

The Villager

Hazel Crest Community Newsletter



Village of Hazel Crest

Winter 2019



Anderson Mikos Architects, Ltd.

Planned hospital after nearly \$98-million in renovation.

Advocate South Suburban Hospital to Expand & Modernize

Over the next two years, the public will see lots of activity on the campus of Advocate South Suburban Hospital (17800 Kedzie Avenue). The hospital is set to undergo a \$97,630,432 expansion and modernization project. Plans include replacing the 45-year old surgical suite with nine larger, technologically advanced operating rooms and three cardiac catheterization labs. Expanded preparation and recovery rooms will serve inpatients, outpatients and their families. Modernization of the existing procedure suite will include five endoscopy and bronchoscopy rooms to serve an increasing aging population that needs timely outpatient diagnostic and therapeutic care. After the expansion, Advocate plans to use vacated space for non-clinical functions including medical staff and administration offices, educational classrooms, and materials management. Project completion is expected by the end of 2021.

Advocate, the largest healthcare system in Illinois, took over South Suburban Hospital in 1971 providing service to the residents of Hazel Crest and the surrounding community.

Join Us For the 2019 Black History Month Celebration! >>>>

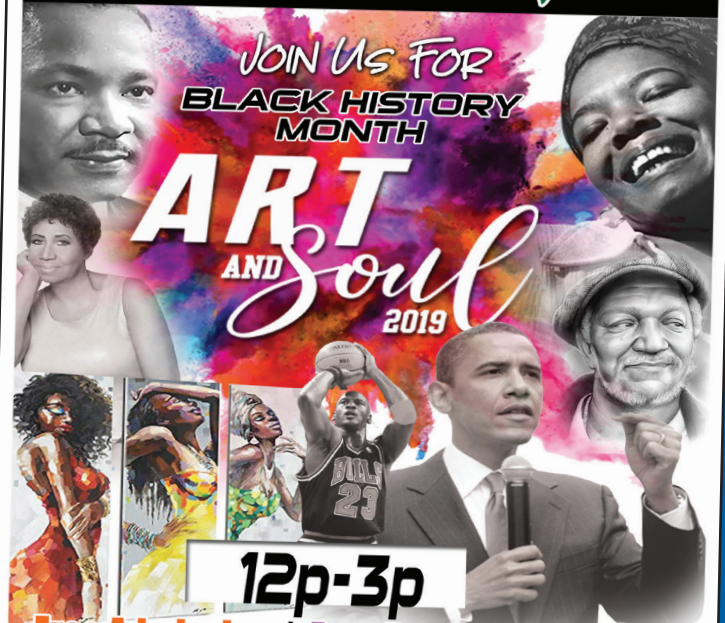
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SATURDAY FEB. 23, 2019



12p-3p

Free Admission | Free Food | Art Vendors

POETS, DANCERS, SINGERS, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS AND MORE!

Open Lands Commission Presentation at 12:00 p.m. "Trees of Africa"

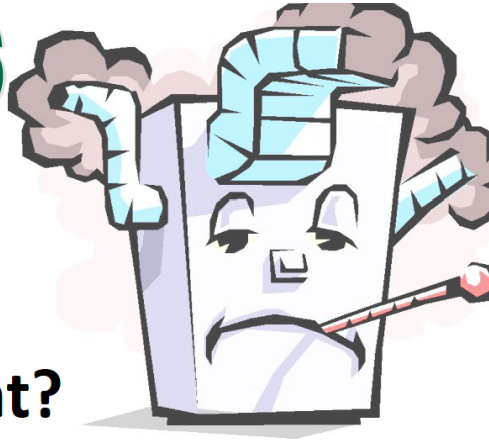
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For More Information: 708-335-9600 x 118

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DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY:

- Proof of current 30-day gross income from all household members.
- Copy of most recent heat and electric bills if you pay for your home energy directly. (Must provide entire bill)
- Proof of Social Security Numbers of all household members (Hard-copy of Social Security cards, print-out from the Social Security Administration or any other form of government-issued identification that shows both name and Social Security number.)
- If a member of your household receives TANF, you must bring their Medical Eligibility Card
- Applicants that have their utilities included in the rent must bring proof of rental agreement stating monthly rental amount, that utilities are included, and landlord contact information. (Rent costs must be greater than 30% of current household 30day gross income).
- **FOR FURNACE ASSISTANCE** Proof of property ownership (two of the following): Current property tax bill, Mortgage billing statement or mortgage payment book, (Quit Claim Deed along with a Mortgage Statement).
 - Vehicle Title (for mobile homes only).

