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After more than a year in production, Maywood Fire Chief Craig Bronaugh proudly took delivery of the Village's new fire engine in November. Due to mechanical failures, the Department's 1992 reserve engine was rendered inoperable. "Village of Maywood leadership should be commended for their support of the Fire Department in acquiring this new and vital piece of equipment for our community," the Chief added. Although the vehicle has an updated design, the vehicle's technology was kept to a minimum for the purpose of keeping the cost down to \$450,000. "Some communities spend in excess of \$600,000 for an engine," said Chief Bronaugh, "but not us. This vehicle should serve us well for up to 20 years and is now one of the front-line engines being deployed at Fire Station 1."

Pictured above inspecting the new fire engine (left to right): Fire Chief Craig Bronaugh, Mayor Edwenna Perkins, Village Trustees Antoinette "Toni" Dorris, Michael Rogers, Melvin Lightford, Henderson Yarbrough, Sr. and Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. Other important, life-saving information from the Fire Chief continues on page 10 in this issue.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR EDWENNA PERKINS

My Latest Report

my whole life and it encapsulates the joy I receive from being Mayor of the Village of Eternal Light. Few things make me happier than serving the people who make up the Village I love. It significantly minimizes the strength of the opposition I face as I work diligently to serve Maywood and make it better. I know that, eventually, consistent hard work is always rewarded!



So, here is my latest report. Great things are happening. On November 7th, we welcomed David A. Orseno, the Executive Director and CEO of Metra, to Maywood, and we broke ground for our brand new station at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and St. Charles Road. The plans for this beautiful indoor station have been in the works for a while now, and I am so happy that this much-needed edifice will finally come to fruition. Not only will it shelter our citizens from inclement weather, it will give that important area of our town another economic anchor. Importantly, our village will be showcased as people riding through town on Metra will have a better view of what we have to offer. My hope is that, soon, we will have commerce visible along First, Fifth and 19th Avenues, so that people will be inspired to get off that Metra train and shop, eat, bank, and experience our village. That would bring jobs and revenue to our town. Indeed, perhaps people will participate in some of the cultural offerings Maywood has. Perhaps, they will drop their children off for some of the classes at the new Maywood Fine Arts Stairway to the Stars building that opened its doors in August at Fifth and Lake Streets!

This past summer, the village popped with vibrant activity. In addition to the return of Maywood Family Festival, which residents and neighboring friends greatly enjoyed, we had numerous activities centered around our youth. Once again, the village supported the Safe Summer Initiative which encompassed jobs, as well as educational and recreational opportunities for our youth. It is always our desire to keep our young people engaged in meaningful and constructive positive activity. Also, many organizations, and even some private businesses, gave away much needed school supplies at the end of the summer, so that our children could return to school prepared to receive their all-important education. I am always gratified and overjoyed by the way our community partners respond to the needs of our youngsters.

The Mayor's Office also supported a wonderful venture spearheaded by Trustee Isiah Brandon. He traveled with several high school students on a trip to Washington, DC where the students served as youth delegates to a conference hosted by the National League of Cities. Marquan Jones, a young Maywoodian who matriculated at Ivy League Cornell University in New York this past fall, was so inspired that he wrote a fine piece about the exposure and experience in a local publication. It is crucial that our students get exposed to edifying

experiences that will prepare them to be citizens of the world, so my office was proud to be involved with this undertaking.

We are also very excited about the fact that Maywoodian Bridgett Chatman Lewis, of The Chatman Lewis Flaggs Consulting Group, has a vision that aligns with mine. In that regard, in October, I supported her, Andre and Vena Nelson, the owners of the Global Business Center located at 840 South 17th Avenue, when they christened the intersection of 17th and Madison as the Maywood Technology District. We are a high technology society and it is high time our village has a "tech" hub. My office would like to attract technological entities to settle here. Maywood is the perfect location, near and accessible to the world-class city of Chicago, and we have a very capable workforce in which I strongly believe!

Public works activities have been robust. In a continuing effort to enhance and improve public safety, we now have warning signs to slow down traffic and to facilitate pedestrian crossing in front of many Maywood entities, including our elementary schools. The new signage in the village alerts motorists that they are obligated to stop for pedestrians crossing our streets. We also fixed water main leaks in the village that needed repair and we are busy making sure that businesses in town are in compliance with local ordinances.

