



# HOME SWEET HOME

Everyone knows that buying a home is the best investment you can make. But it wasn't until recently that people began to realize that you can't find a better investment than buying or building in the Village of Maywood. According to data compiled by Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., the biggest growth factor in Maywood right now is residential development, with a 20% jump over previous years. Median home sales prices have surpassed previous years since 2016; in 2019 alone, there was a 15% increase over 2018. Revenues generated from building permits are also indicative of the growth and further proof that Maywood is once again on the move. Revenues have steadily spiked from \$245,327 in 2015 to \$501,661 in 2020; Transfer Stamps also document the success, from \$128,237 in 2015 to \$299,096 in 2020. "These numbers tell the story of great perseverance," explained Mr. Norfleet. "Our own investments in infrastructure, parks and public projects is drawing people to Maywood."



Goodbye, vacant lots and abandoned properties—hello to new construction and renovations like this home on 12th and Randolph—just one example of the revitalization in Maywood. Pictured above, workers are busy hammering out a project at 18th and Madison.

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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR** EDWENNA PERKINS



# MY WINTER Report

Greetings, Maywoodians! I know we are in the midst of some difficult, different, and somewhat strange and baffling times, but I also know that this

community is strong and tenacious. I know that we will persevere! Moreover, I believe that we, as a community, will come out of this epoch with a renewed understanding of just how resilient and capable we really are. You can rest assured that officials for the Village of Maywood are doing everything we can to meet the needs of the populace and to ease some of the burdens the current climate has wrought. We are working hard in our attempts to ensure that our operations are efficient, effective and viable. Also, I am both quite delighted and rather amazed by the phenomenal efforts of all the community organizations that have stepped up to provide free food and meals to residents who are struggling, as well as free masks, hand sanitizer, and other items to help ensure public safety.

### **Remain Alert and Vigilant**

Yes, we are still in the midst of a global health pandemic and, most unfortunately, it does not appear that the coronavirus will be contained anytime soon. Therefore, I strongly urge residents to remain alert and vigilant; do not become complacent. Continue to follow the public health protocols that have been put forth, including wearing masks, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. We will get through this, but we must be clear about what is required of us. Make sure your children are properly educated about what is going on around them so that they can stay safe. Additionally, in an effort to help residents stay at home as much as possible, we are encouraging Maywoodians to use our online portals to pay bills and to conduct other business.

In the meantime, we are continuing to hold necessary and informative socially-distanced meetings within the Village with Zoom link options for online attendance. As usual, residents can watch Board of Trustee meetings online, too. In September, we hosted Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi for my monthly town hall. This meeting was focused on property tax assessments, so residents could acquire more information on the tax system and how to file property tax appeals. The subsequent town hall in October also focused on property assessment concerns in the Village. Residents were provided with an opportunity to submit their questions to the Village Manager in advance.

### Public Safety: A Major Priority For Me

I also want to note that I called a meeting concerning public safety and the absolute need to keep our town secure. I am deeply invested in the health, safety and well-being of this community, and I am committed to doing whatever is necessary to keep this town safe. This is a major priority for me. It is vitally important that we have an atmosphere where people feel comfortable conducting their daily lives and shopping at some of our new businesses, like the Goddess Accessories, a clothing store owned by Proviso East graduate Zenitra Dunning. The shop is located at 709 South 5th Avenue (see the grand opening photo on the back cover).



### Twin Village Covenant

Also, in October, we held a public meeting in the Council Chamber so that residents could be advised of the plans the Village has formulated for the Madison Street/Fifth Avenue Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. In that same month, on October 17, the Villages of Maywood and River Forest conducted a Twin Village Covenant "Meet and Greet" at Maywood Fine Arts to celebrate the exciting new neighborly agreement forged by the two towns. That get-together provided an opportunity for the covenant committee members to introduce themselves to Maywoodians and to get to know each other better. Many thanks to Ernie and Lois Baumann for the spacious meeting place, to River Forest Village President Cathy Adduci and River Forest officials for their input and to Maywood Trustee Miguel Jones for this picture from our first meeting.

Lastly, I am happy to report that applications are being accepted for apartments in the new five-story, \$19.5 million apartment complex going up right now at 800-820 South Fifth Avenue. This building is a wonderful addition to one of our main streets; and we are very excited about having still more affordable housing and brand new shops. If you are interested in renting, see page 15.

