

for our residents & businesses in

MAYWOOD

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ALL ABOARD THE PROGRESS TRAIN

As the Summer 2017 issue of the Village newsletter went to press, Mayor Perkins, Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., Assistant Village Manager David Myers, Village Trustees and dozens of dignitaries were just days away from celebrating and gathering on the platform of the new Maywood train station to cut the ribbon and realize a dream that has been years in the making. Since at least 2011, the Village had been applying for grants and working with Metra and Union Pacific Railroad to get the plans for the proposed depot on the right track. In November 2016, Mayor Edwenna Perkins said at the groundbreaking, "This is long overdue. We're moving forward." With commuter parking now enhancing the area and the new, busier-than-ever Maywood Fine Arts dance studio bringing families to the district, this vital facelift is just the beginning of progress, not only for 5th and Main Street but throughout the Village. See pages 3-6 of this newsletter for a "year in review" of great accomplishments.

Some Might Ask: What Are We Doing for You?

In this issue, you'll read about some of the tremendous progress you can't see and learn the facts about the many successes you can see and will continue to witness in Maywood.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR EDWENNA PERKINS

FIRST 2018 *Report*

Greetings, Maywoodians. I hope your 2018 is off to a great start! After an enchanting 2017 holiday season, featuring a beautiful community tree lighting ceremony that attracted more than 200 citizens at Fifth Avenue and St. Charles Road, we have hit the ground running. The Environmental Beautification Commission did a phenomenal job decorating that area just down the street from the Mayor's Office—and that included our brand new Metra Station. Already, that lovely station has attracted a great deal of positive attention for Maywood. As someone who loves the strong sense of community that the Village of Eternal Light has traditionally represented, it warmed my heart to see so many people enjoying each other's company and suffusing the Village with the bright, shining lights of Maywood's wonderful citizens.

Speaking of beautification, we are continuing our all-out effort to make infrastructure improvements throughout the Village. The Cook County Board approved \$206,000 to fund "preliminary engineering for roadway resurfacing, new curb and gutter, the potential for bike lanes, and improved drainage" along Washington Boulevard from 22nd to First Avenue. Also, soon, the part of the Illinois Prairie Path that winds through Maywood will have lights; we will finish installing more energy efficient LED lights throughout the town; and our Fifth Avenue Metra station will get a video surveillance security system. We are also happy that Metra and Union Pacific are funding a \$100 million third rail line that runs through Maywood. That third rail will help improve safety, decrease commuter time and freight train delays, and reduce the time that freight trains stand still on the railroad tracks.

Maywood is looking to invest \$2 million dollars in infrastructure improvements, including paving more alleys. Also, at my insistence, we are seeking to hire a full-time grant writer to search for additional revenue to fund important projects we want to see to fruition during my administration. For example, we are committed to redeveloping the old Baptist Retirement Home at Fourth Avenue and Randolph Street. This once-stately building will be revived to become an extraordinary senior living facility befitting the dignity and comfort we want our elders to enjoy.

As we are fortunate to have a state-of-the-art, world-class, Level I trauma/medical center in Maywood, I want to report that I participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for Loyola University

Medical Center's storm abatement project. The project is designed to prevent the center from encountering problems caused by flooding that takes place during extreme weather storm conditions. This multi-million dollar project will benefit Maywood and other surrounding communities. James A. Cunningham, the Midwest deputy regional administrator for Housing and Urban Development (HUD), noted that the storm weather abatement project will "promote swift recovery efforts and economic resiliency in the Maywood community."

We are continuing our efforts to support the Maywood EGL, an initiative spearheaded by a former Maywoodian. The EGL is designed to stimulate economic growth in Maywood, as well as other social and cultural activity, to improve the health and vitality of our Village for all age groups. We would like to see a grocery store, a world-class restaurant, and a teen center, among other things, come out of this collaboration. Last year, *Crain's Chicago Business* publication reported that Maywood's 2017 home property prices rose 44% beyond what they were in 2016, based on information from the Illinois Association of Realtors. So, we are on the move, and now is the time to make a serious push to revitalize and restore our beloved Maywood to its prominence. I promote this mantra for the village, because I believe it: "A shift is coming, things are changing in our favor, when the people get a mind to work."

What do you envision for Maywood going forward?

In that regard, earlier this year, Trustee Kimyada Wellington and I hosted a Vision Board gathering for our residents (see photos below). At that party, we encouraged everyone to craft and develop a personal vision to work on for themselves. At our next Vision Board meeting, we will challenge people to come up with a vision for the Village. What do you envision for Maywood going forward?