During the season of giving, we are happy to report that we have been involved in many helping activities, including a collaboration with Nu World Ryders to feed the homeless and with Trustee Brandon and the Oak Street Health organization, which caters to the healthcare needs of seniors.



Just as we were about to go to press with this issue, I was proud to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony with many other local dignitaries for the 25th Avenue opening the overpass between Bellwood and Melrose Park. Former Governor Pat Quinn, State Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Bellwood Mayor Frank Pasquale (pictured with me) and Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico were among those on hand

along with Illinois Transportation officials celebrating the completion of this project which will reduce congestion and benefit everyone, especially those requiring emergency transportation to local hospitals.

Finally, I want to thank District 89's Garfield Elementary students for creating our 2016 Holiday Windows display in the cases at the CTA bus stop at 40 Madison and also take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Village of Maywood a healthy, happy, and spirit-filled holiday season. My hope is that the New Year will bring all Maywoodians love, joy, peace, happiness and prosperity in plentiful measure!



WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

from the *Village* manager



Attitude *of* Service

Because this newsletter is one of the best ways to communicate our message to thousands of Maywoodians, sometimes photos speak louder than words—so I continue to document our incremental progress in photos each and every day. The photos on this page and the pages that follow convey our “Attitude of Service,” a mindset that all of us at the Village bring to our jobs daily—from the most minor adjustments to our largest capital projects. Allow me to walk you through some of our successes since the last newsletter in June 2016 to explain and show you all that we have accomplished through an Attitude of Service.

Water Meters and Main Replacement

▲ Water usage in Maywood continues to be a priority and I devote many hours each week to all aspects of this necessity. Quickly and efficiently repairing our meters, hydrants and sewer main breaks means we



lose less water, which translates into buying less water from Chicago and wasting valuable resources. Our water and financial conservation efforts fall into several categories:

- 1) Buying less water;
- 2) Who is getting water without meters;
- 3) Reading meters instead of estimates;
- 4) Shutting off water, if necessary;
- 5) Fixing leaks—all of which result in a better

quality of life for every Maywoodian. Projects like the one pictured above as well as the completed project main replacement and street overlay on Railroad Avenue from 15th to 21st save us money in the long run.

• Flood Control Assistance. The Village is again setting aside \$50,000 for the coming year to assist single-family residence owners with 50% of the cost of the installation of a sewer back-up prevention system. Contact Community Development at 450-4405 for details.

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maywood at a glance

village hall

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Maywood, IL 60153
Phone: 450-6300

EDWENNA PERKINS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Viola Mims, Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Isiah Brandon
Antoinette “Toni” Dorris
Melvin L. Lightford
Ron Rivers
Michael Rogers
Henderson Yarbrough, Sr.

phone numbers

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	450-4470
Fire Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	450-7400
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

ATTITUDE OF SERVICE by Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr.



Other aspects of providing timely service include alley grading and road improvements. Alleys on 2nd to 9th Avenue from Main to Lake Street have been repaired and graded in recent months. Empty lots from 9th Avenue to 21st, St. Charles to Washington have been cleaned and cleared of junk cars, old tires, overgrowth and other debris. We tackled the issue of dangerous and/or dead parkway trees, trimming or removing them to avoid potential problems as we aim to change opinions and turn more negatives into positives.



*“How do you bring the good things out of Maywood?
Through good, consistent and quality service.
We have many areas to attack but like a multi-vitamin we
work on the issues one day at a time.”*

—Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr.



SERVICE

IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

In September, we addressed a longtime roadway issue that faced both Maywood and Broadview residents by resurfacing the street between Bataan Drive and Roosevelt Road, with both Villages making funds available so the project could be completed before the end of 2016. Broadview's share was approximately 44% of the project area while Maywood's 56% share would be covered through working capital and Roosevelt Road TIF funds.

ATTITUDE OF SERVICE by Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr.

With serving comes promoting and we took everything Maywood has to offer to the annual ISCS Conference—the ultimate opportunity for retailers, developers, brokers, lenders and municipalities to gather under one roof to exhibit, make deals and form successful business partnerships.

Pictured, left to right, Assistant Village Manager David Myers, Trustees Brandon and Rogers, Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. and Mayor Edwenna Perkins in the front. At right, David Myers answers attendees' questions about the Village of Maywood.



Providing good, consistent quality service means providing staff with the tools they need to succeed. At left, Public Works takes delivery of two new trucks that replace outdated equipment. Public Works also assisted with the installation of new pedestrian signs at nearly 30 main thoroughfare locations within the Village to accommodate children, seniors and anyone crossing busy intersections.