### **Uplift Each Other This Season**

Finally, as we head into the holiday season, my hope is that each and every Maywood resident will have a peaceful and loving holiday season. If possible, make the time to join us for the Festival of Lights on Friday, December 11 on the grounds near our Metra station at 5th Avenue and St. Charles Road. Even though it must be a drive-thru event, we have gone to great lengths to make it fun and cheerful for people of all ages. Many thanks to Tywanna Rand for organizing this night of Christmas cheer and to our generous sponsors: State Senator Kimberly Lightford, State Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch. Christopher Parker-Wintrust Bank and District 89. I know Maywoodians will devise innovative strategies for staying in touch with loved ones and for promoting good mental and physical health and wellness. Although the season may seem quite different this time around, I encourage everyone to uplift each other and to encourage good cheer—even if it is from a distance! Remember, what really matters is love for one another and safe practices designed to remain healthy and strong!

Warmest regards, Edwenna Perkins, Mayor of Maywood



### WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

# from the *Village* manager All Good In May Market All States of the stat

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly crippled the economy and shifted our focus at times but despite the restrictions and concerns, all of us at the Village

of Maywood remain committed to the health and well-being of all residents and forging ahead with the projects and plans that are necessary now and for the future of the Village. Our diligence is paying off in many ways.

### The First Step Toward New Development: Demolition

▲ To create a more desirable place to live and work, blight must be eradicated and the Village has approved the demolition of the following properties: 313 S. 3rd Avenue, 401 N. 4th Avenue, 801 N. 5th Avenue, 1323 S. 5th Avenue, 417 N. 7th Avenue, 809 N. 10th Avenue, 811 S. 10th Avenue, 305 S. 11th Avenue, 430 S. 16th Avenue, 422 S. 16th Avenue, 828 S. 18th Avenue, 227 S. 19th Avenue, 611 S. 20th Avenue and 18 S. 21st Avenue. This bold action not only creates a safer neighborhood but gives developers a fresh opportunity to invest in our community. The Cook County Land Bank currently has an estimate of 30 lots for sale (11 commercial and 19 residential) and we are confident that there will be buyers in the coming new year.

### **No Bond Issue for Capital Improvements**

▲ Thanks to the successful management of our TIF Funds and the increase in our Equalized Assessed Valuation, we are proud to be able to say to residents that NO BOND ISSUE is further proof that we are achieving our goals—within our budget. At right, an updated list of our many capital improvements comes with a hefty price tag of approximately \$9.3 million; however, our healthy Madison/5th Avenue TIF will provide \$4.3 million to get these jobs done for the people of Maywood. I am proud to share photos of some accomplishments on the next pages because paved roadways, green alleys, water main replacement, sewer cleaning and televising are essential components of our residential, commercial and industrial successes.

### Huge Developments: 1 Coming and 1 Nearly Complete

▲ As the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of Chicago's "Fifth Avenue Apartments" project (72 apartments combined with 5,500 square feet of retail) at 800 S. 5th nears completion, anyone interested in becoming a tenant should see page 15 for rental application info. Next up, plans to renovate the Baptist Retirement Home...also on page 15.



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

Infrastructure work is estimated at \$9.3 million, however, our Madison/5th Avenue TIF covers \$4.3 million of that total.

## STREETS

✓ 6th, Madison to Washington, patching and adjustments

- ✓ Warren, 6th to 5th, started
- ✓ Wilcox, 9th to 5th, started
- ✓ Legion, Greenwood to east Village limits, started
- ✓ Warren, 21st to 19th

### ALLEYS

- ✓ DONE: Between 3rd & 2nd, from Green to Madison
- ✓ DONE: Between 18th & 17th, Prairie Path to Madison
- ✓ DONE: Between 5th & 4th, Warren to Walnut
- GREEN ALLEYS STARTED: Between 20th & 19th, Randolph to 0ak Between 21st & 20th, Washington to Randolph Between 21st & 20th, Randolph to 0ak

### WATER MAIN PROJECT & RESURFACE

✓ 8th, Oak to St. Charles (main)

- ✓ 2nd, Chicago to Rice (paving)
- 3rd, Lexington to Bataan (paving)

✓ DONE: Water Main Replacement, 13th to 10th 1st Avenue Water Main Replacement from Harrison to School is scheduled for 2021. Crack sealing, pavement patching and striping are all works in progress.

### ALL GOOD IN MAYWOOD by Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr.







## QUALITY OF LIFE: ADDRESSING THE DANGERS OF DEAD AND DISEASED TREES

Trees are important for so many reasons. They give us oxygen, combat climate change, provide shade, prevent water pollution and soil erosion and even improve property values. However, when trees become diseased, begin to decay or when they are dead, they pose many dangers to a community. We are confronting the problem in two ways: 1) Pro-actively removing troublesome parkway trees and 2) offering a Tree Removal Assistance Program to residents again this year through April 30, 2021. Dead and decaying trees can seriously disrupt our quality of life. For example:

■ Injuries. Falling branches and tree limbs can cause everything from minor cuts to fatalities. If a dead

tree is on your property and someone is injured, you may be responsible for their suffering.

■ Power and Utility Lines. Because dead trees break easily, damage to power and utility lines could result in outages of electrical, telephone and cable service.

