A Message from Mayor Mahoney

As springtime blossoms in the Village of Palos Park, I think about how fortunate I have been to reside and raise my family in such a unique community, surrounded by nature. Every season offers its own galleria of Mother Nature’s creations for all to enjoy.

Even before the Village was incorporated in 1914, and the forest preserves were formed, weekend Prairie Club hikers and outdoor enthusiasts from Chicago came to the Palos Park area seeking relief from crowded urban conditions in order to avail themselves of outdoor recreation. This area has been the heart of outdoor recreation since the beginning. Folks from all over still visit here to enjoy all that is offered in our beautiful natural surroundings.

We know that the varying temperatures and weather conditions of the seasons take a toll on our roadways and streets. The Village Council recognizes the need to better maintain the street network. We are looking into ways to fund future rehabilitation and improvements for our Village street system.

We are always seeking improvements in what is offered to the community. Following over a year of outreach, including three open house forums, and three public hearings before the Village of Palos Park Plan Commission, the Commission voted to recommend approval of the Western Growth Area Master Plan; the Village Council approved the Plan by ordinance. This plan sets forth a framework for future decisions regarding land use and development by amending the Village’s Comprehensive Plan for the area west of Bell Road only. You can view videos of the public hearings, and the materials presented, at the project website https://www.palospark.org/428/Western-Growth-Area-Master-Plan or click the project box on the homepage.

It is good to have a plan for the future, but it is also important to keep our current business community vital. Please remember to shop and dine in Palos Park as much as possible. The businesses in our town are here to serve the needs of your family and we want to keep these services close to home. Many of your neighbors own or work in these local businesses. Shopping in Palos Park keeps the sales tax in town where it is then used to fund services that benefit our community.

One of the blessings of living in Palos Park is the sense of community we enjoy. It is so satisfying to see friends and neighbors at our Palos Park events. It is an important aspect of Village services to create a variety of event opportunities where people of all ages can gather and have fun. Over the past number of years, the Village has greatly increased the number of community special events. We invite you to check www.palospark.org and the Palos Park Parks and Recreation Facebook page for up-to-date information on Village events and happenings. We hope you will make time with family and friends to attend these events. It is a great way to meet people and create camaraderie in the community.

On behalf of the Village Clerk, Marie Arrigoni, and Commissioners: James Pavlatos, Nicole Milovich-Walters, Dan Polk, G. Darryl Reed, and myself, it is our pleasure to serve the Village of Palos Park community.

John Mahoney

Don’t Miss…

March
17 Primary Election

April
18 Red Litter Day
19 Arbor Day Celebration

May
12 Secretary of State at Village Hall
PALOS PARK ART FESTIVAL

2020

Saturday, April 18   10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 19    12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Palos Park Recreation Center
8901 W. 123rd Street

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Monday, May 25
1:00 pm at the Palos Oak Hill Cemetery

Remember our fallen heroes. THEY are the reason we are FREE!

Save the Date

Concert in the Park
Thursday, June 18 on the Village Green
Important Numbers

Village Hall .................................................. 8999 W. 123rd Street
Main: (708) 671-3700 Fax: (708) 448-9542
Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Police Department .................................................. 8999 W. 123rd Street
Main: (708) 671-3770 Fax: (708) 448-0650
Emergency: 911

Public Works Department ....................................... 8999 W. 123rd Street
Main: (708) 671-3721

Recreation and Parks Department .......................... 8901 W. 123rd Street
Main: (708) 671-3760 Fax: (708) 671-3767
Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library ................................................................. 12330 Forest Glen
Main: (708) 448-1530 Fax: (708) 448-3492

Palos Fire Protection District .................................. 8815 W. 123rd Street
Main: (708) 448-0369

Palos Township ..................................................... (708) 598-4418

Republic Services .................................................. (708) 385-8252

IDOT ............................................................................. (847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept ..................................... (708) 448-8006 or (847) 705-4228

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Joe Miller ............................................................. jmiller@palospark.org
Police Chief ......................................................... (708) 671-3771

Your Elected Officials

Mayor John F. Mahoney  ................................................................. jmahoney@palospark.org
Marie Arrigoni - Village Clerk .......................................................... marrigoni@palospark.org
James Pavlatos - Commissioner of Accounts and Finances .......................... jpavlatos@palospark.org
Dan Polk - Commissioner of Public Health and Safety ................................. dpolk@palospark.org
Nicole Milovich-Walters - Commissioner of Public Works & Streets, Recreation & Parks .......... nmilovich-walters@palospark.org
G. Darryl Reed - Commissioner of Building and Public Property .................. g.darrylreed@palospark.org

Meeting Calendar

March 9 – Village Council meeting 7:30 pm
March 11 – Zoning Board of Appeals meeting 7:30 pm
March 17 – Historic Preservation Commission meeting 7:00 pm
March 18 – Library Board meeting 5:00 pm
March 19 – Palos Fine Arts meeting 3:30 pm
March 19 – Plan Commission meeting 7:00 pm
March 23 – Village Council meeting 7:30 pm
April 8 – Zoning Board of Appeals meeting 7:30 pm
April 13 – Village Council meeting 7:30 pm
April 15 – Library Board meeting 5:00 pm
April 16 – Palos Fine Arts meeting 3:30 pm
April 16 – Plan Commission meeting 7:00 pm
April 20 – Police Pension Board meeting 7:00 pm
April 21 – Recreation Advisory Commission meeting 10:00 am
April 21 – Historic Preservation Commission meeting 7:00 pm
April 27 – Village Council meeting 7:30 pm

