

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

Mokena e-News

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Everyone's Irish!

As they say, everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

So don the green and get in on the fun this weekend, lads and lassies.

Cheers!

Early Voting Available Monday, March 18

Early voting will soon be underway in Mokena for the April 2 Consolidated Election.

Starting Monday, March 18, registered voters may cast their ballots from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Mokena Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter.

Early voting will continue on through Friday, March 29.

Have additional questions regarding voting and other locations in Will County where you may vote? Simply [click here](#).



Trial by Fire

Talk about jumping from the frying pan into the fire...

Imagine a team of elected officials and staff with less than one full day of "on-the-job" training being asked to step up and conduct the business of your local government.

That's exactly what selected middle school students from Mokena Junior High, St. Mary,

Summit Hill, and Noonan Academy were asked to do earlier this week, and by all accounts, they pulled it off fabulously.

As a part of Mokena Student Government Days March 13-14, students from each school were introduced by Mayor Frank Fleischer, Clerk Melissa Martini, the Board of Trustees, and Village staff to the inner workings of your local government and assumed acting roles integral to its operation.

Students spent the morning of March 13 becoming familiar with Village functions, hearing from Mayor Fleischer and Village managers. Later, they were treated to a facility tour and electric go-kart driving experience at local business Accelerate Indoor Speedway. The morning was topped off with lunch from Beggar's Pizza.

In the evening, students from Mokena Junior High and St. Mary returned to conduct mock Village Board meetings in the Village Hall Board Chambers. Students from Summit Hill and Noonan Academy followed with their own meetings the evening of March 14. All meetings were conducted with students filling the roles of regular Village elected officials and staff.

Look for telecasts of the meetings next week on Comcast Channel 6. You can also access streaming video of each of the meetings 24/7 via the "Online Videos" page of the Village's website (www.mokena.org) starting Tuesday, March 19.

Join the Maker Movement!

Do you like to make things?

Are you interested in what other innovators are working on?

If so, come join the Maker movement later this month right here in Mokena!

The Chicago Southland Makerfest will be held Saturday, March 30, at the Pipefitters Local 597 Training Center (10850 W. 187th Street) in Mokena. This family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness is a great opportunity for one and all to make, learn, play, and be inspired.

Tickets are available at the door, or you can buy in advance by clicking on the link below. Children 18 and under are free; adults are \$5. Family tickets admitting up to four adults, plus children, may be purchased for \$20.

Hope to see you there!

[Chicago Southland Makerfest tickets](#)

Clean Up Week Coming...

Planning for the Village of Mokena's 2019 Clean-Up Week is well underway.

Clean-Up Week activities will begin Monday, April 8, and run through Saturday, April 13. During the week, the Village will be offering two free, once-a-year special services and giving Mokena citizens and civic groups the opportunity to team up to beautify the community.

A free special refuse pick-up will be offered on Tuesday, April 9. On that day, NuWay Disposal will collect old appliances, furniture, and other properly bagged or boxed items. NuWay will not, however, pick up remodeling or lumber scraps, tree stumps, large

automobile parts, tires, scrap metal, or yard waste (unless placed in appropriate bags with stickers attached). Call NuWay at (708) 479-9555 for additional information regarding the special refuse pick-up.

Junk car removal will also be offered during Clean-Up Week. If you wish to have an inoperable vehicle towed away free of charge, turn in the vehicle title and keys to the Village's Community Development Department by Thursday, April 4. A tow will be arranged for you.

Clean-Up Week will culminate on Saturday, April 13, with the 29th Annual Mokena Clean-Up Day.

Mokena Clean-Up Day activities will start with sign-in at Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter, at 9 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. 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. Monday through Friday (prior to April 13).

Clean-Up Day provides a great setting for Mokena citizens, young and old alike, to come together for a common cause--cleaning up unsightly litter and planting trees and wildflowers to beautify the community.

But you don't have to wait until Clean-Up Day to make a difference.

Get out and patrol your block this coming weekend.

Clean yards, rights-of-way, streets, and parks are fashionable any time of year.

Does Your Project Need a Permit?

With warmer weather in the offing, you may have begun thinking about starting projects around the house. As you contemplate which project to start, remember that Mokena requires you to obtain a building permit for many types of home improvement projects.

There are essentially two types of building permits--those that do not require a fee and those that do.

Building permits that do not require a fee include those issued for roof replacement, replacement of a hot water heater or water softener, replacement of a window with a similar sized window, and replacement of home siding.

Building permits that do require a fee include those issued for home additions, garages, sheds, fences, flat work, pools, plumbing, and electrical repairs/upgrades. Projects falling into these categories require inspection by Village staff, and a nominal fee is assessed for the inspection(s) to ensure that your work complies with current building codes.

Did you know that when you apply for a building permit from the Village, you can see if your contractor is properly registered in Mokena? While registration in and of itself is no guarantee of the quality of a particular contractor's work, it does help protect you against those that may be operating in our area fraudulently or in an otherwise unscrupulous manner.

Need to apply for a building permit now? Simply [click here](#) to download an application form, call (708) 479-3930, or stop by the Mokena Village Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Break in the Action

Mokena e-News is taking a brief break. We'll be back again in April.

In the interim, we encourage you (if you haven't already) to sign up for "Community Alerts" at www.mokena.org and stay abreast of breaking developments, announcements, and notices that may impact you and your family.

Thanks for sticking in there with us, and for staying up-to-date with what's going on in your community!