

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

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Adjusting on the Fly

Even if you're not a big fan of the internet or mobile devices, you've got to admit one thing...

It's nice to be able to get an hour to hour weather forecast, especially at this time of the year.

Here's hoping that no matter where you're perusing this edition of Mokena e-News, you're dressed comfortably for these crazy seasonal temperature fluctuations we've been going through lately.

Thanks again for joining us.

Enjoy!

Contract Preserves Service Priorities

At its October 28 meeting, your Mokena Village Board approved a contract with Groundskeeper Landscape Care, LLC, for the plowing of Village parking lots. The end result is that Mokena's snow plowing crews will be able to continue applying themselves immediately to the priority task of promptly clearing the community's streets and roadways over the upcoming winter.

Snow plowing is a priority core service provided to Mokena residents, and contracting for the plowing of Mokena's four commuter lots and the Village Hall lot allows Mokena's crews to immediately go to work clearing the community's many streets and roadways during snowfall events. In fact, the plowing of these lots saves those crews 45-60 man-hours during each two inch snowfall, allowing them to focus on clearing snow for residents as expeditiously as possible.

Mokena's first priority is and always has been to salt and/or clear the community's major arterials and keep them safe for traffic. These crews then move on to residential streets, and when these are cleared for traffic flow, they work to clear the roads curb to curb, finishing with a clean-up of cul-de-sacs and other areas which receive minimal traffic flow.

Groundskeeper will be plowing the parking lots at contractual rates which range from \$2,495 for a minor snowfall event (two inches or less) to \$6,000 for eight inches or more of snow.

Mokena's snow removal crews take a great deal of pride in delivering quality core services and will be working hard again this year to provide residents and businesses with the same level of snow removal service they have in past years.

Veteran Public Works Employees Promoted

Good things come when preparation meets opportunity.

That's the story line for Village employees Matthew Cullen and Michael Dornbos, both of whom were affirmed by your Mokena Village Board for higher level positions within the Public Works Department at the Board's October 28 meeting.

Mr. Cullen, a 19-year veteran of the department, was named to the position of Automotive Mechanic, effective immediately. He had previously served the Village as a Meter Reader and Maintenance Worker. Over the past nine years, he has been preparing himself to take on this position by working in his off hours as a part-time fleet mechanic with D.S. Auto Repair in New Lenox. He has additionally worked closely over the years with the Village's long-time Automotive Mechanic, Tom Florey, who is retiring at the end of this month.

Mr. Dornbos, a 12-year veteran of the department, was named to the position of Maintenance Worker II, effective November 4. He currently serves the Village as a Maintenance Worker. His lengthy tenure working alongside Rob Skolds, who previously held the Maintenance Worker II position and was recently promoted to a supervisory role in the department, positioned him well for this opportunity.

Both Mr. Cullen and Mr. Dornbos were selected for their respective new positions following personal interviews and a thorough review of their training and work experience.

One Stop for Mokena Eats and Drinks

If you're looking for good eats and drinks in Mokena, look no further.

An updated Mokena Dining Guide is your one-stop ticket to all kinds of culinary indulgences.

Laid out in a user-friendly, easy to read format, the Guide categorizes restaurants and other purveyors of food and beverages according to their niche. A convenient key then assists you further by graphically illustrating the features and amenities of each establishment.

Interested in obtaining your own copy of the Dining Guide? Simply click on the link below and print out your own copy, stop by the Village Hall at 11004 Carpenter and pick one up at your convenience, or call (708) 479-3900 and request a copy be sent to you by mail.

[Mokena Dining Guide](#)

Zombie Alert

They'll be emerging soon.

And they'll spread out over your neighborhood like a plague of zombies.

To facilitate the safety of our community's children, please be reminded that Trick or Treat hours in Mokena run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 31. The better visibility afforded by these afternoon hours lessens the risk of a tragic accident occurring while kids in search of sweet plunder are out on the streets.

Look out for others as you're out and about town enjoying Thursday's activities.

Happy Halloween!