May 11 – Village Council meeting 7:30 pm
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May 21 – Plan Commission meeting 7:00 pm
May 25 – Village offices closed for Memorial Day Holiday
May 25 – Village Council meeting cancelled
## Republic Garbage Service 2020 Recycling Schedule

### Thursday Garbage Pick-Up

**Green week recycling schedule: Residents East of 86th Avenue**
- January 3 (one day later due to the New Year holiday), January 16, January 30
- February 13, February 27
- March 12, March 26
- April 9, April 23
- May 7, May 21
- June 4, June 18
- July 2, July 16, July 30
- August 13, August 27
- September 10, September 24
- October 8, October 22
- November 5, November 19
- December 3, December 17, December 31

**Blue Week Recycling schedule: Residents West of 86th Avenue and East of LaGrange Road**
- January 9, January 23
- February 6, February 20
- March 5, March 19
- April 2, April 16, April 30
- May 14, May 29 (one day later due to the Memorial Day holiday)
- June 11, June 25
- July 9, July 23
- August 6, August 20
- September 3, September 17
- October 1, October 15, October 29
- November 12, November 27 (one day later due to the Thanksgiving holiday)
- December 10, December 24

### Friday Garbage Pick-Up

**Green week recycling schedule: Residents West of LaGrange and East of 104th Avenue**
- January 4 (one day later due to the New Year holiday), January 17, January 31
- February 14, February 28
- March 13, March 27
- April 10, April 24
- May 8, May 22
- June 5, June 19
- July 3, July 17, July 31
- August 14, August 28
- September 11, September 25
- October 9, October 23
- November 6, November 20
- December 4, December 18

**Blue week recycling: Residents West of 104th Avenue**
- January 10, January 24
- February 7, February 21
- March 6, March 20
- April 3, April 17
- May 1, May 15, May 30 (one day later due to the Memorial Day holiday)
- June 12, June 26
- July 10, July 24
- August 7, August 21
- September 4, September 18
- October 2, October 16, October 30
- November 13, November 28 (one day later due to Thanksgiving holiday)
- December 11, December 26 (one day later due to Thanksgiving holiday)
**U.S. CENSUS 2020**

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census be taken every 10 years to count all people—both citizens and noncitizens—living in the United States. Responding to the census is mandatory because getting a complete and accurate count of the population is critically important.

The data collected by the decennial census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.

By filling out our Census forms we ensure the funding we need for our operations, grants, programs and other services in our communities. Learn more at www.2020census.gov.

During the month of March 2020 the Census Bureau will send out invitations to all residents to participate in the count. The Village of Palos Park is encouraging all households to complete the questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. If you respond via these avenues, you will avoid a Census worker visiting your home in April to obtain the information.

**Finance Department**

This is the time of the year that municipal authorities reflect upon their accomplishments and unmet goals of the past year and set priorities for the next fiscal year. For those who work in local government, it is time to start preparing the Budget for the next fiscal year. There will be planning, many meetings, discussions, and decisions relative to the availability of revenue and for what purposes they shall be spent.

A budget is a comprehensive financial plan which projects both anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for a fiscal year. It is a document in which decisions are made that commit the municipality to services and expenditures in the current fiscal year, and may create needs for future funding. Those department heads and Village officials who are responsible for preparing and controlling the budget must carefully examine the existing services and programs; as well as, examine and review the need for new services or programs. They must also set attainable goals and prioritize them based on the needs of the municipality for the coming fiscal years or future priorities; all within the framework of allocating the limited resources of the municipality.

The budget process can be very difficult and complicated, but the theory is quite simple. Palos Park’s budget approach is about ensuring that Palos Park, while continuing to grow and progress, remains well beyond the ordinary community now and for future generations to enjoy.
Clerk’s Office

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

March 3, 2020 – Last day to register to vote by online application through the Illinois State Board of Elections website
March 2, 2020 – First day of early voting
March 12, 2020 – Last day for Mail Ballot Applications to be received by the Cook County Clerk’s office (available at the Kaptur Administrative Center)
March 16, 2020 – Last day of early voting
March 17, 2020 – Election Day

MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES FACILITY

The Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Facility is coming to Palos Park’s Village Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The following services will be provided:
• Driver’s License Renewal
• State ID Cards
• Duplicate License
• Corrected License
• Vision screening with DL renewal
• Vehicle sticker sales (license plates)
• NO REAL ID AT THIS LOCATION

To renew a current Illinois driver’s license or ID card, a valid driver’s license or ID card must be presented. To apply for a duplicate or corrected driver’s license or ID card, two forms of identification are required.
• Any Illinois resident can attend.
• The mobile facility can renew licenses and state ID cards up to one year in advance.
• Anyone over the age of 65 and persons with disabilities can obtain a free State ID. Otherwise standard fees apply.
• The only service the mobile facility cannot offer is a road test.
• Anyone over the age of 75 is required to take a road test when renewing a driver’s license.