From the Desk of the Mayor



Hello again, residents of the Village of Hazel Crest, Illinois.

As we leave 2018 and enter 2019, I would like to thank all residents for their support as we work to continue moving our Village forward.

In 2018, we accomplished much. More new business came to our village. We repaved more streets at one time than we ever have, and our Village staff provided outstanding programs to our seniors, veterans, youth and families, and businesses.

As we move into 2019, I look forward to working with the Village Board as we continue to renew and repair our Village sewer infrastructure, bridges, parks, lighting in subdivisions, streets and improve daily services to our residents.

In 2019, we will move into our new Village Hall, and after a long delay our new Hazel Crest Metra station opens. Please read and enjoy our first *Villager* of 2019. Review the calendar inside to find the list of events and programs for residents of all ages and interests.

And finally, on behalf of the Village Board and our entire Hazel Crest family, I extend condolences to the family of former Village of Hazel Crest Mayor Dr. Robert B. Donaldson. Dr. Donaldson was a longtime resident of the Village. He served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, was elected as a Village Trustee and served two terms as Mayor from 2005 to 2013. Dr. Robert B. Donaldson, thank you for your years of service to the Village of Hazel Crest.

Hazel Crest Proud!

Vernard L. Alsberry Jr.
Mayor
Village of Hazel Crest



Mayor Alsberry reads a book and answers questions about the story to students at Flossmoor Hills Elementary School.



*Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Citizen of the Year Award
Presented to Vernard L. Alsberry Jr.
for your selfless service to the community.
Chi Lambda Lambda Chapter*



Mayor Alsberry honors seven Hazel Crest residents that are at or near the age of 100 at a special Centanarian luncheon.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Enrolling
Now



A new start date will be announced. Academy classes will be held at the Village Hall. The eight-week, hands-on academy will give participants a look into the inner workings of Law Enforcement. The CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY is open to all Village of Hazel Crest residents, business owners, and employees. Background checks are required before final admission to class. The class is FREE!! Applications available online at www.villageofhazelcrest.org or pick up at the Police Department. For more information, call 708-335-9640.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

January 25th :PPO Ian Dziallo and PPO Erin Farrell graduated from the Chicago Police Academy. While on January 7th, four new officers started their training in the Chicago Police Academy.



3175 W. 175th Street
Hazel Crest, IL
(corner of 175th & Kedzie)

Carwash Gas Lottery Quik Mart



Dale Mitchell (right) was promoted to Deputy Chief of Hazel Crest Police Department. On December 11, 2018, during the Village Board Meeting, he takes the oath of office, administered by Village Clerk Isaac Wiseman (left).



Sergeants Adam Grant and Edward Beard Jr. (pictured 2nd & 3rd) graduated from Class #446 of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.



Fire Department News



Stay tuned for an entrance exam to identify new recruits for the Hazel Crest Fire & Rescue Department. Candidates must apply, pass written/oral exams, physical exam, and background check. Information will soon be available on the village website at <http://www.villageofhazelcrest.org/fire-rescue/>.