As always, I want to hear from you. We are looking for creative and industrious candidates to fill vacancies on some of the Maywood commissions—contact my office for more information. Also, we are conducting regular Town Hall meetings to provide a public forum for you to let your elected officials know what you want for Maywood. Sometimes, we will even invite guests. At one meeting, Cory Foster, a representative from ComEd, made a presentation about solar energy. I believe Maywood is strengthened by good community participation. Come to the Town Hall meetings as we work to move our Village forward. I can't wait to see you there!



Mayor Perkins, Trustee Wellington and Trustee Brandon host Vision Board gathering



Mayor Perkins, Senator Lightford, Rep. Welch and dignitaries at Operation UpLift 50th anniversary gala

from the *Village* manager



what have *we* done?

Unfortunately, fiscal responsibility can't always be seen with the naked eye; however, just like our new train station on the front cover, getting our finances on the right track has been a top priority for

me and significant results are starting to show. I sincerely hope that you will take the time to read this newsletter carefully so that whenever you might wonder or whenever you are asked what exactly the Village of Maywood is doing on a daily basis, you will have these answers!

1st Big News: We're not asking for More Money

▲ Our 2017-2018 Corporate Budget was approved with \$170,000 less than the prior year's budget! In other years, we've asked for more but now our fire and police pensions are in sync and we have stabilized many of our accounts which we had been unable to do in the past. We are being extremely conservative in holding the line the best we can while still getting very important missions accomplished. Not asking for money because we are managing it better and utilizing our TIF funds to free up Corporate funds are huge strides most residents just can't see.

TIF Funds Yielding Dividends that pay for Projects

▲ The Madison/5th Avenue TIF yielded \$2.2 million in 2017—in sharp contrast to the mere \$256,000 it yielded in 2016. The secret is in “blending” properties that have lost value with those that are performing well, which generates the outrageous growth in the TIF. This allows us to get capital projects completed without straining our Corporate budget. Furthermore, the Madison/5th Avenue TIF is projected to receive \$2.9 million in revenue in the next fiscal year.

Collections Have Dramatically Increased

▲ The Village of Maywood has increased collections in the Water, Sewer and Garbage Fund steadily over the past four years (2014: \$8.3 million, 2015: \$8.5 million, 2016: \$10.2 million, 2017: \$9.4 million) because we have found ways to collect delinquent payments. And, fixing our infrastructure and hydrant leaks means we lose less water which means we don't have to pay Chicago to buy as much water!

Also, we have submitted approximately \$400,000 in delinquent parking fines and motor vehicle stickers to the State of Illinois for collection through their Debt Recovery Program. Once collected, these substantial funds can be applied to even greater progress!

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SUCCESS at a glance

NO BONDS

The Village of Maywood paved an estimated \$2 million in streets without a bond issuance, covering 17th and 18th Avenue from Madison to Washington; 19th Avenue from Madison across Winfield Scott Park; Quincy between 6th and 4th; 4th Avenue between Wilcox and the Prairie Path. Also, alleys between 6th and 7th between Main and Lake have been reconstructed.

NO WATER INCREASE

Residential estimated water bills have decreased from 802 in 2015 to 427 in 2017; water meters have finally been installed at the ComEd property to eliminate estimate water billings. Public Works repaired 27 B-Boxes, 7 leaking hydrants, 6 water mains and an estimated 100 sewer inlets this fiscal year alone. Perhaps most important is the fact that the 1.83% increase imposed by the City of Chicago to purchase water was NOT passed on to residents in June 2017.

NO GARBAGE INCREASE

Garbage billing to residents will NOT increase over the next 5 years and the Village negotiated a \$1 million reduction in billing for the same level of services from our very responsive provider Republic Services.



VACANT PROPERTY, DEMOLITIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

The demolition of 10 structurally-damaged buildings has begun and that is something residents and visitors to Maywood can actually see. To date, five of these unsightly and unsafe buildings have been demolished and removed through the first round of our 2017 Fast Track/County-SWAP partnership. First, vacant property owners are notified of the pending demolition and, working with Cook County Sheriff's Office SWAP (Sheriff's Work Alternative Program) and RENEW (Restoring Neighborhoods Workforce) programs, they assist us with removing the debris which allows us to help keep costs down. Abandoned property grant money received covers the cost of disconnects, dumpsters, asbestos assessments, etc. Properties demolished so far:

- 440 S. 14th Avenue, completed 10/18/2017
- 1142 S. 17th Avenue, completed 10/25/2017
- 1248 S. 21st Avenue, completed 11/8/2017
- 1420 S. 21st Avenue, completed 11/20/2017
- 419 S. 21st Avenue, completed 11/29/2017



In addition to demolition news, many residents might not realize that the Village of Maywood Vacant Building List has decreased from as many as 700 in November 2015 to as few as 149 homes as of June 14, 2017. Furthermore, Community Development has conducted 133 residential sales inspections during the fiscal year which means new owners are clearly coming into Maywood!