■ Property. If a dead tree falls on your vehicle, garage or house, the results can be catastrophic; or worse, it could fall on your neighbor's property.

■ Pests and Problems. Dead and decayed trees are also a beacon to termites and other pests and rodents plus tree diseases can spread to healthy trees in the neighborhood.

We're getting in front of these parkway problems. Residents interested in taking advantage of the private property Tree Removal program, see page 11 or the Village website for additional details and forms.

## "MAIN" PRIORITIES: SEWERS, WATER LINES

From our biggest capital improvement projects, such as the completed water main replacement from 13th Avenue to 10th Avenue to the upcoming Roosevelt Road water main project from 10th Avenue to 1st Avenue and the 8th Avenue (Oak Street to St. Charles Road) water main replacement, current and future residents and businesses alike will benefit from the careful investments we are making to preserve our aging infrastructure. At the same time, the Village attends to emergency repairs, annual sewer cleaning and televising, combined sewer repairs/sewer lining and annual regulatory compliances to ensure the best possible quality of service for all.



### ALL GOOD IN MAYWOOD by Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr.





## SOME PAVED, SOME GREEN

From 3rd and 2nd, Green and Madison Street; 18th and 17th (Prairie Path and Madison Street) to 5th and 4th (Warren and Walnut), crews have been busy paving or converting alleys throughout the Village, trying to complete as many projects as possible, while weather permits. Just a reminder of how our green alleys work: they are specially designed to capture water and allow it to infiltrate into the ground before it enters the traditional conveyance system. This helps to reduce the amount of runoff that causes flooding when drainage systems are overwhelmed by increasingly intense rain events. We appreciate the support of the Water Reclamation District of Metropolitan Chicago in providing relief for our residents.



## Takin' it to the Streets

Someone once said in an interview about local infrastructure projects, "If you come to town and your impression is that 'Boy, this town has a lot of street problems,' you think maybe they've got a lot of other problems, too." In Maywood, not only are we investing in our streets with paving, curbs, gutters and landscape restoration, we're addressing problems at every level: cracking down on junk cars and code violations, going after fly dumpers, and, as a result, gaining the attention of homebuyers and developers.





### **NO STICKER INCREASE!**

from Lanya Satchell, Finance Director

# GET your STICKER



### VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> Don't Wait: Avoid Late Fees and Penalties

Vehicle stickers should be affixed to the lower right passenger side of the windshield by January 1, 2021. Late fees are applicable Monday, January 4, 2021. Failure to properly display a current sticker is subject to a fine.

All Motor Vehicles	\$30.00
Recreational Vehicles	
Matar-drivan avalas, triavalas	
scooters & mopeds	\$25.00
Dealer Plates	
School & Church Busses	
Senior	
Disabled	

#### **TRUCKS: (BASED ON GROSS)**

A. 3,000 lbs. or less	\$25.00
B. 3,001 to 8,000 lbs.	
C. 8,001 to 10,000 lbs.	
D. 10,001 to 12,000 lbs.	
E. 12,001 to 14,000 lbs.	
F. 14,001 to 16,000 lbs	
G. 16,001 to 20,000 lbs.	
H. 20,001 lbs. and over	
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LATE FEES:	

<b>January 4 to January</b>	31Add \$	\$15.00
Anytime Thereafter	Add \$	\$30.00

#### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

Citizens 65 years of age and older may obtain ONE motor vehicle license each year for 1/2 basic.

### *from the* VILLAGE CLERK *Viola Mims*



## Consolidated Election April 2021 THIS TIME, IT'S LOCAL

This spring, voters will cast ballots for Village of Maywood Mayor, Clerk and 3 (three) Village Board Trustees to serve for the next 4 years. Important dates for candidate filings and deadlines for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election can be found online at www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/ 2021-info-candidates

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: (CCCO = COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE)

FRI., FEB. 19: Military & overseas ballots available from the CCCO THURS., FEB. 25: First day for mail-in ballots from the CCCO

TUES., MARCH 9: In-Person Voter registration closes at the Maywood Clerk's Office

WEDS., MARCH 10-MON., APRIL 5: Grace period registration and voting period begins at the CCCO at 1311 Maybrook Square

SUN., March 21: Last day to register to vote on-line at www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/ register-vote

MON., MARCH 22-MON., APRIL 5: Early Voting at all Early Voting Locations THURS., APRIL 1: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail from the CCCO

For more services provided by the Maywood Clerk's Office, visit www.maywood-il.org/Village-Services/City-Clerk/Services.aspx or call (708) 450-6360.



