

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

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The Stuff of Legends

His prominent role in the growth, shaping, and development of the Mokena community over the past three decades is undeniable.

Surrounded by past and current elected officials, staff, family, and friends, John Mazzorana was honored April 9 at his final Board meeting as Village Trustee for the Village of Mokena.

Read on below for more on Trustee Mazzorana and his extraordinary record of service to the Mokena community...



Trustee John Mazzorana Resigns; Honored by Peers

A statesman to the end, Trustee John Mazzorana officially resigned Monday evening from your Mokena Village Board.

Reading from a carefully prepared and thoughtfully crafted letter, Trustee Mazzorana cited health concerns as the reason for his resignation, saying "...over the past several years I have been dealing with various health issues that now prevent me from devoting the time I believe is necessary to properly represent our residents".

Village elected officials later honored him with a resolution, and community leaders from both the past and the present showered him with gifts, remembrances, and appreciation.

Mr. Mazzorana served as a Village Trustee for 25 years. Having first been elected to the Village Board in 1993, he was elected to seven consecutive four-year terms. That service as Trustee was preceded by six years on the Mokena Community Park District Board, where he served four years as Board President.

For more on Trustee Mazzorana's legacy, click [here](#) to connect to Susan DeMar Lafferty's article published earlier this week in the *Daily Southtown*.

Spring Leaf and Branch Pick-Up is Wednesday, April 18

The Village of Mokena's first Spring leaf and branch pick-up is set for Wednesday, April 18.

A long-standing service provided free of charge by the Village, the leaf and branch pick-up program is available throughout the corporate limits of Mokena.

To arrange an April 18 pick-up, call (708) 479-3900. Better yet, click [here](#) to schedule your pick-up electronically.

Village staff will collect only bagged leaves and branches no longer than 8' in length. Regular refuse, grass clippings, and yard waste will not be collected as part of the free leaf and branch pick-up program (regular refuse will be collected by NuWay Disposal at its regular time on Tuesday, April 17).

Leaves may be bagged in either paper or plastic bags, although paper bags are preferred.

Branches should be tied with twine or string. A branch length of 3' or less is optimal.

Refuse totes or drum-type containers should not be used for leaves or branches.

A second free leaf and branch pick-up will be conducted on Wednesday, May 9.

Clean-Up Day is Saturday, April 21

Mokena's 2018 Clean-Up Day is just a week away.

Clean-Up Day activities will start with sign-in at Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter Street, at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21. Activities will run throughout the morning and conclude with a free lunch for participants around noon. To pitch in and help, simply show up at Village Hall at 9 a.m.

Neighborhoods wishing to coordinate their own area clean-ups may receive support from Village staff by calling (708) 479-3930 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. through Friday, April 20.

For further information, contact Rich Massey of the Village's Community Development Department at (708) 479-3930.

Clean-Up Day is sponsored and coordinated by Mokena's Community Affairs Commission with generous support from Mokena and Lincoln-Way area businesses, civic organizations, and individuals.

Mokena Police Need Your Help

Mokena Police are asking you to team up with them to help proactively deter burglaries from parked vehicles throughout the community.

The Lincoln-Way area has experienced an increase in the number of these types of crimes recently, most frequently by out-of-area suspects during overnight hours. The common denominator in most of these vehicle burglaries is an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway

or on the street with valuables left out in clear view for would-be thieves. In some cases, the vehicle keys or a proximity fob have been left inside the unlocked vehicle, resulting in the vehicle being stolen. Open, unsecured garage doors additionally invite criminal activity.

Police are encouraging you to help prevent these types of crimes by being "eyes and ears" for your neighbors and the community at large. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call 911. Descriptions of suspicious people and their clothing, along with vehicle descriptions and license plates, are extremely helpful.

Proactive overnight patrols are conducted by Mokena Police personnel on a regular basis, using both marked and unmarked vehicles. You can help them deter potential crimes by taking the following simple steps:

- Lock your vehicle.
- Remove valuables such as wallets, purses, laptop computers, and phones from your vehicle while it is unattended.
- If removing valuables from the vehicle is not practical, place them out of view. Make sure you lock the vehicle.
- Every night before going to bed, conduct a security check at your home. Ensure your vehicles are locked, that your garage door is closed, and that your residence is secured.

The above steps take only a few minutes, and can help prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.

Have additional questions regarding how you can partner with Mokena Police to make the community safer? Contact Crime Prevention Officer Dennis Boardman at (708) 479-3912.