Also at left, Public Works Director John West was just one department head who provided valuable information and answered questions at the Village's Water Town Hall Meeting as Assistant Village Manager David Myers looks on. Focusing on preparedness, West made sure that Maywood's salt bin was filled as early as August 31st so that the Public Works crews would be ready for the snow and ice that was forecasted for 2016-2017.

Lanya Satchell, Director of Finance, also provided an overview of data that has been analyzed to examine the Village's water purchases, water billing and water collections as part of an educated and transparent response to resident concerns. Satchell was also able to talk about vehicle stickers, parking tickets and other sources of income for the Village.



DID YOU KNOW?

That 5,000 more people used the Fred Hampton Aquatic Center in 2016 than the year before? Our mechanical and cosmetic improvements paid off in a big way!

That our attitude of service also applies to garbage pick-up? We continue to focus our attention on the best prices and service from our waste hauler but we also aim to improve the local attitude of recycling and e-waste in the coming new year.

SERVICE

IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

from the
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Valdimir Talley, Chief



Serving is an honor

First, I would like to offer best wishes for the new year to my Maywood family. It is my distinct privilege to serve you. Your positive comments and support continue to empower the success of our Department. Back in August, you supported National Night Out (an event and commitment geared toward the community saying "We are not going to allow crime in our Village"); and in September, we experienced a very safe month. In October, both the Village and the Police Department turned 135 years old and I was proud to participate in National Coffee with a Cop Day at Kathy's Cafe to interact more successfully with citizens. In November, we teamed up with Try Our Pallets to hand out turkeys to residents in need.

I am very proud to let you know that your police department will soon begin a national accreditation process. You have exceptional officers and this type of standard, when complete, will give them the recognition they deserve.

Lastly, I am happy to report that the Maywood Police Department has received a U.S. Department of Justice grant which will assist the Village with hiring four new police officers. As MPD continues to celebrate its 135th year, please take time to congratulate your officers for their commitment to keeping everyone in the community safe.

Slow Down!

DEPARTMENT SECURES NEW "SPEED DISPLAY" Do You Know the speed limits around the Village?



In July, the Police Department secured the new sign pictured at left to help remind residents and visitors of the posted speed restrictions. Maywood Police officers will also be utilizing radar detection devices to capture speeders. "Slow down and arrive safely," urges Police Chief Talley. Do you know the speed limits around the Village of Maywood?

For example: All of 1st Avenue is 35 mph; 9th Avenue is 30 mph between St. Charles and Roosevelt; 17th, between Madison and the south limit of the Village is just 25 mph; Bataan Drive is 30 mph; all of Lake Street and Roosevelt Road is 30 mph. Watch for the signs and watch your speed!

Ordinance Reminders: Parking & Animal Control



▲ Winter is here to stay and forecasters predict plenty of snow. Overnight parking and snow parking restrictions will be strictly enforced. To be valid for overnight parking, residents must have a valid Village sticker and/or permit. More info about new vehicle stickers appears on page 7. It's easy to make overnight parking requests after business hours or anytime, 365 days a year! Simply go online from your computer or even your smart phone to this URL: www.onponline.com and make your overnight parking request within minutes!



▲ All Village of Maywood pet owners MUST have their animals registered. Maywood Village Ordinance Sec. 93.27 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. The animal control ordinances for the Village have specific animal handling requirements. Anyone with questions about Section 93 of the Village Code should contact Animal Control at 450-4405.

**We want to see you at a
MAPS MEETING**
Move Maywood Forward!

THIS YEAR, I WILL

*be more involved in
my community*

NEW 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.

ZONE 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,
Bataan Drive to Roosevelt.

Join your neighbors at 7 pm at St. Eulalia
Church, 1851 S. 9th Avenue
(use Lexington Street entrance).

**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!**



Police Chief Talley and everyone involved with Maywood MAPS salutes those residents who are willing to help make the Village a better, safer place through their input and involvement throughout the year. Thank you!

People & Places

A LOOK BACK AT OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT From Washington, DC to Springfield to Maywood

Detective Lawrence Conner (left) and Police Chief Talley (right) were among over 300 public safety officers of all ranks from around the country who attended a 21st Century Policing Briefing at the



White House's South Court Auditorium.