EVERYDAY PROGRESS YOU CAN SEE

DID YOU KNOW:

- ✓ The Village of Maywood has removed and/or trimmed an estimated 200 trees for both safety and beautification reasons.
- ✓ Public Works replaced six decorative street light poles on Lake Street and Madison Street.
- ✓ Another new bus shelter has been added on Madison and 5th Avenue, bringing the total to 6 new shelters.
- ✓ The Village's parks were all maintained at a high level throughout the year.
- ✓ 2,000 new LED lights were installed in Maywood without requesting funding from residents (see the story on page 11 of this issue).

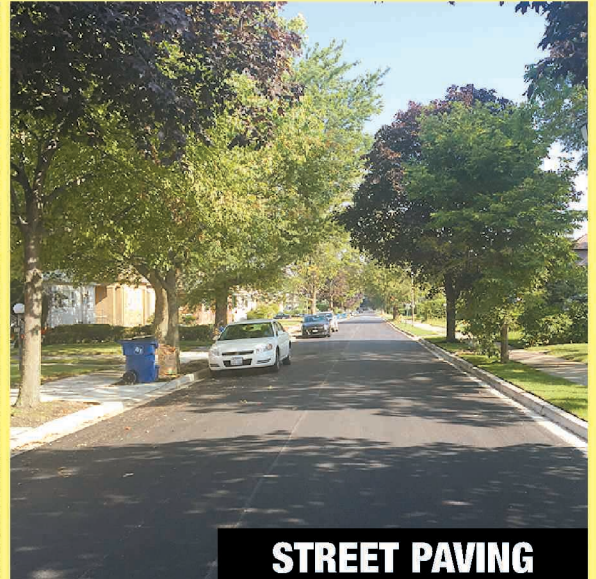
SEEING IS BELIEVING

Village of Maywood progress is all around you! Sewer work means less flooding; new hydrants mean less leaks and more money saved; leaks at the Fred Hampton Aquatic Center Pool were also approved for repair; and money saved means more capital improvement projects such as paved alleys, paved streets, new sidewalks, renovations at the Park District building, a plan for lighting along the Prairie Path, an open gym for organizations to use throughout the year, funds for a Summer Youth Program that hires 25 young people—yes, Maywood is on the move!



HYDRANTS

NEW SIDEWALKS



STREET PAVING



RECONSTRUCTED ALLEYS



SEWER WORK

Interest in 1st and Lake; New Housing OK'd for 5th Avenue

DEVELOPER PITCHES PLAN FOR VACANT 1ST & LAKE STREET

Reported by Michael Romain for the *Village Free Press*

Representatives with a Burr Ridge-based commercial real estate brokerage say that the idea of the Starbucks landing another outpost in the west suburb of Maywood isn't all that far-fetched. During a December regular board meeting of the Maywood Board of Trustees, William Paul, President of Xsite Real Estate, presented a plan to the Village Board that would entail redeveloping three parcels of land on First Avenue and Lake Street. Paul said that the development prospects could range from retailers and restaurants to apartments—although the type of redevelopment project would depend on the parcel, one of which includes the historically significant Maywood Soldier's Widows Home, a local landmark currently owned by the Village. Collectively, the three parcels are often referred to as the Soldier's Block. Paul said that he and his collaborators would renovate the Soldier's Home while maintaining its distinctive Georgian Revival architecture. Echoing recommendations of other architects and planners, Paul said that the building is most suitable for use as medical or office space.

Adjacent to the Home, the property could accommodate a 10,000 or 12,000 square-foot strip mall built in the all-brick, Georgian Revival architectural style of the Home to lend aesthetic symmetry to the area. He said that he and his co-developers would prioritize a mix of prospective tenants that would bring in revenue from both property and sales taxes, such as retailers and restaurants, possibly a Starbucks.