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Inspectional Services Recommends: Winter Home Maintenance & Preventive Care

Housing experts recommend developing a system where you inspect one area of your home, per season, to ensure regular inspection of each area. The following list of areas to check may help:

- Check for water leaks
- Have a heating professional check your heating system each year
- Purchase a new -or- test your emergency generator
- Have chimney inspected, clean flues & check fireplace damper
- Inspect & clean dust from the covers of your smoke & carbon monoxide alarms
- Make sure caulking around doors & windows is adequate to reduce heat loss
- Keep firewood at least 20 feet away from your home
- Acquaint responsible family member(s) with the gas main valve & other appliance valves
- Clean the exhaust duct on the clothes dryer, damper and area under the dryer
- Clean the kitchen exhaust hood & air filter
- Check your water heater
- Check water hoses on the washer machine, refrigerator icemaker, and dishwasher for cracks
- Test your sump pump
- Test all AFCI and GFCI devices

Building & Inspectional Services staff remind residents that regular home maintenance and preventive care is less stressful and often less expensive than to pay for unexpected repair bills. As always, Building & Inspectional Services will answer question you may have. Walk-in hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday or call 708-335-9600 X700.

2019 Adjudication Schedule

Inspectional Services: 1st Saturday of the month, 9:00am
Police: 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00am

Hearings are held at the Village Hall Board Room

Inspectional Services Status & Information

Inspections: September 2018 to December 2018

Vacancy checks	65
Various permit inspections	54
Furnace inspections	18
Plumbing roughs & finals	46
Electrical roughs & finals	37
Point of sales	76
Rentals	278
Point of sale & Rental re-inspections.....	122
Rentals Waterford Estate & Versailles Apartments	80
Total inspections	776

Housing Adjudication tickets issued:

160 tickets on docket for September 2018

Adjudication:

59 tickets for October 2018 Adjudication

101 tickets for November 2018 Adjudication

24 tickets for December 2018 Adjudication

Service Requests: 45 Service Request Complaints

Warnings: Two warnings were issued

New Businesses to Hazel Crest (September 2018 to December 2018):

Pink Panini (17505 S. Kedzie) opened September 13th

LA Furniture *new owner (17465 S. Kedzie) opened October 5th

Accurate Biometrics (17504 Carriageway/C) opened October 17th

A New Way to Go DME Supply (17500 Carriageway/D) opened October 29th

Armanetti Beverage Mart 18230 (A) Kedzie opened December 27th

Temp Business, Temp location:
Associated Builders & Contractors (16990 Dixie Hwy) November 2018

OPENING SOON:

175th Cellular Inc. Boost Mobile (17519 S. Kedzie)
Amari Holistic Healing (17100 Dixie Highway/F)
The Cleaning Authority (17504 Carriageway/E)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Inspectional Services Administrative Assistant Margaret Jordan on her significant tenure achievement! Margaret recently celebrated 15 years of employment with the Village of Hazel Crest. Reaching this milestone is a very special occasion for Margaret. It is also a very special occasion for the Village because it is a testimony of her loyalty over the years.

Margaret is a valued member of our team and her continued contributions are vital for the Village to continue to be successful in meeting our stated Mission, Vision and Values. Cheers to many more years!!

Paula Hillery recently joined the Village staff to fill the Code Enforcement Inspector vacancy in our Inspectional Services Department.

Paula holds multiple property maintenance certifications (including ICC, EPA Lead Safe, and ADEM Storm Water) and comes to us directly from historical Mobile, Alabama. She has spent the past 10 years working for the City of Mobile; the last three years she served as Supervisor of Code Enforcement.

We are delighted to welcome her to the Hazel Crest team! If you see Paula around the neighborhood, please give her a big 'Hazel Crest Proud' greeting!



Be In Compliance

1. Pet licenses go on sale on May 1, 2019. Residents may purchase pet licenses at the Village Hall front desk. Cost = \$5 (for each pet). The pet's rabies certificate must be presented at time of purchase.
2. Renewal Season is Fast Approaching for Business Owners, Contractors & Property Owners/Residents. Renewal notices are mailed in March for business permits, contractor registration & alarm permits. Make sure to return all appropriate documents to Building & Inspectional Services for processing.