The briefings are part of President Barack Obama's promise since 2009 to provide law enforcement with the tools necessary to protect the public while ensuring their own safety. The Task Force was designed to identify the best

practices and develop meaningful solutions.

Concordia University is the newest educational institution to encourage student opportunities with the Maywood Police Department and Intern Jorge Ocasio-Comparini traveled to Springfield with Chief Talley for a Recycled Metal Theft Task Force meeting. Jorge has since applied for a police officer position with MPD and took the written exam on December 3rd.



Maywood Explorers Brandon Worthy and Autumn and Sydni Davis assist Chief Talley with social media recommendations. Law Enforcement Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women who have completed the 8th grade

through 20 years old interested in a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system.



21-year veteran Maywood Police officer Aaron Peppers serves as a role model for all officers. Officer Peppers has participated in over 60 marathon races throughout the United States and abroad and has earned countless medals of achievement. He is a strong advocate for health and fitness and makes

himself available to fellow officers and anyone who seeks his advice.

At right, Chief Talley and State Senator Kimberly Lightford celebrate the season at Maywood Park District's Halloween Festival.



Fighting Crime with Cameras

5-Year Verizon Contract OK'd

**Reported by Michael Romain for the Village Free Press
with contributions from Tina Valentino**

The Maywood Board of Trustees recently approved a roughly \$23,000 cost estimate for the installation of three battery-powered, motion sensor surveillance cameras in one of the Village's crime hotbeds—the 17th and Madison corridor. The \$23,000 Verizon cost estimate covers a 5-year contract for the new cameras, which the village would pay in \$480 monthly installments. A one-time preliminary site survey would cost a maximum of \$1,200. In addition, the village would pay \$35/month for wireless service. According to a November 21, 2016 Village memo, the pricing estimate is non-binding and used only for planning purposes.

"[We're targeting] one particular area, a test area, which is one of our hot spots where we have chronic narcotic, prostitution and loitering problems," said Maywood Police Chief Valdimir Talley at a November 30 Legal, License and Ordinance Committee (LLOC) meeting at which the proposal was discussed. "These cameras are sensor-oriented, so they won't be functioning all the time," Talley said. "They would [be alerted] as people walk into a certain area within the projection of the camera. [That's when] the camera will activate."

The cameras, which would be provided by Verizon, are a marked improvement on the roughly 70 closed-circuit security cameras installed by Current Technologies a decade ago, officials said. Earlier this year, the board effectively terminated its contract with Current because of numerous problems with those cameras. In 2013, village officials learned that they had been authorizing monthly bills totaling upwards of \$9,000 for a system in which computer servers were frequently down and 20 cameras were faulty, seven of which were simply broken and 13 of which were working, but rendered inactive due to some other technical glitch. Unlike the Current cameras, which were dependent for power on electric poles, the Verizon cameras would have battery backups and would draw power from a blend of electricity and alternative sources of energy like solar panels, Talley said, adding that the Verizon cameras would replace the handful of Current cameras in the hotbed area. The Chief also recommended that the Village contract with Verizon because the company is a service provider to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Maywood Village Manager Willie Norfleet said that if the Verizon cameras prove successful in the 17th and Madison test area, then the village could consider purchasing more cameras for other areas throughout the Village. Talley said the money for the additional cameras could be obtained through applying for federal grants.

Talley said that, once he and the mayor signs off on the contract, and a site survey is conducted, the new Verizon cameras could be up and running by early next year.



BRINGING VERIZON TO THE TABLE: TRUSTEES MELVIN LIGHTFORD AND TONI DORRIS

"Both Melvin and I brought Verizon to the table for the cameras," explained Village Trustee Toni Dorris. "Upon realizing that we were spending far too much money for a camera system that barely worked, I began to do some research and found out that Verizon could definitely be a winner for the residents while providing affordable services to Maywood. Staff arranged to meet with Verizon and was excited about the products that are available. The combination of affordability and services that go beyond what we have now plus the potential for extensive data collection makes Verizon a win-win for residents, staff and Village management," added Dorris. "All of these factors will assist us in helping our officers fight crime and making better decisions down the road."



Vehicle Sticker Deadline: December 31st

Vehicle stickers must be 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.

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by Mail
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the Online
Payment Center**



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Make payment payable to:
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from the
FIRE DEPARTMENT
Craig A. Bronaugh, Chief



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DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Because of the cold winter season, we will find ourselves having to both initiate and maintain efforts to keep warm in our homes. In doing these things, sometimes accidents do happen. Because of this possibility, as your Fire Chief I am making a personal appeal to every Village of Maywood resident to ensure that you have operating smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your place of residence. These devices are not expensive and can be conveniently found at local neighborhood stores.

