



for our residents & businesses in **MAYWOOD**

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SEEING IS BELIEVING

This is no ordinary structure. This development at 9th Avenue and St. Charles Road by SMC Management isn't just the purchase and build-out of the largest piece of vacant property in Maywood either. This 6,000 square foot transportation facility that is now a completed hub for the west and northwest suburbs, once referred to as "Project Superior," isn't just about jobs, beautification of a blighted area or even tax revenue, though it does accomplish all of those goals for Maywood. "What this building symbolizes is a beacon of hope for a growing Maywood," explains Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. "Maywood has been investing in itself diligently over the past several years, focusing our attention on water, sewers, parks, green alleys, LED lights, removal of dead and dangerous trees, paving roads and demolishing abandoned properties—now private investors and developers are looking to invest in us and that has been our intent all along. This is the very best time to move here, build here and grow here," he added.

Why Choose Maywood? Because we've got progress!

From the Mayor's Report and the Village Manager's look back at the fiscal year to updates from key department heads, you'll see just how much progress is being made.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR EDWENNA PERKINS

FIRST 2020 *Report*

Happy New Year, Maywoodians! Maywood had a number of beautiful holiday celebrations, beginning with a stunning tree lighting ceremony that

featured dancers and reindeer, a puppet show, a trackless train, musical entertainment and an iceless skating rink! It was a great time for residents, and it was wonderful seeing my beloved community full of good cheer as they embraced the joy of the season. I hope every Maywoodian's holiday season was joyful, blissful, and full of good times, goodwill, and peaceful days spent with family and friends. I also hope your new year is filled with clarity of vision, good health, personal fulfillment, love, peace, and prosperity.

The Census = Money for Maywood

Speaking of the new year, 2020 is super important for the Village of Maywood, because it is the year of the Census! I cannot overstate the seriousness of the 2020 Census. Every single person who resides in this village must fill out a Census form, because the amount of federal funding we will receive, for the next 10 years, is tied to our population total. In other words, Census numbers translate into much-needed dollars that can significantly impact our community, because the federal government uses Census data to determine how to allocate more than \$675 billion in funding to states, counties, cities, towns, and villages. To put it simply, according to the United States Census Bureau, every resident who lives in Maywood represents \$1,500, per year in federal funding for the next decade (remember, the Census only takes place every 10 years). So, when someone who resides in our village does not fill out a Census questionnaire, it deprives the village of funding that is needed to help meet the needs of the people who live here. Completing your Census questionnaire really is a matter of social and civic responsibility; and it is mandated by the United States Constitution. Yet, the last time there was a Census, in 2010, Maywood had the lowest participation rate (69%) in all of Proviso Township. That should be unacceptable to every Maywoodian, because Census numbers are used to calculate funding for everything from schools, hospitals, social service programs, roads, and infrastructure, to emergency assistance, police and fire departments, and business concerns—such as understanding how to move goods and services to local markets and where to locate factories and distribution centers.

Every single soul in Maywood, from infants to elders, needs to be counted. It does not matter if one is documented or undocumented, because your Census information is strictly confidential and cannot be shared with any other governmental agency. Even if one is homeless in Maywood, that person must be counted. So, spread the word. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors that getting counted is critical to the health and vitality of our village. You count, everybody matters, and we need our Census numbers to accurately reflect the true size of our population as we continue to build a stronger community and a better tomorrow for the residents who live here in the Village of Eternal Light.

Oh, and one last word about the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau is hiring for all kinds of positions, from Census takers to field supervisors, recruiting assistants, and clerks. These jobs are ideal for college students, retirees, and anyone with flexible hours looking for temporary work. Also, the pay is good! So, apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

Possibilities, Opportunities

Now, there are other big things happening in our community, including the fact that the village purchased a large, vacant building that formerly housed an auto dealership at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Roosevelt Road. The village had sought to acquire that property for years; so, we are very excited about the wonderful business possibilities that could develop at such a strategic location.

Also, major building projects should commence in the very near future at Proviso East High School and District 209, so stay attuned and search the school and district websites for information about jobs and other opportunities.

Finally, Triton College is offering the chance to earn professional certifications in several high demand fields—for free—through a Workforce Equity Initiative grant sponsored by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, working with the Illinois Community College Board. The program exists to increase the number of underrepresented minorities, especially African Americans, in fields that pay well, such as plumbing, automotive repair, medical billing, carpentry, and welding. The program starts on January 21, so check with Triton College right away to try and take advantage of this free opportunity for training.

