

# MAYWOOD COMMUNITY NEWS

January 2023- *MOVING MAYWOOD FORWARD TOGETHER*

WELCOME TO 2023!!! As we walk into 2023, I would first like to thank the Maywood Police Department and all community members involved that led to a **56% decrease in homicides** for the Village of Maywood! Inside this month's newsletter you will read more about steps we have made to ensure safety in the Village of Eternal Light.

In 2023, we have many projects underway including;

- ✓ 30 – 50 Madison Street Feasibility Study grant
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Downtown (Quincy to Lake) Revitalization \$2.25M grant
- ✓ Prairie Path – Invest in Cook \$161K grant
- ✓ Stronger Communities \$250K grant
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and Oak Village Civic Center development - \$2.5M grant
- ✓ Infrastructure Lab Hub – BRIC Grant \$12M (pending)
- ✓ Washington Blvd 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> restoration
- ✓ \$3.1M ARPA funding
- ✓ \$1M+ for youth development
- ✓ NLC's, CAFFE – Cities Addressing Fees & Fines Equitable (property tax project)
- ✓ EV Readiness – SOL Smart Cities
- ✓ Rebuild IL \$1.6M grant
- ✓ Sewer Separation Initiative to benefit
  - 1,605 residential households (46,500 linear feet or 8.8 miles) grant
- ✓ Federally Qualified Health Center development
- ✓ Maywood Market as Living Fresh Market

I look forward to sharing more at Elements of a Healthy Maywood on Saturday, January 21, 2023





# Behind on housing costs due to COVID-19?

Apply for up to **\$60,000** in emergency mortgage assistance paid directly to your mortgage servicer.

## Eligibility Requirements

- The homeowner must have experienced a COVID-19- related hardship after January 21, 2020.
- The homeowner must be delinquent on mortgage, property taxes, and/or condo association fees.
- The homeowner must currently own and occupy the property as their primary residence.
- Proof of citizenship is not required. Homeownership assistance is not a "public-charge" benefit.

## Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) Steps

- 1. Get Informed:** Attend or watch an online information session about the ILHAF program at [illinoishousinghelp.org](http://illinoishousinghelp.org).
- 2. Explore Your Options:** Pursue housing counseling, loss mitigation or legal aid assistance.
- 3. Get Started:** Gather all required documents so you are poised to apply when the grant application opens on Nov. 1, 2022.



Apply at [illinoishousinghelp.org](http://illinoishousinghelp.org)

Applications available Nov. 1, 2022

Questions? Contact us: [HAFQuestions@ihda.org](mailto:HAFQuestions@ihda.org) or Toll Free 866-454-3571







# VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD 2023 KICK OFF BREAKFAST

FAITH BREAKFAST GUEST SPEAKER  
**PASTOR DR. BILL WINSTON**

# FAITH

FOR A DIVINE HARVEST



ELEMENTS OF HEALTHY MAYWOOD  
NEW VILLAGE FAITH CONFESSION  
COMMUNITY UPDATES

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023**

9:00AM – 11:00AM

MAYWOOD SUPPORTIVE LIVING

316 RANDOLPH ST

LIMITED SEATING - RSVP TODAY



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“IN 2023 LET’S CONTINUE IN  
MOVING MAYWOOD FORWARD TOGETHER”  
**MAYOR NATHANIEL GEORGE BOOKER**  
#MiraclesSigns&Wonders

**[www.Maywood-IL.gov](http://www.Maywood-IL.gov)**

# MAYWOOD-WEST COOK CAREER & LIFE READINESS EXPLORING INITIATIVE

## WE'RE HIRING COORDINATORS \$20 PER HOUR!!!



Help Deliver character-building experiences and mentorship that allow youth to achieve their full potential in both life and work.

### COORDINATORS NEEDED

- ✓ Administrative
- ✓ Programming
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Recruitment
- ✓ Partnerships
- ✓ Youth Engagement
- ✓ Parent/Guardian
- ✓ Digital Communications

Exploring exists to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by community and business leaders like you. Together, we equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers.