"We want to be consistent with what your economic goals are for the property," Paul told Village officials on December 19. "We are looking to bring in retailers and services that meet the needs of the people in Maywood and to create a viable, visually appealing project that will enhance the commercial and cultural fabric of the community."



Reported by Michael Romain for the *Village Free Press*

vacant lot at 800-820 S. 5th Avenue, which is currently owned by the Village of Maywood. Over the 25 years that it has been in existence, IHDC has created 16 housing developments, with budgets ranging from \$1.5 million to \$22.4 million, with rental units ranging from efficiencies to large four bedrooms. One of its nearby success stories includes the Grove Apartments, 51-units at the corner of Grove Avenue and Madison in Oak Park. Sugar Beet Co-Op, a high-end grocery store and cafe, leases the first level.

According to IHDC officials, the Maywood development will generate sales and property tax revenue since it will be held by a for-profit partnership. The new rental units will be available to single individuals and families. The building will be "very green," featuring a solar hot water system among other environmentally-responsible and resource-efficient uses.

NEW LIFE FOR 820 5TH AVE.

The nonprofit Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) has proposed to construct a 68-unit apartment complex that will also include 4,500 square feet of ground-level commercial real estate on the site of a



BACKING UP VILLAGE CLERK VIOLA MIMS IS

Tom Pavlik

NEW Deputy Clerk brings a wealth of experience

After all resumes were submitted and interviews were completed to fill the position of Deputy Clerk, previously held by JoAnn Murphy, it was Tom Pavlik who got the call to assist Maywood Village Clerk Viola Mims in providing accurate and efficient administrative assistance to all Village residents, businesses and visitors on a daily basis. Pavlik, who served three terms as the elected Village Clerk in the City of Berwyn, is a

member of the Municipal Clerks of Illinois, International Institute of Municipal Clerks and has earned the prestigious status of Master Municipal Clerk. Anyone with questions can call the Deputy Clerk at 450-6362.

BRINGING THE BEST TO TWO MORE DEPARTMENTS

New in Water & HR

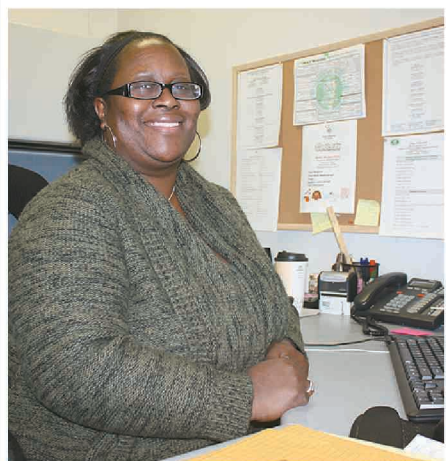
Get to know Qayyoun Syed and Larita Murry



As part of the Village's ongoing effort to ensure efficient water service and timely water payments, Qayyoun Syed joined the Village in October 2017 as Water Supervisor to help streamline and troubleshoot. "I have more than 10 years of experience in meter operations," explained Syed, who has worked at Southern California Gas Company and the City of Dallas Water Department.

"I am excited to be working with the Maywood Water Department. My primary responsibilities include water collections, meter reading and tackling estimated bills. I look forward to meeting and assisting the residents of the Maywood community." Syed can be reached at 681-8811.

Larita Murry came on board at the Village just after the last newsletter was delivered to residents in June 2017. As an HR Assistant, Larita will work closely with Human Resources Coordinator LaSondra Banks to assist employees with questions related to the Village's benefits programs (such as insurance, workers comp, etc.), Wellness Program activities, New Hire Orientation, open enrollment and in preparing the monthly compliance reports for Maywood's PACE vehicle



program. Larita's experience includes working for the Chicago Public Schools and also serving within the U.S. District Court system.



New in Public Works

Public Works Director John West recently added two hard-working men to his staff: Brandon Hart (top photo) and Sean Mahone. These two individuals assist with all aspects of services provided by Maywood Public Works such as tree trimming, pothole repairs, debris removal, alley grading, sign removal and installation, addressing reported outages of street lights and downed light poles as well as some water and sewer work and land and building maintenance of Village-owned properties.

from the
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Valdimir Talley, Chief



Opioids Training HQ

Illinois law now requires police agencies to “train in the administration of opioid antagonists” and mandates your police department to develop an opioid overdose response plan and train its staff to support families within our community impacted by overdoses.