For more information call the Clerk’s Office at (708) 671-3706.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

With winter over, most people in Illinois are ready to welcome warmer spring temperatures. However, spring weather brings with it the risk of tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flooding. Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service have developed a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide. The guide contains information and tips on how to keep you and your family safe when severe weather or flooding approach, and what actions to take following a severe storm, tornado, or flood. The guide is available on the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

The National Weather Service strongly encourages people to have a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards with a battery backup and Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) which allows the radio to be programmed to receive alerts for specified counties. When an alert is issued for that area, the device will sound a warning alarm tone followed by the broadcast message. Tornadoes do not just occur during the day. In Illinois, 30% occur at night. With a weather alert radio, it’s like having your own personal storm siren.

Department Updates

Building Department

SPRINGING INTO CONSTRUCTION

As we enter the Spring season, our thoughts turn to outdoor home improvement projects. You may envision a new deck to entertain, a pool for swimming and cooling off, a new fence, roof, windows or doors. These and many other home improvement projects require a permit, even when the homeowner is doing the work themselves. Sometimes even simple maintenance projects such as repairing the planks on your deck will require a permit.

It is always best to contact the Village in the early stages of your project planning to determine the necessary submittal requirements. The Community Development Department is always available to answer your permitting and development questions, and we are often able to provide helpful tips as you proceed in your planning. Feel free to contact us at any time at (708) 671-3730.

What is a Plat of Survey and when is it needed?

When needed, a Plat of Survey of your property is like gold. When a resident or contractor is applying for a permit to do work on the outside of a home, they are required to submit to the Community Development Department
Department Updates

Building Department, Continued

A plat of survey, permit application, and any other plans as required under the Code. If you don’t have a plat of survey when you are ready to begin your project, it could take several weeks to procure a survey of your property. A plat of survey is a map of the owner’s property, drawn to scale, that shows the location of the house on the lot, any accessory buildings or pools, along with all lot lines, setbacks and easements. The Village may also require a topographical survey, which measures the height and slope of the terrain, and/or a tree survey which locates the trees on your property. It is always best to contact the Village in the early stages of your project planning to determine the necessary submittal requirements.

When Do I Receive a Survey and Does the Village Have One On File?

The Village does not provide surveying services, and as such, the Village does not keep files of property surveys. A plat of survey is typically provided when you purchased your home. If a survey is not available or current, a new one will be required. In such a case, a licensed Land Surveyor will need to be hired to produce a current survey.

Why are they required?

The Village requires a plat of survey in order to determine if a property meets all of the zoning specifications of the Village Code. The Village Code governs the amount of your lot that can be covered by buildings and the location of those buildings on the lot. The Plat of Survey will allow staff to properly review the project and verify that it meets all the Village Codes.

What is a Land Surveyor?

A Professional Land Surveyor is a person who is qualified by education and experience, and who has passed an examination for registration required by the State of Illinois to practice Land Surveying in Illinois.

How much will a Survey cost?

Fees of Surveyors are on a level with other professions. The Surveyor's fees are dependent upon the size of the land and other factors, including the terrain and vegetation, accessibility, and if reliable survey monuments exist in the area. Therefore, the Surveyor will estimate the approximate cost of the survey for you prior to commencing the work. However, do not depend on the lowest priced survey to be the best survey. Obtain the services of a reputable Surveyor.

WU’S HOUSE UPDATE

Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar located at corner of 123rd and LaGrange Road.

As many have probably noticed, a construction fence was erected on the property several months ago to secure the site during interior demolition. Since then, the applicant has submitted permit applications for the partial demolition and remodeling of the structure. In addition, the applicant submitted a permit application for the parking lot improvements. As these permits have been under review for several months, construction could commence very quickly once approved.

SPRING CLEAN UP REMINDER

As you begin to clean up and prepare your yard for warm weather, please remember to collect the yard waste and place it in a yard waste bag or marked receptacle for pick up. There have been reports that landscape contractors may be blowing debris or leaves into the road or roadside ditches. Not only is this a violation of the contractor conduct regulations of the Village code, it can clog the drainage ditches and cause flooding problems.

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Public Works

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:00 pm
Kaptur Administrative Center

Be a part of the future of trees! Join the Palos Park Arbor Day Celebration on Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 pm. The Celebration begins with a family-friendly presentation sure to delight children as well as adults. Hands-on activities and crafts add to the tree-mendous fun! Attendees receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win tree themed door prizes. Complimentary refreshments are served by the Palos Park Garden Guild. At the end of the event, free seedlings are available for everyone to plant at home.

J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, is quoted as saying “Arbor Day is not like other holidays. Each of those reposes on the past, Arbor Day proposes for the future.” Please mark your calendar today and look for details for the event on www.palospark.org.

BRANCH CHIPPING BEGINS APRIL 13, 2020

The start location of the chipper will alternate from east to west. During the weeks of April 13, May 26, August 3, and October 5 the Chipper Crew will begin on the eastern edge of the Village and move west across all public streets in the Village until all of the public streets have been serviced. During the weeks of May 4, June 22, August 31, and the Final Week November 2 the Chipper Crew will begin on the western edge of the Village and move east across all public streets in the Village until all the public streets have been serviced. Once a street has been serviced the chipper crew will not return until the next chipping date.

Chipping Service for public owned residential streets will begin on April 13, 2020. Please do not place branches on the rights-of-way until the weekend before the chipping week. After the last chipping week of November 2, 2020, please remove any remaining branches from the right-of-ways. Branches should not be left in the right-of-ways between November and March.