Once again, Happy New Year, and may the year 2020 be one that sees all Maywoodians happy, healthy, and thriving!



WHEN YOU COMPLETE THE CENSUS...
your community benefits!

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Village of Maywood

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from the *Village* manager



Destination: Maywood!

Celebrations bring people together, giving us a chance to laugh, dance, take photos and make fun memories. Maywood Fest, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and other festivities during the year are good for all Maywoodians. But I am here to provide you with a recap through photos and details on a much different kind of celebration: the reinvestment in Maywood. On a daily basis, we have been forging ahead, building Maywood from the underground up and it is paying off. Improving water mains, sewer lines, alleys and roads, parks and pavement—in not just one area but throughout the town—is truly a reason to celebrate because we are now in a position to say, “Come to Maywood...We’re ready for you.” We look to the new year with great confidence, seeking to welcome investors who want to build homes, develop vacant properties and take advantage of all of the groundwork we have done ahead of their arrival—from LED lights on every street, green alleys, the removal of dead and dangerous trees to every finished capital improvement project...join us because we are going places!

Build It and They Will Come

▲ New construction is underway and more will break ground in Spring 2020. Twelve (12) vacant lots have been sold. One of the newest homes at 12th and Randolph is up. Why are these good things happening? Because Maywood invested in itself. We’ve made wise investments within our foundation and now is the ideal time for others to build and locate here.

Why Move to Maywood?

▲ There are so many reasons! Aside from all of the attention to infrastructure detail in the Village, here are a few selling points:

1) Proviso Math and Science Academy and Loyola—the 7th best school in the state and a leading medical center is in our backyard.

2) Chicago and our proximity to all that the city has to offer. Maywood’s new train depot and access to Metra, PACE, CTA services along with the Eisenhower expressway and arterial roads make reaching Windy City so very easy. Plus, we are the entry to the amazing Prairie Path.

3) Events and Activities. From our Maywood Fine Arts programs and galas to our own kayak dock, Forest Preserve nature experiences to the Brookfield Zoo and much more, Maywood is at the hub of it all.

Take a few minutes to celebrate the achievements over the next few pages and notice how we are all collaborating to celebrate progress!

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SUCCESS at a glance

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Streets, sewer, water and alley work cost an estimated \$6.1 million, however, our Madison/5th Avenue TIF provided \$3.6 million of that cost!

STREETS

- ✓ DONE: Wilcox, 4th to 1st
- ✓ DONE: 2nd, Wilcox to Madison
- ✓ DONE: 2nd, School to Washington
- ✓ DONE: Washington: 2nd to 1st
- Designed: Wilcox, 9th to 5th
- Designed: School, 9th to 1st

MISC STREETS

- ✓ DONE: 8th, Chicago to Rice
- ✓ DONE: 6th, Rice to Hugh Muir
- ✓ DONE: 2nd, Lexington to Bataan Drive
- Designed: Washington, 22nd to 1st Avenue (Phase 2)
- Madison Street Crack Sealing and Pavement Patching

GREEN ALLEYS

- ✓ DONE: 13th-12th, Randolph and Oak
- ✓ DONE: 16th-15th, Warren and Washington
- ✓ DONE: 13th-12th, Washington and Randolph

WATER AND SEWER

First Avenue Water Main, Harrison to School (Hold); Water Plant, Replacement of Variable Frequency Drive #4 and #5; Roosevelt Water Main Replacement, 13th to 10th.



NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MORE TO FOLLOW

Consider this: The Village of Maywood is 2.7 square miles with over 8,700 housing units. An estimated total of 109 vacant lots are for sale. Welcome to two of the newest homes in Maywood at 2024 and 2032 5th Avenue! This is cause for celebration because more new construction will follow:

- 72-unit Apartment Complex with 4,500 feet of commercial space on the first level in the 800 block of South 5th Avenue (at School)

- The IFF's construction at 1902 and 2009 South Fifth Avenue provides affordable rental for disabled tenants. A waiting list has been established.

- Revenues generated from building permits have steadily increased:

\$245,327 in 2015 • \$252,882 in 2016

\$398,004 in 2017 • \$370,744 in 2018

and \$388,979 in 2019.

On to projected increases in 2020! Transfer Stamps show the same increases in revenue over a five-year period.