Thanks to a partnership with Cook County’s Office of Homeland Security, Maywood was designated as the regional training site for our officers and neighboring police agencies, both full-time and part-time. This training is not only mandated but I believe it will cultivate better outcomes for those affected by accident opioid overdose and misuse. After training, our officers are provided with Narcan Nasal Spray, a nasal formulation of Naloxone, with the support of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Narcan Nasal Spray is the only FDA-approved nasal spray and it is needle-free and assembly-free, arming our officers with a tool to offer enhanced first aid and improve service in this public health crisis of opioids misuse.



Our Newest Officer

WELCOME OFFICER LIZET OCHOA
Chief, Commissioner, Officer attend graduation



▲ Officer Lizet Ochoa is the newest member of the Maywood Police Department, graduating from the Cook County Sheriff’s Police Training Academy on December 1, 2017. Maywood Board of Fire and Police Commissioner Gloria Clay, Officer Benjamin Martinez and Police Chief Talley joined Officer Ochoa at her graduation celebration.

State Law & Ordinance Reminders: Idling

Cars left unattended to warm up give out a clear message...



It’s tempting in the winter. Your car is cold and you just want to run in the house for a few minutes while it warms up. But don’t do it. Leaving your car running without you or someone attending it is against the law! Even if your car is running in your driveway, you can still be

ticketed—and your car could be stolen. Unattended vehicles must be placed in park with a stopped engine and locked.
ONE EXCEPTION: As of August 2017, one exception to leaving the car idle is if the vehicle is being operated by a remote starter system while the vehicle is locked.

Carjacking

▲ Carjacking, under federal law, means to take a vehicle that has been transported, shipped or received in interstate or foreign commerce from a person or presence of another, either by force, violence or intimidation. As stated in the federal Anti Car Theft Act of 1992, “if the act is committed, it is possible to go to prison for up to 15 years and even 25 to life, if serious injury or death occurs.”

Illinois state law has very similar guidelines and punishment. In Illinois state statutes, carjacking is defined as a person who takes a vehicle from a person by use of force or threat of force. The punishment for the crime

CARJACKING & PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
12:00 - 1:30P.M.

MAYWOOD VILLAGE HALL | 125 S 5TH AVE



is considered a Class 1 Felony, which could lead to 4-15 years of imprisonment. Chief Talley and Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin presented information on this serious issue at a Maywood Town Hall meeting in December.

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



Police Chief Talley (left), Irving Middle School Principal Michelle Hassan and Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., bringing community policing to the school and a police officer to Irving three days each week as a community policing model. The most important aspect of community policing is community partnerships, building relationships with citizens and better understanding problems and issues.

**COMBINED
MAPS MEETINGS!**

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

ZONES 1 & 2:

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.

NEW FOR 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.

**If you have any questions about MAPS,
contact Community Resource and Public
Information Police Officer Pirsia Allen at
450-4409. If you see something,
say something!**

People & Places

**STAYING INVOLVED: A POLICING PRIORITY
From a Quinceañera to NOBLE and UpLift to STEM**



Pictured from left, Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., Police Chief Valdimir Talley, Village Clerk Viola Mims, Trustee Henderson Yarbrough and Cook County Hospital Chief Gregory Moore attended Operation UpLift's 50th Anniversary Black Tie Gala and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Award Event celebrating community service and the presentation of awards in various categories.



At left, Mrs. Mercedes Hernandez and her daughter, Angie, dance at Angie's Quinceañera (Latino tradition for a teenage girl's 15th birthday) held at St. Eulalia. Chief Talley proudly attended. Mrs. Hernandez is a board member of Bridge to Destiny, an anti-domestic violence group and assists the Maywood Police Department in addressing issues of domestic violence within the Maywood community.



Chief Talley joined with "Wonder Woman" Susan Abraham, District 89 STEM teacher (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.



Maywood Police Department Detective Angela Pope-Patterson and retired Chicago Chief Eugene Williams attended a 70's theme scholarship fundraiser for the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). Deputy Chief Elijah Willis, Detective

Pope-Patterson and Police Chief Valdimir Talley are all members of this organization, which aims to ensure equity in the administration of justice in the provision of public service to all communities and to serve as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action.

from the
FIRE DEPARTMENT
Craig A. Bronaugh, Chief



Serve. Protect.

THAT'S OUR MOTTO!