Residents who are living in a private subdivision or on a private street and would like chipper service, please call the Public Works Office (708) 671-3721 no later than the Wednesday before the date of the chipping week for chipping service at your address. Residents living in Private Unit Developments must submit a request for service through their Homeowners Association. The Public Works Department must be notified of the addresses for service at least one week in advance of the chipping date; either the resident or the Homeowners Association will be charged on their Utility Bill for receiving the chipping service.

Chipping Service will begin on the following dates during 2020 starting on the side of town listed below:

CHIPPER STARTS ON
EAST SIDE OF THE
VILLAGE ON:
April 13
May 26
August 3
October 5

CHIPPER STARTS ON
WEST SIDE OF THE
VILLAGE ON:
May 4
June 22
August 31
Final Week November 2

Please review all of the branch chipping regulations on our website at www.palospark.org

Branches placed out for chipping should measure between 3 feet and 8 feet in length and no greater than 6 inches in diameter. Piles of branches should be no larger than 4 feet high and 10 feet in length.

Materials that cannot be chipped and will not be taken include: any type of branches from a species that produce thorns, whether or not thorns are present at the time of chipping, including branches from Buckthorn and Hawthorn trees or rosebushes; any branches with roots attached; root balls; vines; poison ivy or poison oak; lumber; old rotted or friable wood; fencing; railroad ties; or badly tangled branches.

Weekly branch pick up is available through your yard waste service on your regular garbage day beginning April 1 through the November 30 service. Branches less than four feet can be placed in yard waste containers or in bundles less than fifty pounds. Bundles should be placed next to your yard waste container on your garbage day.

KEEP IT BLUE

DID YOU KNOW?
Now, more than 60% of water pollution comes from things like cars leaking oil, failing septic systems, and fertilizers from lawns and gardens. All these sources add up to a BIG pollution problem. But each of us can do SMALL things to help clean up our water – and that adds up to a pollution solution!

RPZ VALVE TESTING

Automatic Sprinkler Systems are required to have an RPZ Valve. The RPZ Valve is required to be tested annually. Some homes have an RPZ Valve on the domestic water service that is also required to be tested annually.
Please have your RPZ Valve tested no later than September 30, 2020. A plumber who is registered with the Village of Palos Park, licensed by the State of Illinois and certified in back-flow inspection, testing, and repair must complete the testing. The test results should be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Public Works Department, 8999 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, IL 60464, Fax number (708) 448-9542, e-mail address lglazier@palospark.org.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires ALL RPZ Valves to be tested annually. Whether the RPZ valve is connected to Lake Michigan Water or a Private Well Water source, all valves are required to be tested.

The Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) regulations require an active program of cross-connection control. The regulations prevent the contamination of all public water supply systems due to back-flow of contaminants or pollutants through the potable water service connection. This includes RPZ valves attached to well water as some wells are still used for potable water. The Village of Palos Park, in order to comply with the IPCB and the IEPA, has adopted Ordinance No. 1048.01. This Ordinance which not only provides for installation of a back-flow prevention device but also requires yearly testing and certification of such devices.

If you have any questions please contact Palos Park Public Works at (708) 671-3721. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting the IEPA and IPCB mandates imposed upon the Village of Palos Park.

If you are not operating your sprinkler system during 2020, send a picture by July 31, 2020 of the disconnected pipe where the RPZ valve would have been installed. The picture can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Public Works Department, 8999 W 123rd Street, Palos Park, IL 60464, Fax number (708) 448-9542, e-mail address lglazier@palospark.org. Please include your name and address with the picture.

Police Commissioner Dan Polk and Chief Joe Miller held an open forum luncheon with volunteers and community members on January 8, 2020. They wanted to discuss the Palos Park Police Department 2020 & Beyond Strategic Plan. The goal of this plan is to provide police services that enhance the safety and the quality of life in the Village.

Transparency is essential for positive police/community relationships. In Palos Park, we work to share and release as much information, as soon as possible, so the community is informed of our policing efforts.

The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing recommended we embrace a culture of transparency, and we believe our Palos Park Police Department 2020 and Beyond Strategic Plan is committed to that end. Our vision is “Take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves.”

We realize it is important for the police to be visible in the communities and know their residents, interacting with open dialogue as we believe it is the key to our long term success!

Polk said, “We are not perfect and by working with the community in a casual lunch forum, it helps us be completely transparent and take ownership of Palos Park’s public safety needs and expectations. It also give us an opportunity to discuss our Palos Park Police Department 2020 & Beyond Strategic Plan.”

Following the plan helps us explore the best ways to help prevent crimes. We ask residents to lock your vehicles, do not leave your garage door opener in plain view, pay attention to anything suspicious in your neighborhood, and call the police.

We also encourage people to know their neighbors and join social media groups that keep each another informed of things that occur in their neighborhood.

The plan contains our mission and vision to address community concerns through an insightful examination.
Department Updates

Police Department, Continued from pg 9

into emerging issues. It establishes our responsibility to our employees to develop their abilities and skills to meet the challenges of 21st century policing.

The objectives and strategies highlighted in this plan are designed to support our principle goals:

• Prevent crime
• Provide effective police services
• Develop, strengthen, and sustain partnerships
• Develop personnel

The Palos Park Police Department is committed to being a leader in law enforcement. We will pursue and engage the best trained, equipped, and committed professionals who demonstrate the highest standards of performance and best policing practices in partnership with the community.

THE PALOS PARK POLICE FOUNDATION

The Palos Park Police Foundation met in January to plan for 2020, and review supporting financial resources for special projects in the department. The projects are outside the normally budgeted programs of the Palos Park Police Department.

