Blue Island IL

at and attend the community schools. Police Chief

Geoffery Farr stated, "Our Police Patrol Division, in

combination with our School Resource Officer, patrols on and around school grounds daily and will continue to do so. We encourage all members of our community to remain vigilant and immediately report any activity that appears suspicious." The police department non-emergency phone number is 708-385-1313. To contact Police Chief Farr call 708-396-7000 or email: gfarr@bipolice.org

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Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau Releases Fall 2021/Winter 2022 Festivals & Events Guide

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau's (CSCVB) annual festivals and events guide is back with its Fall 2021/Winter 2022 edition.

"Our marketing team and community partners have done another magnificent job in putting this incredibly valuable tool together," said Jim Garrett, President/CEO of the Chicago Southland CVB. "This is just another example of how quickly hospitality in the Chicago Southland is bouncing back from the pandemic," he added.

With 199 event listings, there is no shortage of things to see and do throughout the Chicago

Southland region; Break a leg at one of hundreds of productions at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University, Freedom Hall, the Moraine Valley College Fine & Performing Arts Center and The Drama Group to name a few. And celebrate with the Irish in March at the Oak Forest Fleadh (March 5).

Guides can be picked up at the Chicago Southland Lincoln Oasis Visitor Information Center in South Holland or can be requested online at VisitChicagoSouthland.com/InfoRequest. To order a supply for your business, contact the CVB at 708-895-8200 or Info@

VisitChicagoSouthland.com.

For the most up-to-date Chicago Southland event listings, go to VisitChicagoSouthland.com/Events.

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official destination management and marketing organization for Chicago's 62 south and southwest suburbs. The Chicago Southland CVB nationally markets and sells the Chicago Southland region as a destination for meetings and conventions, group tour, sports events and leisure travel. For more information, go to VisitChicagoSouthland.com

Operation Rising Spirit



The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) relaunched "Operation Rising Spirit," asking service organizations, volunteers, and residents across Illinois to continue raising the spirits of military veterans at state veterans' homes in Chicago, LaSalle, Manteno, and Quincy, Illinois.

"Operation Rising Spirit is an effort to lift our veterans' morale during the pandemic

when it has been difficult to be isolated, away from families, and dealing with the uncertainty of COVID-19," said Acting Director Terry Prince. "Our veterans courageously served our nation and demonstrated that bravery again when offered the vaccine, as nearly 99% of our residents are fully vaccinated. The simple gesture of a note of appreciation can lift a spirit and change a day."

This effort is part of Operation Rising Spirit that was successfully launched last year and part of a month of activities the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs is conducting leading up to

Veteran's Day on November 11th. Other efforts include Veterans Serving Veterans, a campaign featuring IDVA's veteran employees. Residents of the IDVA veterans' home will also be recognized, and IDVA Acting Director Prince and team members will also participate in Veteran's Day events across the state.

Notes may be submitted via the IDVA website by Send-a-note - Homes (illinois.gov) or mailed to:

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
Central Office
833 South Spring Street
P.O. Box 19432
Springfield, IL
62794-9432

Chicago Theatre Week

Annual celebration of the rich tradition of theatre-going in Chicago during which visitors and residents can access value-priced tickets, returns for its 10th year and will take place February 17-27, 2022.

Chicago Theatre Week is back in-person. As a program of the League of Chicago Theatres, in partnership with Choose Chicago, more

than 100 theatre productions are expected to participate in neighborhoods throughout the city and suburbs.

Tickets will go on sale and a list of participating productions will be available online at 10am CST on Tue., Jan. 11 at ChicagoTheatreWeek.com.

"Chicago's theatre scene is a critical differentiator for our City. With more than

250 theatres, Chicago offers something for everyone," said Glenn Eden, Chair, Choose Chicago Board of Directors. "Chicago Theatre Week is an amazing opportunity to experience all that Chicago has to offer for both locals and visitors alike."

Subscribe to the Theatre Week newsletter or follow @ChicagoPlays on Twitter for updates.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Tinley Park Mayor Supports Resident's Request

by Jan Glaz

At the December 21st Village of Tinley Park Board Meeting, Trustee Michael Mueller requested the board to adopt an ordinance granting a setback variation at 16050 76th Avenue, to permit a 6-foot high privacy corner fence, in a secondary front yard, where fence encroachment is not permitted.

The petitioner, Sergio Gonzalez, requested the variation to provide outdoor space and security for his family on their corner property. Gonzalez

claimed that the property, currently enclosed to the northwest, is small and has water stagnation issues. Safety concerns were also cited. There is no stop sign on 76th Avenue at the intersection in front of the home, and vehicles often exceed the speed limit on the southbound roadway that's separated from oncoming traffic via a boulevard. Sergio also noted a recent incident where a vehicle veered into his front yard.

Tinley Park Planning



16050 76th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL

Commission staff analysis showed no vehicle or pedestrian visibility concerns due to the right-of-way lawn setback. Village code requirement is typically a

30-foot visibility triangle and the request meets the requirement. The board voted unanimously to grant Sergio's request.