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## MAYWOOD-WEST COOK CAREER & LIFE READINESS EXPLORING INITIATIVE

A Unity in the Community Experience Starting January 2023!



## YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MAKE \$10 PER HOUR TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH ENGAGEMENT 12 WEEKS OF PROGRAMMING

### CAREER EXPLORATION

- Arts & Humanities
- Aviation
- Business
- Communications
- Engineering & Technology
- Fire & EMS
- Health Care
- Law & Government
- Law Enforcement
- Science
- Skilled Trades
- Social Services



### LIFE SKILLS EXPLORATION

- Communication
- Computer Literacy
- Civic Engagement
- Financial Literacy
- Leadership
- Academic Skills
- Character & Ethics
- College & Career Prep
- Positive Self-concept
- Self-control & Self-motivation
- Social Skills
- Team Building



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## WHAT COMPRISES A HEALTHY COMMUNITY?

"A healthy community is one where people have the opportunity to make healthy choices, in environments that are safe, free from violence, and designed to promote health. Factors that influence health range from early childhood education to quality housing and jobs and include many other areas of community development such as financial inclusion, access to health clinics and healthy food, sustainable energy, and transportation."

### ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY MAYWOOD



#### ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

- ✓ Affordable, accessible and high-quality health care
- ✓ Community Paramedicine/care coordination
- ✓ Health literacy
- ✓ Access to behavioral health services

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Disease prevention, mental health



#### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- ✓ Access to capital for entrepreneurship
- ✓ Job training and mentorship/accelerator space
- ✓ Access to affordable & diverse commercial spaces
- ✓ Clustering of commerce and integration with residential uses for enhanced vibrancy
- ✓ A culture of local talent development
- ✓ Living wages in the community

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Economic stability/access, air quality, walkability/ physical activity, mental health (stimulating, healthy work)



#### AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOUSING

- ✓ Affordable, high quality, socially integrated housing
- ✓ Housing near public transportation if needed
- ✓ Ways to avoid displacement as older neighborhoods are revitalized
- ✓ Promoting housing development and design that encourages social interaction

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Economic stability, disease prevention, air quality, mental health, exposure to extreme climate, exposure to lead, early brain development, injury prevention



#### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Opportunities for high quality and accessible education
- ✓ Opportunities for developmentally-appropriate and affordable childcare
- ✓ Access to a variety of post-secondary opportunities

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Healthier students tend to have educational achievement



#### COMMUNITY SAFETY

- ✓ Safe communities, free of crime and violence
- ✓ Diversion programs available instead of incarceration
- ✓ Promoting built environments that "feel" safe

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Mental health, injury prevention, physical activity



#### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- ✓ Clean air and waterways
- ✓ Healthy and clean soils
- ✓ Water supply protection and water security
- ✓ Tobacco- and smoke-free spaces
- ✓ Minimized toxics, greenhouse gas emissions & waste
- ✓ Affordable and sustainable energy use

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Asthma and other respiratory diseases, disease prevention, exposure to environmental contaminants including lead, early brain development





## FOOD ACCESS

- ✓ Affordable, accessible and nutritious foods
- ✓ Promoting a variety of healthy food access opportunities

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Nutrition, obesity, disease prevention, mental health, early brain development



## HEALTHY COMMUNITY DESIGN

- ✓ Walkability and places for multi-modal transport
- ✓ Mixed use developments
- ✓ Transit-oriented developments
- ✓ Adaptive re-use
- ✓ Access to cool and shaded spaces
- ✓ Environments free of excessive noise
- ✓ Vacant land reuse opportunities
- ✓ Access to green and open spaces, including healthy tree canopy and agricultural lands

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Economic stability, mental health, physical activity, air quality, injury prevention, obesity, heat-related illness



## PARKS & RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Access to affordable and safe opportunities for physical activity
- ✓ Joint use opportunities with schools, libraries and community centers

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Physical activity, disease prevention, mental health, early brain development, air quality

The health of a community is dependent not only upon the genetics of its residents, but also upon the environment within which those individuals live. A person's health is a product of their environment. As such, a healthy community is one in which all residents have access to a quality education, safe and healthy homes, adequate employment, transportation, physical activity, and nutrition, in addition to quality health care. Unhealthy communities lead to chronic disease, such as cancers, diabetes, and heart disease. The health of our communities is critical to the growth and development of our region. To build healthy communities in Maywood, we must develop multi-sectoral collaborations between community members and stakeholders to ensure the sustainability and adequacy of resources to support comprehensive reform.



