

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

Mokena e-News

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Mexican for a Day

It doesn't matter if your heritage includes kilts or lederhosen.

Today's a day when one and all can don the sombrero and celebrate with our amigos from south of the border.

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Wolf Road to be Closed at Metra Rail Crossing May 24

Mokena residents, businesses, and visitors are advised that Metra will be closing its railroad crossing at Wolf Road starting May 24 to make improvements within the street right-of-way.

During the expected one and one-half week closure, traffic will be detoured to 191st Street, LaGrange Road, and LaPorte Road. Directional signs will be posted.

Regular Metra passenger service on the Rock Island Line should be unaffected by the crossing work.

Metra's maintenance work, when completed, should make for smoother travel on Wolf Road through Mokena's downtown area.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding while Metra makes these improvements to its crossing.

Need additional information regarding the upcoming closure? Contact Public Works at (708) 479-3900.

WOLF ROAD METRA TRACK CROSSING REPAIRS MAY 24TH TO JUNE 2ND



Pooling of Ponds

Bundling makes sense, even when it comes to stormwater retention ponds.

Taking advantage of volume discount pricing, your Mokena Village Board last month approved a contract with Clarke Aquatic of St. Charles to service a bundle of eighteen ponds scattered throughout the community as part of Mokena's seasonal, bi-weekly pond maintenance program.

Clarke outbid two other firms for the contract. The St. Charles-based company's price of \$20,356 was 46% lower than that of the highest bidder, and 26% lower than that of its closest competitor.

Services to be provided by Clarke from now through September include pond water monitoring to ensure a healthy aquatic environment, the application of chemicals to address water quality, and the provision of aquatic vegetation (algae) control.

Dauphinais Fills Planning Commission Slot

The Village of Mokena Board of Trustees has ratified the appointment of Rob Dauphinais to fill a vacant slot on the Village's Planning Commission and an alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals left by the resignation of Richard Cantwell, who recently retired and relocated to another state.

Ratification came at the Board's April 24 meeting.

Mr. Dauphinais is Director of Foundations for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. His educational background includes a B.A. in Economics and an M.S. in Sport Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

New Tree Tips

With spring having sprung, now is an excellent time to get some professional advice on new tree care.

Fortunately, such help is right at your fingertips, thanks to a one page list of new tree tips developed by Phil Graf of Graf Tree Care, Inc., Mokena's consulting arborist.

Topics covered in the publication include the following:

- Water management
- Mulching
- Pruning
- Staking
- Fertilization



Click on the link below for all the details!

[New tree tips](#)

Scholarships Available

Are you a Mokena resident? Are you or your child planning to attend college later this year? If so,

financial aid may be closer than you think.

The Mokena Mayors Charitable Foundation is awarding three \$1,000 scholarships this summer in honor of former Mayor Ron Grotovsky and former Trustees Gary Chase and Jane McGinn.

To qualify for one of the \$1,000 stipends, applicants must live within the corporate limits of the Village and be enrolled or enrolling for the Fall, 2017 semester at a two or four-year institution.

Scholarship fact sheets and applications may be picked up at the Mokena Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter Street, or downloaded from the Village's website by clicking on the link below.

Application deadline is Friday, June 16.

Winners will be announced in July.

For additional information, contact the Village at (708) 479-3900.

[Scholarship application](#)

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