Tinley Park Mayor,

Michael Glotz, commented, "I would like to add, I watched the Plan Commission and I drove by the property. I would not normally be in favor of something like this... but the Planning Commission has done an excellent job." Noteworthy: Trustee Mueller presented a resolution to consider approving a 'Renewed Cook County Assessment Classification 8' for tax relief at 7320 Duvan Drive, for petitioner John Kaczmariski. The property had been

vacant for eight years and a significant investment had been made to upgrade the building to current village codes.

Mark Your Calendar: A request from Saint Julie Billiard Catholic Church met with board approval to conduct a raffle until Sunday, January 16, 2022. The maximum value of all prizes is not to exceed \$250,000.00. Winners will be drawn on the final day at Saint Julie's church, 7399 159th Street, Tinley Park, Illinois.

Jim Richmond to Retire

The City of Oak Forest announced that Jim Richmond will retire from the Mayor's Office December 30, 2021. Richmond's time with the city spans nearly 45 years in three different roles – city manager, mayor and executive assistant to the mayor.

Former Oak Forest Mayor Jim Jesk, who passed away in November gave Richmond his first opportunity to serve the residents of his hometown when he appointed Richmond as city manager in 1977. Richmond served two years in this role and was instrumental in helping to relocate City Hall from Cicero Avenue to Central Avenue in 1979. Unfortunately, Richmond left the city for a new opportunity before the facility was completed.

Richmond's work as city manager as well as his involvement in local affairs eventually led him to run for mayor in 1993—defeating incumbent Jim Malecky, who served two terms in office. Prior to being



mayor, Richmond led the controversial referendum to reduce the number of aldermen elected to each ward. The referendum passed and according to Richmond brought "more stability to local government and improved service to the community." As mayor, Richmond introduced the city's first ethics ordinance, created the positions of finance director and community development director, implemented a senior bus service, and began the development of the Oak Commons site at 159th Street and Central Avenue.

Richmond returned to City Hall in 2009 in his current position as the exec-

utive assistant to Mayor Hank Kuspa. For the past 12 years, Richmond has managed the day-to-day operations of the Mayor's Office, including fielding comments, concerns and questions from residents; maintaining the records of the City Council; coordinating procedures for the elections held in Oak Forest; and serving as the Freedom of Information officer.

"I will miss the daily contact with residents and businesspeople, as well as the opportunity to serve them," Richmond said. "I will also miss working with seven extremely fine aldermen, as well as the other elected officials and so many wonderful city employees. My dedication to improving Oak Forest will go on."

In retirement, Richmond plans to do some traveling with his wife Sharon. Richmond credits his wife for his ability to remain involved in Oak Forest government and in the community for so long.

Board Approves 2021 Tax Levy

The Mokena Village Board approved the Village's 2021 tax levy recently, with a forecasted tax rate of \$0.2333 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation (EAV), a rate slightly lower than the current rate of \$0.2388 per \$100 of EAV.

The 2021 tax levy reflects the Board's continued emphasis on tax neutrality

with respect to the Village's tax burden on property owners residing within Mokena's corporate limits. For the 2020 property tax levy payable in 2021, the Village's portion of an overall tax bill was about 4%, equating to approximately \$239 (or 66 cents per day) for a home with a market value of \$300,000. Local school districts

accounted for roughly 65%.

As in previous years, the Village of Mokena maintains the lowest current municipal tax rate of 23 Will County communities, and a total tax rate (all taxing districts combined) lower than 9 similar Will County municipalities, including neighboring Lincoln-Way communities Frankfort and New Lenox.

Senior Bus Service

The Village has closed the Tinley Park Senior Community Center until further notice as a precautionary measure against COVID-19. The Senior Bus Service will continue to operate as usual.

Bus service for seniors and the handicapped is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Reservations should be made 24 hours in advance by calling (708) 532-7433. Fare is 65 cents each way for

riders age 65 and older or \$1.30 per ride each way for ages 55 to 64.

Village bus service for medical appointments in Orland Park, Oak Forest and Mokena only is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Reservations for all medical appointment-related bus rides must be made 48 hours in advance. Fare is 75 cents each way for riders age 65 and older and \$1.30 each way for those ages 55 to 64.



Cancellations must be made before 9 a.m. Reservations for trips to Brookside Marketplace are preferred on Mondays. For safety reasons, a maximum of two grocery bags are allowed, and they must be securely placed between the seats, on passengers' laps or on the floor between their feet.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Chicago Ridge appoints Jim Jarolimek Police Chief

by Jan Glaz

A swearing in ceremony for Police Chief, Jim Jarolimek, was held at the Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees Meeting on December 21, 2021. Jim grew up in Chicago Ridge and has held the positions of patrol officer, corporal, detective, sergeant detective, and commander of investigations. Back in August of 2017 he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Investigations.

Chief Jarolimek is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police, and the

Illinois Juvenile Officers Association. Jim was assigned to the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force for twelve years and during that time he was involved in over 60 homicide investigations for one of the most highly regarded task forces in the country. In 2016, he became a member of the newly formed 'Southwest Major Crimes Task Force'.