BEFORE



AFTER

OUT WITH THE OLD: WE HAVE A PARTNER

Tackling abandonment and paving the way for new life is a daunting task. The Village of Maywood has approved an Intergovernmental Agreement to work with the Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) to address abandoned properties. One of the priorities of the CCLBA is to reduce and return vacant land and abandoned buildings back into reliable and sustainable community assets. We share that vision with them. Over \$117,000 in grant money has been used to cut down dead trees, clean blighted areas, build fences and demolish property that stands in the way of our progress. This fiscal year, we have trimmed and/or removed 60 trees and planted six new trees. We have cleaned 34 abandoned properties with grant funds. We are diligent in our efforts to tackle fly-dumping. And we are launching a 50/50 pilot program related to tree removal on private property—to preserve property and lives! With blight gone and property ready to be revived, we can concentrate on our growth. The Village of Maywood has obtained three of the seven parcels that make up 415 Roosevelt Road; the Village has agreed to extend the Roosevelt TIF District and the Madison/5th District for an additional 12 years to maintain growth; and three more green alleys are now complete.



MAYWOOD @ WORK

Every single day, another issue gets addressed—from parking ticket and vehicle sticker collections, grant applications, external training within departments and always addressing property and infrastructure challenges. Pictured above, another dangerous tree is removed, preventing potential damage to property and human life. Our Green Alley Infrastructure Improvement Project moves full speed ahead with alleys completed on 13th-12th, 16th-15, 13-12th. Paved roads are a priority for safety and for beautification. No one wants to live in a community full of pot holes and broken curbs. Public Works Director John West continues to work with my office so the worst situations are addressed first.



MAYWOOD @ PLAY

As I mentioned at the beginning of this recap of our Village progress, Maywood celebrations bring us all together—from state dignitaries, local officials and lifelong friends who love their hometown. In 2019, our annual celebrations did not disappoint. Many thanks always to Senator Kimberly Lightford and State Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch for making time for Maywood; to those of all ages who participated in and supported our Old Timers Picnic, Maywood Fest, Pumpkin Patch Parade and Holiday Tree Lighting along with other police, fire, school, park district and charitable events, thank you for making Maywood your destination!



UPDATE & REMINDERS

from John West, Public Works Director

2019 *was* GREAT!



FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS VIEW: **It Was An Excellent Year for Service**

As you may know, Leaf and Yard Waste season has ended—winter is here so please drive safely. Republic Services will resume yard waste services on April 1, 2020. Residents who still have bagged leaves on their property should call Public Works at 450-4482 to schedule a pick up.

2019 was an excellent year for service and accomplishments. Your Public Works Department is committed to providing high level service consistently. Over the past year, Public Works addressed concrete restorations using Village crews; the more we can utilize in-house resources for projects, the more we can create a direct pathway to a bright sustained future—it definitely helps get things done more expediently. These photos depict some of the concrete restorations completed by your Village staff at the following locations: 127 S. 9th, 19th and St. Charles, 1600 S. 9th, 200 block of 2nd, 7th and Green, 1600 S. 19th, 8th and Legion curbs and the 2000 block of 9th.



from the **FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Lanya Satchell



Village Rolls Out New Billing System

NEW SOFTWARE OFFERS A SUITE OF ELECTRONIC BILLING, PAYMENT AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Beginning in 2020, Village of Maywood residents and property owners will have the ability to view their accounts online. The new billing system includes: eBills, downloadable paper bills (providing an opportunity for residents and property owners to go paperless and opt out of receiving paper bills).

Other features included in the new billing system are:

- Customer Mobile app
- Virtual Terminal
- Automated Phone (IVR)/Call Center

The system will have live customer service representatives available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and offer Spanish and English language assistance. Also available are outbound auto-call messaging and shut-off notices with an option to "Pay Now," mobile and text notifications and electronic bill stuffers.

Residents can set up recurring payments, quick pay and auto pay via their smartphone or tablet. Online and mobile credit card, eSavings and eCheck are other forms of payment. All major credit cards are accepted, including Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.



Did You Forget?



Avoid Any Additional Vehicle Sticker Late Fees!

Vehicle stickers should have been affixed to the lower right passenger side of the windshield by January 1st.

Failure to properly display a current sticker is subject to a fine.