# **LIGHTS** Friday, December 11

You're Invited to a FESTIVAL

4 to 6 pm @ Maywood's Metra Station 5th Avenue at St. Charles Road

### A SOCIALLY-DISTANT DRIVE-THRU EVENT

Maywood residents of all ages are invited to drive-thru this fabulous celebration of the season that will feature food, fun, give-aways, caroling, entertainment and lots of lights!

### A HEART-WARMING GIFT FOR RESIDENTS ONLY

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, Maywood residents who attend will receive the gift of WARMING GEAR: a package that includes a brand new hats, gloves, scarfs and socks for the winter ahead

### **FESTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE**

An appearance by Santa Claus and carolers Performances by Maywood Fine Arts dancers Diamond Steppers Marching Band • Live reindeer An opportunity to purchase treats and gifts from the famous Sweet Castle Christmas Market such as candy, popcorn, roasted nuts and more



Presented by Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins, the Village Board of Trustees and Commissioner Tywanna Rand THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: State Senator Kimberly Lightford & State Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch Chris Parker-Wintrust Bank • School District 89

### *from the* POLICE DEPARTMENT *Valdimir Talley, Chief*



# **Police Reform**

**Civil unrest comes during those** periods and times when people become simply fed up with a particular system. We all lived this in May 2020 when Minneapolis had protestors march in a movement following the death of George Flovd. That movement later became a global call for change within the criminal justice system and for police reforms. As both the nation and the entire world begin to look toward policing reform, I am very much interested in your ideas and thoughts on improvements that we can make right here in Maywood and that I can share with my colleagues in law enforcement.

In July 2020, I had an opportunity to discuss policing reform with United States Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois and with several of my peers. The Senator later sent a press release which stated, "In 2020, it is unconscionable that we are continuing to lose Black and Brown lives to brutal acts of racial injustice. Comprehensive policing reform that addresses racial discrimination and excessive force is long overdue."

I know you've heard the old adage "there's only one way to eat an elephant...one bite at a time." This means as we work toward reform, our goal is to act steadily, a little at a time, for a strong and fair system.

This season and always, practice good hygiene, wear a mask, social distance, stay healthy, be safe and be community positive!

## With You, For You MPD AND THE CENSUS IN MAYWOOD Because it was important that we be counted



▲ Chief Talley joined with the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL) at a pop-up on 4th and Lake Street this summer to show the Department's support of the 2020 Census mission. CSPL members Sandy Gates, Maria Franco, Maria Romero and Gabe Lara were on hand to assist residents with the survey.

### **Patrolling in a Pandemic**

▲ From the Maywood Fine Arts' annual Pumpkin Patch event in October to wherever it can be a tight squeeze for a squad



car, your Maywood Police Department is still on hand to ensure the safety of all. Pictured, Officer Carlos Patterson connects with citizens while on the segway and Chief Talley joins with Vernell Brown, CEO of

Atmosphere of Tumbling, participate in the march for equity and opportunity in the arts on October 10th.

### Tour de Proviso: An Inaugural Event



▲ Also in October, local officials and area residents met up at the Broadview Village Hall/Police Department for a bike ride through Broadview, Bellwood and Maywood hosted by Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson, Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey and Maywood Trustee Miguel Jones for an

environmentally-friendly, socially-distanced community event. Maywood Village Manager Willie Norfleet Jr., Chief Talley and Village Attorney Michael Jurusik proudly participated.

### **Remembering MPD Officer Tom Wood**

▲ Members of the Maywood Police Department and residents



gathered at the corner of 6th and Erie again this year to honor the memory of fallen Officer Tom Wood on the 14th anniversary of his End of Watch on October 23. Officer Wood was killed at the end of his shift in 2006. The murder remains

unsolved and the investigation is ongoing.



## We want to see you at a MAPS MEETING





Pictured, Mr. Joseph Wilson and others, socially-distanced, listen to reports at September's Zone 2 MAPS meeting. Even in a pandemic, your presence and input is needed. Join us.

### **COMBINED MAPS MEETINGS!**

Get involved with Maywood Alternative Policing Strategy and offer your input.

### **ZONES 1 & 2:**

Every 1st Monday of the month. Zone 1 Area: 1st east to 9th Avenue, Main to Augusta, north to Village limits. Zone 2 Area: 1st to 9th Avenue, St. Charles to Harrison. Join your neighbors at 7 pm at Woodside Church, 621 N. First Avenue.

### **ZONES 3 & 4:**

4th Monday of the month. Zone 3 Area: 9th to 21st Avenue, St. Charles to Harrison. Zone 4 Area: 1st to 25th Avenue, Meet us at Neighborhood United Methodist Church, 1817 Washington Boulevard in Maywood, courtesy of Pastor Tabb.

### **JOIN US IN 2021!**

If you have any questions about MAPS, contact Community Resource Liaison/ Public Information Official Carmen Rivera at 450-4409.

If you see something, say something!

