



Village of Hazel Crest
3601 W. 183rd Street
Hazel Crest, IL 60429



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Fall 2019

The Villager

Hazel Crest Community Newsletter



The Vernard L. Alsberry Jr. Municipal Center Opens

The former Hazel Crest Professional Office Park building, located at 3601 W. 183rd Street, is the site of the new village hall. The Village purchased the building last year from the South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority. Design plans to retrofit and renovate the space were presented to, and approved by, the Village Board of Trustees before holding a groundbreaking ceremony last October. The Architect for this redevelopment was Revere Properties, Ujamaa Construction served as Construction Manager and IRH Developments was the Project Manager.

The new village hall is located along 183rd Street, which makes it easily accessible by car and those on public transportation. It boasts updated state-of-the-art space for Building & Inspectional Services, Community & Business Relations, Economic Development, Human Resources, Water, Public Works Administrative Support, village elected officials, banquet and meeting facilities. Police Department personnel and Public Works crew remain at the former village hall location (3000 W. 170th Place) where senior citizen activities and community events are still held.

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You Are Cordially Invited To

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Hosted by the Hazel Crest Youth Commission

Activities | Candy | Refreshments | Fun

Thursday, October 31st
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Vehicle Set Up 5:00-5:45

Trunk or treating is a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating, held in a safe space where car trunks are filled with candy & activities.

Prize for most creative costume!

FREE!

Hazel Crest Family Center
16990 Dixie Hwy.
Hazel Crest, IL

TRUNKS NEEDED!
For more info or to register your trunk: 708-335-9600 X 118

VILLAGE OF HAZEL CREST

HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, November 2, 2019

FREE ADMISSION
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FREE RAFFLE! REFRESHMENTS!
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come Shop 'Til You Drop With Over 20 Unique & Local Vendors!

Craft Demonstration

Bring the whole family!

For More Info Or To Be A Vendor, Call: 708-335-9600 x118

VENDORS NEEDED
Call 708-335-9600 X 118 or email Events@villageofhazelcrest.com

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2019

FREE!

Join us for the annual

Holiday Tree Lighting

Hazel Crest Fire Department
2903 W. 175th Street

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Fun, Activities & A Visit From The Bearded Man In Red!

Hosted by the Community Relations Commission

Veteran's Day Celebration: Saturday, November 9, 2019 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
@ Former Village Hall (Senior Room) 3000 W. 170th Pl.

2019 HOLIDAY LIGHTING AWARDS TOUR: Members of the Beautification Commission will conduct the Holiday Lighting Tour in December. Have your property decorated for judges to consider for an award when they tour the village looking at decorative holiday lights.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community Policing Meetings

Residents should plan to attend the Community Policing Meetings at 7:00pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Family Center (16990 S. Dixie Hwy). Attending meetings is a great way to meet your neighbors and exchange information.

No meetings in November or December; next meeting is January 16, 2020.

The Website has a new look!
Get full event details, up-to-date information, pay your water bill and more! Log on to check it out at www.villageofhazelcrest.org.



IMPORTANT VILLAGE ADDRESSES:

Vernard L. Alsberry Municipal Center
3601 W. 183rd Street
Hazel Crest Police Station (3000 W. 170th Pl.)
Hazel Crest Family Center (16990 Dixie Hwy)
Hazel Crest Fire Station (2903 W. 175th)
Grande Prairie Library (3479 W. 183rd Street)
Hazel Crest Park District (2600 W. 171st)

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Village offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thursday, November 28, 2019 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 29, 2019 Day after Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 New Year's Day

Monday, January 20, 2020 Martin Luther King Jr., Day

News You Can Use

From The Desk of the President

Dear Hazel Crest residents,

Welcome to Autumn, the time of year when temperatures cool considerably and the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter. Shorter days are no excuse for us to slow down the pace. We continue to offer more to our residents, like the Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration (October 31), the Craft & Vendor Fair (November 2) and holiday celebrations.



Most of the village staff have moved into the new village hall offices, located at 3601 W. 183rd Street. We held a grand opening for residents to see the new village hall and I am humbled it has been named the Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. Municipal Center.

I am also pleased to share my election as vice president of the Illinois Municipal League for the 2019-2020 program year.

This year's transition into the Fall season is bittersweet. My family and I want to express heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and support during the illness and death of our beloved J. Diane Adams-Alsberry. As a longtime resident and First Lady, Diane was a volunteer for the village and an advocate for residents. Her tireless dedication and service embodied the words *Hazel Crest Proud*.

Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr.
President

Farewell to Hazel Crest First Lady Diane Alsberry

Known for her grace and strong commitment to service, J. Diane Adams-Alsberry made her transition on August 24th after her second bout with leukemia. We will miss her kind smile and devotion to the community. Rest in Peace.



