

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

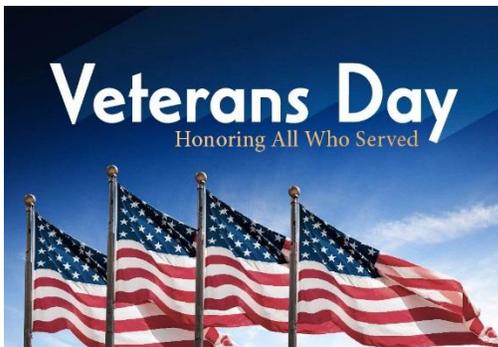
Mokena e-News

November 10, 2017

Thank You, Veterans

With Veterans Day upon us, we pause and pay respect to the many in our midst who serve and have served our great country with pride and with honor over the years. As veterans of the armed services, these men and women have given much for us. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms.

We extend a sincere and heart-felt thanks to those of you who have served and those who continue to serve in our country's armed services. We honor your service. You will always have our utmost respect.



Special Veterans Day Commemoration at Pioneer Cemetery Tomorrow

Saturday, November 11, will be a very special day in Mokena as patriots and their service are remembered and honored, hallowed grounds are hailed, and military might of old is brought back to life.

You are cordially invited to attend Veterans Day Commemoration activities at historic Pioneer Cemetery.

The formal commemoration program will begin at 11 a.m.; however, activities will get underway at 10 a.m., as the Veterans Garage organization--complete with an entourage of World War II re-enactors--arrives with the cemetery's newly-refurbished World War II M5 Anti-Tank Gun.

The commemoration itself will include the following:

- Flag-Raising/Re-Dedication of Flag Pole - Mokena VFW
- Introductory Comments/Veterans Day History - VFW Commander Jim Hogan
- Re-Dedication of Charles Denny Grave - Founders Crossing Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
- Unveiling of County Landmark Plaque - Village of Mokena
- M5 Anti-Tank Gun Dedication - VFW Commander Jim Hogan
- Closing Comments - VFW Commander Jim Hogan

Upon conclusion of the program, you and your family are invited to William Martin VFW Post 725 (located across the street from Pioneer Cemetery) for refreshments and socializing.

Pioneer Cemetery is located alongside Wolf Road just south of Denny Avenue.

See you tomorrow!

Second Autumn Leaf and Branch Pick-Up November 15

As autumn progresses, you may still be cleaning up your yards, raking up those leaves, and trimming down some branches.

Your Village staff is happy to announce that the second date for free autumn leaf and branch pick-up this year is Wednesday, November 15.

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 collection, call (708) 479-3900. You can also schedule your pick-up electronically on our website (under the "How Do I?" tab), or by [clicking here](#).

Village staff will collect only bagged leaves and branches no longer than 4 feet in length. Regular refuse, grass clippings, and yard waste are not collected as part of the free leaf and branch pick-up program. (Yard waste collection from NuWay Disposal will continue through Tuesday, November 28.)

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.

Christmas Fest is Coming!

Mokena officially rings in the holiday season on Saturday, November 18, kicking off a number of celebrations to be enjoyed by family and friends across the community in the following days and weeks.

Highlighting this year's activities will be the Christmas Parade of Lights down Front Street at 5 p.m., followed immediately thereafter by the Village Tree lighting ceremony and caroling at the southwest corner of Front and Mokena.

Many other activities are planned, including the following:

- Santa's Workshop and Crafters: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mokena Elementary School. Children can create their own Christmas decorations and write letters to

Santa. Grown-ups can start Christmas shopping with the community's local crafters.

- Lunch and Photos with Santa: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mokena Elementary School. Individual photos with Santa are \$5 each.
- Entertainment: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mokena Elementary School. Master Ron will perform his balloon artistry and magic show.
- Village Tree Decorating: 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to create their own decorations and hang them on the Village Tree located at the southwest corner of Front and Mokena streets near the Metra lot.
- Hot Chocolate and Cookies: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at FNBC Bank on Front Street.
- Family Christmas Dance: Families will gather at the Mokena VFW on Wolf Road immediately following the Village Tree lighting and caroling. The dance will last until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with kids younger than two years of age free.

The traditional Mokena Christmas ornament, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Mokena Fire Protection District, will be available for purchase at the Chamber office on Wolf Road, as well as at Mokena Elementary School.

Questions? Call the Mokena Chamber of Commerce at (708) 479-2468 or simply click on the link below.

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