The presence and proper operations of both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can notify and protect you from the devastations resulting from fire and carbon monoxide—often referred to as the “deadly duo.” Carbon monoxide, a colorless, tasteless and odorless compound can be a “silent killer” as it is virtually undetectable without the device in your home.

KAREN ROSS SCORES FEMA GRANT

In other news, kudos to Maywood firefighter and EMT Karen Ross for securing a \$51,000 grant from FEMA for our Department. We will use the funds to upgrade our handheld radios to ensure that we continue to communicate effectively. To date, Karen has been able to obtain more than \$100,000 in alternative funding for the Maywood Fire Department and we are extremely grateful to her for her efforts.

Code & Safety

GO HAND-IN-HAND

Permits and Registration Are A Must

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. For more details, contact Community Development/Code Enforcement at 450-4405.

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. For details, call 450-4405 or contact Coordinator of Enforcement David Flowers directly at 450-6368.

Annual Business License Inspections

Code Enforcement and the Fire Prevention Bureau will soon begin their annual Business License Inspections. Inspections are scheduled for the public 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. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Community Development/Code Enforcement Department at 450-4405.

Think Ahead to Spring: 50/50 Sidewalk Program

Property owners interested in participating in sharing the cost of replacing damaged sidewalk areas with the Village must fill out an application and return it to the Public Works Department along with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Once applications are compiled, Village staff will inspect the sidewalks and send cost estimates to applicants. If you have any questions about the program, call 450-4482.

Warm—and Safe

FURNACE, CHIMNEY READY FOR WINTER?

Consider an inspection and cleaning this season

Make sure your home and business heating unit/furnace has been cleaned, inspected and is ready for winter. Be safe and responsible when using alternative heating sources such as wood-burning stoves, kerosene heaters and space heaters. If using a heater that requires fueling, never refill while the unit is operating and do not overfill the unit. You might also want to have your chimney inspected and cleaned if you haven’t done so in a while. Check to be sure that control units and emergency shut offs are in working condition.

from
DAVID MYERS
Assistant Village Manager



Residential Resilience

Was your home affected by the severe storms/flooding between April and May 2013? If so, you may be eligible to receive assistance with home repairs. A program, restricted to suburban Cook County residents, will assist income-qualified owners of single through 4-unit homes with a one-time monetary grant to assist with flood remediation and mitigation upon showing evidence of the damage. For more information, contact North West Housing Partnership at 847-969-0561 or visit the website at www.nwhp.net.

Available Properties Map

Looking to expand? We've got key opportunity sites! Our new Planner/Zoning Officer Josh Koonce recently created a *Maywood Rising: Awesome Opportunities* map to spotlight the best potential sites for developers and local business owners. For a copy, contact the Community Development Department at 450-6351.



From Assistant Village Manager David Myers THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

New Village Hall Hours

Take care of business and bill payment between the hours 8:30 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday. Some services can be completed conveniently and safely through the Village website 24/7 such as paying water bills and parking tickets.



29 New Pedestrian Signs

New signs now provide pavement markings and signage at locations with heavier pedestrian traffic and prompt drivers that they need to stop for pedestrians, particularly seniors and children, within nearly 30 crosswalks near schools, parks and municipal buildings as part of the Village's Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Warning Program.

I-290 Updates

Maywood and IDOT continue discussions on proposed Eisenhower improvements related to access, safety, noise and air pollution and traffic flow. Watch for Town Hall meetings and get updates on the website: www.eisenhowerexpressway.com.

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What to bring to your confirmed appointment on February 18, or March 18, 2017

- Checking and savings account and routing numbers to direct deposit your refund
- Social Security Cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for all family members
- Copy of last year's tax return, if available
- Amount spent on college expenses
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March 18, 2017 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Maywood, IL

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ON THE RIGHT TRACK: YOUR NEW TRAIN STATION



Exciting Metra Station Groundbreaking Ceremony

Photo/story courtesy of Shanel Romain with Michael Romain, Village Free Press

On Monday, November 7, 2016, Maywood officials broke ground on a train depot to be built at the 5th Avenue Metra station in the Village. Among those present (pictured above) were Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins, State Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Village Manager Willie Norfleet and Metra's Executive Director and CEO Donald A. Orseno and members of the Village Board of Trustees.