I submitted two photos for this issue that were not used because they were photos taken at Station #1 of an empty fire station. All personnel were out on a fire call, which is not unusual here at the Maywood Fire Department. While it's not always for worst case scenarios, the MFD serves and protects citizens around the clock daily and I take this initiative very seriously. Guarding the public from the potential devastation of fire and other dangers to life and property as well as providing treatment and care to the sick and injured are very awesome responsibilities. As the Chief, let me tell you how proud I am of all of the members of this Department and how they face the challenges every day. Any given workday constantly goes from "Quiet to Chaos" in a matter of minutes.

Our well-trained, effective and very professional personnel are grateful for the support from the Mayor, Village Board and Village Manager and the close partnership with all other departments. This support gives us the ability to successfully handle ever-increasing emergencies, which continue to climb to even higher levels.

As always, I must remind everyone in Maywood to make sure that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are present and operating in your homes and businesses. Stay warm and safe from the influenza germs...we're here and ready if needed!

A Test for the Best

FIREFIGHTER ENTRY-LEVEL EXAMINATION HELD
"We are always looking for good individuals"



Recently, the Fire Department held an entry-level firefighter examination at Irving School. The gymnasium was filled with dozens of candidates seeking to serve and protect the citizens of Maywood. In the top photo, left to right: Fire Captain Lighton Scott, Chief Bronaugh, Fire Captain David Krefft and Fire Captain Denard Wade (all part of the Department's Daily Shift Management Team) as Chairman of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners Emanuel Wilder looks on; top left, Chairman Wilder greets the group and at right, Gloria Clay, Secretary of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, kicked off the session.

Code: For your Safety

QUESTIONS? CALL 450-4405 OR 450-6368

PERMITS. 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.

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.

from
DAVID MYERS

Assistant Village Manager



Actions Speak Loudly...

When it comes to Community Development. Looking back at our new train station, at the new businesses that have opened, our successful summer youth program, the dramatic increase in usage at the Fred Hampton Aquatic Center since 2014—from 1,400 to an estimated 9,100 in 2017—to nearly \$800,000 in grant money approved for Prairie Path improvements to new bus shelters and the steady demolition of deteriorated properties in our Village is tempting but we can't rest now. There is more work to be done and this issue of the newsletter aims to highlight our fiscal responsibility and the actions we are taking now to pave the way for the future.

Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. details many of the strategies he has implemented toward saving money, raising revenue and protecting our funds from waste, such as negotiations with the City of Chicago over water rates and increasing collections across the board on pages 3-5. These strides may not mean anything to the average resident but they are gigantic leaps toward a prosperous Maywood!

Money Coming In

Paving the way toward a bike path.

Recently, the Village obtained an "Invest in Cook County" grant in the amount of \$200,000 to be used for design plans for a bike path on Washington Boulevard from 9th to 21st Avenue.

Estimated Water Bills Are Down.

From 802 in September 2015 to 427 in August 2017, we continue to eliminate guesswork and strive for accuracy!

From Assistant Village Manager David Myers SIGNIFICANT THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



Community Partner: PLCCA

Opportunity Works is a program that provides paid internships for young adults, ages 16-24, that are out of school and out of work in suburban Cook County. These young adults are trained and connected with businesses that are looking for new employees, providing the resources needed to get good paying jobs in the areas of manufacturing, information technology and transportation, distribution and logistics. Anyone interested in this opportunity should stop in at PLCCA, 411 W. Madison Street in Maywood and ask for Shavonna Cross, Mentor for the Opportunity Works Internship Program, for computer access and assistance with the application or call 450-3500 for more details.



Lighting the Way with 2,000 NEW LED Lights!

Did you know that Maywood was one of the first of more than 50 municipalities selected for ComEd's smart-ready streetlight program, receiving new energy-efficient light fixtures at NO direct cost to residents through the Smart Ideas Energy Efficiency Program? The new LED fixtures enhance lighting throughout the Village, improving public safety and visibility while consuming only one-third of the electricity of the fixtures they replace plus lasting up to one-and-a-half times longer which means fewer outages. At a recent Town Hall meeting, residents applauded the new bright white light and the fact that it came at no expense to residents. New LED lamps have also been installed at Winfield Scott Park, Maywood Park and Conner Heise Park—shining a light on any possible bad behavior helps keep the parks and the Village safer for everyone equals success and considerable savings.

forging ahead and **IMPROVING YOUR LIFE IN MAYWOOD**

from Development Beautification & Historic Preservation

TOM KUS: HISTORIC PRESERVATION UPDATE



Busy Times for Historic Preservation in Maywood

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was busy during 2017 doing our part to help promote the community, with more exciting plans in the works for 2018 as well. The HPC, along with staff and key citizens, attended the National Trust convention at the Palmer House in November 2017 as the **ONLY** community to host its own booth (pictured above). Efforts were successful in raising awareness of great investment opportunities for both commercial and residential properties tied to our wonderful historic homes and fabulous location, and we exposed Maywood on not only a local level but now a national level as well. Commissioners were able to attend seminars to help bring back ideas on how to further leverage and market our community.