## SOCIAL & CULTURAL COHESION

- ✓ Opportunities for engagement with arts, music and culture
- ✓ Robust social and civic engagement
- ✓ Supportive relationships, families, homes and neighborhoods
- ✓ Support services for behavioral health needs
- ✓ Community empowerment that can lead to systems change

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Economic stability, mental health, public safety



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

- ✓ Addresses historical trauma and structural racism
- ✓ Resolves the social and physical differences adversely affecting socially disadvantaged groups
- ✓ Pursues fair distribution of resources

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Live longer, physical and mental health, economic stability, intact families, resiliency, public safety



## TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- ✓ Safe, sustainable, accessible and affordable transportation options
- ✓ Promoting built environments that encourage walking, biking and taking transit

**HEALTH IMPACTS:** Obesity, disease prevention, physical activity, mental health, economic stability, air quality, injury prevention



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023**

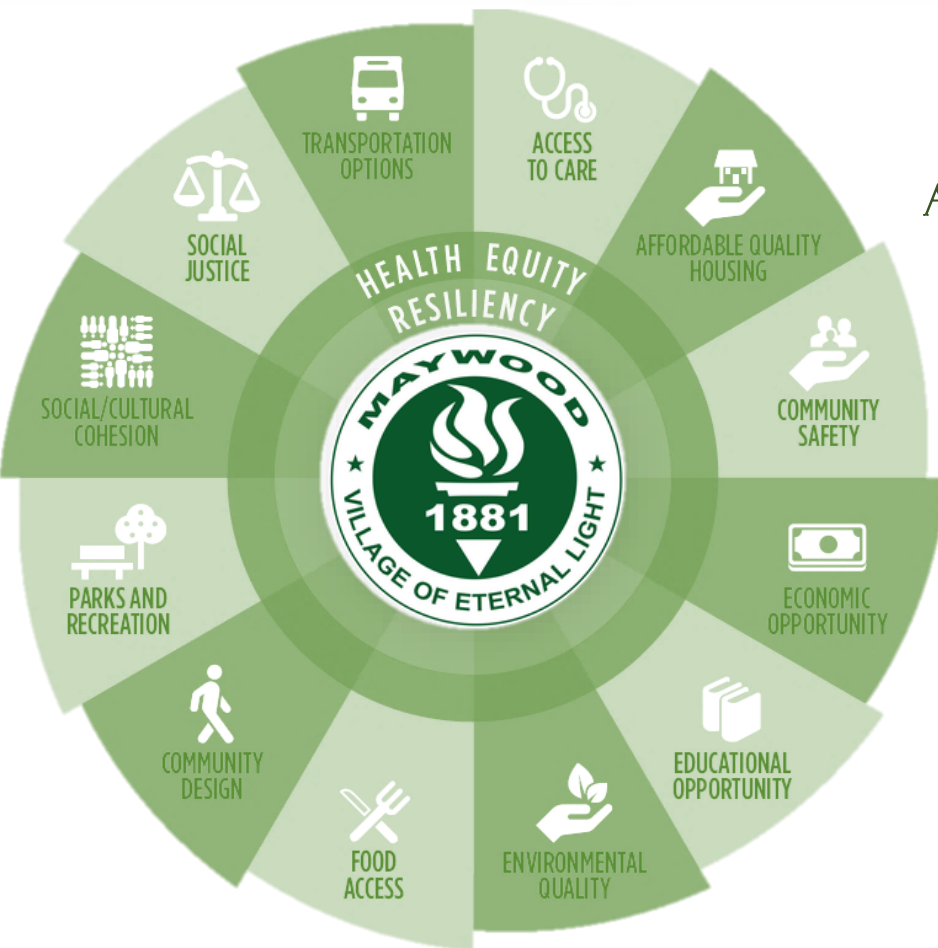
9:00AM – 12:00PM

LIGHTFORD RECREATION CENTER

809 MADISON ST



## ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY MAYWOOD COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