All Motor Vehicles.....	\$30.00
Recreational Vehicles	\$30.00
Motor-driven cycles, tricycles, scooters & mopeds.....	\$25.00
Dealer Plates.....	\$25.00
School & Church Busses	\$25.00
Senior	\$15.00
Disabled	\$17.50

TRUCKS: (BASED ON GROSS)

A. 3,000 lbs. or less	\$25.00
B. 3,001 to 8,000 lbs.	\$30.00
C. 8,001 to 10,000 lbs.	\$35.00
D. 10,001 to 12,000 lbs.	\$40.00
E. 12,001 to 14,000 lbs.	\$45.00
F. 14,001 to 16,000 lbs.	\$50.00
G. 16,001 to 20,000 lbs.	\$55.00
H. 20,001 lbs. and over	\$60.00

LATE FEES:

January 1 to January 31	Add \$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.

**Make Payments
In-Person or
by Mail.**

**NO ONLINE
PAYMENTS AT
THIS TIME!**



PAYMENT IN PERSON

Village of Maywood
40 Madison Street

**MAKE A NOTE
OF OUR NEW CASHIER HOURS**
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

Pay by Check/Money Order or by Mail
DO NOT MAIL CASH
Make payment payable to:
VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD

from the
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Valdimir Talley, Chief



One Word: Cannabis

Effective January 2020, a new law is in effect—with restrictions. In June 2019, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed into law House Bill 1438 which ends cannabis prohibition within Illinois and replaces it with a system to tax and to regulate cannabis for adults 21 and over. The new law also expands the current medical cannabis licensing, offers automatic expungements for some prior cannabis offenses, includes special abilities for medical patients and offers benefits to specific communities.

The new law allows adults 21 and older to possess cannabis and purchase cannabis products in licensed Illinois stores, however, the possession will be limited to: 1) 30 grams of raw cannabis; 2) Cannabis-infused product or products containing no more than 500 mg of THC; 3) Five grams of cannabis product in concentrated form.

One restriction is non-residents may purchase half that amount in all cases; other restrictions include driving while smoking and smoking marijuana or hemp in public places. With the law in effect, over 700,000 cannabis-related criminal records will be eligible for an expungement process.

It is the consumer's responsibility to know and adhere to the law and its restrictions. The Maywood Police Department will be enforcing the law as it is outlined. I encourage you to attend any Town Hall meetings and become more educated on this new law.

Getting to Know You

MEET CARMEN RIVERA

The “new face” of the Police Department



▲ Chief Talley encourages the community to get acquainted with the new face in the department: Community Resource Liaison Carmen Rivera. Pictured with Dan Perkins, Carmen is a new executive staff member. She brings a wealth of knowledge to MPD as a former journalist for the *Chicago Tribune*.

New Year, Ordinance Reminders, Changes

▲ The Police Department is recommending changes in how Overnight Parking (ONP) is managed but until the Village Board approves, current ONP and snow parking restrictions remain enforced. To be valid for ONP permits, residents must have a valid village sticker. Call for a list of areas and streets where parking is prohibited.



▲ Winter weather is hard on pets. Please bring them inside during extreme cold and make sure they have adequate access to food and water. All village pet owners must have their animals registered and only two (2) dogs are allowed per household. Pictured, Lt. Fairley with a lost canine.

Firearms: More Savings and More Training

▲ In August 2019, your MPD went through Glock transition training. Every officer now has firearms issued on a “Quartermaster” system. Purchasing one type of ammunition is extremely cost-effective and, as an added benefit, officers now have more opportunities to train with their weapons. Sgt. Michael Babicz, Supervisory Range Officer, prepares Officer Ramon Flores for his Illinois-mandated qualification.



We Proudly Support PTMAN



▲ PTMAN (Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance Network), aimed at keeping youth active, hosted its first annual black tie gala in October. Reverend Albert Johnson, PTMAN's 4+4+4 Coordinator, welcomed Rev. Persia Allen (retired MPD) and Chief Talley to the event. Proceeds fund programs for local youth ages 13-17.

**We want to see you at a
MAPS MEETING**
Community Policing



Traffic and Safety Commissioner LaRice Davis agreed to be one of the MAPS Zone 3 and 4 facilitators recently and the Maywood Police Department appreciates her involvement!

**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 2020!

If you have any questions about MAPS, contact Community Resource and Public Information Police Lieutenant Darryl Fairley at 450-4409.

If you see something, say something!

