

# Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

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## Distinctly American

Thanksgiving is a simple, distinctly American holiday. Established by declaration of President Lincoln in 1863, it celebrates the bounty with which we as Americans have been blessed.

In honor of Thanksgiving, the Mokena Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

Mayor Frank Fleischer, Clerk Pat Patt, the Village of Mokena Board of Trustees, and all Village staff wish you and yours all the best at this special time of the year.

Happy Thanksgiving!



## Christmas Fest is Tomorrow!

Mokena officially rings in the holiday season tomorrow, kickin

g off a number of celebrations to be enjoyed by family and friends across the community in the coming days and weeks.

Highlighting tomorrow's activities will be the Christmas Parade of Lights down Front Street at 5 p.m., followed immediately thereafter by the Village Tree lighting ceremony and caroling at the southwest corner of Front and Mokena.

Many other activities are planned, including the following:

- **Santa's Workshop and Crafters:** 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mokena Elementary School. Children can create their own Christmas decorations and write letters to Santa. Grown-ups can start Christmas shopping with the community's local crafters.
- **Lunch and Photos with Santa:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mokena Elementary School. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. Individual photos with Santa are \$5 each. Hair styling will be done by The Mane Tamers.
- **Entertainment:** 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mokena Elementary School. Master Ron will perform his balloon artistry and magic show.
- **Village Tree Decorating:** 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to create their own decorations and hang them on the Village Tree located at the southwest corner of Front and Mokena streets near the Metra lot.
- **Hot Chocolate and Cookies:** 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at FNBC Bank on Front Street.
- **Family Christmas Dance:** Families will gather at the Mokena VFW on Wolf Road immediately following the Village Tree lighting and caroling. The dance will last until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with kids younger than two years of age free.

The traditional Mokena Christmas ornament, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Mokena Community Library District, will be available for purchase at the Chamber office on Wolf Road and at MES.



resulted in financial obligations being met and a healthy fund balance.

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## **Lock It or Lose It**

Recently, the Lincoln-Way area has experienced an increase in vehicle burglaries. In most incidents, the cars that were entered were left unlocked with valuables in plain sight, making them convenient targets.

Please remember to lock your vehicles when leaving them unattended, and protect your valuables by hiding them from plain view. Whether you're parked for a quick run into a local business or overnight on the street, help the Mokena Police Department keep you safe by locking your vehicle's doors.

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## **Night Runner Alert**

With shrinking daylight hours, visibility is now a big issue on Mokena's busy streets, particularly during late afternoon/early evening commuting hours.

If you're a runner or walker, consider wearing reflective clothing and/or a headlamp to alert motorists to your presence on the street.

Stay safe while you're staying fit!