### MAYWOOD LET'S TALK

AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOUSING  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY  
ACCESS TO CARE  
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
FOOD ACCESS  
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SOCIAL/CULTURAL COHESION  
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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

**SPACE IS LIMITED RSVP TODAY**  
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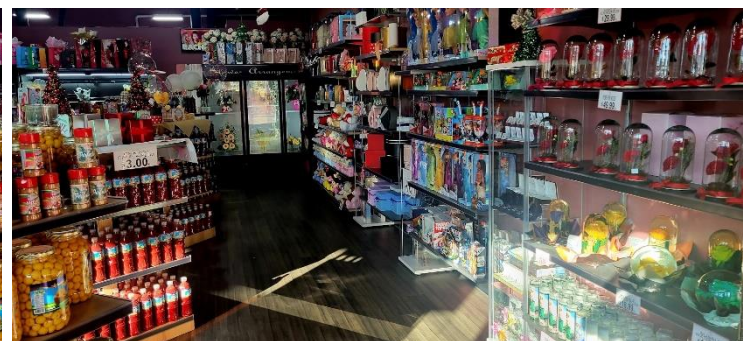
# Supporting Local Businesses of Maywood



Thank you [Antojos Poblanos El Carmen](#) (603 Lake) for 6 great years and shout out to Jerry!

[Kingston Market Caribbean & African Groceries](#) (1305 S 5th) continues to be a great community asset. Stop by and pick up some jerk sauce, rum bread, and more. Looking forward to the juice bar coming soon!

[Lickle A Jamaica](#) (620 S 5th) stays a favorite for lunch and dinner...patrons love the ribs, fish, oxtails, Mac n cheese, cabbage, greens, etc.



[Sweet Bite](#) (421 Lake St) This fresh floral shop with an in-house florist provides Sweets, Gift Packages, floral arrangements and so much more. Let's make sure we support this local family-owned business.

[AfriWare Books, Gifts & Cultural Events](#) (1701 S 1st Ave - 4th Floor of Eisenhower Tower) has been a hidden gem of the [Proviso Township](#) since 1993! The [Village of Maywood](#) thanks Ms. Nzingha Nommo for continuing to showcase authors, artists, and advocates who infuse us with a sense of cultural pride.





# Supporting Local Businesses of Maywood



Maywood native Mike and his wife Tori of D&A Candy Store (1117 Madison St) and [YOURS GAME ROOM](#) (1115 Madison St). Initially both locations were off 17th and Madison and they have now moved into 2 larger locations at Maywood Plaza as the community support outgrew the spaces. After [Irving Middle School](#) let's out you will find Yours Gaming packed with youth who many times cannot afford to play, but that doesn't stop Mike and Tori from allowing them. Mrs. Garron owns a 501C3, so if you have any donations or assistance with resources to ensure this place stays open for the community who cannot afford it, please stop by and pour into them.



Mohammad Ghannam congratulations on Maywood One Stop (613 Lake St) and welcome to Maywood! Looking forward to great success for you.

[Evan Acevedo Panaderia Puebla](#) your freshly baked [Puebla Bakery dba Panaderia Puebla](#) (613 Lake) is made from the heart and smells and taste delicious. Stop by and enjoy the tres leche cake!



# Supporting Local Businesses of Maywood



Congratulations to CEO Domenico DiDiana of [Slice Factory](#) on the opening of your newest location [Slice Factory - Maywood, IL](#) (211 Roosevelt Rd).