People & Places

LT. GOVERNOR MAKES TIME FOR OUR YOUTH



Thank You, Juliana Stratton

The State's 48th Lieutenant Governor, Juliana Stratton, took time to meet Maywood student workers Casper Powell and Clarence Wellington as they attended an enrichment experience hosted by the NAACP. They were accompanied to the event by Police Chief Talley.



Above, far left photo: Chicago Police Officer and former MPD intern Tanyia Allen was working a security detail at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference and was able to take a quick photo with MPD staff. Officer Allen completed her probationary period with Chicago in November...congratulations! Center photo: Detective Angela Pope-Patterson sets up a recruitment display at the annual Western Illinois University Career Day. MPD plans to hire three new officers this fiscal year. Police candidate testing was held in mid-November. Right photo: Many thanks to District 89's Susan Abraham who took time out of her busy schedule to volunteer at the National Night Out in August. Ms. Abraham works at Irving Middle School and teaches STEM programatics.



Finally, MPD Explorer Stephen Collins, Wonder Woman (Fiona Renteria) and Chief Talley attend the annual Maywood Fine Arts' Pumpkin Patch Parade. The event draws a huge crowd of local dignitaries and suburban residents.

from the
FIRE DEPARTMENT
Craig A. Bronaugh, Chief



Always Training

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Just as we want you to be safe at all times, we want you to know that your Maywood Fire Department is training at all times, preparing for any emergency situation. Pictured below, fire personnel are taking part in CPR certification; in the bottom photo, firefighters use tools to quickly gain entry into a vacant but secured building where a fire was out of control. We are committed to being prepared and of service to you 24/7. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to call and we will always do our best.



GRATEFUL



Maywood Fire Chief Craig Bronaugh and the entire Maywood Fire Department would like to publicly express their gratitude to Kenneth D. Slade of Aetna Plywood. Thanks to the charitable efforts of Mr. Slade and Aetna, many less fortunate Maywood residents enjoyed turkey on Thanksgiving. "We are so fortunate to have such caring and generous community partners," said the Chief.

Code: For your Safety

QUESTIONS? CALL 450-4405 OR 450-6368

PERMITS and BUSINESS LICENSES. Homeowners/property owners are advised to make sure that their contractor is registered, licensed and bonded to do work in Maywood before accepting any work for proposals or signing any contracts. Note that permits and business licenses will not be issued to any party that is in debt to the Village.

REGISTRATION. Property owners and landlords must register their property every year and, prior to the rental/sale of the property an inspection is required. Also, all landlords are required to attend a "Crime-Free Housing" class.

BUSINESS LICENSE INSPECTIONS. Inspections are scheduled for the public's safety through the identification and/or correction of any unsafe or hazardous conditions. No license will be approved with any outstanding violations and any business found to be operating without a current license will be cited.

REGISTER YOUR PETS. All Maywood pet owners **MUST** have their animals registered. Village Ordinance mandates that only 2 dogs are allowed per household. All animals are required to have rabies vaccinations prior to licensing and animals are required to be maintained under proper control at all times (on a non-retractable leash). No license will be issued for a Pit Bull without proof of spaying/neutering. Pit Bulls must be muzzled when outside your property. Any person in violation will be subject to a fine.

DAVID MYERS
*Director,
Community Development*



It Gets Complicated But...

Grants and TIFS. We don't expect residents to understand all that is involved when it comes to applying for grants and creating intergovernmental agreements and utilizing our TIF funds for capital projects. But we do want you to know, through the pages of this issue of your newsletter, that we are doing everything possible to secure any grant money that is available, even though it's a time-consuming, tedious process. We are doing everything possible to work with and connect ourselves to those local, county and state agencies that will help us address or develop abandoned properties because Maywood needs those parcels for growth and opportunity. Our Work with the Cook County Land Bank has been approved by the Village Board and grant funds of more than \$117,000 have reimbursed us for work already done in the areas of dead tree removal, blight, fences and even demolition.

Community Development is busy and that's the way it should be! To date, we have conducted 156 residential sales inspections and welcomed 13 new businesses so far this year.

Last but not least, we are especially proud of the work accomplished by Angela Smith and Edgar Lara, who wasted no time in pioneering two enormous projects: The Regional Enterprise Zone that will greatly benefit Maywood and its surrounding neighbors and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD grant that could bring us the funds we need to finally bring our pool up to code. Yes, we're busy...busy putting Maywood on the map!



YOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPERSTARS

New Illinois Enterprise Zone

ANGELA SMITH RISES TO THE OCCASION



When Maywood's Business Development Coordinator Angela Smith learned that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DECO) was approving regional enterprise zones, she reached out to Bellwood, Broadview, Melrose Park and unincorporated Cook County and convinced them that, together, they could help create a huge industrial corridor.

"Maywood's own enterprise zone was set to expire in 2018 but the concept of the regional zone made perfect sense. In the end, it gives us the opportunity to market our entire area (the West Regional Zone effective 2020)," explained Smith. "It's not about one town doing well, it's about all of us. If Maywood doesn't have what a developer is looking for, I can still help one of our neighbors. Together, we are creating jobs, creating an inventory of vacant industrial and commercial sites and sharing the incentives that come from an Enterprise Zone such as state and local tax exemptions on building materials and utility tax breaks. Businesses and developers who would like more Enterprise Zone information, can contact Smith at 450-6351.

Making A Splash

EDGAR LARA PLUNGES IN TO SAVE THE POOL



When Edgar Lara joined the Maywood Community Development Department in May 2019, he didn't waste anytime diving into the pool of funding being offered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. "I knew our plan had legs and, after considerable research, I prepared a petition for a \$333,000 OSLAD grant to help us bring the Fred Hampton Aquatic Center pool up to code," stated Lara. After making the first application in August, he made a personal presentation to the IDNR in the Fall. "We definitely benefitted from the fact that we had legitimate needs while other entities simply wanted to expand or update. As an underserved community, I remain hopeful that the decision, expected in January, will be in Maywood's favor." Lara is a zoning and permitting specialist, with a Masters Degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

forging ahead and
IMPROVING YOUR LIFE IN MAYWOOD

from Development Beautification & Historic Preservation

MAYWOOD AND ITS RICH HISTORY HAS GREAT APPEAL

Investors Are Looking

BY TOM KUS
Chairman, Historic Preservation

As time goes by and more and more people become interested in Maywood and its rich and varied history, people and architecture, we continue to rediscover much of what

the country as it devastated our community more than any other in the nation given our population at the time.

Our Commission and the village were recently approached by individuals who expressed an interest in restoring the old Armory building where the 33rd was based, and particularly under the facade of the former Saltzman Printing (currently Reuse Depot) with the potential redevelopment of the entire site. The picture on this page shows what the property looked like before the war; from what is understood, most of it is under the false facade of what is currently there from the 70s. The building is quite striking and, if we can help make the project go forward, it would make a stunning addition to the community, providing a new business corridor leading into Maywood down

Madison Street. Discussions are still early and we will keep you posted as they progress.

On another positive note, we are hoping to see the old Baptist Home on Randolph and 3rd start to be redeveloped and restored after a long vacancy in 2020. Owners of the property did the research to have the building added to the National Register of Historic Places and plan to have the original lovely facade restored along with the entire facility—yet another exciting development within the community.

Finally, we wanted to point out that much of Maywood, especially along much of 5th Avenue, has been designated an



was lost and much that is still here to be rediscovered—which always presents new opportunities for continued development and growth. Many of us are familiar with the Bataan Day remembrance day ceremony held in Veterans Park every 2nd Sunday in September. It commemorates the young men of the 33rd Tank Company Maywood lost in WW2 during the infamous Bataan Death March in the Philippines, along with those who survived and made it back home. They have been honored by our village every year for the last 77 years. In fact, it is the oldest remaining ceremony of such in

Enterprise Zone by the State of Illinois (many thanks to Angela Smith in Community Development...more in this issue on page 11). This status brings enormous tax incentives to the community for redevelopment, especially for many of the historic buildings along 5th Avenue and throughout our region. This designation, along with many of the other state and county tax incentives makes for some wonderful opportunities to continue to redevelop Maywood. Stay tuned—2020 could very well be an exciting year for the Commission and all of Maywood!

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★ UNVEILING OF EMANUEL "CHRIS" WELCH PARK

In October, Maywood Park District (MPD) held a ribbon-cutting at the new Emanuel "Chris" Welch Park at 1015 S. 10th Avenue, replacing a lot that had been vacant for over 20 years. Lonette Hall, Executive Director of MPD said, "Rep. Welch has served as an invaluable resource for our community and he has accomplished much for families in Maywood. We are excited to unveil this beautiful new park that will offer a place for children and families to gather for years to come." Hall noted that the park was not funded from outside sources but from MPD funding, volunteers and local contractors who all had the same vision in creating a much-needed play space."