The station has been in the works since at least 2011 when the Village applied for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program grant to secure funds for the station's construction. Around \$1.5 million of the roughly \$2.3 million project will be paid for with CMAQ funding while approximately \$900,000 will be paid for with escrow funds from the expired St. Charles TIF fund. "This (project) is long overdue," said Perkins. "We're moving forward. When the people get a mind to work, change will come. This is change."

Work has already started to convert land near the proposed train depot into free commuter parking. "This will be an enclosed, heated shelter so commuters will have protection from the elements," said Demetrios Skoufis, a government affairs official with Metra. Maywood Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. said that he envisions the depot as part of a more comprehensive development in the area. "We're hoping this becomes a much more welcoming scenario," said Norfleet. "We're improving the parking

lot across the street and Maywood Fine Arts just built their dance studio. When people get off at Maywood, they're going to see a Village moving forward."

COMING IN 2017!



FROM CHAIRMAN TIM KUS

Why is Historic Preservation so Important?

Historic Preservation is important to all of us because of Maywood's rich architectural and cultural history. It also helps instill a sense of pride of ownership in the community. Maywood's early settlers go back to the time of the Civil War, with the community really coming into its own in the 1880s to the early parts of the 20th century.

Maywood was a very prosperous community with many homes/buildings designed by prominent architects and businessmen—many of the structures are still standing today. To help highlight our rich heritage and, as one of our goals, the Historic Preservation Commission put together a tour map highlighting our landmark properties along with pictures and a brief history of the homes. Within the past year alone, four more properties have been given landmark status. Our portion of the Village website has been updated to help any interested homeowner with the "how to" steps to landmark their home. When people take interest and pride in their homes, the results can be contagious!

Find more information about the Commission on the Village website and remember that the Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Village Hall at 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public, so anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

One of the key projects championed with the Village is the Maywood Home for Widows and Orphans of Civil War veterans at 1st Avenue and Lake Street. It's just one of the many ways we are doing our part to make Maywood great again!



SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Lisa Napoles

Better serving Maywood permit applicants

If you're looking to build, add-on or renovate your Maywood property in any way, your "go to" person at the Village is Permit Technician Lisa Napoles. Lisa joined the staff in October 2016, bringing considerable experience in working with non-profit and municipal agencies to the job. Extremely knowledgeable about the construction and renovation industry and bi-lingual, Lisa is a key player in

the Village's efforts to provide the best service to residents and contractors. Questions? Call 450-4405.

SPEARHEADING HUMAN RESOURCES IN MAYWOOD

LaSondra Banks

Building relationships at every level within the Village



When LaSondra Banks joined the Village of Maywood in July 2016 as its new Human Resources Coordinator, morale improved almost immediately. Her list of "things to accomplish" at the Village is almost as long as her impressive resume of professional experience.

An adjunct professor at Triton in the College of Business & Technology since 2010, she has also served successfully as the Program Director at Maywood Park District; Program Manager of the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative for the Village of Maywood from 2011-2012; Director of Communications for Rock of Ages Baptist Church; and Executive Administrative Specialist and Human Resources Coordinator for McDonald's Corporation.

LaSondra's current responsibilities include overseeing administration of recruitment, retention, legal compliance, benefits and long-term staffing strategies for the Village of Maywood. "We are very fortunate to have LaSondra on our staff at this time when our primary focus is an attitude of service," stated Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. "LaSondra's education, experience and commitment will go a long way in helping us get our union contracts in order, refine our personnel matters and boost morale among Village employees so that they might be more productive on a daily basis and remain with us as we continue to progress. This fall, LaSondra's initiative to invite staff to cheer on the Chicago Cubs through the playoffs and the World Series was truly exciting for everyone who proudly decorated their desks and workspaces with Cubs memorabilia. In a few short months, LaSondra has made great strides!"



Service behind the Scenes

Josh Koonce, the new Village Planner and Zoning Officer, comes to Maywood's Community Development Department from the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association where he assisted 15 Chicago-area municipalities with housing strategies and development opportunities as part of regional Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) efforts. "I am very familiar with affordable housing policies and land-use planning," says Koonce, who is also interested in architecture, historic preservation, landmark designation and community preservation, making him a perfect fit for Maywood. He has already created a Key Properties Map to promote Village parcels that are currently for sale.