The Mango Habenero BBQ Chicken with Pineapple pizza and Cauliflower Bites are delicious. Stop by and enjoy their variety of tasty menu items.



We would like to spotlight Zenitra of [Goddess Accessories](#) (709 S 5th) and Rashad of [Rich Attitude](#) (705 S 5th). These Maywood entrepreneurs have invested in our great community and need your support by investing in their businesses. They both have a passion for youth and are actively engaged business owners and community advocates.





# 2022 Roadway Improvements

## **Wilcox Street from 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Avenue:** The installation of the curb and gutter, concrete driveways, and excavation of roadway between 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue along with 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been completed. The excavation of the Alley between 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Wilcox Street is complete.

The removal/replacement of curb and gutter, sidewalks, and driveways, along with reconstruction of structures, and adjustment of curb line drainage structures has been completed. Underground consisting of the installation of new drainage structures and sewer laterals, installation of new manholes, reconstruction of existing manholes, and adjustment of curb line drainage structures has been addressed. Patching of the roadway at certain locations and begin milling operations for the installation of the HMA level binder and surface course has been addressed for the following:

- ✓ **Erie Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**
- ✓ **3rd Ave from School St to Madison St**
- ✓ **2nd Ave from School St to Madison St**
- ✓ **School St from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave**
- ✓ **8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Green St to School St**





# Infrastructure Development

## **21<sup>st</sup> Avenue CDBG Roadway Improvements**

The project is complete and the final thermoplastic pavement markings will be completed in the Spring.

## **2022 Green Infrastructure Alley Improvements**

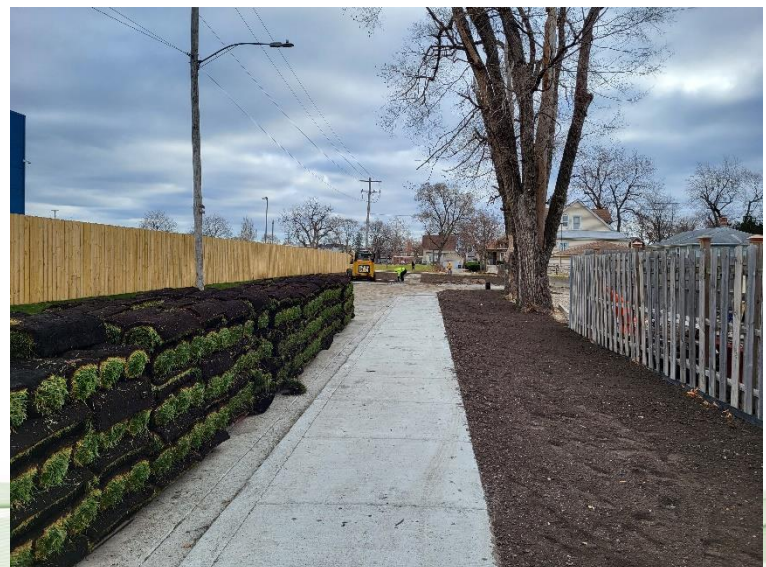
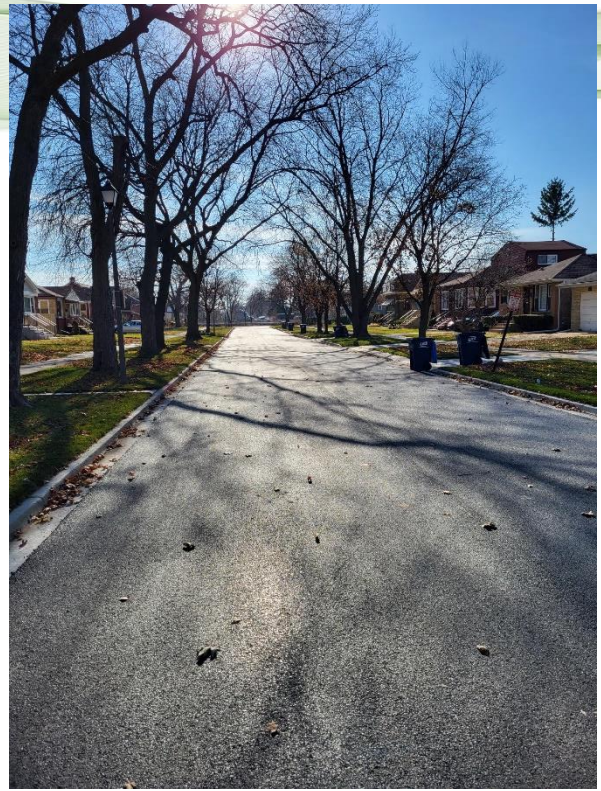
The project is complete.