★ 100 STEPS TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Watch for all the details on this February program co-hosted with Village Trustee Nathaniel Booker aimed at getting healthier together! The event will include vendors, fitness demos, cooking demos, health screenings and more.

★ DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

This annual Princess Ball is set for Thursday, February 6, from 6 to 8:30 pm at 921 S. 9th Avenue. Attire is black tie and tickets are \$35 per couple (\$10 for each additional daughter). Ticket sales start January 7.

★ USE THE LIGHTFORD RECREATION CENTER, 809 W. MADISON

Stop in for a tour...plan your next event here and enjoy your parks!

maywood at a glance

village hall

40 Madison Street
Maywood, IL 60153
Phone: 450-6300

EDWENNA PERKINS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK Viola Mims

VILLAGE MANAGER
Willie Norfleet, Jr.

TRUSTEES
Nathaniel George Booker
Isiah Brandon
Miguel Jones
Melvin L. Lightford
Antonio Sanchez
Kimyada Wellington

phone numbers

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	450-4470
Fire Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	450-5595
Mayor's Office	450-4492
Clerk's Office	450-6360
Public Works	450-4482
Water Dept.	450-6323
Manager's Office	450-6301
Code Enforcement	450-4405
Community	
Development	450-4429
Finance Dept.	450-6306

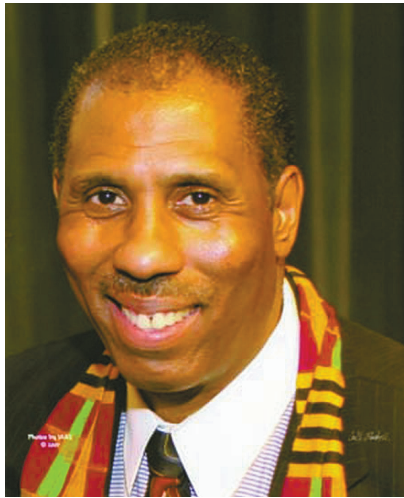
be informed

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



DR. KING JR. CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY AWARDS

Educating our Youth

Operation UpLift's 32nd annual event is January 18, 2020

"Educating Our Youth In The Spirit of His Dream" is the theme of this year's Operation UpLift MLK, Jr. celebration to be held on Saturday, January 18 at the Diplomat West Banquets, 681 W. North Avenue in Elmhurst starting at 5 pm. George E. Stone II, Executive Director, has announced that the keynote speaker will be Pastor Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, internationally-acclaimed author. Musical guest will be Don J. The community's high achievers will be honored in several categories. Tax-deductible ticket donation is \$80. All proceeds further the mission of Operation UpLift, Inc. For ticket availability, call 708-516-2637.

ASK ANY MAYWOOD SENIOR CLUB MEMBER:

Ain't We Got Fun?

What are you waiting for? Come out and join us!

It's always a good time when Maywood seniors get together! Enjoy lunch, play bingo and cards, meet special guests, line dance and much more. All regular Friday meetings are held at the Maywood Multi-Purpose Building, 200 S. 5th Avenue from Noon until 3 pm. For more info on the Club and special events, call Larry Shapiro at 708-238-3657.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31: Meeting with "lunch BYO," bingo/cards.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7: Regular meeting with February birthdays, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards. Wear Club T-shirts.

SPECIAL EVENT: ♥ FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14: VALENTINE'S DAY

Noon to 2:30 pm, enjoy lunch and entertainment and wear T-shirts.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17: From 10 am to Noon, the Senior Club will visit AfriWare Books. Wear T-shirts.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21: Meeting with special guest, lunch, bingo/cards.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24-27: BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT PROVISO EAST.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28: Meeting with "lunch BYO," bingo/cards.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6: Regular meeting with March birthdays, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards. Wear Club T-shirts.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13: Meeting, special guest, lunch, bingo/cards.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15: Meeting, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards.



SENIOR CLUB SPECIAL EVENT: ★ FRIDAY, MARCH 20: SENIOR PROM.

11th annual Maywood Senior Prom at T&JJ's Banquet Hall from 6 to 9 pm. Ask for details and the flyer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27: Meeting with "lunch BYO," bingo/cards.



