



Village of Hazel Crest  
3000 W. 170th Pl.  
Hazel Crest, IL 60429



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**Summer  
2019**

# The Villager

Hazel Crest Community Newsletter



**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 6, 2019**

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

**Lion's Park**  
169th & Bulger, Hazel Crest, IL

*Meet us at the park for a fun time with neighbors,  
a live DJ, giveaways and more!*

Hosted by Hazel Crest Police Department

## Village Property Surplus Sale

Thursday, August 8th  
&  
Friday, August 9th  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Village Hall Senior Room  
3000 W. 170th Place  
Hazel Crest, IL

**BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS:** Get your yard ready for the Summer Beautification Awards Tour on August 7th. See list of criteria at [www.villageofhazelcrest.org](http://www.villageofhazelcrest.org).

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER**

## Community Health & Info Day

Hazel Crest Village Hall (Senior Room)  
3000 W. 170th Hazel Crest, IL

**Residents are encouraged to attend and take  
advantage of free health screenings and  
services.**

For more information, contact: 708-335-9600, ext. 201  
or email [events@villageofhazelcrest.com](mailto:events@villageofhazelcrest.com)



**TUESDAY  
September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Join us for the first  
Regular Board Meeting  
@ the New Village Hall!  
3601 W. 183rd Street,  
Hazel Crest, IL

**Fire Department Open House: Saturday, October 5th** Hazel Crest Fire Station 2903 W. 175th

### 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](http://www.villageofhazelcrest.org).



### IMPORTANT VILLAGE ADDRESSES:

Hazel Crest Village Hall (3000 W. 170th Pl.)  
Hazel Crest Family Center (16990 Dixie Hwy)  
HC Fire Station (2903 W. 175th)  
Grande Prairie Library (3479 W. 183rd Street)  
HC Park District (2600 W. 171st)



**FEATURING**  
**Sandy Redd**  
Hillcrest Alumni  
NBC's The Voice Contestant



**THE VOICES**



**BLUES LEGEND**  
*Jo Jo Murray*  
& THE TOP FLIGHT BAND

# HAZELNUT

## Parade & Festival

**Saturday,  
August 3, 2019**  
**Parade, Concert & Festival**  
**11a-9p (Fireworks @ dusk)**

**Sunday,  
August 4, 2019**  
**Concert & Festival**  
**12p-5p**

**FREE!!**

**VILLAGE HALL**  
**3000 W. 170TH PL.**  
**HAZEL CREST, IL**

**HOSTED BY**  
**SOUL 106.3'S**  
**DJ LADY RED**

**ULTIMATE CONCEPT BAND**

**INDIKA**

**BOM BOYZ**

**Soul Street COLLECTIVE**

Full details available at [www.villageofhazelcrest.org](http://www.villageofhazelcrest.org)

Presented by the Community & Business Relations Department

### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** Vernard L. Alsberry Jr.  
**VILLAGE CLERK** Isaac R. Wiseman

### TRUSTEES

Mary Grant • Kevin Moore • Ben Ramsey • Marlon D. Rias • Java Rogers • Sandra Slayton

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## News You Can Use

### From The Desk of the President

Welcome to Summer!

The Village of Hazel Crest is ready for the summer. This season in Hazel Crest is marked by beautifully landscaped yards as residents get ready for the Summer Beautification Awards Tour. We have hired workers, ages 16 to 21, as part of our Summer Youth Employment Program. We enrolled incoming sixth, seventh and eighth graders in the academic and cultural enrichment Summer Bridge Program. We will host the annual Hazelnut Parade & Festival and National Night Out Against Crime activities. I want to thank all the volunteers who lend a hand to help with village activities, especially members of our boards and commissions who are gearing up for another program year.

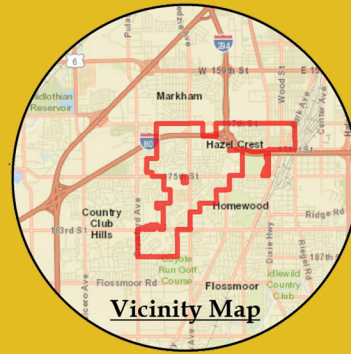
I wish a safe and happy summer to all, and encourage everyone to be Hazel Crest Proud!

Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr.  
Village President



## Federal Grant Awarded For Village's Water System

The Village of Hazel Crest received a \$1.3 million federal grant through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for work to continue protection and improvement of the village's water system infrastructure. The project is scheduled to break ground in Spring 2020. Be on the lookout for additional information about this project and possible impacts resulting from the associated project construction.



**Project Location 1:** 177th Street water main connection Central Park Ave to east drive of Mae Jemison School

**Project Location 2:** Maple Lane water main replacement Elm Drive to Linden Drive

**Project Location 3:** Rear yards behind Poe Avenue 175th Street to 173rd Street

The Water Dept is pleased to report Hazel Crest had no EPA violations for 2018. As in years past, village tap water met all federal & state drinking water health standards. See the full report at <http://www.villageofhazelcrest.org/public-works>.