# People, Progress

MPD CHIEF NAMED 2020 WSCOPA PRESIDENT



### Chief Talley named to WSCOPA Top Spot

Effective September 20, Maywood Police Chief Talley became the new President of the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association. Founded in 1960, this organization of senior police executives (which also includes the Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police and the FBI) represents the near west suburbs of Chicago, promotes networking, training and serves to follow and help advance legislation affecting their communities.



Pictured above, left to right: The Maywood Police Department was awarded a grant from AAA Auto Club Group for Fatal Vision Marijuana Goggles. In an effort to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities caused by marijuana-impaired driving, AAA is providing more than \$100,000 in grants to assist public health, safety and law enforcement partners in addressing this issue. These goggles model the effects of recreational marijuana use so you can experience the impact of what it's like to be under the influence. Additionally, the Maywood Police Department is utilizing new equipment to help keep staff healthy and safe during the pandemic. This space-age-looking device, known as the TS3000, is deployed weekly to sanitize offices and work spaces to eliminate germs which may cause COVID-19. Thanks to a grant from the United States Department of Justice, MPD is armed with an additional tool to help protect those who serve on the frontline 24/7.

Shout out to Mrs. Laura Rogers who regularly volunteers to keep the Maywood Police Department looking its best. Resident and Chamber member Dan Perkins captured a photo of Chief Talley and Mrs. Rogers while planting mums, which is featured on the Maywood Chamber of Commerce website at https://maywood-il-mcc.com/

### from the FIRE DEPARTMENT Craig A. Bronaugh, Chief



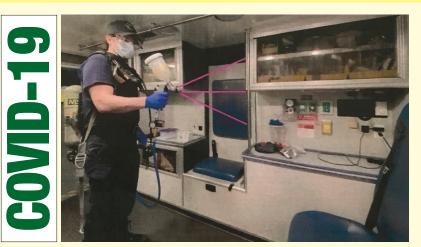
# Thank you, Tony

FOR DEDICATING YOURSELF TO MAYWOOD

On behalf of all of us at the Maywood Fire Department, I would like to congratulate Fire Inspector Tony Parker (pictured below) on his recent retirement. Tony contributed 33 years to the Village (two to Code Enforcement and 31 years to the Fire Department). Day in and day out, Inspector Parker interacted with Village officials, staff, business owners and residents to ensure fire safety in our community. A veteran of the military, he has served his nation and community since completing high school. We wish him and his family all the best in the years to come.



TAKE THE TIME: PROTECT YOURSELF This winter, as always, take the time to make sure that you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home and business; prepare for possible road emergencies; create a plan with your family in the event of a fire, power failure, natural disaster or even a family crisis and know that your MFD is here for you 24/7.



Maywood Fire Chief Craig Bronaugh and his staff of first responders prepare for dangerous situations on a daily basis; among the greatest threats to firefighters and paramedics has been COVID-19. Pictured above, MFD personnel regularly uses a constructed sprayer to disinfect the ambulance, protecting EMS workers and patients from COVID and other viral contamination.

### New, Convenient Online Safety Updates ONP PORTAL ADDS TIP LINE, VACATION WATCH

The Village of Maywood's ONP portal has served as the ultimate in convenience when it comes registering vehicles online from a smartphone or computer for overnight parking. Two new features have been added to provide "peace of mind" for residents. Visit www.onponline.com to create an account.

VACATION WATCH. Now you can register your home from your computer or smartphone when you plan to be away for an extended period of time; the Maywood Police Department will be notified of your absence and request that officers keep an eye on your property. While this does not guarantee total security, it can assist in the efforts against residential break-ins.

**ANONYMOUS TIP.** The addition of a tip form on the ONP portal allows residents to send an anonymous tip directly to the Maywood Police Department without the fear of their identity being compromised. All messages are sent directly to officers and detectives who will review, verify and investigate.

### Important Code Reminders for All Residents ORDINANCES ABOUT PETS, GARBAGE, LEAVES

■ The law requires that dogs be kept on a leash at all times when on public property. On private property, dogs must be under the control of owners by leash or a fenced area. All animals MUST be registered by December 31, 2020 for the 2021 Animal License. Applications are available at www.maywood-il.org.

■ Garbage receptacles can be placed outside at the curb the night before your pickup day after 6 pm. Receptacles should be out by 7 am on the pickup day and removed promptly.

■ No leaves shall be deposited in any street or gutter. Leaves are permitted in yard waste bags or placed along the curb the day of garbage pickup.