## **2022 Water Main Improvements Project**

The project is complete with the exception of the Concrete Pavement Patching on St. Charles Road. This work will be performed in the Spring. The asphalt patches that are currently on St. Charles Rd. are temporary and have been made safe and driveable for winter. The contractor has performed clean up work over the past week along the residential properties. The punch list items will be completed in the Spring. Note that residents will not be responsible for the condition of the sod until it is inspected and accepted in the Spring.

## **2022 Roadway Improvements Project**

The project is complete with the exception of signage, thermoplastic pavement markings, and final hot-mix asphalt surface course. The signage is scheduled to be installed next week. Temporary pavement markings will be placed (where stop bars are to be installed) for the winter. The hot-mix asphalt binder has been installed throughout the project. The contractor has “ramped in” all meet points at adjacent streets as well as ADA sidewalk ramp crossings with the placement of the hot-mix asphalt binder course, for safety. The asphalt contractor will resume work in the Spring by milling down the raised areas, saw-cutting fresh butt joints, and installing the hot-mix asphalt final surface course. Thermoplastic pavement markings will follow. The punch list items will be completed in the Spring. Note that residents will not be responsible for the condition of the sod until it is inspected and accepted in the Spring.





# A Look Back at Christmas 2022!



Christmas in Proviso



Quinn Center Winter Wonderland



Yours Gaming Coat Drive



# A Look Back at Christmas 2022!



Maywood Fire Department Union at Phoenix Homes



Senior Christmas Dinner at the Maywood Park District



Maywood Fire Department Union at Garden House



# A Look Back at Christmas 2022!



Maywood Police Dept Shop with a Cop



DLD for Youth Community Christmas Giveaway & Family Bingo Night



13<sup>th</sup> Positive 8<sup>th</sup> Annual United Toy Drive



# Village of Maywood Tree Lighting Ceremony

Proviso East Cheerleaders



Irving Middle School Choir



Maywood Fine Arts



Proviso East Marching Band





# Maywood Police Department Command Fully Staffed



The [Village of Maywood Police Department](#) has been bringing intentional focus on public safety and community engagement. Our last village board meeting was full of successes. Our crime rates have lowered double digits this year across all areas (excluding car jackings). Here is a list of just a few of the things our police force has been busy executing on:

- ✓ (2) Radar speed signs being implemented on 5th N. Ave.
- ✓ Appointed a Deputy Chief, a Records Supervisor
- ✓ Deployed tasers and AR-15
- ✓ Established a Criminal Analyst position to assist in Investigations
- ✓ Established a School Resource Officer (SRO) for District 89 and [Proviso East High School](#)
- ✓ Established [Maywood Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#)
- ✓ Hired 15 Officers: 10 Full Time and 5 Part Time
- ✓ Hired an Investigation Specialist to assist with cold cases
- ✓ Implemented (15) Geovision LPR cameras enhancing our technology
- ✓ Purchased 60 radios for department
- ✓ Secured a grant to assist with purchase of body worn cameras for \$16,000
- ✓ Re-established the boot program, there is now a dedicated Boot Administrator



# Maywood Park District Partners in Action

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, Alpha Quest Youth Mentoring Program, as part of their [GoToHighSchoolGoToCollege](#) National Program, traveled to Milwaukee Wisc., to visit the IPAMA African American Arts & Music Museum. They also met with the Urban Scholars at Marquette University for a college tour and then ended the day at the Milwaukee Bucks NBA Game.



