

Village of Mokena NEWS You Can USE



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Free Garbage February



It pays to be a senior in Mokena. In February, all of Mokena's registered seniors (65 and older) will receive a **free month of refuse service**. That's a savings of up to \$16.74.

How do you know if you're a registered senior? Review the refuse portion of your utility invoice. The already reduced refuse rate for seniors is \$14.81

for condo/townhomes and \$16.74 for single family homes. If the rate is higher, let us know. There's still time to register and receive your free month.

How do I register? Apply in person, print the form from our website, or give us a call at (708) 479-3900 and request the senior discount form by mail. If utilizing the mail option, include a copy of your drivers license along with the completed form. We are pleased to provide these savings for our seniors. If you have any questions, please give us a call. We'll be more than happy to help you.

In addition, **registered** seniors will continue to receive a monthly discount of \$.86/month on the refuse portion of their utility invoice. This discount equates to a total annual savings of approximately \$24-26.

We value the senior population of our community. This is just a small way for us to say "thanks for all you do".

What's New

Board Action that Impacts You More Bang for your Buck



Good News! The Village of Mokena continues to have the lowest municipal tax rate of 23 Will County communities, and a total tax rate (all taxing districts combined) lower than 8 similar Will County municipalities. Mokena's Village Board unanimously approved the Village's

2016 tax levy, with a forecasted tax rate of **\$.2522** per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation (EAV), a rate slightly **lower** than the current rate of \$.2597 per \$100 of EAV. Mokena's municipal tax rate compares favorably with those of neighboring communities New Lenox and Frankfort. New Lenox's municipal tax rate checks in at \$.3358 per \$100 of EAV, while Frankfort's is \$.3388 per \$100 of EAV. Even with their property tax rebate, New Lenox's total tax bill is still higher than Mokena's when comparing a \$300,000 home.

Always be Prepared



The Mokena Police Department recently received a certificate of completion from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System's (ILEAS) Emergency Preparedness Program. Simply put, your Police Department has enhanced their readiness to respond, request, and accept mutual aid resources in the event of a natural or man-made emergency. Mr. Michael D'Amico, Regional Planning Coordinator for ILEAS, stated that out of the over 1,000 law enforcement agencies in Illinois, less than 10% have achieved this certification.

ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

Call **NuWay Disposal** at **(708) 479-9555** to schedule a pick-up for your old, unwanted electronics. Items will be picked up on the next available garbage day.

Winter Safety

Street Cleaning

Your public works crews are trained to remove snow from Village streets as quickly and efficiently as possible, so you and your family can conduct your normal daily activities with as few disruptions as possible. Although not perfect, we strive to deliver the best service we can 24/7/365. Here's how you can help us provide you with better service!

- Monitor forecasts in preparation of upcoming inclement weather.
- Please remove your vehicle from on-street parking when accumulated snowfall is expected to exceed a depth of 2".
- Please refrain from blowing or shoveling snow on streets after they have been plowed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding snow removal, please feel free to contact us at (708) 479-3900.

Warming Center

With the cold winter months ahead of us, the Village Hall is available as a temporary warming center if the need arises. Call (708) 479-3911 to make arrangements. In addition, we urge residents to check on relatives & neighbors, especially the elderly and those in poor health, during the winter months.



Being aware of what's going on around you is important. And being aware is easier than ever before, thanks to a crime mapping tool available through the Mokena Police Department.

CrimeReports is a web-based program that uses icons to identify crimes and superimposes them on a Google map to show the general area where the incident occurred. Information about incidents is streamed in "almost" real time. The program can be readily accessed by clicking on "Crime Reports", located on the left side of Mokena's homepage. In addition to keeping you informed, the mapped information also helps police officers get a picture of what's going on in various parts of the community. Become more informed, sign up for crime alerts today.

Discover Mokena



Just in time for your holiday parties, **Popeye's Louisiana Chicken** officially opened their doors for business on December 14th. Popeye's joins **Advanced Auto Parts, Ashley Furniture, Autumn Dental, Brookhaven Marketplace, Charter Fitness, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Dollar Does It, Health Nutz, Martinizing Dry Cleaners, Nail Palace and Spa, Sport Clips, TTS Granite and VIP Foot Spa** in the Mokena Town Square plaza, located at the northwest corner of LaGrange and LaPorte Roads. Help support our local business community . . . Discover and Shop Mokena.



Mayor Fleischer spread holiday cheer to several local charitable and civic organizations as he distributed funds from the 2016 Mokena Mayors Charitable Foundation's Golf Outing. This year's proceeds topped out at over \$21,000 for an aggregate total of \$296,000+/- since its inception in 1990.

Congratulations to the 2016 recipients; Boy Scout Troops 40 and 725, Cub Scout Pack 39, Girl Scout Service Unit 41, Journey Pregnancy and Life Hub, Lincolnway Special Recreation, My Joyful Heart, Mokena Cancer Support Center, Mokena/Marley FISH, Mokena Senior Citizens, Mokena Woman's Club and Will County Children's Advocacy Center.