Hazel Crest Receives Energy Efficiency Award

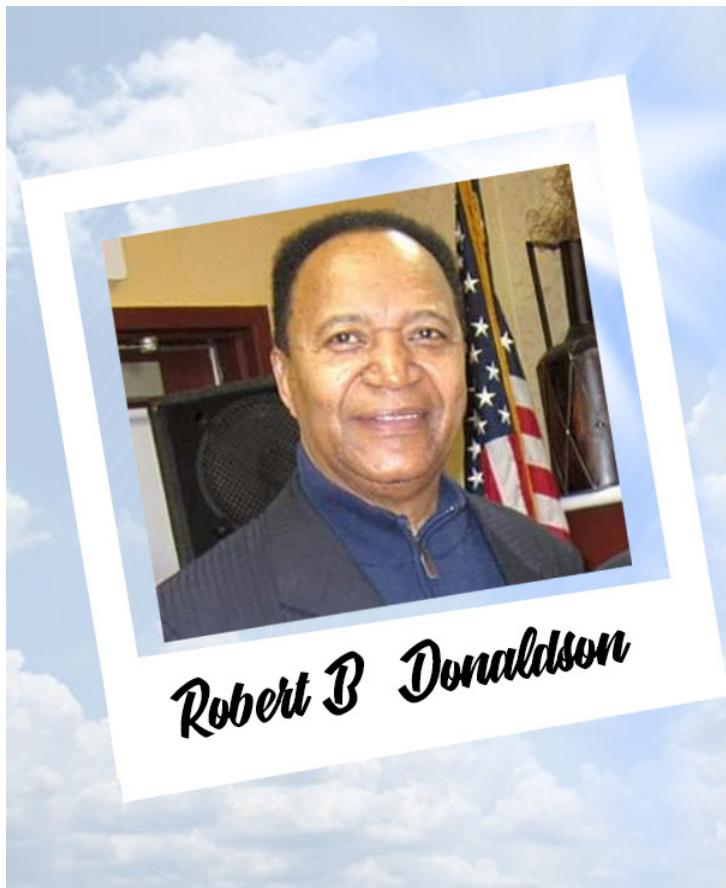
The Village received recognition from Commonwealth Edison for its energy savings in relation to the installation of LED street lights throughout the village. On December 6th, representatives from Com Ed (pictured on stage L to R with Mayor Alsberry: Lisa Aprati, Michael Fountain, and Bonita Parker) presented Hazel Crest with an incentive check in the amount of \$203,358.00 as part of its Energy Efficiency Program. The money reflects the amount the village has saved since installing LED street lights in 2018.

ComEd Energy Efficiency Program

The village received a \$203,358.00 grant.

That equates to:

- 830,874 Pounds of CO₂ reduced
- 309 Acres of trees planted
- 79 Cars removed from the road
- 65 Homes powered for one year



*Sending our
deepest condolences
to the family of*

Former President
Robert B. Donaldson

Years Served 2005 - 2013

*on his recent passing.
Rest In Peace.*



ABC IL Offers Apprenticeship Training Program

Congratulations to the students who recently graduated from the Associated Builders & Contractors Illinois Chapter's Community Builders Program. The ten students (pictured) were part of a 12-week training course to learn core construction & carpentry. Staff with Associated Builders & Contractors (aka ABC IL) was set to start classes for the training program when they hit a snag with the site where classes were to be held. Village officials found out about the issue and immediately arranged for the classes to be held at the Hazel Crest Family Center (16990 Dixie Highway).

From November 5, 2018 through this past January 2019, Community Builder trainees learned skills and benefitted from hands-on training. The space at the Family Center is large enough to accommodate the structures students built.

"We are excited to bring our Community Builders Program to Hazel Crest and hope to receive additional funding that will allow us to continue training and assisting with employment placements in construction for the residents of the Hazel Crest Community," said ABC IL President & CEO Alicia Martin.

The training program, funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, provides individuals the opportunity to learn an in-demand construction craft and follows through with career placements. Participants may enroll in the program with no experience in the industry and leave with a career pathway in construction making better than average wages along with opportunities for upward mobility.

ABC gets participants through the Workforceboard.org (click on American Job Centers). ABC specifically resources for public assistance recipients (people who are unemployed, parolees, people receiving SNAP, those working with a case manager at the state Department of Human Services or receiving TANF) because those individuals would receive their tuition, books and lab fees at no cost. Workforce Development Director Shoshiwa Shields said the training program is open to anyone with an interest. "The main thing that will allow an individual to be successful is their desire."