In other news, we added two more properties to our list of landmarked homes—one of them a fabulous Prairie-style home on north 2nd Avenue, bringing the total to 24—a significant amount for a town of our size. A reminder to those of you who are interested: the Commission has put together a tour map with pictures of our historic homes that is available in the Community Development office. So many of us are so busy running from place to place that we don't always look up to see and appreciate what is around us. Maywood is a community with many spectacular homes and sometimes we may not even notice them, but they are there and we need to be proud of them. One of the goals of our Commission is to make sure they are noticed; there are hundreds more within town that just need some attention and care. If we take pride in our community and value our resources, we will surely rise to be one of the shining stars of the metro area. We are also currently in the process of trying to put together some other interesting events for 2018. We recently approved plans for a 3rd annual Civil War Living History reenactment at the Widow's Home. This event is fun for the family while at the same time promoting new opportunities for the 1st and Lake development. We are also in the early stages of hosting another Historic Homes Housewalk in July as these events have been well attended in the past and called a lot of positive attention to Maywood and what we have to offer. Stay tuned...it should be an exciting year ahead.

Tom Kus, Chairman, Maywood Historic Preservation Commission

MEET @ THE 5TH & OAK GAZEBO



Save the day: 4-21-18

**DON'T MISS THE 4TH ANNUAL
VILLAGE PRIDE
VILLAGE-WIDE**

Please plan to join Village officials, residents, churches, community agencies and business owners for a fun-filled morning, 9am-Noon, working together to beautify Maywood! Village Pride t-shirts, refreshments and prizes available.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

We need your help. This year, special projects will focus on updating and improving local parks in addition to cleaning the streets of Maywood.

GOT TO GO!

It's simple. It's got to go! Pick up litter, debris and other unsightly clutter around your yard, streets, alleys, businesses, places of worship, vacant lots, etc.

READY FOR SPRING

Clean out and prepare flowerbeds for planting. Participate in projects to plant, paint or create focal points of beauty.

PRE-REGISTER

Sign up now through the website at www.provisopartners.com.

Maywood Beautification

Village Pride - Village Wide!

Saturday, April 21, 9am - Noon



It takes an entire village to make a difference!

Participate as a team or individual to beautify our village:

- Clear debris from homes, streets, parks, businesses
- Update and improve parks
- Plant flowers
- Adopt or sponsor a park playground

Village Pride T-Shirts, Refreshments, and Giveaways!

To register, visit provisopartners.com

For More Information, Contact

Loretta Brown ljbrown243@yahoo.com

Mary D'Anza Mora mdanza@luc.edu



Start Location:

Maywood Park

Gazebo

5th Ave. & Oak St.

Organized by the

Village of Maywood Environmental Beautification Commission



2ND ANNUAL EVENT HOSTED BY SOLUTIONS FOR CARE

Ideas for Life

EVERYONE is invited to the **FREE** resource fair April 21

All ages are invited to come out on Saturday, April 21 for the 2nd Annual Ideas for Life Resource Fair hosted by Solutions for Care and the Village of Maywood. Meet with representatives from local organizations such as Proviso Township and the YMCA, show off your dance moves, win some great prizes, learn important information and enjoy a great meal! The event will be held at the Maywood Multi-Purpose Building, 200 S. 5th Avenue from 10 am until 2 pm. For more information, reach out to Christine at Solutions for Care by calling 708-447-2448 or visit the website at www.solutionsforcare.org.

DON'T GET CABIN FEVER! GET OUT!

Join the Senior Club

Upcoming Meetings and Events thru March 2018



It's always a good time when Maywood seniors get together! Pictured above are the January 2018 birthday celebrants, including the granddaughter of Ledester Lumpkin who played the saxophone in her grandmother's honor!

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 information, call Larry at 708-238-3657.