In other official news: Trustees approved B&M Gaming, LLC d/b/a Heidi's Place, located at 10139 Harlem Avenue. Heidi's Place is described as Video Gaming and Liquor. Dental



Chicago Ridge, Illinois, Police Chief, Jim Jarolimek

Surgery, in an amount of \$1,076.36 and \$5,418.71 for police K-9, Thor, met with full board approval. The funds for Thor's surgery will be taken from the village's 'Narcotic Account'. The village board also agreed to a re-bid in the amount of \$227,955.05 to be awarded to Copenhaver Construction, Inc. for work at Permeable Paver Parking lot.

State Surges Mass Vaccination Operations Statewide to Meet COVID Booster Demand

Governor JB Pritzker has directed the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to enhance its partnerships with local health department mass vaccination operations throughout the state to help meet the growing demand for the COVID-19 vaccine booster. The State of Illinois is more than doubling personnel and adding at least 100 people to regional sites, administering vaccinations, preparing vaccine doses for clinic personnel, and doing data entry.

Additionally, starting the week of January 3, the state's free Community Based Testing Sites will begin operating six days a week to increase COVID-19 testing availability across the state.

"I'm announcing this surge staffing to support our local health departments to vaccinate and boost tens of thousands more Illinoisans," said Governor JB Pritzker.

"We are also increasing testing and continuing to distribute monoclonal antibodies, anti-viral pills and any treatments or personal protective equipment communities need. I will continue to do everything possible to protect all the people of this state, whatever your vaccine status. But what kind of year 2022 turns out to be depends on all of us doing what is best for all of us."

"We have a vaccine that is highly effective at preventing severe illness and death," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Currently, we are seeing a demand for booster doses, but it is critically important for those who have yet to receive even one dose of vaccine to get vaccinated. The vast majority of cases, hospitalization, and deaths are among those who are not vaccinated. COVID-19 can be prevented through vaccination so get vaccinated and get boosted."

In recent weeks, the State

of Illinois partnered with Cook County Health to offer two (2) one day booster clinics, resulting in about 7,000 shots administered.

Appointments can be made at each clinic at the links below. Many locations will also accept walk ups.

Cook County: <https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/>

DuPage County: <https://www.dupagehealth.org/667/COVID-19-Vaccine>

Will County: <https://willcountyhealth.org/vaccine-locations/>

Kane County: <https://kanevax.org/>

Anyone age 12 and older who is in need of a first or second dose may also utilize these free clinics. While adults have the ability to mix-and-match their booster vaccine, 16- and 17-year-olds are only authorized to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech booster.

If you are unable to attend one of these mass vaccination booster clinics, you can visit vaccines.gov to find a clinic near you.

Gift Cards: Don't Save Them, Spend Them

Odds are that you or someone you know will receive a gift card during the holiday season.

It is easy to see why. The cards are easy to purchase and (typically) easy to use. They can be the perfect primary gift for that difficult-to-buy-for-friend or a great stocking stuffer for a college student.

However, too many times I have heard stories about a gift card that was saved for a rainy day only to find out that there was no money on the card because too much time had elapsed.

One of the lesser-known roles of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office involves gift cards. That is why I hear the stories. Here is what you can do to protect yourself:

Know that retail gift cards and bank gift cards are the two most common types of cards. Retail gift cards are only redeemable at a

specific retailer or restaurant. Bank gift cards, which carry a payment network such as American Express, MasterCard, or Visa, can be used at any location that accepts that specific brand.

Resist the urge to save the card for a rainy day. Doing so may increase the likelihood that some of the card's value will be consumed by fees. Instead, use the card and set aside an equal amount of cash for a rainy day.

Remember that while money on a typical bank gift card cannot expire for at least five years, depending upon the circumstances, inactivity fees can begin in as little as 12 months. Therefore, it is possible that inactivity fees could consume the cash value of a bank gift card before the five-year window has expired.

Under Illinois' Consumer Fraud Act, most gift cards sold in Illinois that are

usable only at a specific retailer or restaurant are not allowed to charge inactivity fees.

Businesses that close likely will not honor an outstanding gift card.

Treat a gift card like cash. If lost or stolen, report it to law enforcement. Contact the card's issuer to determine if a replacement card is possible and at what cost.

Today, the state treasurer's office holds more than \$3.5 billion in unclaimed property.

Because our records are updated twice each year, we encourage residents to frequently check our I-Cash database, which can be found or at www.illinois-treasurer.gov

Our office never charges a fee to search for, or return, unclaimed property.

Sincerely,
Michael W. Frerichs
Illinois State Treasurer

Vehicle Stickers Regulations

All vehicles registered and/or housed in the Village of Chicago Ridge (including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, and recreational vehicles) must have a current village vehicle sticker properly affixed and displayed on the windshield.

All vehicle stickers shall be valid for a one-year period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Half-year rates shall be applicable for vehicle stickers purchased between January 1 and May 31. Half-year rates do not apply to late sticker purchases. For newly purchased vehicles

or new residents, the owner shall have one month from the date of purchase or residency to a buy a vehicle sticker at the regular annual rate. Documentation will be required. Penalties will apply to late purchases. For further information, call the Village Hall at 708-425-7700.

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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Evergreen Park Approves Fast Lab Covid Testing

by Jan Glaz

The Village of Evergreen Park recently granted a business regulation certificate for 'Fast Lab Health Covid Testing' located at 3317 West 95th Street. The owner of the location, Mirz, is also the practitioner of the license. Prior to granting permission the board held a discussion in regard to the availability of testing and parking spaces.