For more information about Associated Builders & Contractors, Illinois Chapter, log on to abcil.org.



K. Persons (R) prepares to plant a Liberty Apple Tree during the Open Lands Fall Tour Event in September.

Hazel Crest Recognized as a Champion of Trees

The Village of Hazel Crest was named a finalist for the Arbor Day Foundation 2019 Champion of Trees Award. The Foundation recognizes government entities or community-based organizations for conservation efforts such as tree planting and care, Arbor Day celebrations, education, community projects and roadside beautification. Work in the Open Lands Area of the Village (along Kedzie Avenue between 171st and 172nd Street) is the subject of the award nomination. The Foundation will announce winners prior to National Arbor Day on April 26th.

Congratulations to Village Arborist Karl Persons and volunteers of the Open Lands Commission who maintain the trees.

CONGRATULATIONS Spelling Bee Contestants!



On December 5, 2018, seventh & eighth graders participated in School District 152 ½ Spelling Bee. Taking first and second place were sisters Tamia Kelly (8th grade) and Naila Kelly (7th grade); third place winner was 7th grader Frida Flores. All three Spelling Bee winners attend Jesse White Learning Academy.



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Grand Opening



Village elected officials and staff joined owners of Anytime Fitness on January 23rd for its Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Ceremony for the newly built facility at 18232 Kedzie. Residents had voiced the fact they wanted a health fitness facility in Hazel Crest (in 2017 during the drafting of a Strategic Plan for the Village). In May of 2017, the village entered into a Tax Increment Financing (*TIF) Redevelopment Agreement with the owners of the strip mall at 182nd & Kedzie to encourage the occupancy of vacant commercial space – namely to build a fitness facility at the mall for Anytime Fitness. Strip mall owners, Anytime Fitness representatives and Village staff worked on a renovation plan for the 7,192 square foot space. In 2018, after completion of the renovation, Anytime Fitness opened its doors for business. Considered a “soft opening”, the club welcomed the public into the facility for a first look and to sign up for membership. Residents now have no excuses for getting (and staying) fit. Just like the name says Anytime Fitness is accessible to members 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

*TIF Redevelopment Deal allows commercial property owners to be reimbursed for eligible costs that include such things as architectural fees, construction costs & materials, painting, carpeting and the like, but excluding moveable personal property such as furniture, unattached fixtures and equipment.

Ideas to Recycle • Renew • Reuse

- After changing box of baking soda in refrigerator/freezer, put near trash, then pour down drain. One box lasts for months to deodorize several areas of the home.
- At the movie, buy the large tub of popcorn and share. The larger tub (usually) costs less than two individual orders and saves paper.
- Clean the lint trap after drying each load of clothes, so the dryer doesn't get overworked. Periodically put lint trap under hot water/scrub with a soft brush to clean residue that could catch fire.
- Do not throw away clothes/shoes, appliances/furniture; sell through consignment and/or donate. Help others & receive tax credit for charitable donations (i.e. Goodwill/Salvation Army/Purple Heart).
- Instead of expensive teeth bleaching/whiteners, brush with baking soda then hydrogen peroxide. Baking soda and peroxide is gentler to teeth & gums than bleach.
- Keep empty liquid hand soap dispensers. Purchase large refill bottle to re-fill individual dispensers. Also: use one-part water and three-parts concentrated liquid soap; diluted soap still works.
- Keep old pantyhose to use on the hose of your washing machine. Less lint will go down the drain.
- Turn off faucet while brushing your teeth. (Wet brush to start, turn off water, then turn on to rinse). Over time, this will save water.
- Turn off faucet while soaping down and/or washing hair in the shower. Over time, this will save water and energy used to heat the water.
- Use old socks to dust. Socks make GREAT dust gloves. There is finally a use for socks after losing the mate!



