

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

April 2021

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## GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

### Village Council

**Mayor Rory E. Hoskins**

Comm. Daniel J. Novak

Comm. Ryan C. Nero

Comm. Jessica L. Voogd

Comm. Joseph H. Byrnes

Village Council Meetings  
are held the 2nd & 4th  
Monday of each month  
at 7:00 pm in the lower  
level of Village Hall

**A Warm Welcome  
To All New  
Residents  
And Businesses**

## COVID VACCINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE IN FOREST PARK



The Cook County COVID-19 Vaccination site located in Forest Park at the Forest Park Mall in the former Hobo, 7600 W. Roosevelt Road began administering vaccines on March 25th. As of April 1st an estimated 14,000 doses were distributed. The site is open to all Illinois residents, and starting April 12th eligibility includes ages 16 and older. Forest Park residents that need assistance can contact the Mayor's office at 708-615-6203.

The Forest Park site is open Monday thru Saturday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Appointments are required. Register online at [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov](https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov) or call 833-308-1988 (7am-7pm). Cook County has indicated the site has administered over 31,000 doses per day. This is a partnership of Fema, IDPH and with support services provided by the Village of Forest Park. On March 25th to discuss COVID preventive measures, Mayor Hoskins joined elected officials including Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Governor J.B. Pritzker, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, and Illinois Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, in addition to a number of state and local officials.



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# Village Reminders & Updates

**Reminder: All Vehicle Stickers Are Required To Be Displayed By April 1st.**

## Community Center:

- Summer Clubhouse begins Monday, June 7th and runs through Friday August 13th. Clubhouse is for children ages kindergarten to fifth grade. The camp activities include swimming, field trips, structured games, creative projects and free play. The cost per week is (Resident) \$125 , (Non-Resident) \$150. Space is limited. Contact the Community Center at 708-771-7737. Day Camp is licensed by DCFS.

- Door To Door Transportation is the by appointment only bus service for all Senior Citizens and Disabled residents Monday - Friday. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance and can be scheduled up to 6 weeks in advance. The bus is equipped with a wheelchair lift. The service area is all through Forest Park and 2 miles outside the village borders. Cost is \$1.00 each way.

## Yard Waste Pickup:

- Began April 1st on Thursdays along with Garbage pickup
- Place yard waste in brown bags or in trash cans marked "Yard Waste"
- Stickers available (free) at Village Hall Clerk's Office counter
- Please refrain from raking grass clippings into the street - this will clog sewer drains
- Brush and Branch Pickup - Forestry Department picks up on Fridays
- Please place branches and brush in the parkway (between street and public sidewalk)

## Altenheim Demolition:

Asbestos removal is progressing well on the building. Once the removal is complete and Cook County gives the all clear on the approval, then demolition can begin.



## Police



On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, Sergeant Nicholas Defors and Officer Benito Marti were presented with the police department's "Award of Valor" at a ceremony held at Village Hall. Deputy Chief of Police Kenneth Gross, Lieutenant Chris Chin, Officers Brendan Reilly, Lauren Battistoni, Mohammad Award, Tom Cannon, Detectives Jarlath Heveran and Michael O'Connor as well as Village Administrator Tim Gillian were presented with the police department's "Award of Merit".

These awards were earned due to the actions taken on January 14, 2021 during an incident with a barricaded gunman. Officers responded to a call of a person armed with a gun. The first responding officers located the subject's vehicle and discovered that he was armed with a gun inside an apartment and threatened to shoot officers if they entered. Additional officers arrived on scene and Sergeant Defors calmly spoke with the person trying to convince him to peacefully surrender. During this two hour standoff, the subject pointed his firearm at multiple officers and eventually fired one shot in their direction. All officers worked as a team and relied on their training which ultimately brought this dangerous and tense situation to a peaceful end. The subject was taken into custody and nobody was injured.

All officers risked their own safety and should be commended for their bravery and dedication.

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**Award of Valor:** An award granted to any member for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism by which a member has demonstrated in great degree the characteristics of selflessness, personal courage and devotion to duty.

**Award of Merit:** An awarded granted for outstanding police work which has brought great credit to the Department.



# Forest Park Is Officially A Tree City, USA!



▲ Public Works Director, John Doss and Village Commissioner Jessica Voogd proudly accept the Tree City, USA plaque.

This program recognizes our actions taken to encourage better care of our community forests. We all benefit from cleaner air, shadier streets, and the aesthetic beauty that a well-maintained urban forest provides. This is an acknowledgment of our commitment and helps to increase public awareness of the social, economic, and environmental benefits of our efforts. Our community can take pride in this designation as we join over 3400 other Tree City, USA communities. While providing direction, assistance, and national recognition, this program may also improve the Village's success with potential future grant opportunities. To learn more, visit the Arbor Day Foundation's official website: [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)



## GRILLING FIRE SAFETY

KNOWING A FEW FIRE SAFETY GRILLING TIPS WILL HELP EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.



Only use your grill outside.

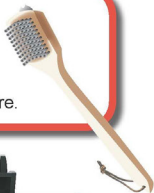
Keep it away from siding and deck rails.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire.

This will keep kids and pets safe.

Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.



Open your gas grill before lighting.

Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.



STAY FIRE-SAFE THIS SUMMER!

**ONLY** place these items in the recycling container



Flattened Cardboard



Paper



Metal Cans



Plastic Bottles & Jugs



Glass



Cardboard Cartons

How to prepare your recyclables



Empty. Clean. Dry.™  
Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid



Don't bag it  
Never put recyclables in containers or bags



**NEVER** place these items in the recycling container

Plastic Bags & Wrappers  
Soiled Paper  
Styrofoam

Clothing & Shoes  
Greasy Pizza Boxes

Tools  
Food  
Toys

Electronics & Batteries  
Construction Waste

Medical Waste  
Yard Waste  
Diapers  
Scrap Metal

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## Play It Again Sports To Open In Forest Park!

Play It Again Sports is heading to Forest Park in early summer of 2021! With over 260 locations throughout the United States, Play it Again Sports buys and sells quality used sporting goods and fitness equipment. They also supply the latest new equipment and accessories from many popular brands.

The owner/franchisee is Oak Parker, Erich Krumrei, who could not be more excited to be in Forest Park and is thankful for early and positive feedback from the community and encouragement from Village Hall.

The store will be located at the former Hallmark location, 7443 Madison Street. Let's give them a warm Forest Park welcome!



## CHIPOTLE Opening Soon In Forest Park



**CHIPOTLE**

Following final approvals from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, construction for the Chipotle digital drive-thru restaurant is planned to start in early summer 2021. As a part of the project a "Welcome to Forest Park" sign will be installed.

The restaurant will also feature dine-in, however the drive-thru is only for pickup orders placed ahead of time using the restaurant's app. This means no menu board, no speaker for ordering, and no ordering allowed at the window. David King, a Forest Parker is working with Jay Javors of Midwest Property Group, Ltd. on the project.



◀ **Commissioner Joe Byrnes greeted Illinois National Guard Staff after dropping off Ferrara Pan candy donations.**