Census 2020: Be Counted

It is vital that everyone participate in the 2020 Census. If we are not all counted, our communities will get fewer federal resources.

We stand to lose one billion of your federal tax dollars to other states, if you or your neighbors go uncounted. For each person not counted, we lose an average of \$14,000 over the next ten years. Losing this funding would mean drastic cuts to more than 100 critical programs, including Medicaid, federal student loans, and highway funding. We could also lose two Congressional seats, which means reduced representation in Washington D.C.

So, it's imperative that we are all counted. Representation, services and federal dollars are on the line.

As a reminder, there is no citizenship question on the Census. Likewise, federal law requires that Census information remain confidential and individual records cannot be used by anyone, including law enforcement.

We encourage everyone to share this information with family, friends and neighbors. Please urge them to be counted. Help them fill out the form. Show them how to use the webform. Do anything and everything you can to spread the word about the importance of the Census. The impact the Census has on our federal investment will last for more than a decade, so it's critical that everyone is counted. For more information, log on to www.census.gov.

If you're interested in volunteering on the Census 2020 Committee, contact Carolyn Carter at 335-9600, ext. 106.

VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS

Village Stickers will be available to purchase starting Monday, December 2nd. Stickers must be purchased and displayed on or before January 31, 2020 to avoid a penalty. Starting February 1st, a late fee of an additional \$10 per sticker will be imposed. Starting March 1st, a late fee of an additional \$45 per sticker will be imposed.

ALL vehicles registered to a Hazel Crest address require a sticker, even those not operative. Vehicles registered without displaying a valid sticker are subject to fines. For more information, including different vehicle fees, log on to www.villageofhazelcrest.org.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HAZEL CREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION RESIDENTS



Please remember to lock your car doors. Unlocked car doors invite thefts and trespassers into your motor vehicle. In addition, try not to leave anything of value in plain view or in your vehicle when unattended.

Recognition



News from Hazel Crest Police:

Congratulations to Police Chief Mitchell R. Davis, III, on his election as President of the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police.

South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police awarded the following for actions performed while on duty:

- Officer Dashawn Jackson received the Award of Meritorious Service
- Officer Steven Winding received an Award of Valor

Improvements on the Horizon at Mobile Home Park

The Village is working with the new owners of the mobile home park, located at 16902 Dixie Highway, on efforts to improve the area. Impact Mobile Homes (formerly Horizon RV Mobile Homes) has submitted a plan to the Inspectional Services Department that divided the project into three phases:



1. Demolition & replacement of 14 of the mobile units (as pictured) - *completed this Summer*
2. Remove trees that pose a threat (falling onto units & root interference with gas line) - *set for Fall*
3. Safety improvements (i.e. new lighting and fencing around the mobile home park) - *planned for Spring*

2019 Dates & Times for the Composting Facility:

2600 W. 170th Place (near corner of California Avenue and Kaindl Street)

Wednesdays: 8:00am until 4:00pm
Saturdays: 10:00am until 4:00pm

Close for the season: Saturday, December 7, 2019 (or sooner, weather permitting)

Open to Hazel Crest residents only; must have a valid vehicle sticker.

If you have a question or want more information, call (708)335-9600 ext. 200.

Six Homes Tagged for Demo

The Village will tear down another round of abandoned properties through the Fast Track Demolition Process. During the past two years, Inspectional Services has used the ordinance to demolish extremely distressed properties after owners have failed to come forward and take action concerning the property. The six properties now tagged for demo are:

1. 2225 W. 167th St.
2. 16727 Bulger
3. 3309 Laurel Lane
4. 17055 Shea
5. 16863 S. Western
6. 16879 S. Western



Each property has a bright orange sign posted that serves as official notice of our intent for demolition.

Village of Richton Park Job Fair

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Richton Park Community Center
4445 Sauk Trail Richton Park, IL



Questions:
kjones@richtonpark.org

New Businesses to Hazel Crest (July 2019 to present)

Amareno & NK Convenient Store - 17100 Dixie Hwy (Suite A)
Dream Vape & Tobacco - 3164 W. 175th
Gillons Skin Care - 17341 Palmer
JKS Landscaping (Home based office)
Lion Heart Hospice Care - 16901 Dixie Highway, Suite B
NaNu's Helping Hand (Home based daycare)
Pest Police - 16917 Central Park
Sugar Head Ice Cream Bar - 3140 W. 175th
True Patriot Gear - (Homebased office)
Wenco Distribution - 1921 W. 170th

Businesses Coming to Hazel Crest

Circle Metal Specialties - 17451 Palmer
Dialysis Care Center - 18325 Pulaski (units A & B)
Groomology Barber Beauty - 18236 S. Kedzie
Kingstons Jerk - 17565 S. Kedzie
Whip It Luxury Event Venue - 17563 S. Kedzie