HAZEL CREST RECYCLING GUIDE

 <p>Paperboard Boxes - Cereal, Tissue & Frozen Food Boxes</p>	 <p>Flattened Cardboard Boxes</p>	 <p>Newspapers, Catalogs, Phone Books, Paper Bags</p>
 <p>Cartons - Milk, Juice, Broth, Soup & Other</p>	 <p>Junk Mail, Glossy Paper, Magazines</p>	 <p>File Folders, Office Paper, Envelopes</p>
 <p>Aluminum, Tin & Metal Cans</p>	 <p>Plastic Bottles & Containers</p>	 <p>Glass Bottles & Jars</p>



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Recyclables should
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February

- 12 Village Board Meeting - 7:00pm
Village Hall Board Room (3000 W. 170th Place)
- 13 Senior Sweetheart Luncheon - 11:00am
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 16 Grandparents' Tea
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 22 Transworld's Jewelry, Fashion & Accessories Show
Bus Trip (leave from Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 23 Black History Art & Soul showcase & program
12:00pm to 3:00pm
Village Hall Senior Center (3000 W. 170th Place)
- 26 Village Board Meeting - 7:00pm
Village Hall Board Room (3000 W. 170th Place)
- 27 Paint & Sip Adult Art Class - noon
(leave from Park District - 2600 W. 171st)

March

- 1 First Friday Senior Meeting - 11:00am
Village Hall Senior Center (3000 W. 170th Place)
- 12 Village Board Meeting - 7:00pm
Village Hall Board Room (3000 W. 170th Place)
- 13 Lucky Leprechaun Senior Luncheon - 11:00am
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 15 Kids' Lucky Clover Hunt
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 17 March Madness Free Throw Contest
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 18 to 22 Health Madness Week (March Madness)
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 23 Clergy Commission's Unity Prayer Breakfast - 9:30a
Village Hall Senior Center (3000 W. 170th Place)
- 23 Spring Line Dance Party
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 26 Village Board Meeting - 7:00pm
Village Hall Board Room (3000 W. 170th Place)

I ♥ HAZEL CREST
VILLAGE WIDE
CLEAN UP DAY
APRIL 27th
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Village-wide Cleanup Day Saturday, April 27, 2019
 If you are willing to assist for a few hours, meet at the
 Village Hall Senior Center at 9:00am. Refreshments
 served before AND after cleanup.