Trustee, James McQuillan, noted that the site lacked a lab and that the office is only 500 square feet. Trustee, Carol Kyle, requested the business parking be monitored and their license be revisited if issues arise. After all stipulations had been conversed, a vote rang in at 4 yeas, 2 nays. Trustees Mark Phelan and Norman Anderson voted against the license.

Noteworthy village news: Evergreen Park Village Clerk, Cathy Aparo, had the honor in December 2021, to be named 'Citizen of the Year' by the Evergreen Park

Chamber of Commerce. "In Village government, we are entrusted with the care of not only the Village but all the people who live and work in the village. According to our 2020 census, we are 19,943 people strong," Cathy said, and added, "It's my intention that the village and its inhabitants will not just survive - but thrive here."

Cathy Aparo has been a longtime resident of Evergreen Park. She attended and graduated from the Evergreen Park Community High School in 1973 and was inducted into schools Hall of Fame in 2019. She entered into the field of government in 1984, and then went on to serve six terms as Evergreen Park's Village Clerk.

The Board of Trustees welcomed new nail salon businesses into the village. Approved for a business license is: Bodii Café Inc. d/b/a Pink Ribbon Skin Care, 3317-19 West 95th



Street; 3-D Design Nail Spa (new owner) at 9830 S. Western Avenue; and French Nails Salon (new owner and expanded space) at 9848-9850 S. Kedzie Avenue.

Due to trespassing issues, a court order for demolition has been obtained for property located at 3245 W. 97th Street. Trustees approved the cost of the demolition for (2) two story structures and (1) garage in an amount of \$32,500 from low bidder Dunleavy Construction.

Mercy Circle Earns Top Honors from U.S. News and World Report

Mercy Circle, a continuing care retirement community in Chicago's Mt. Greenwood neighborhood, earned a rating of "High Performing" for 2021-22 from *U.S. News & World Report* for its excellence in short-term rehabilitation.

The 12th edition of the *U.S. News Best Nursing Homes* combines comprehensive information about care, COVID-19 vaccination requirements for residents and staff, flu and pneumonia vaccination rates, and infection control statistics. This year's methodology includes an emphasis on communities meeting certain standards of patient safety, including staff COVID-19 vaccination rates among other criteria.

The not-for-profit senior living community earned highest marks for resident safety with 100 percent compliance regarding residents vaccinated against the spread of COVID-19 and influenza. After FDA approval of the vaccines,

Mercy Circle became one of the first continuing care retirement centers in Chicago to mandate the vaccination for all staff. Additional factors include the percentage of short-term rehab patients who can return home after discharge, percentage of residents that go to the emergency room during their stay and fall prevention programs.

"*U.S. News* takes pride in providing relevant, up-to-date information when making any sort of health care decision," says Zach Adams, health data engineer at *U.S. News*. "This important information can help families, residents and caregivers make a decision that keeps safety and accessibility at the highest priority."

For 2021-22, *U.S. News & World Report* rated 13,500 facilities providing short-term rehab, but only 1,651 earned a High-Performing Rating. Seventy-four of them are in Illinois.

"We are proud of our excellent team of physical,



Mercy Circle employee Joanna Ruzich MHS, CCC-SLP, manager of therapy services, Photo credit: Marc Monaghan

speech and occupational therapists, nurses, nursing assistants, and, in fact, the entire team at Mercy Circle. They assist our residents with care and professionalism," says executive director Frances Lachowicz. "While this national recognition is gratifying, our real reward comes from seeing our residents recover to live their fullest life."

For more information or to schedule a private appointment, please call 773-253-3600 or visit MercyCircle.org.

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Membership Drive



American Legion Central Park Post 1028 is conducting a membership recruiting All You Can Eat Breakfast on Friday February 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at Les Brothers Restaurant, 87th

& Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. Veterans of any era are invited to join free of dues for the first year. Bring a fellow veteran and if that veteran also joins, free of dues the first year, you earn a \$50 gift card. Verification of veteran status is required at the door

(DD-214) with honorable or general discharge.

RSVP with number of guests by January 5, 2022.

John Divizio 708-423-5922 jdivizio56@comcast.net or Henry A. Roa 773-247-1522 mexfolroa@ameritech.net.

The Chicago Ensemble Launches its 45th Season

The Chicago Ensemble's 45th Anniversary season and return to live performances begins in February, featuring the works of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St. and Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 3 pm at International House, 1414 E. 59th St.; followed by a March program of Hindemith, Beethoven, Husa and Bruch, Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3 pm at International House, 1414 E. 59th St. and Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Fourth Presbyterian

Church, 126 E. Chestnut St. Single tickets are \$35 and include light hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages available a half hour before the performance. Artistic Director Gerald Rizzer provides an informal commentary before each piece, heightening the intimacy of the chamber music. There is a 45th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, March 12, 2022 at The Fortnightly Club, 120 E. Bellevue Place. The Celebration features a unique Classical Music Jukebox format inviting audience participation. Information,

subscriptions and single tickets are available at TheChicagoEnsemble.org.