Senior Prom

DON'T MISS THE 10TH ANNUAL EVENT

March 23, 2018

6 TO 9 PM

**T&JJ'S BANQUET HALL
718 S. 5TH AVENUE
MAYWOOD**

Contact Larry Shapiro
708.238.3657 to RSVP



Regina Thomas Dillard

This Maywood-born wellness expert recently published a new cookbook entitled **FEED: Living Food Recipes to be Made and Eaten With Love.**

Copies are available at the Oak Park Visitors Center, 1010 Lake Street; Sugar Beet, 812 W. Madison in Oak Park; or through Amazon.com.

Remembering Mary Love

Thanks to Michael Romain of the Village Free Press, Mary Love, who died at her Maywood home in December at the age of 96, was featured in a full-page story that highlighted her achievements as one of the first African American women to compete at the highest levels in the sport of volleyball and as an extraordinary volunteer as a referee and with Maywood Fine Arts, among other non-profits.

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Maywood Park District: What's Coming Up

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★ 1ST ANNUAL MOTHER & SON GAME NIGHT

Don't miss this chance to spend some quality time together, just a mother and son. Ticket price includes pizza, soda, games and more. Collect enough tickets to win a prize! Join the fun on Thursday, March 15 at the Park District from 6 to 8:30 pm. Advanced tickets, purchased by March 10 are \$20 per couple and \$5 per additional son; after March 10, tickets are \$30 per couple and \$5 per additional son. For details, call 344-4740 or visit the website.

★ CHALLENGER SPORT SOCCER PROGRAM

Sign up now, registration is underway! Well-trained coaches will thrill participants in this highly-creative, high-energy, age-appropriate introduction to soccer. Practice will be held on Thursdays; games are on Sundays. The program begins on April 5 through May 27. Fee is \$90 per person. Register at the Maywood Park District, 921 S. 9th Avenue.

★ LUNCH & LEARN

Active adults are cordially invited to the next Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, April 18 from 11 am until 2 pm at Maywood Park District, 921 S. 9th Avenue. Lunch & Learn is planned for every 3rd Wednesday of the month so mark your calendars, make new friends, enjoy a relaxed luncheon with others, learn from guest speakers, play Dominos or Spades—lots of new activities await you! Anyone interested in attending the April event should RSVP by April 15th. Fee is just \$3 for Maywood residents and \$5 for non-residents.



EASTER EGG HUNT

A FREE EVENT

Maywood Park District invites you to bring your cameras and a basket for collecting eggs on

SAT., MARCH 31, 2018

10AM-11AM @ Central Park
921 S. 9th Avenue

maywood at a glance

village hall

40 Madison Street
Maywood, IL 60153
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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.

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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.

LACEY'S OPENS

Under Village Ordinance CO-2016-05, which was passed by the Board after residents voted on 56%-44% on a referendum back in November 2016 to allow video gaming in the Village, Lacey's Place held an official grand opening as the first gaming cafe in Maywood back in June. Located at 611 W. Roosevelt Road, Mayor Edwenna Perkins (center) cut the ribbon and welcomed members of Highland Management Group, the parent company of Lacey's, to the Village.

Lacey's is open daily from 11am until 11pm and offers a loyalty rewards program that is brand new, something most gaming parlors don't have, according to Jessica Lowe, Manager of Highland Management. Every hour, customers are able to earn points to redeem for free play. Lacey's also serves complimentary beverages such as soda, coffee and water to customers and offers weekly specials. "Our goal is to cater to adults seeking fun and entertainment within their local neighborhood," explains Jeff Rehberger, Sr.

For employment information, visit www.illinoisvideoslots.com/employment.



To the right of Mayor Perkins in the photo above at Lacey's is Jeff Rehberger, Sr., President of Highland Management; his wife, Letizia Lowe; District Mgr. Brandy Brooks; Assistant Mgr. Moneeka Jamerson; KayLynn Rehberger and Jeff Rehberger, Jr. Far right is Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. and at far left in the photo is Edwin Walker IV, President/CEO of the Maywood Chamber who joined with other Maywood officials and department heads for the celebration of local jobs and additional revenue for the Village.



Mit EXPRESS LOOKS TO MAYWOOD TO EXPAND

Mit Express, Inc., 2929 19th Avenue in Broadview, is looking to expand its operations by building a domestic transportation facility in Maywood on the Village-owned property at 1001 W. St. Charles Road. According to Mayor Edwenna Perkins, plans for the development include 5,000 square feet for a garage area to maintain its truck fleet and more than 10,000 additional square feet for an office building as part of the company's rapidly growing success. Pictured above is a rendering of what the St. Charles Road project would look like upon completion. Watch for updates on this story.