C A L E N D A R

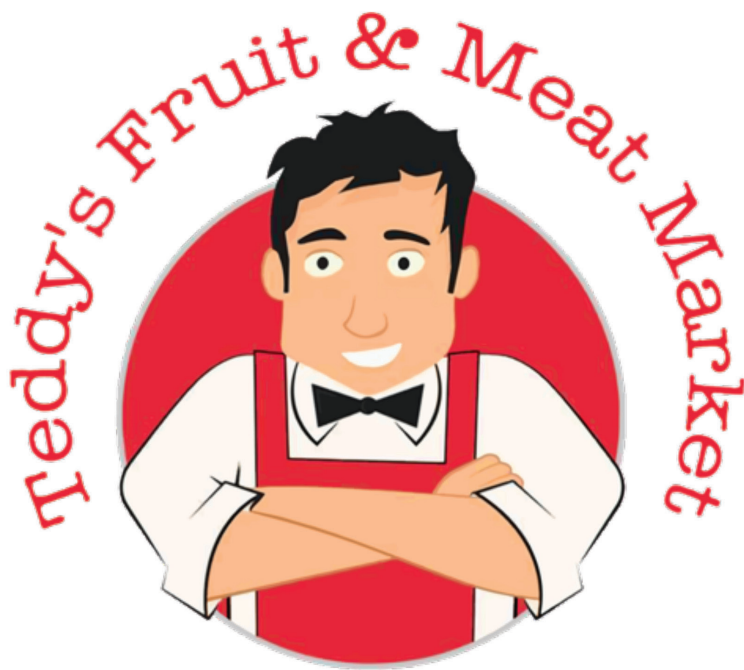
April

- 5 First Friday Senior Meeting - 11:00am
Village Hall Senior Center (3000 W. 170th Place)
- 9 Village Board Meeting - 7:00pm
(3000 W. 170th Place)
- 10 Spring Fling & Fashion Luncheon - 11:00am
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 12 Shopping at Magnificent Michigan City
(leave from Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 19 Game Night (Hosted by Youth Commission) 6:00pm
HC Family Center - 16990 Dixie Hwy)
- 22 Earth Day Seed Giveaway
(Park District - 2600 W. 171st)
- 23 Village Board Meeting - 7:00pm
(3000 W. 170th Place)
- 27 Village Cleanup & Arbor Day Tree Planting 9:00am
start & end at Village Hall Senior Center
(3000 W. 170th Place)

2019 Boards and Commissions Meetings

Administrative & Board Meeting	2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:00pm & 7:00pm
Beautification Commission	1st Monday, 6:30pm
Board of Fire & Police Commission (2903 W. 175th Street)	2nd Wednesday, 2:00pm
Clergy Commission	3rd Thursday, 6:30pm
Community Relations Commission	2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm
Economic Development Commission	3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm
Finance Committee	3rd Wednesday, 5:30pm
Fire Pension Board (quarterly)	4th Wednesday, 2:00pm
Open Lands (2903 W. 175th Street)	2nd Monday, 6:30 pm
Planning and Zoning Commission	2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm
Police Pension Board (quarterly)	4th Thursday, 9:00am
Senior Commission (2903 W. 175th Street)	2nd Wednesday, 5:00pm
Veterans Commission	1st Wednesday, 7:30pm
Youth Commission	3rd Wednesday, 6:00pm

Meetings are held at the Village Hall (3000 W. 170TH Place)
 unless otherwise noted.



17531 Kedzie Avenue

Hazel Crest, IL

Store hours:

Monday thru Saturday

7:00am to 9:00pm

Sunday

7:00am to 8:00pm

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*December 7:
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Holiday Party
- Hillcrest Girls
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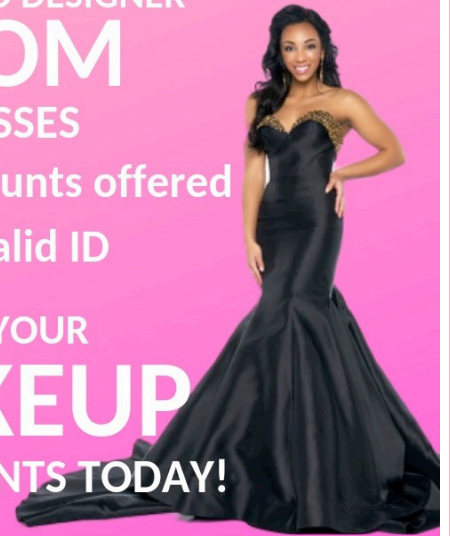
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Public Works Has WINTER Reminders for You:

1. Snow Plowing Reminders:

- * **Remove ALL vehicles from the street after a snowfall of two inches or more (so snow plows can effectively reach the entire width of the street). Police will issue tickets for vehicles left on the street**
- * **It is impossible to avoid pushing snow in front of private driveways when plowing. To avoid frustration, please wait until Public Works has cleared the roadway of snow before finishing the end of your driveway. *Public Works crews will not clear snow from private driveways.***
- * **Do not shovel/blow snow into streets. It may freeze and cause a danger to drivers and emergency responders.**
- * **Set your garbage cans away from the roadway on snow days (after snowfall of 2" or more); remember to retrieve cans as soon as they are emptied to avoid clutter.**
- * **Inspect your curbside mailbox for proper construction and placement away from the curb. Posts should be of 4' X 4" durability and strength. *The Village is not liable for mailboxes damaged during snow plowing.***
- * **Keep children safe. Teach them to stay a safe distance away from the edge of the roadway to avoid contact with the snowplow.**

2. Tree Removal and Tree Trimming will take place during the winter months.

3. Compost facility is closed during winter. Composting re-opens Wednesday, April 3rd (weather permitting).

If you have questions, contact the Public Works Department at (708) 335-9600, extension 200.

