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Changes on the Horizon for Aurelio's



Work has begun at Aurelio's Pizza after receiving Board approval for an outdoor dining area and improvements

to the front and side facade. The improvements also include paving the rear parking lot within two years, which should provide diners with plenty of parking options.



18810 S. 88th Ave., located in the Corporate Corridors North Business Park



Point Blank Range and Gunshop recently opened

in the Corporate Corridors North Business Park. Point Blank will offer gun enthusiasts an opportunity to practice their marksmanship in a safe and controlled environment. In addition to rifle and gun ranges, Point Blank will feature classes, training, and retail sales.

DON'T FORGET TO



**Tuesday,
November 8th**

Not sure where to vote???
Visit our website for a link to the Clerk's "Polling Place Lookup"

**Early voting available at
Village Hall, 8:30am to
4pm through Friday,
November 4th**

Don't miss this annual holiday tradition!

Christmas Fest November 19th

The Chamber of Commerce is once again kicking off the holiday season with a day of family fun festivities. We've listed some of the activities below, however, a full schedule can be found on the Chamber's website at mokena.com or contact them at (708) 479-2468.

Mokena Elementary School

- * Santa's Workshop: 10a - 2:30p
- * Lunch & Pictures w/Santa: 11a - 1:30p
- * Entertainment (Balloon Artist & Magic Show): 11:30a - 2p

Downtown Front Street

- * Village Tree Decorating: 12p - 4:30p
- * Parade of Lights: 5pm
- * Tree Lighting & Caroling: immediately following parade

VFW, 19852 Wolf Road

- * Family Dance: immediately following tree lighting

News & Announcements



Darvin Furniture, which operates a 200,000 square foot showroom in Orland Park and a 218,000 square foot state-of-the-art distribution center in Mokena, was recently selected for the award by the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, an organization representing more than 20,000 stores of all sizes and merchandise lines across Illinois.



Darvin, which started out as a door-to-door sales enterprise in the 1920s and opened its first brick and mortar store in Chicago in the 1940s, chose Mokena as the site for its distribution center in 1999. In recent years, Darvin has hosted numerous weekend sales events at the distribution center, generating high volumes of local sales tax revenue used to help fund road maintenance, police protection, and other core public services that directly benefit Mokena residents.



Mokena-based Provisur Technologies was recent-

A prominent area business with a significant

presence in Mokena has been named Illinois Retailer of the Year. ly named as one of the ten most innovative companies in the Chicagoland area by Crain's Chicago Business.



The manufacturer and provider of machines for restaurant chains that form hamburgers, chicken nuggets, and filets, as well as grinding, mixing, cooking, and slicing equipment, came in 6th on the list, which was published in the October 3rd edition of Crain's.

Founded in a Mokena resident's garage back in the 1970s as a company called Formax, Provisur was awarded 7 patents in 2015 alone. The company employs 550; nearly 100 of those employees are precision engineers.

Congratulations to both companies for these well-deserved recognitions!

Historically Speaking

The wheels are turning for Pioneer Memorial Cemetery's designation as a historic county landmark. Now that the nomination has received official Village Board support, it's in the hands of the Will County Historic Preservation Committee to provide their stamp of approval. A special note of thanks to Matt Galik for initiating the historic landmark nomination and to the Village Board, Mokena Area Historical Society, Mokena VFW, and Veterans Garage for their support.



Mokena Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA) is looking for new volunteers. Although membership requires dedication and a willingness to help others under adverse conditions, it does not require a large commitment of spare time. On average, ESDA members attend two meetings and work three or four emergencies or community events each month. Members are provided with all necessary training, uniforms, and other equipment. Mokena or Lincolnway residents 18 years and older are eligible to apply. If you think you would like to become an ESDA volunteer, please contact Greg McElyea at (708) 372-6869 or (708) 479-3922.

FREE Leaf/Branch Pickup
 November, 16th
 Call (708) 479-3900 to schedule a pickup or
 schedule online at mokena.org



The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. Your Elected Officials and Staff appreciate the opportunity to serve you and wish you and your family a joyous & healthy holiday season.