"Since founding The Chicago Ensemble in 1977, I have always enjoyed assembling a captivating mix of famous masterpieces, rarely heard gems from the past, and new works, said Artistic Director Gerald Rizzer. "I'm delighted to offer a varied mix of repertoire that has always distinguished the Ensemble's programs spanning the Baroque Period to today for the 45th anniversary season, especially after such a challenging two years."

New Public Safety Facility Previewed

With construction documents nearing completion, the Mokena Village Board got a preview of the new public safety facility planned for 3.5 acres at the northeast corner of 191st Street and 104th Avenue.



The proposed facility, which traces its roots back to a 40-year space planning study completed in 2006, symbolizes a long-standing local commitment to public safety from Village elected officials and staff both past and present.

Following evaluation and due diligence, land was purchased in 2008 and Gilfillan Callahan Nelson Architects (now known as Studio GC) was brought on board in 2009 to design the facility. However, strong recessionary forces took hold of the economy around this time and plans for the project eventually had to be put on the shelf.

Over time, the local economy improved, but by this point, needed improve-

ments to the Village's wastewater treatment plant had become top priority. These improvements were put out to bid before the pandemic, and work on this major capital project is currently in progress.

With the wastewater treatment plant project underway, in late 2020 a Public Safety Facility Planning Committee was formed to re-open discussions on design and construction of the new public safety facility, and in early 2021, the Board reactivated its previous professional services agreement with Studio GC.

The facility previewed by the Board December 13, 2020, encapsulates 9-10

months of weekly design, analysis, and review by the Committee and Mokena Police staff in tandem with Studio GC architects, and further reflects assessment and input from the Village Board at its June 28 and September 20 work sessions. The Village's Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee formally endorsed plans at a special meeting.

The project is expected to go out to bid in the first quarter of 2022.

Architectural renderings of the new facility are currently on display in the lobby of the Mokena Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter Street.

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From the Tinley Park Mayor

Dear community,
As the mayor of Tinley Park, I represent more than 56,000 people in both Cook and Will counties. My job is to promote the local economy and ensure that all are safe within our Village. At the same time, I must provide that all residents, visitors and employees are treated equally.

The Cook County Mitigation Order (2021-11) set to go into effect Jan. 3, 2022 will be solely enforce-

able by the Cook County Department of Public Health (as stated in the order "In addition to any other penalty provided by law, violations of this Order shall be subject to the penalties as set forth in the Cook County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances Sec. 38-38").

As we enter into the new year, the Village will continue to follow the CDC's guidelines and protocols and ask businesses and residents to

do the same.

We have all struggled over the last 21 months with this pandemic, but we can get through this together by using common sense and respecting others. I am confident that our resilient community will move forward in 2022 stronger and better than before. And as always, remember to Shop Tinley.

Sincerely,
Mayor Michael Glotz

Snow-Damaged Mailboxes

The Village of Mokena Board of Trustees approved an ordinance recently pertaining to mailboxes damaged in connection with snow removal.

Effective January 2022, for a resident to file a claim for reimbursement, the following criteria must be met:

The mailbox must meet USPS guidelines prior to being damaged.

The resident will need to

inform Village Hall to have a work order entered with Public Works at the time of damage.

When these criteria are met, the Village of Mokena will reimburse residents up to \$150 for repair or replacement materials for mailboxes.

Decorative mailboxes may be eligible for reimbursement, based on the discretion of the Public Works Director.

Resident must have proof that a Public Works vehicle

directly hit the mailbox. Snow rolling off a plow is not considered direct contact.

The Village has begun tracking a list of mailboxes in the village that are in poor condition. The Village will notify residents to repair mailboxes that are not up to USPS code; otherwise, they will not be eligible for reimbursement under the new ordinance. For more information call the Village of Mokena at 708-479-3900.

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>.

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New Laws Taking Effect in 2022 Impact Employers, Employees

As we prepare for the new year, employers and employees should be aware of new laws taking effect January 1st, as well as those already in effect due to action by the General Assembly and signature of Governor JB Pritzker.

"The mission at the Illinois Department of Labor is the same from year to year: protecting the rights, wages and welfare of workers. The tools we have to accomplish that mission sometimes change with legislative changes. There are several new laws that have either taken effect or will in the coming days that impact employees and employers across the state," said Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik.

The Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) was amended to

create the Violent Crime Victims' Leave Act, which allows employees who are victims of violence or who have family or household members who are victims of violence to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave per any 12-month period to seek medical help, legal assistance, counseling, safety planning, and other assistance. The amendment also prohibits employers from discriminating against employees who are victims of violence or who have family or household members who are victims of violence.

Beginning January 1, 2022, IDOL is responsible for maintaining a database that allows the public to search certified payrolls submitted by construction contractors on public works projects subject to the Illinois Prevailing

Wage Act. This is the result of Public Act 102-0332, which is intended to ensure contractors are complying with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Contractors are required to file those certified payrolls by the 15th of each month. By the 16th day of each month following the month work was performed, IDOL will make relevant information available to the public

There are new health insurance coverage disclosures employers must make to better inform employees in accordance with the Consumer Coverage Disclosure Act. While state health insurance coverage requirements are limited to state-regulated plans, the new law brings transparency by requiring all employers doing business in Illinois to disclose to their employees what

group health plans do and do not cover, if they provide group health insurance. Employers offering group health insurance plans in Illinois must provide employees with a comparison of coverage by the employer's group health plan and the essential health benefits covered by ACA Marketplace health plans sold in Illinois. All in all, there are 42 medical services and treatments that employers must identify as covered or not. IDOL has provided employers guidance and necessary documents to comply with the disclosure requirements on its web site: Consumer Coverage Disclosure Act.