## Be Informed Squatting vs. Trespassing



**Trespassing:** considered a criminal matter when someone intentionally, wrongfully enters onto another person's land or property without the owner's permission and without a legal privilege to do so.

**Squatting:** considered a landlord-tenant matter when someone moves into a vacant or abandoned property, often putting utilities in their name and getting mail at the property address, openly taking possession to reside there for either a short or long term.

Returning home from a vacation to find someone in your home is very different than leaving a property vacant without deed transfer. Real estate agents report they frequently run into squatters when dealing with foreclosures. If the property was not vacant, Illinois criminal law may make it possible for officials to remove squatters. But Illinois law prevents property owners from taking matters into their own hands to recover their property. Call police to remove the uninvited occupant. If the police are unable to remove them, due to squatters rights, the property owner must go through a civil eviction. Consult a real estate attorney to help you navigate the process.

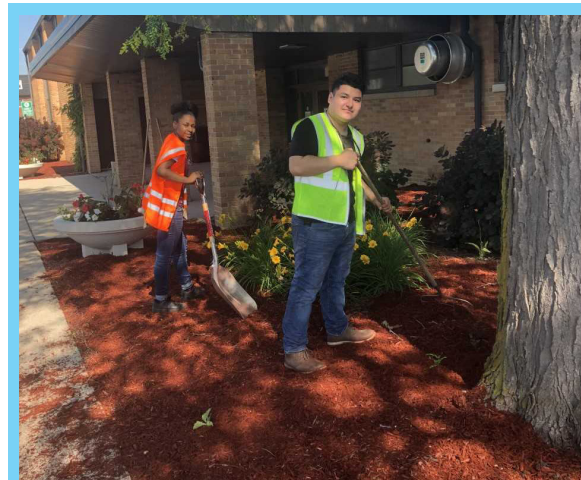
## Recognition



June 4: Groundbreaking for the \$90-million renovation of Advocate South Suburban Hospital. Pictured (L to R): State Senator Mike Hastings, State Reps Will Davis & Debbie Martin, Village President V. Alsberry, Advocate President Rashard Johnson, hospital board members & staff.



June 5: Oasis Beef Hut held its Grand Re-Opening. Owner Miss Ruby (pictured center with raised arm) celebrates 40+ years of, what some call, the "best Italian beef" in Chicagoland.



Resident teens working at Village Hall as part of the Summer Youth Employment Program.



Work will soon start to widen the intersection at 183rd & Pulaski and repave the road down to 175th Street. The Village has partnered with neighboring Country Club Hills on the project.

## Did You Know?

\* Is your toilet running? Take a look inside the tank before you pay a plumber a minimum of \$75 for a service call. Usually a running toilet means the "flapper" at the bottom of the tank isn't closing properly. Sometimes, adjusting the flapper chain or cleaning the seal does the trick, or you might need a new \$5 flapper, which almost anyone can install in five minutes.

## BRANCH PICKUP & TELEVISION DISPOSAL

Each Monday through November 30th, you may leave your properly bundled branches, grass clippings & leaves near the curb along with trash. Do NOT leave TV's outside before calling Homewood Disposal to arrange a special truck to pickup electronics. For info: [www.mydisposal.com/towns/hazel-crest](http://www.mydisposal.com/towns/hazel-crest) or 708-798-1004.

## Businesses Coming to Hazel Crest

Dialysis Care Center - 18325 S. Pulaski

Gillons Skin Care - 17341 Palmer

Kingstons Jerk - 17565 S. Kedzie

LaLa's Land of Learning - 17660 S. Kedzie

Sugar Head Ice Cream - 3140 W. 175th

Wenco Distribution - 1921 W. 170th

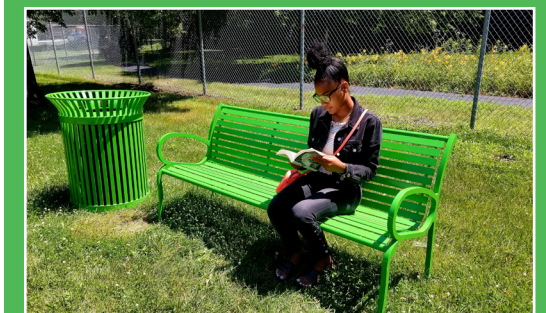


## Watch Out for Scams

A call from a resident who was almost the victim of a scam, prompted this warning to senior citizens. NEVER give out your bank information, social security number, or Medicare I-D number to people contacting you on the phone or email. Some common scams are: (1) notification you won a contest but are required to provide personal information and/or a check to secure prize, (2) claim your loved one has an emergency & needs you to wire money, (3) fake IRS email notifying you owe money & instructions how to wire payment or set up bank payment(s), (4) notification you have a virus on your computer & a number to call for assistance. If you are suspicious of call/email/mail you receive, err on the side of caution and consider it a scam.



Looking for employment? Available opportunities will be listed here in future publications and can also be found on the website at [www.villageofhazelcrest.org](http://www.villageofhazelcrest.org).



What are your thoughts on the new benches that have been placed around town?