The Palos Park Police Foundation represents a public/private partnership designed to assist our Police Department in building positive relationships within the community, improving officer proficiency and safety, and augmenting law enforcement equipment and technology in order to enhance public safety and quality of life within the Village of Palos Park.

Former Mayor and Palos Park Police Foundation President Carolyn Baca, noted the foundation does not relieve the Village of its responsibility to provide the necessary funding for law enforcement services. Instead, the Foundation is able to complement Department funding, allowing the Department to support additional programs and maximize its resources. To this end, the Foundation provides support that addresses three overall areas:

• Public Safety Improvements: Includes initiatives that address specific public safety needs, improve police effectiveness and officer safety through the use of specialized equipment, evolving technology, and other innovations.
• Community Partnerships: Includes projects that enhance the relationship between the community and the Palos Park Police Department.
• Employee Development: Includes programs designed to provide improved training and development opportunities to officers, educational assistance, and employee recognition efforts.

Funding provided through the Foundation supports dozens of initiatives in these critical need areas each year, allowing the Palos Park Police Department to undertake innovative projects, improving its ability to serve the citizens of Palos Park.

The purpose of the Palos Park Police Foundation is to identify and procure items that may be used by the police department to; enhance safety, provide relief in times of loss, and purchase items for officers that do not meet the criteria of normal budgeted items, but that will enhance the job of being a Palos Park Police Officer. 100% of donations to the Palos Park Police Foundation go to the police department.

The partnership between the Palos Park Police Department and the Palos Park Police Foundation has resulted in innovative programs that are keeping Palos Park safe. The foundation provides support for things like rifle rated ballistic shields, personal trauma first aid kits, and equipment training to provide officers with enhanced equipment to assist them fulfilling their duties.

CHIEF JOE MILLER TO ATTEND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Chief Joe Miller will attend the Texas A&M University Extension program on Active Attack Event Response Leadership for police leaders.

The program focuses on strategies to ensure the agency is prepared to respond to active attack events. Reviewing specific policy or training with high-level guidelines for developing and evaluating the police agency’s culture, policies, and ability to respond to complex, unfolding active threats.

Best practices, collated with challenges and complex problems like mass shootings, helps mitigate the effects of these events with public safety planning, review, and an effective and swift response to these threats. Preparing police leadership and communities for an active shooter attack, initial first response and strategic leadership, with integrated response strategies preparing them to not only “stop the killing” but to also “stop the dying” in active attack events.

The course was designed to prompt police leadership and staff to be prepared for active attack events and cover relevant areas like, solo officer response and authority, multi-officer response, command establishment, staging protocols, unified Command, Rescue Task Forces (RTFs) rapid casualty evacuation and Reunification/Recovery.

Working from the theory of “Driving Force,” which is action, information, intelligence or conditions, drives the decision-making process and includes initial information from 911 callers into dispatch, dispatch information to responders, on-scene observations by responders (what is heard or seen); as well as, information from person(s)
Memories of Spring

Finally the snow is all gone, days are getting longer, songbirds have returned to the yard and it is time for a walk. With Spring finally here, it is time to visit our places of renewal. Everyone has a private peaceful garden or grove where the reawakening earth draws them like a magnet. A spot just to be alone and dream of summer. Here are a couple of favorites.

WAYSIDE CHAPEL

Behind the Wayside Chapel in the Community Center is a little spot where countless couples just married, have stood for wedding pictures. It is a small compact location, completely surrounded by our Palos forest. Before the trees burst forth with leaves, the light here on a sunny day is amazing and completely unique. Young people sit to remember the day married life began. Older people sometimes go just to remember the loss of youth. Either way Spring is the season for rebirth. After that go over to Kean Avenue.

MILL CREEK

Park your car in the McClaughry Springs lot and walk down the dirt path on the north side to the trail. Turn left and stroll out onto the Mill Creek Bridge. Listen to the rushing water, close your eyes and listen for the sound of a tom tom. Immediately you are back in the 1950’s and a good movie is about to start on WGN. “From the land of sky blue waters: from the land of pines lofty balsams: Hamm’s the beer refreshing.”

Submitted by the Palos Historical Society

WHAT IS CERT TRAINING?

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, made it clear that the resources of our public safety departments could become overwhelmed in a disaster. Citizens wanted to help and it became apparent that the most helpful volunteers were those with some level of disaster-relief training. Thus emerged the concept of neighborhood-based CERTs.

A CERT is a group of people organized as a neighborhood-based team that receives special training to enhance their ability to recognize, respond to, and recover from a major emergency or disaster situation. As an organized team, individuals can provide vital services in the absence of, and while waiting for, the arrival of emergency responders. They often also assist once responders arrive.

Palos Park Officer Frank Flores, a nationally recognized expert in Emergency/Disaster Management, Preparation, Mitigation and Recovery will oversee the program. Interested in becoming a CERT member, contact Officer Flores (708) 671-3770 or ffl@palospark.org.

The program will involve class sessions and a drill/practical exam, including eight classes approximately two and a half hours. Reading assignments are given at the end of each class. Also included are practical, table-top and team-building exercises.

History Tidbit

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Beautification Committee

TAKE PRIDE IN PALOS PARK!

