

# Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

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## Simple Pleasures

It looks like a great weekend to enjoy a few of the simple pleasures Mokena has to offer.

Grill a steak out on the deck.

Take a relaxing stroll in the Hickory Creek Forest Preserve.

Play with the dog.

Whatever you choose to do this weekend, may it bring you a healthy dose of joy and refreshment.

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## Board Suspends Codes to Support Local Businesses

While the COVID-19 crisis is far from over, things are certainly looking better now than they were a month or so ago.

In anticipation of Illinois entering Phase 3 of Governor Pritzker's "Restore Illinois" Plan, your Mokena Village Board approved a resolution May 26 suspending certain Village codes (effective today) in support of local businesses.

Perhaps most significantly, the resolution suspends provisions related to outdoor dining, paving the way for local Mokena restaurants to offer outdoor sit-down (al fresco) options for their customers. Of course, in the name of public health, certain provisions contained in Phase 3 of the Plan will apply, including the following:

- Tables must be at least six feet apart
- Tables must be kept away from sidewalks where possible
- Restaurant staff will be required to wear face coverings

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## 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.

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](#)

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## **Police Bringing Back Popular Programs**

Starting June 1, the Mokena Police Department (MPD) will be bringing back a couple of programs suspended earlier this year in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

The prescription drug drop-off box, located in the lobby of the MPD facility at 10907 Front Street, will once again be accessible to residents during regular business hours. *(As a reminder, needles and liquids are not accepted in the drop-off box.)*

MPD staff will also begin scheduling child safety seat inspections on Monday. Moving forward, trained police officers wearing personal protective equipment will once more be available to assist with the installation of your child's safety seat.

Have questions or need more information? Call the MPD at (708) 479-3912.

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## **Watering Restrictions in Effect**

All Village of Mokena residents are reminded that seasonal watering restrictions are now in effect, and will remain in effect throughout the summer season.

The Village is currently operating under standard summer GREEN ZONE restrictions, which means that outdoor lawn watering is allowed on an odd/even basis from 7-11 a.m. and from 7-11 p.m. On odd-numbered days of the month, residents with odd-numbered addresses may water their lawns, and on even-numbered days of the month, residents with even-numbered addresses may water their lawns.

Special exemptions to the watering restrictions are allowed for residents establishing new lawns. To be eligible for the exemptions, however, residents must first obtain a permit from the Village's Community Development Department.

For more information on seasonal watering restrictions, simply click on the link below or call the Village's Public Works Department at (708) 479-3900.

Thank you for helping us conserve our precious Lake Michigan water resource!

[Watering restrictions](#)

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## **Residential Burglary Scam Alert**

The Mokena Police Department (MPD) is advising residents to be aware of residential burglary scams.

In such situations, individuals typically represent themselves as utility representatives and seek to lure you into your back yard. While you're distracted and out of sight, accomplices enter your residence.

Should one or more strangers approach and attempt to engage you at your residence, you should always ask for identification. If in doubt about the individual(s) and whom they claim to be representing, don't hesitate to contact the MPD.