OPTIONS FOR MAYWOOD SENIORS

@Westlake Hospital

Free programs available for adults age 60 and older

Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins recently joined Marta Alvarado, Director of Community Services, at a Westlake Hospital Senior Center event on healthy eating during the holidays. The Center is located on the first floor of Westlake Hospital's Professional Office Building, 1225 W. Lake Street in Melrose Park. Free senior activities are offered to members of the Westlake Senior Program. The free wellness program is available to adults age 60 and older, helping community neighbors feel their best with educational, social and wellness programs. To learn more about the Senior Center, call 866-938-7256.

MAKE A RESOLUTION TO JOIN US!

Your Senior Club

Upcoming Events: January through March 2017

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 2:30 pm. For more information about the Club, direct all inquiries to Larry at 708-238-3657.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6: First meeting of the new year with January birthdays, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards. Wear Club T-shirts.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13: Meeting with special guest, lunch, bingo/cards

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 SPECIAL EVENT: WINTER LUNCH & BINGO

at Home Run Inn in Hillside, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. RSVP by calling Larry; see the Senior Club flyer.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27: Meeting with dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3: Regular meeting with February birthdays, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards. Wear Club T-shirts.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 SPECIAL EVENT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Enjoy lunch and entertainment from Noon to 2:30 pm. Contact Larry for more details.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17: Meeting with special guest, lunch, bingo/cards

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24: Meeting, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards

FRIDAY, MARCH 3: Regular meeting with March birthdays, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards. Wear Club T-shirts.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10: Meeting with dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 SPECIAL EVENT: 9TH ANNUAL SENIOR PROM

from 6 to 9 pm at T&JJ's Banquet Hall. See flyer or contact Larry.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24: Meeting with special guest, lunch, bingo/cards

FRIDAY, MARCH 31: Meeting, dancer-cize, lunch, bingo/cards

Seniors enjoyed a Brookfield Zoo trip in September compliments of Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin!



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast January 16

Mayor Joseph T. Tamburino and Village of Hillside invites all area residents to the 16th Annual Breakfast honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which will be held on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Best Western Hotel, 4400 Frontage Road in Hillside. Tickets are \$12 per person through January 9 or while supplies last. Tickets can be purchased at the Village Hall, 425 Hillside Avenue. No tickets will be sold at the door. The theme for the 2017 event is "Believing the Dream-Changing Society." One local person will be presented with the Dream Award for their positive impact on the community.

For more information and tickets, call 449-6450 or 202-4343. You can also find more details on the website at www.hillside-il.org.

park events ROCKED!

Maywood Park District: A Quick Look Back

921 S. 9th Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153 (708) 344-4740
www.maywoodparkdistrict-il.org • Business hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
Follow MPD on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

★ KIDS ARE HOOKED ON FISHING TRIPS!

The Maywood Summer Fishing Trips were and still are a huge success. Youth and parents enjoyed themselves again this year while learning to bait, cast and reel a fishing pole. This year, more parents and volunteers than ever took the time to teach local youth the fun of fishing. Village Trustees Melvin Lightford and Ron Rivers have been providing these trips for over six years and now the Maywood Park District (MPD) has partnered with them. Watch for details on the 2017 events through MPD!

★ MAYWOOD FAMILY DAY WAS PHENOMENAL!

The efforts of just six individuals made this event possible for all Maywoodians! A big shout out to Randall McFarland, Ericka Mister-Smiley, Patrick Winters, E. Olivier, Executive Administrative Assistant Jonette Greenhow and Village Trustee Toni Dorris, liaison to the committee, worked hard to make the September event a blast. If you're not involved, become involved to make 2017 bigger and better. Contact the Mayor's Office at 450-4492.



★ MAYWOOD'S FIRST-EVER OUTDOOR HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

The Maywood Park District was excited to build its first "Haunted Maze" in Veterans Park and, thanks to partnerships with sponsors, MPD provided games, hayrides, marshmallow roasting, face painting, taffy apples and candy to all youth! Proviso East and PMSA students worked to obtain community service hours at the event. Some generous sponsors included:

Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin, Glen Lerner, La Clinica, Maywood Youth Mentoring, Maywood Scouts Park/Troop 78, EA Griffin, Khaled Ali-Citgo in Maywood, Jesse Nolan, Trustee Brandon, McDonald's in Maywood and many others.