Volunteers Needed for Rid Little Day

The first Palos Park Rid Litter Day, organized by The Beautification Committee, was in 1997. Since then, an estimated three tons of litter has been picked up in our Village thanks to Rid Litter Day volunteers. Thank you to all who have participated in the past. You have made a positive difference in our community!

This year’s Rid Litter Day is on Saturday, April 18th. We will meet at 9:00 am in front of the Recreation Center, at which time gloves and bags will be distributed. Service hour forms can be signed at that time.

Interesting Litter Facts from litteritcostsyou.org:
1. Nine billion tons of litter ends up in the ocean every year.
2. $11.5 billion is spent every year to clean up litter.
3. 50% of littered items are cigarette butts.
4. 75% of people admitted that they littered in the past five years.
5. The most common object found during litter clean-up is fast food litter.
6. Men are likely to litter more than women do, according to a survey conducted in Tennessee.

Park Bench Memorial Offering

The Beautification Committee is offering memorial park benches with plaque displayed. The 6-foot benches, made of recycled plastic, are placed throughout public areas for all to enjoy for years to come. Nine benches have been installed throughout the Village, with a tenth one being installed in the spring in honor of Reta Wegele, longtime Beautification member.

The cost to residents is $1,300.00. If interested, information can be found on the Village website or at the Kaptur Center.

Mailbox Replacement Program

Spring is a great time to upgrade your existing mailbox. Is the box rusting or rotting? Is the post leaning? The Beautification Mailbox Replacement Program has new boxes and posts, but can also repair just the parts that aren't working. We even have the “Mailnut” which can be added to keep your mailbox door closed. Removal of your old mailbox is included in the price. Over 300 mailboxes throughout Palos Park have been replaced through this fundraising program. Visit the ‘Mailbox Program’ online at www.palospark.org for more information. Thank you!

Palos Park Garden Guild I –
Lucy Crocilla, President

Garden Guild I will, as always, be involved in the planning of the Arbor Day Celebration taking place on Sunday, April 19th at the Kaptur Center. The Guild is responsible for wrapping the seedlings which are presented to attendees. Plans for this event began in January.

Hopefully, our Butterfly Garden in back of the library will continue to flourish and attract our guests of honor, the beautiful “Monarchs.”

Garden Guild I continues to offer pavers which are displayed in front of our Blue Star Memorial located on the Village Green. Pavers may be purchased for ($60.00) and personalized for a beloved Veteran. Fay Schimanski (708) 923-1903 may be contacted for further information. Helga Fuller (708) 448-5580 may be contacted regarding membership information.

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra provides concerts of compelling professional symphonic music, supports music education, and expands audience awareness of musical excellence for the diverse communities of the greater Chicago region. Performances are held at Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive. See the website at IPOMUSIC.ORG

Saturday, March 14th: BEETHOVEN @ 250, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18th: FIREBIRD, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 16th: BEETHOVEN & SIBELIUS, 7:30 p.m.
Springtime at McCord Gallery & Cultural Center

Green grass, flower blossoms, and the sound of birds returning are a few of the things we at McCord look forward to each spring. We also enjoy sharing art and music with our community. And it looks and sounds better accompanied by good weather.

On Saturday, March 28, McCord will open its doors for its first Open House from 1 pm-5 pm. During this event, guests will receive a discount on membership purchases, a five-minute presentation by each art instructor, on-site registration for all classes, workshops, and events; as well as, a chance to win a 3-hour rental at McCord! This event is free and open to the public, so please join us that Saturday and learn a little more about what we have to offer. You can find us located at 9602 W. Creek Road, Palos Park, IL 60464.

Once again, traditional Irish tenor Paddy Homan will bring his talented voice and his witty humor back to the McCord stage on Saturday, March 7 at 4 pm. Hailing from County Cork, Paddy Homan elevates traditional and contemporary Irish songs to new heights. Adding a layer of warmth and familiarity to his performances, he welcomes the audience into a unique Irish experience. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased by calling (708) 671-0648.

This spring will showcase our annual juried art competition, “Drawn to Water” March 13 – April 27, with an opening reception on March 20, where the cash awards ($1,750 in total) will be presented.

Inspired by the theme of our juried exhibition, we have booked singer and songwriter Lee Murdock for Saturday, April 4 at 7 pm. Lee has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories in the Great Lakes. His songs summon the listener to take a front-row seat to look through the eyes of individuals who have shaped our heritage on and around the Great Lakes. His concerts invoke a sense of place, but it’s a universal place, and a timeless repertoire that celebrates the North American people, their triumphs and tragedies, work songs and pastimes. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased over the phone by calling (708) 671-0648.

Along with the exhibit and concert, we’ll have our annual tea, “Drawn to Water and Flowers” Sunday, April 26 at 1:30 pm. Spend a beautiful afternoon at McCord as you sip tea, enjoy sweet and savory delicacies, and are entertained by master florist George Mitchell as he creates beautiful flower arrangements. Tickets are $35 and sell out quickly, so reserve as soon as possible.

Are you a Bob Ross fan? Well, come to McCord May 9 at 7 pm for a paint night featuring the legendary artist who brought nature to our tv screens for over ten years. With the assistance of Beth Leahy, you will be guided through one of Bob’s paintings and will go home with a finished interpretation of his work. The fee is $30 and includes all materials. We suggest wearing clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty and bring something to drink.

We hope this is enough to get you excited for spring. Give us a call today to book your favorite event now, so you don’t miss out later!