To keep up with happenings at the Illinois Department of Labor, check out our news page at NEWS - NEWS (illinois.gov).

Chicago Vaccine Requirement

Effective Monday, January 3, any individual 5 years of age or older will be required to show proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to dine indoors, visit gyms, or enjoy entertainment venues where food or drink are being served. Patrons 16 years of age or older will also need to provide identification that matches their vaccination record.

This proof of vaccination requirement is in response to an alarming rise in COVID-19 cases both locally and nationally, driven in part by the Omicron variant. Public Health Order 2021-2 will remain in effect until the City of Chicago is through this Omicron-driven surge and the risk of overwhelming hospital capacity has passed.

The City of Chicago mask mandate also remains in effect for all public indoor

settings. The new order does not affect this mask requirement.

Effective Monday, January 3, 2022, the Chicago Vaccine Requirement will apply to the following public indoor places:

Indoor Dining: Establishments where food or beverages are served, including but not limited to restaurants, bars, fast food establishments, coffee shops, tasting rooms, cafeterias open to the public, food courts, dining areas of grocery stores, breweries, wineries, distilleries, banquet halls, and hotel ballrooms; and

Indoor Fitness: Gyms and fitness venues, including but not limited to gyms, recreation facilities, fitness centers, yoga, pilates, cycling, barre, and dance studios, hotel gyms, boxing and kickboxing gyms, fitness boot camps,

and other facilities used for conducting indoor group fitness classes; and

Indoor entertainment and recreation venues where food or beverages are served: Including, but not limited to movie theaters, music and concert venues, live performance venues, adult entertainment venues, commercial event and party venues, sports arenas, performing arts theaters, bowling alleys, arcades, card rooms, family entertainment centers, play areas, pool and billiard halls, and other recreational game centers.

The vaccine requirement does not include, do not include houses of worship, pre-K-12 schools, child care programs, locations in O'Hare International Airport or Midway International Airport, locations in residential or office buildings the use of which is limited to residents, owners,

or tenants of that building, or to food service establishments providing only charitable food services, such as soup kitchens.

Proof of vaccination means a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or an official immunization record from the jurisdiction, state, or country where the vaccine was administered or a digital or physical photo of such a card or record, reflecting the person's name, vaccine brand, and dates administered. View Public Health Order 2021-2 for individuals exempted from the order.

We thank all the Chicagoans who have already made the choice to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect themselves, their families, and Chicago.

For more information and guidance visit Chicago.gov/COVID.

AARP Tax Appointments

AARP tax appointments is beginning for residents. Call 708-342-4200 starting at 9:00 am to make your tax appointment if you are a resident of Tinley Park,

Illinois for January 12, 2022.

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Palos Heights Parks & Recreation

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Oak Forest Senior Commission

Tickets are available at the Oak Forest Village Hall at 15440 S. Central Ave., Oak Forest for only \$5.00 for Lunch & Bingo and musician Edizon

Dayao. On Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 11am, doors open at 10am at Park Place on Central. Current COVID guidelines are in effect.

2022 Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Awards Heroine

In recognition of Women's History Month, on March 10th, 2022 at 10 am the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues will recognize 18 women as the County's "Unsung Heroines." The selection of these heroines is being made on a district basis to ensure that women from each area of Cook County will be recognized for their contributions to their

communities. Nominees must be a resident of the Cook County Board district from which they are nominated. They should be women who, either in a professional or volunteer capacity, have made significant contributions to the well-being of their community for which they have not received widespread recognition. Recipients of the Unsung Heroine Award

must be residents of the County Board district from which they are nominated. Elected officials are not eligible for consideration.

Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 27th 2022.

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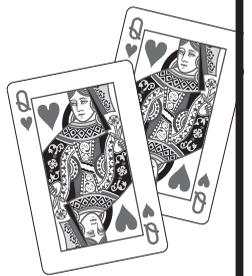
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A Beloved Dog, a Stolen Car and...a Happy Ending

(NAPSI)—It started out as a normal day for Mary Harrison—until she briefly left her car running outside of her home with her shih tzu Molly in the backseat and went inside for just a second.

When she came back outside, however, her car—and Molly—were gone. She called Verizon to see if her phone could help track her car, and a Verizon customer service representative saved the day.

“When Mary called in, I was taken aback with her car and dog being stolen,” said the tech expert who answered the call. “I really felt for her. I work at home and my two dogs are at my feet all day.”

They pulled up Harrison’s account and saw that she

had a Hum by Verizon device in her car. Hum is a vehicle diagnostic system from Verizon Connect. It takes the guesswork out of driving with connected car technology, so you can stay in touch with emergency services and your loved ones on the road.