Senate Majority Leader Kimberly A. Lightford Saturday University in partnership with the Black Star Project! Students in 5-8th grade can get extra help on language arts, coding, health and wellness, Spanish and STEM.

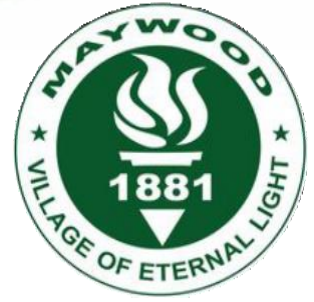
A FREE comprehensive learning system designed to improve children's academic readiness.

Danka Basketball League (DBL) 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Youth League





# ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY MAYWOOD – 2023 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



## JANUARY

- ✓ Faith Leaders Breakfast (1/14)
- ✓ Elements of a Healthy Maywood (1/21)

## FEBRUARY

- ✓ Black History Celebration (2/11)
- ✓ Congressman Davis STEM Day
- ✓ Maywood Let's Talk Property Taxes (2/23)

## MARCH

- ✓ Women's History Month Celebration (3/18)

## APRIL

- ✓ Village Pride, Village Wide (4/29)

## MAY

- ✓ Board Swear In (5/16)
- ✓ State of Maywood (5/20)
- ✓ Haitian Heritage Month

## JUNE

- ✓ Northica Stone – Street Designation
- ✓ West Cook Juneteenth (6/19)
- ✓ Gospel Explosion (6/10)
- ✓ Caribbean Heritage Month
- ✓ Maywood Culturally Rich – Black History Tour (6/17+18)

## JULY

- ✓ Eugene "Gene" Moore – Street Designation

## AUGUST

- ✓ Black Business Month
- ✓ Caribbean Independence Month

## SEPTEMBER

- ✓ September – Maywood Fest (9/8 -10)
- ✓ Mexican Independence Day (9/16)

## OCTOBER

- ✓ Tour De Proviso (10/7)
- ✓ Hispanic Heritage Month
- ✓ National Unity Day (10/18)

## NOVEMBER

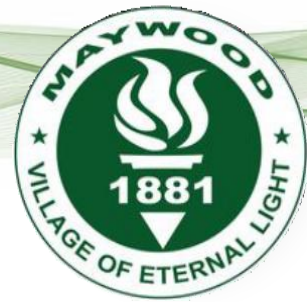
- ✓ Veteran's Day Celebration
- ✓ Small Business Saturday (11/25)
- ✓ Thanksgiving (Quinn Center)

## DECEMBER

- ✓ Tree Lighting Ceremony
- ✓ United Toy Drive (13<sup>th</sup> Positive)
- ✓ Kwanzaa Celebration



# RESTORING THE VILLAGE OF ETERNAL LIGHT



## VILLAGE HALL

40 Madison Street  
Maywood, IL 60153  
Phone: 708.450.6300

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT

**Nathaniel George Booker**

## VILLAGE CLERK

Gwaine Dianne Williams

## TRUSTEES

Antonio Sanchez  
Shabaun Reyes Plummer  
Miguel Jones  
Melvin L. Lightford Sr.  
Aaron Peppers  
Isiah Brandon

## ACTING VILLAGE MANAGER

James Krischke

<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Non-Emergency</b>	<b>450.4470</b>
<b>Fire Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Non-Emergency</b>	<b>343.5595</b>
<b>Mayor's Office</b>	<b>450.6366</b>
<b>Clerk's Office</b>	<b>450.6360</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>450.4482</b>
<b>Water Dept.</b>	<b>450.6324</b>
<b>Manager's Office</b>	<b>450.6301</b>
<b>Code</b>	
<b>Enforcement</b>	<b>450.4405</b>
<b>Finance Dept.</b>	<b>450.6300</b>
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>450.6351</b>

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