**PALOS FINE ARTS**

**SCHOLARSHIPS 2020**

Palos Fine Arts Scholarship applications for 2020 are available at www.palosfinearts.com or by calling (708) 448-5332. PFA is again offering scholarships to current junior and senior high school students who reside within the boundaries of High School Districts 230 and 218. The scholarships are awarded to students who exhibit excellence in one of the following disciplines: music, visual arts, theater, creative writing or dance.

Founded in 1984, Palos Fine Arts stimulates, promotes and presents the arts in the Palos area. By recognizing the importance of the arts in everyone’s life, it was natural to establish a scholarship program. PFA has been awarding scholarship money to talented students since 1991. What better way to support young area artists as they pursue their chosen art form.

**PALOS FINE ARTS FOREIGN FILM SERIES**

PFA Foreign Film Series will present *The Farewell* on Wednesday, April 8th, 6:30 pm at the Palos Heights Library. The award winning film is a comedy/drama about a Chinese family who discovers their beloved grandmother has only a short time left to live. Their tradition is not to tell their grandmother. The story continues between the granddaughter who has lived in America since she was very young and the elders with their traditions. It is about family, love, traditions and truth.

Steven Frenzel from Marque Movie Presentations will moderate the discussion after the viewing. The program is free. Light refreshments will be served.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Palos Fine Arts and the Village of Palos Park presents ‘Concert In The Park’, on Thursday, June 18th on the Village Green. Grounds open at 5:00 pm, PFA Scholarship presentation at 6:45 pm and musical entertainment from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
The Log Cabin Center for the Arts

If you love nature and art The Log Cabin Center for the Arts is an artist’s dream. Classes are held in real log cabins! Our classes have an emphasis on nature, as we are nestled in a forested setting and influenced by the seasons. We offer a wide variety of art classes for adults and children in fine to folk arts. All classes are listed in our monthly newsletter which can be viewed through our website at www.thecenterpalos.org. To register stop in our main office or call (708) 361-3650

The Log Cabin Center for the arts at The Center
12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park Il, 60464

GFWCIL-
Palos Park Woman’s Club
Lucy Crocilla, President

The first day of Spring and the Palos Park Woman’s Club annual Easter Basket Project are rapidly approaching. In recent years, our endeavor has been aided tremendously by two community spirited patrons, Michelle Maxia of Toybox Connections and Julie Pietrzak, President of the Palos Heights Garden Club. In February, club members choose an anonymous child from a list provided by Palos Township and purchase Easter goodies for the March 12 meeting to help brighten the lives of struggling families. Michelle and Julie have been providing countless donations that help make up these spectacular baskets.

On Saturday, March 28th, members from our club as well as Palos Heights, will return to the Bridge Thrift Store to participate in a “Unity Event” to help support the Bridge Teen Center. This is the second consecutive year that the clubs have banded together in a team project.

At our April 9th meeting, the last meeting of the club year, Club Directors will give a rundown of what they have accomplished throughout the year. Monies that the club has raised through fundraising efforts should be available at this time. All of the funds generated throughout the year minus our operating expenses, go back to our community. In addition, Officer Frank Flores of the Palos Park Police Department, will present his program, “Until Help Arrives.”

We had announced in the previous edition of the Gazette that our Arts Director and longtime member, Nancy Mitchell, had been recognized by PLOWS (Council on Aging) for her continual and outstanding commitment to the communities of both Palos Heights and Palos Park. Originally scheduled for November 1st, PLOWS wished to be a part of this huge celebration for all honorees. The anticipated date of the rescheduled event will be Thursday, May 7th. Our club will be taking reservations once we have complete information and congratulate Nancy once again for her recognition.

Our Annual Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers will be held once again at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. The date is set for May 14th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Non-members are welcome and ticket information may be obtained by calling the number listed below, prior to May 1st.

The general meetings of our organization are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Palos Park Community Church, 123312 88th Avenue, in Palos Park. Reservations (luncheon is served at normally no charge) may be made by calling Patricia Bailey at (708) 448-8248. A “Split the Pot Raffle” is held at each meeting, benefiting a lunch attendee as well as our club’s fundraising efforts. Meetings begin at 10:00 am, with luncheon served at noon. We can be visited on our website or on Facebook: Palos Park Woman’s Club.

Palos Park Senior Club

The Palos Park Senior Club meets the second Monday of each month in the lower level of the Recreation Building, 8901 W 123rd Street. Doors open at 11:00 am. Lunch, by reservation, is served at noon. A short meeting, and any announcements, are made at that time. This is followed by either a speaker or entertainer. Each meeting ends with a raffle. All seniors are welcome. Call (708) 480-4103 for information on our club.

MARCH 9, 2020 – Tim Wilsey will join us at this meeting. He has visited us before and is always a crowd pleaser. Tim has many topics to choose from. At this meeting he will talk about Tony Bennett, who is still performing and is well into his 90’s. Tim will tell us about his life and perform many songs that were made famous by Tony Bennett.

APRIL 13, 2020 – Sandi Haynes is coming back. Everyone enjoyed her so much last year, we’ve invited her back for a return engagement. She is excited to once again visit with us and will put on a great performance for all to enjoy.

MAY 11, 2020 – The theme of this meeting is MAGIC. Jamie Aponte, a magician and member of the Wizards Club of Chicago, will join us. His magic tricks will astound you. We will all be asking ourselves how did he do that? This promises to be a lot of fun.
**ADULT PROGRAMS**

Motown: Music that Moved the World
Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m.
Using audio and visual content, presenter Gary Wenstrup will trace the amazing history of this timeless music.