### DAVID MYERS Director, Community Development



### Keep Our Hands On the Wheel These are challenging times. Not

only are we very much aware that we must keep our hands clean and sanitized at all times to prevent against the threat of COVID-19, but all of us in the Maywood **Community Development Department are** very much aware that, despite the delays and disruptions caused by the pandemic. we must keep our hands on the wheel, stay focused on our mission of growth and redevelopment, innovation and assistance to all residents and businesses, attention to every detail when it comes to grants and resources-any and every effort that will make Maywood a better place to live, play and work. Business Development Coordinator Angela Smith, Village Planner/ Zoning Officer Edgar Lara, our new Hearing Clerk Chantail Palmer and every CD staff member helps hammer out the details of huge projects-from the Interfaith Development at 800 S. 5th to the grand opening of small storefronts like Goddess Accessories. We proudly play a key role in the success stories summarized in each issue of the Village newsletter. We are moving to online streaming of Planning and Zoning Commission meetings until further notice to keep the process convenient, safe and transparent; we will soon implement a new permitting system with the ability to go paperless; and we work tirelessly to remind residents about the resources that are available to them such as the Tree Removal Program and Service Line Warranty Program (at right). In trying times, no one tries harder to get results than your Community Development team. Be safe.



### Meet Chantail Palmer ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS CLERK

When Ofelia Cala retired from service to the Village last spring, the Community Development Department was in search of an enterprising individual who could tackle the demanding responsibilities related to civil citations, appeals, liens, legal notices and vehicle impoundment.

among other duties. Chantail Palmer, who previously worked for the Chicago Transit Authority and two Chicago-based law firms, brings a paralegal background and considerable administrative experience to Maywood. "I am ready, organized and patient," said Palmer, who is no stranger to working under pressure.



### Edgar Lara, Planning/Zoning HAMPTON POOL PROGRESS

Since joining the Maywood Community Development Department in May 2019, Edgar has made the revitalization of the Fred Hampton Pool a priority. He secured a substantial OSLAD grant (Open Space Lands Acquisition and

Development) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to cover 90% of the \$370,000 needed to bring the pool up to code, totally replacing the liner and gutter system. Currently, he is involved in overseeing the drawings, bidding process and permit applications for the renovations. "Because COVID-19 is a top priority at this time for the Illinois Department of Public Health, which manages these projects, things are moving slowly but I anticipate that we could break ground in February or March, depending on the weather, and we are optimistic that, if all goes well, we could reopen this summer."

### Reminder: Resources for Maywood Residents ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REMINDERS

Tree Removal Assistance through April 30, 2021. This program aims to help single-family homeowners with the removal of dead, diseased, decayed or nuisance trees from private properties. Offered on a first-come, first-served basis, eligible homeowners may qualify for a 50% cost-share (up to a maximum of \$750 per tree, maximum of two trees per fiscal year). The goal is to enhance the quality of life and property. For all of the details, visit www.maywood-il.org/Community-Development.aspx or call 450-4405 with questions.

NLC Service Line Warranty. The Village of Maywood, for the past eight years, has been one of over 600 U.S. cities and towns participating in the National League of Cities' Service Warranty Program, which gives residents who have not set aside money to pay for an unexpected, expensive sewer or water line repair the opportunity to obtain an optional warranty that will provide repairs for a low monthly fee, with no deductibles or service charges plus a 24-hour hotline. For more information about this program, visit www.slwofa.com or contact Service Lines Warranty of America directly at 1-844-257-8795.

## forging ahead and IMPROVING YOUR LIFE IN MAYWOOD

### from Development Beautification & Historic Preservation

FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE AMAZING WIDOWS HOME STORY



# **Be Proud!** BY TOM KUS Chairman, Historic Preservation

Ever wonder about the story behind the stately building located at 1st and Lake? It was the second structure built in Maywood (first one being Colonel Logan's house formerly on 5th); it's purpose was to house the elderly widows of Union veterans from the Civil War. Built in 1924 by hometown architect Francis Dunlap, the structure remained in use as intended until 1973 when the last widow passed away. It is one of only a few structures in the entire Chicago area that has a direct link to the Civil War. The building was utilized until 2003 when a kitchen fire caused the structure to be abandoned. The building steadily deteriorated until Maywood's Historic Preservation Commission and concerned citizens pushed through an effort to get the grand porch repaired and painted a few years ago and, at the end of October 2020, installed faux window coverings to replicate the original arched windows on the first floor. The end result is a huge improvement in the appearance which will inspire potential investors to envision a wonderful new use for this local landmark. There has been interest in the past about transitioning the structure to a steak house, a jazz club and a bed and breakfast, among other exciting possibilities.

This Widows Home has been featured on WBEZ radio, in the *Chicago Tribune*, on WGN News and CBS News in the past few years. The preeminent preservation organization in Illinois, Landmarks Illinois, featured the Widows Home on its "10 Most Endangered List" in 2012 (www.landmarks.org) which helped kickstart the preservation of this significant structure. Landmarks Illinois also provided a pro bono reuse plan to Maywood for the site by a prominent Chicago architectural firm.