Search for Refunds

Property owners can use cookcountytreasurer.com to search for \$79 million in available tax refunds and avoid paying fees to lawyers and refund recovery firms that charge for a simple task people can do themselves. "If you receive a letter from a property tax firm, you can treat it as a reminder to visit cookcountytreasurer.com," says Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. "Do it yourself and keep your own money."

You can also use the website to search for missing property tax exemptions, such as those for homeowners and seniors, which can lead to refunds.

To see if you are entitled to a refund (going back 20 years) and verify your exemptions (going back four years), visit the website:

- Select "Your Property Tax Overview"
- Search by address or PIN

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Welcome, Wintrust

PROVISO COMMUNITY BANK OPENS ON MADISON
Full-service branch is tailored to local customers

Now open at 1111 W. Madison Street in Maywood Plaza, Wintrust's Proviso Community Bank is open six days a week offering a complete package of services from personal banking, mortgages, surcharge-free ATM, cardless cash and commercial lending.

Christopher J. Parker, known as one of the leading bankers working in low-to moderate-income communities, is the Vice President and CRA Commercial Lender for Proviso Community Bank. Parker explained recently that the institution's mission also includes helping people. "Proviso Community Bank of Wintrust is giving back to the community with hundreds of volunteer hours, providing an opportunity to engage the community on the ground and be a part of the solution in revitalizing neighborhoods in which they do business." Parker serves as the Bellwood Chamber President and is also involved with Housing Forward, The Answer, Inc. and other non-profits. He told the *Village Free Press* that the bank believes in Maywood. "Maywood allows us an opportunity to invest in a community that is turning things around. Things are already happening in the local housing market, for instance. The local business atmosphere is evolving, too."

For more information, stop in Mon-Fri, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday, 8:30 am to 2 pm. Or call the bank at 708-483-0030 and someone will be happy to assist you.



Kingston Market

Family owned, this grocery store aims to bring the authentic Caribbean and African flavors to the western suburbs. Kingston Market Caribbean and African Groceries, located at 1401 S. 5th Avenue, is a small shop with a huge desire to share its passion for authentic spices and products with the community. Owners Mark Phillips, Askale Facey Phillips, Michael Phillips and Brian Phillips opened the doors back on June 8th and Mayor Perkins was one of their first customers.

"We are Jamaicans," explained co-owner Askale Facey Phillips, "and whenever we'd like to get a bit of home, we had a long commute to either the south side or the north side. So we opened the store because we grew frustrated with traveling and spending hours in traffic to find Jamaican products in stores. We knew we weren't the only ones who felt this way so we decided to fill the need and open up a shop that would appeal to the desires of Caribbean and African people near and far and supply the needs for their favorite dishes."

Winter store hours are 11 am to 6 pm daily. For more information, call 708-356-6215 or send an email to kingstonmarket1401@gmail.com.

Pictured above, left to right: Askale Facey Phillips, Mayor Perkins, Mark Phillips, baby Yara Phillips and Brian Phillips.



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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.

13 NEW BUSINESSES!

From May through November 2019, 13 new businesses opened in town. **Jazz Desires**, founded by Grammy-nominated Jazz musician and Proviso East alum D'Erana Stampley, is located at 1213 S. 17th Avenue. The non-profit music school is accepting students for group keyboard, guitar and percussion lessons (\$60 for 5-week sessions). For more info, to enroll or to donate to the school, call 773-392-0948 or send an email to jazzdesires@yahoo.com.

The Chicken Factory at 609 W. Roosevelt Road is serving up a menu full of local favorites such as catfish, perch, cod, shrimp, chicken, nuggets, wings, salads, combos, sides and desserts. Open Monday-Thursday from 10am-10pm; Friday and Saturday, 10am-11pm; Sunday, 10am-10pm, call 356-6222 or visit the website at www.chickenfactorymaywood.com to view the complete menu. Mayor Perkins joined with Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., Trustee Brandon, Community Development's Angela Smith and Edwin Walker IV, Chamber President and CEO.

Forced to close for one year until structural damage to the building could be repaired, **Caribe Hand Car Wash** owner Paco Yanez is back in business. Mayor Edwenna Perkins,

JAZZ DESIRES



CHICKEN FACTORY



CARIBE REOPENS



Police Chief Talley, Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., Human Resources Coordinator LaSondra Banks and others were on hand for the ribbon cutting. Located at 320 Lake Street, the well-known establishment continues to offer quality services at reasonable prices seven days a week. For more details about washes and interior/exterior detailing, call Caribe at 343-2981.