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enforcement.

“I knew with Hum there was a lot we could do to help her. I pulled up the step-by-step troubleshooting guide to reset her password and bring up the vehicle’s location on her phone. As soon as she saw the car on her phone, she started to cry.”

The car was not far from Harrison’s home. She could have walked there, but the customer service representative advised her to stay safe, call the police, and recover the car together. When Harrison got to the car, her dog was still there, safe inside.

“It made me feel great to be able to help her,” the customer service representative said. “I know that if it were my dog in the car, that would be my biggest



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Dearborn Express Book Review The Matrix

It is 1158, and seventeen-year-old Marie de France rides alone, banished by Eleanor d'Aquitane, queen of France, for being a bastardess with the royal blood of her father but with the aspect and prowess of the Amazon woman he raped. Thirty hours by horseback from the pampered comforts of her Norman castle, Marie was to become prioress—then Abbess—of the “piteous abbey” adorned with “burn piles of last year’s weeds and fourteen fresh black graves for the dozen nuns and their two aspirants who’d succumbed to a disease that turned their flesh blue as they “drowned in their own lungs.”

Marie was typical of the leaders of convents of the Middle Ages: multilingual; intellectual; fierce; either despised or unfit for marriage; and, with luck, in love with the Lord. Marie was not a lucky girl. But she had “the power to bend nature to her will... a too-huge woman on her war horse, one-time crusader,” and led the most influential Abbey in the country, at a time when Abbeys were often run by women since most of the men—and many women: including her own dead aunts, Queen Eleanor and her son, Richard the Lion Heart—were off on failed Crusades to recover the Holy Land from the Saracens.

Groff sets Medieval royal tables with stuffed peacocks, gateau and wines imported from burgundy,

while sisters and serfs survived on thin porridge and thinner prayers. Medieval prisons were filled with queens and princes who rebelled against their royal fathers—and with peasants whose eyes were plucked out for stealing fowl from the King’s lands.

It is a tale of the times, replete with oft-ignored lessons from history: “the final apocalypse would likely be the stone and the soil in the waters of the Earth itself, through human frailty and greed, made too hot for it to be willing to bear anymore life upon its back;” the “Moslems” were “fighters too great” for the pale warriors of the West; and that “there had been rumors of witchcraft. But such rumors were irrepressible when it came to powerful women.”

And it is a story of one woman, Marie of France, a real woman whose poetry in French was the first published by a member of the second sex, whose real or imagined experiences were either commanded by mystical visions from the Virgin Mary that would guarantee her a place in heaven—or they were selfish ambitions that would cause her flesh and her soul to be devoured by the dogs of hell. Either way, this cross between The Sword and the Stone and Saint Teresa’s Interior Castle is an original and beautiful read.

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World War II Veteran Celebrating 100th Birthday

Stellar service to our country deserves worthy honor to one of the last of our living heroes Eddie Durham, a World War II veteran, turned 100 years old and he celebrated in a centennial celebration befitting a hero. On Saturday, December 11, 2021, a birthday celebration honoring Durham was held at Odyssey Venue, 19110 Ridgeland Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois. The celebration included a special tribute to Eddie Durham, who served in the United States Army Transportation Corps, *Spearhead of Logistics*, during World War II, from 1943 to 1945. Dr. W. Douglas Rasmussen III, Veterans Commission Chairman of Tinley Park also speaker and a Presentation of Colors by

VFW Post 2791. Other local dignitaries were in attendance as well to salute this African American World War II veteran.

During the mid-twentieth century, a young sharecropper from the deep south of Greenville, Mississippi, Eddie Durham, who was accustomed to a mule and plow, learned how to drive a truck as he matriculated in the United States Armed Forces, becoming a “tech corporal” and machine gunner while serving in World War II. During his tenure in the United States Armed Forces, Eddie fought in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley campaigns.

Like most war veterans, Durham endured some scary situations while



servicing his country in the states and overseas. He drove a two and one half-ton truck to transport personnel and equipment. He went in convoy and blackout through the mountains while stationed in Italy. “We drove in the mountains in the dark, and I saw some of my friends drive off the cliff,” said Durham. “It seemed like

their trucks just disappeared on the road.”

Eddie Durham also chronicled his time in World War II in his own written words.

A man of many milestones, he was married to Vernice Marie Whigham Durham for 50 years prior to her death. They had five children, two of which are deceased, and a legacy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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a local business or individual who will take possession of the bench at the end of the season.

Anyone with an imagination and a bit of artistic creativity can participate. Just fill out the application form and send it to Village Hall by Jan. 28 with your designs for review. Selected artists will receive \$425 for supplies and the chance to win one of several awards based on selection criteria. Artists whose designs are selected will be notified by Feb. 11.

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Medicare Open Enrollment Offers Opportunities to Access Affordable Fitness Programs

(NAPSI)—Millions of older adults are making important decisions about their health insurance coverage—including fitness and wellness benefits—during Medicare Open Enrollment. Seniors and other Medicare-eligible persons who choose to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan may have access to covered services not offered through original Medicare, such as dental care, vision exams, hearing aids, and fitness programs that offer no-cost or low-cost gym access.