Due to the pandemic, Maywood's Historic Preservation Commission is redirecting its efforts this year from live events (such as the Historic Homes Housewalk) to other ventures aimed at preserving our wonderful structures and heritage. Watch for updates in the coming months.

Our message to all: stay proud of our community, our amazing residents, past and present—there is a rich history within our boundaries. Your HP Commission will continue to strive to blend the old with the new and save the past for our future. We wish all Maywoodians a safe, healthy and prosperous holiday season and new year.





#### MAYWOOD MEDIA COVERAGE

# in the SPOTLIGHT

## WTTW's Chicago Tonight features Maywood



#### ★ "CHICAGO TONIGHT" IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: MAYWOOD

The September 10, 2020 episode of this WTTW (Channel 11) news program, hosted by Marissa Nelson, was dedicated to the Village of Maywood and was filmed at several noteworthy locations with interviews conducted by co-host Paris Schutz. Among those who appeared in the segment were Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., addressing the COVID crisis and lack of access to care: Michael Rogers of Neighbors of Maywood Community Organization; Fred Hampton, Jr., Chairman of Black Panther Cubs; Dan Perkins, on behalf of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, discussed the Sister City partnership with the Village of River Forest; Mary Mora, Proviso Partners for Health; and, Maywood Fine Arts co-founder Lois Baumann, spoke about her concerns for the children and families of the community and about plans to continue to impact the block and the business district. The broadcast also recognized Maywood's rich history—its landmark homes, the Underground Railroad site and Maywood-born singer/songwriter the late John Prine. Watch the episode in its entirety at https://news.wttw.com/2020/09/10/chicagotonight-your-neighborhood-maywood.

#### ★ CHICAGO TRIBUNE: A FULL PAGE FEATURE

On Friday, October 16, 2020, all local eyes were on the *Chicago Tribune Primetime* full page story entitled "Joy Realized" which documents the shared beliefs and dreams of Lois and Ernie Baumann, the launch of Maywood Fine Arts, the devastating fire in March 2010 through the current challenges of teaching online during the pandemic. Read the story: https://www.facebook.com/maywoodfinearts/

# maywood at a glance

## village hall

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## be informed

Village Board Meetings are held on every first and third Tuesday at 7 pm at 125 S. 5th Avenue in the Council Chambers. Watch Maywood Community News every Tuesday on Comcast Channel 6 at 7 pm.

# website

www.maywood-il.org

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## THE RETURN OF MAYWOOD'S OPERATION UPLIFT: **Project Ascension** "A Hand Up" for minority, at-risk youth ages 16-24

Under the 2021 Youth Investment Program funded by IDHS, Operation UpLift's new Project Ascension is seeking out Black and other minority at-risk youth (16-24) who may be eligible for the program which will provide youth clients with employable skills and life management tools. In addition, UpLift will build on its existing partnerships to place these youth in sustainable jobs or trade apprenticeships to help create a viable future for themselves and their families. If you know of any youth interested in full, part-time or long-term employment, contact Randy McFarland at (708) 906-7736 for program details.

# congressman danny k. davis Salute to Bataan

Local event was cancelled but national tribute given



For the first time since its inception in 1942, the annual Maywood Bataan Day memorial service was cancelled in September. Maywood Bataan Day Organization (MBD0) President Col. Richard A. McMahon and the Board cited restrictions on gatherings due to the pandemic as the reason for the unprecedented action.

Stepping up to honor Bataan Day and National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Congressman Danny K. Davis addressed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives on September 16, 2020, sharing a brief history of the Maywood event and urging fellow Representatives to pay homage to these veterans.

"Today I rise to tell my colleagues during this week that ends with National POW/MIA Recognition Day about my district's 78-year old Maywood Bataan Day Memorial Day tradition. This service honors the men from the Village of Maywood who became prisoners of war after fighting from December 7, 1941 to April 9, 1942 against invading Imperial Japanese forces in the Philippines," said Davis. "This is the first year that the Memorial has had to be postponed. I ask my fellow Representatives to join with me in commending the hard work and dedication of Maywood's Bataan Day Organization President Col. Richard A. McMahon Jr. and his Board. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day may we all pause to remember the men and women of Bataan who gave so much in the fight against tyranny."

For more on Bataan Day, visit www.mbdo.org and follow the Maywood Bataan Day Organization on Facebook.

# Com&d

### New Com–Ed Helping Hand Program Offers Assistance

To provide immediate aid to eligible customers most in need during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ComEd announced a new program on November 9, 2020 called Helping Hand.

For a limited time, this financialassistance program provides an additional one-time grant of up to \$300 to help low-income residential customers and those who express financial hardship to reduce pastdue balances.