Tea for Three: Lady Bird, Pat, & Betty
Wednesday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m.
In this humorous and insightful historical portrayal, actress and historian Leslie Goddard brings to life Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, and Betty Ford.

Fruteland Jackson’s The Life & Legend of Robert Johnson
Thursday, May 14th, 7:00 p.m.
Join Blues Music Award Nominee Fruteland Jackson for an evening of music and storytelling.

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**TWEENS**

Stitch the Stars
Grades 5th-8th
Saturday, March 7th, 3:00 p.m.
An easy DIY where we will stitch a constellation for your favorite month in the year.

Canvas Painting
Monday, March 9th, 4:00 p.m.
Paint using your favorite colors and use tape to create a pattern that will give a trip effect.

Welcome Spring
Saturday, March 21st, 3:00 p.m.
Let’s welcome spring with a simple craft using pastel colors, stencils, and creativity.

Mini Garden in ALTOIDS
Saturday, April 4th, 3:00 p.m.
This craft brings spring into your home by making a small garden inside ALTOIDS box.

Animal Painting
Monday, April 6th, 4:00 p.m.
Paint the canvas, add the animal and finish it with mod-podge.

Wax Paper Lantern
Saturday, April 18th, 3:00 p.m.
This DIY lantern adds a touch of spring into your home.

Summer Break Idea Jar
Saturday, May 9th, 3:00 p.m.
Decorate your Jar and bounce ideas from other friends on what to do during summer break.

Summer Calendar
Monday, May 11th, 4:00 p.m.
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Sushi with a Twist
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Let’s make Sushi with a twist! This sushi will be made with Rice Krispies Treats, Twizzlers, and other candies to make different sushi combinations.

Tween Book Discussion
Fridays, March 27th, April 24th, & May 29th, 4:00 p.m.

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**STEM**

STEM Activities
Registration required, limit of 12.

Junior STEM: Cloud in a Jar
Saturday, April 18th 11:00 a.m.
Open to ages 4-6.

STEM Club: Make Bottle Planters
Saturday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m.
Open to grades 1st-4th.

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**Youth Corner**

Registration Required.

Read to the Dogs
Monday, March 2nd & 16th, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
This program is designed to help children in grades 1st and up build confidence by reading aloud to a therapy dog.

Please contact the library for more information and to sign up for a 15 min. time slot. Limit of 12 with 2 dogs visiting.

Money Minded Stories & Craft
Saturday, April 25th, 11:00 a.m.
You’re never too young to start learning about money! Hear all about saving money by a representative from the Illinois State Treasurer.

Spring Flower Stories & Craft
Saturday, May 16th, 11:00 a.m.
Open to ages 4-6.
Registration required, limit of 12.

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**Craft Saturdays**

Registration required, limit of 12.

Paint a Decorative Shamrock on Canvas
March 14th, 11:00 a.m.
Open to grades 1st-4th.

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**Story Time With Ms. B**

Stories & Crafts for Ages 2-5
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Wednesdays, March 11th - April 29th, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
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**Lap Sit for Babies**

Up to 24 Months
Tuesdays, beginning March 10th, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A lap sit story time that includes songs, movement, finger rhymes and stories.
Administration Department

WHERE CAN I RECYCLE OLD TELEVISIONS AND ELECTRONICS LOCALLY?
We Fix Phones and Tablets located at 13018 S. LaGrange Road in Palos Park will accept computers, towers, desktops, speakers, monitors and more. They will also accept old televisions but ask that you call first. You can contact them at (708) 608-8993.

Public Works Department:

1) WHAT ARE THE LAWN SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS?
Village Ordinance 1046.27 complies with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations beginning May 15 through September 15 of each year as follows:

Lake Michigan Water Users
Automatic or Timed Irrigation Sprinkler Systems can be programmed between 12:00 am (midnight) and 5:00 am on an odd/even basis (on odd calendar days if the last digit in the street address is odd, or on even calendar days if the last digit in the street address is even). Properties with odd addresses cannot use Lake Michigan water on both the 31st day of the month of May, July and/or August and on the 1st day of the next month, thus it is prohibited to use Lake Michigan water on consecutive days for the purpose of outdoor watering.

Manual Sprinkling is permitted between the hours of 7:00 am – 11:00 am and 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm on any day of the week for outdoor watering of lawns or gardens on an odd/even basis (on odd calendar days if the last digit in the street address is odd, or on even calendar days if the last digit in the street address is even). Properties with odd addresses cannot use Lake Michigan water on both the 31st day of the month of May, July and/or August and on the 1st day of the next month, thus it is prohibited to use Lake Michigan water on consecutive days for the purpose of outdoor watering.

New lawns, which are less than three (3) months old, shall be exempt from the foregoing restrictions.

Well Users
There are no restrictions for sprinkler systems or manual sprinkling when a private well is being used. Remember whether you have Lake Michigan or a Private Well, all sprinkler systems must have an RPZ valve. All RPZ valves have to be tested annually by September 30.
Our newsletter is sent seasonally to all Palos Park residents in the 60464 zip code, roughly 4,000 households.

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- Business Card Size (2” x 3.5”) $150.00
- Two Business Card Size (4” x 3.5”) $300.00

Call 708.671.3700 for more information.

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