Here are three key reasons why obtaining access to an affordable fitness program is important to consider:

1.) **Movement is medicine.** Time and again, research has proven the health benefits of staying active. Researchers studying pandemic-related inactivity for older adults noted that it takes only 5 to 10 days of physical inactivity for muscles to start wasting away. Loss of muscle mass can lead to bone loss, increased fall risk, and functional dependency. Lack of physical activity also can speed the progression of chronic diseases including heart disease, arthritis, and obesity. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults aged 65 and older participate in at least two days a week in activities



that "strengthen muscles," along with a minimum of 150 minutes a week of "moderate-intensity activity," such as brisk walking. So, if you've been less active this past year and are feeling some of the health effects, it's time to get up and move.

2.) **There are more options for working out than ever before.** The pandemic may have sidelined many people's workout routines during the

last 18 months, but it also created new fitness options. Fitness companies, health plans, gyms, YMCAs, and other organizations sprang into action in 2020, devising more ways to help their members work out safely and conveniently. Gyms now have outdoor workout spaces, safely spaced indoor classes, and hygienic protocols in place. Many fitness programs offer online classes via social

media, and most outdoor parks and recreation facilities are open again.

3.) **No-cost and low-cost fitness center memberships are available through Medicare Advantage programs.** Some Medicare Advantage health plans offer no-cost or low-cost fitness center memberships through programs such as the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise program. Key advantages of joining such a program include the option to choose from thousands of different types of fitness facilities, including large, name-brand chains to boutique clubs or YMCAs. These fitness benefits may

offer at-home workout options, such as home fitness kits, libraries of on-demand digital workouts and even lifestyle coaches who can help members stay motivated and engaged in their fitness.

In a recent poll of people enrolled in Medicare, 95 percent of respondents agreed it is important to have coverage options aside from traditional Medicare. Fitness programs are a great example of a valuable additional option available through many Medicare Advantage plans.

Learn More

For further facts and tips, visit www.silverandfit.com.

No Need to 'Warm Up' Modern Vehicles in Cold Weather

(NAPSI)—When the weather is cold, many motorists wonder if they need to let their vehicle "warm up" or idle before driving. In fact, today's modern cars are ready to drive in cold temperatures without excessive idling.

The idea of idling before driving dates back to when cars were built with carburetors. With new

fuel-injection technology, complex computer systems and thinner synthetic oils, drivers don't need to warm up their cars before hitting the road.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "When a car idles for more than 30 seconds, it has several negative effects, such as increasing air pollution unnecessarily,

wasting fuel and money and causing excessive wear or even damaging a car's engine components, including cylinders, spark plugs and the exhaust system. Contrary to popular belief, idling isn't an effective way to warm up most car engines."

"Unless you are trying to defrost the windshield or warm the interior of your car, idling is not required for

today's vehicles," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "In most cases, idling longer than 30 seconds is unnecessary, even on the coldest days. The best way to warm up your car's engine is to drive gently at the start. Remember, a vehicle gets zero miles per gallon when idling and the result is lower fuel economy and wasted money."

The Car Care Council has a free 80-page Car Care Guide for motorists that features several pages of fuel economy and environmental awareness tips. Available in English and Spanish, the popular guide uses easy-to-understand, everyday language rather than technical automotive jargon and fits easily in a glove box.

The non-profit Car Care

Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

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Boost Your Kid's Math Skills With Free Tutoring

(NAPSI)—Students across the country are heading back to in-person learning, after a year or more of remote pandemic learning. As many schools re-open, the demand for extra help in math for students is growing. Supplemental online tutoring is a great option, as many parents struggle to find help for their children. Online tutoring provides a safe, proven and easy option for students to learn from anywhere, anytime and at their own pace.

What You Should Know
Here are three common questions and answers about online tutoring that your family may find useful:

1. **Is your child struggling with math homework this year?** Do you feel

they would just like some extra help? As families navigate the school year, many discover that their children struggle to keep up with their math homework. For some children this was true even before the pandemic.

To help, there's a personalized math and coding tutoring service helping students succeed and build foundational skills. Called Cuemath, it follows U.S. Common Core standards and is accredited by STEM.org. The service offers live and engaging one-on-one online sessions.

2. **Are you worried about the cost of a tutor?**

To take the added stress of cost out of the equation, Cuemath's new initiative, "One Billion Math Minds," offers access to a guided

math curriculum and exercises at no cost to qualifying K-12 students. This initiative, in addition to assisting students, will help shrink the math learning equity and access gaps in the United States by providing a no-cost solution to many families.

3. **How does it work?** Cuemath combines adaptive and visual learning techniques, designed with input from math experts at Harvard, Stanford, Cambridge and Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT). It's been used by more than 200,000 students across 20-plus countries, giving students not only extra help but foundational math skills. Children are interested in coding will get a foundation into this



important and growing sector and can begin to develop a path towards a career in STEM.

To qualify for free access, students can sign up for a free Basic Cuemath membership. This includes access to a curated curriculum, math worksheets and interactive visual learning exercises.

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Students will greatly benefit from supplemental lessons that can help them not just catch up but excel in math. The tutoring system seeks to not only work with kids in school but help them build foundational skills that will help them later in their lives.

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