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Village of Mokena NEWS You Can USE

Holiday Wishes

With greetings of peace and prosperity, your Elected Officials and Staff wish the very best for you and your family during the holiday season. May you enjoy all the best now and throughout the coming year.

News and Announcements

Auditors Declare Village Financially Sound



The Village of Mokena is in sound financial shape, according to Wipfli, LLP, an independent auditor examining the Village's books.

Highlights from the audit include:

- Over the past few years, due to the uncertain economy accompanied by the State of Illinois' ongoing fiscal challenges, management has recommended that a fund balance of 33% of expenditures be maintained. The June 30, 2016, ending fund balance was approximately 42% of expenditures.
- Over the past few years, your Village has refinanced three bond issues (for Lake Michigan water, transportation, and downtown improvements) and paid off a debt obligation to Tinley Park for Lake Michigan water system improvements, saving Mokena taxpayers approximately \$1.2 million over the term of the combined repayment schedules.
- Both of the Village's pension funds (Police Pension and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) are stable. Based on the Illinois Department of Insurance's 2015 Biennial Report, the Village's Police Pension Fund was ranked 8th highest out of 352 Police Pension Funds for funding levels.

The audit confirmed that your elected officials' conservative approach to budgeting has resulted in financial obligations being met, a healthy fund balance and a AA+ bond rating.

Don't Drink and Drive . . . Call for a Ride



As in previous years, **free** rides home on New Year's Eve (11pm to 4am) will be available for those who feel they would not be able to drive home safely. Details will be available on our website mid-December or call us as (708) 479-3900. This service is being sponsored by your local businesses.

Holiday Schedule

The Village Hall will be closed on December 23rd, 26th, 30th and January 2nd in observance of the holidays. On a related note, garbage and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, December 28th and garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, January 4th. In addition, you can find the 2017 recycling calendar on the back page.



Please remember our less fortunate neighbors this holiday season. A collection box is located at the Village Hall for new, unwrapped toys. Donations will be given to Mokena/Marley FISH who will then distribute the toys to local needy families.

2017 RECYCLING CALENDAR

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2017 Holiday Pick-up Schedule

Garbage/Recycling will be picked up on the normal Tuesday schedule except for the five holidays listed below:

- **New Year's Day** - **Garbage** will be picked up on Wednesday, January 4th
- **Memorial Day** - Garbage/Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, May 31st
- **Independence Day** - **Garbage** will be picked up Wednesday, July 5th
- **Labor Day** - Garbage/Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, September 6th
- **Christmas** - Garbage/Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, December 27th

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING - Call NuWay at (708)479-9555 to schedule a pickup.

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