MAYWOOD PARK DISTRICT

donation drive

SAVERS

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

NEXT DATE IS JANUARY 7, 2017

11 AM - 1 PM

The Maywood Park District will be having monthly Donation Drive Fundraisers!

We ask that you bring us any used clothing or household goods that you may no longer need

Savers will help us generate funds for the Maywood Park District with every pound of donations we collect! Bag up your donations and drop them off at the Park District! Acceptable items include:

Men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes, small electrical toasters, radios and tools, lamps, bikes, kids toys and games, table lamps and floor lamps, pots and pans, chairs, tables, bookcases, bed/bath towels, blankets, pillows, books, CDs and DVDs.



**If You
Need
Food or
Wish to
Share
Food,
Read This**

If you need fresh produce, bread and other staples—or if you would like to donate or volunteer, these churches and food pantries serve the community all year long, not just at the holidays.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

1001 S. 8th Avenue, Maywood
3rd Friday of each month
9:30am to 11:30am
Carol: 708-681-1242 or 773-218-2360

SECOND BAPTIST

436 S. 13th Avenue
1st Monday (No ID) 9 am til food is gone
1st & 3rd Wednesday (with ID) 11am-1pm
Sandra Green: 708-343-0073

CANAAN AME

801 S. 14th Avenue
Thursdays, 10am to Noon
Emergency? Lynn Miller: 708-681-2744
Donate on Wednesdays

ROCK OF AGES/ VISION OF RESTORATION

1221 W. Madison
Tuesdays, 9 to 11 am at the Spiritual Growth & Development Center
Tanya Clark: 708-344-3774

ST. EULALIA CHURCH

1851 S. 9th Avenue (Gabe at 343-6120)
Thursdays only, 1 to 3 pm
ECHO Food Pantry, Quinn Community Ctr.
Donations accepted

FIRST BAPTIST

2114 Main, Melrose Park (344-7411)
Every Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Donations gratefully accepted

HOUSING FORWARD

1851 S. 9th Avenue, No food pantry but offers a shelter program, supportive housing, employment readiness and more.
Call 708-338-1724 for details.

Visit the Village's website at www.maywood-il.org



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Partners
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.

Maywood has welcomed over a dozen new businesses since the last newsletter!

They include: Antotos Poblanos El Carmeu (fast Mexican food), 603 Lake Street; Brother's Landscaping, 301 S. 3rd Avenue; Court's Hair Studio, 1701 S. 1st Avenue; Kid's Korner Daycare, Inc., 1919 St. Charles Road; Law Office of Brittany Kimble, 847 S. 17th Avenue; Passion Madness Hair Salon, 505 Lake Street; Real Unique Boutique (retail clothing), 1123 W. Madison; Sky Nails Manicure/Pedicure, 1121 W. Madison; VO's Take-Out & Soul Food, 1109 W. Madison; The Weave Shop Hair Salon, 1009 W. Roosevelt Road and Wild Illusion, LLC (hair, dreads and braids), 108 S. 5th Avenue.

KIDS KORNER DAYCARE OPENS



IBERIA HAMPTON



JOE FREELON



In Memoriam

The Village extends its sympathy to the families of Iberia Hampton and Joe Freelon, two individuals who had an impact on the lives of countless residents. Mrs. Hampton, 94, was remembered by nearly 100 people, including Congressman Danny K. Davis, Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough and State Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, at a service held in the gym of the Maywood Park District back in October. Her oldest son, William "Bill" Hampton is a Maywood Park District Commissioner. Her son Fred Hampton, a Black Panther leader, was assassinated in 1969. "Iberia was a mama to so many," said attorney Flint Taylor at the memorial. "The strength and understanding she had—she gave some of it to all of us." Mrs. Hampton is pictured above with Mayor Perkins, her son Bill, Barbara Cole and a YMCA representative at an opening of the Fred Hampton Aquatic Center.

Hundreds gathered again in November at Maywood's Second Baptist Church to celebrate the life of former Maywood Mayor Joe W. Freelon who died of natural causes at the age of 87. Freelon became Maywood's first African-American Mayor in 1981. Throughout his life, he played significant roles as chairman of his church's deacon board for more than 40 years; as an educator; and as someone who served "with dignity, with excellency and with commitment," according to a local pastor.

WANT MORE MAYWOOD NEWS?

All you have to do is send an email request to the Maywood News Email Group at maywoodnews@maywood-il.org or simply enroll through the Village website and regular Village of Maywood news and announcements will come your way!