Assistance through the Helping Hand program will be administered directly through ComEd, which expedites the verification process so that customers can receive grants more quickly. Residential customers can apply for Helping Hand grants online at

ComEd.com/Payment/Assistance.

Any customer experiencing a hardship or difficulty with their electric bill should call ComEd immediately at 1-800-334-7661 (1-800-EDISON-1) Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm to learn more and enroll in a program.



### MAYWOOD GROWTH

# partners in progress



## **"Utmost" @ 800** INTERFAITH HOUSING'S FIFTH AVENUE APARTMENTS Rental applications are now being accepted

Developers refer to it as the "utmost" in apartment living but for officials and community residents, the 800 S. 5th Avenue project has been of utmost importance in validating the Village of Maywood's diligence—its attention to infrastructure, revenue, technology, policing, public safety, community programs and services.

"All that we've done, from potholes to parks, clean-ups to demolitions, leads to these kinds of gratifying moments," reflected Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. "Our message to homebuyers is when you invest in Maywood, you get a return. When we invest in Maywood, others will come." The once-vacant 33,000 square foot lot is now a stunning structure—72 affordable apartments (studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom residential units) plus 5,500 square feet dedicated to retail space on the ground floor. The goal is to lease to a grocery store to fill a much-needed void in the area.

As construction nears completion and a grand opening slated for early 2021, the developer is now accepting inquiries and rental applications. Of the 72 units, 19 are designated for individuals with special needs and eight for homeless veterans. Anyone interested in knowing more about income eligibility should call 773-869-2519 or send an email to maywoodapartments@yahoo.com.



## Baptist Retirement Home: New Life

**State Representative Emanuel** "Chris" Welch, as far back in June 2020, took his case for the redevelopment of the Baptist Retirement Home. 316 Randolph Street, to Governor J.B. Pritzker, on behalf of the Village, developers and aging area residents. The 90-year old structure, which has been vacant for nearly two decades. would "not only revitalize an area that has been an evesore for the community. but will transform it into a supportive living facility that fits the needs of many low-income seniors who lack access to quality and affordable housing as they become older and require more care."

Today, Celadon Holdings, LLC, leads the charge in transforming the dilapidated 5-story building into a 100bed facility with a memory care unit and, according to Maywood Community **Development Director David Myers**, plans are being reviewed and the project is "moving along." Celadon brings significant affordable housing experience to the table, completing over 1,500 affordable housing redevelopments. "This collaborative effort between state lawmakers, including State Senator Lightford, and the Village of Maywood will bring beautification, jobs and tremendous peace of mind for many seniors and their families," said Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr.

#### For more Village news, e-mail a request to maywoodnews@maywood-il.org



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Businesses help make a community great and the Village of Maywood applauds its new enterprises for being great partners by adding jobs and for contributing to continued progress.

#### **11 NEW BUSINESSES!**

Since the summer issue of the Maywood newsletter. 11 more businesses have chosen to make Maywood their home base. Among them, one is a start-up and one is an expansion, both proud to be located on and near the 5th Avenue corridor. Goddess Accessories, founded by Proviso East graduate Zenitra Dunning, brings clothing and accessories for men and women to 709 5th Avenue. Pictured next to Mayor Perkins (at right) at the official grand opening on October 10th, Dunning parlayed her popular online boutique into a storefront after so many customers were picking up purchases at her home. She told the Village Free Press, "So I was like, OK, I gotta open a shop, and I just went from there." Stocked with fashionista favorites such as hats, scarves, bracelets, purses, sunglassses, earrings, rings, shoes, iackets and more. Dunning's motto is "Don't Just Show Up, Make A Statement." Store hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10am to 7pm. For more information and product photos, follow Goddess Accessories on Facebook and Instagram or call 708-356-6238.

**Taqueria El Duranguito** at 402 W. Lake Street was experiencing such great success in Maywood that it decided to expand! Owner Octavio Alanis added 800 feet to his restaurant, which offers authentic Mexican food served

### GODDESS ACCESSORIES





fast and fresh every day. While the pandemic has shut down his spacious, renovated dining room for now, customers can still carry out traditional gorditas, burritos, tacos, flautas, quesadillas, tostadas and dinners seven days a week; menudo is available on weekends. Temporary hours (during state restrictions) are Monday through Friday, 10am to 8pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 8pm. Call ahead at 708-343-4584.

**Also just opened:** two home-based businesses, Mary Jo Customz (online sales) and Clean and Clear LLC (cleaning services) as well as Sugar Dealers candy shop, 711 S. 5th Avenue; Wireless Waves, 701 S. 5th Avenue; Diamond African Hair Braiding Company, 1005 S. 17th Avenue; Community Pastor Care, 1701 S. 1st Avenue; Kay and Prince, a clothing store at 608 S. 5th Avenue; and Xtreme Nutrition, 852 S. 17th Avenue. Shop local!