

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

Mokena e-News

October 15, 2019

Nature's Palette

Need some color in your black and white life?

Look all around you.

Peak foliage is nearly upon us.

These next couple of weeks, take a short walk (or two or three!) through your neighborhood or a longer hike through the Hickory Creek Forest Preserve. Slow down and immerse yourself in all the glorious splendor of another Mokena autumn.

Relax and soak it all in.

Board Votes to Ban Recreational Weed Sales

Your Mokena Village Board has joined several other southwest suburban communities in banning the sale of recreational cannabis.

The vote came at last night's regular Village Board meeting, when Trustees unanimously approved an ordinance prohibiting the sale of recreational cannabis within the corporate limits of the Village of Mokena.

The Board had previously reviewed and discussed the subject at its September 9 work session.

Monday's action was taken in response to the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act enacted into law earlier this year by the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Pritzker. The Act legalizes recreational marijuana in Illinois beginning January 1, 2020.

Stringham Named to Planning Commission

The Village of Mokena Board of Trustees has ratified the appointment of Susie Stringham to fill a vacant slot on the Village's Planning Commission and an alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ratification came at the Board's October 14 meeting.

Ms. Stringham is employed at Stringham Insurance Agency, Ltd., an independent insurance agency located in Mokena's historic downtown area. Her first full meeting as a Commissioner will be this coming Thursday, October 17.

First Autumn Leaf and Branch Collection is Wednesday, October 23

The Village of Mokena's first autumn leaf and branch collection date has been set for Wednesday, October 23.

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 for an October 23 pick-up, call (708) 479-3900. You can also schedule your pick-up electronically on our website under the "How Do I?" tab, or by clicking the link at the bottom of this article.

Village staff will collect only bagged leaves and branches no longer than 4 feet in length. Regular refuse, grass clippings, and yard waste will not be collected as part of the free leaf and branch pick-up program. (Yard waste pick-up from NuWay Disposal will continue through Tuesday, November 26.)

Leaves should be bagged in paper bags, and 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, November 20.

As a reminder, leaf burning is banned within the corporate limits of Mokena, and doing so could result in a fine. Should you have any questions, please call (708) 479-3900.

[Request leaf and branch pick-up](#)

DEA Presentation at St. Mary School Tuesday, October 22

Residents near St. Mary School should not be alarmed by the helicopter landing on the campus next week.

It's all part of a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) educational presentation scheduled to run from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the school.

Along with the helicopter landing, the scheduled presentation will feature interactive displays and demonstrations by the DEA and other law enforcement agencies. Considerable law enforcement personnel (including a drug-sniffing K9 officer) and law enforcement vehicles will be present throughout the event.

Questions regarding next Tuesday's activities may be addressed to the Mokena Police Department at (708) 479-3912.

Hickory Creek Lot Access Restricted Saturday, October 26

The Village of Mokena, in partnership with Metra and the Transportation Security Administration, will be conducting a full-scale training exercise Saturday, October 26, at the Hickory Creek commuter parking lot.

The exercise will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12 noon. Outside public access to the Hickory Creek lot will be restricted during this time. As an alternative, commuters are encouraged to utilize Metra's downtown Mokena facility or its 80th Avenue facility in Tinley Park.