

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

Mokena e-News

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Greetings, and Welcome!

Mayor Frank Fleischer, Clerk Jillian Hersted, the Board of Trustees, and all Village staff welcome you to another edition of Mokena e-News.

Many of you have joined our community of subscribers recently, and to you we extend a special salutation. We hope you enjoy Mokena e-News and tell your friends about it.

Thanks for joining us!

Are You Ready to Tumble?

Youth gymnastics has a sizeable presence in Mokena, and with the support of your Mokena Village Board, that presence is only going to get bigger.

At its August 28 meeting, the Board authorized the issuance of a special use permit to Jim Fredrickson, owner of Gym Kinetics, allowing him to build a 6,733 square foot addition onto the southeast portion of his existing gymnastics training facility at 19220 Ridge Road and construct a new parking area to the north to support the expansion.

Gym Kinetics has been in business in Mokena at the 19220 Ridge Road location since 2000.

Buyer Beware: Round 2

We warned you in June that you could expect a rise in solicitations from alternate power suppliers when Mokena's electric aggregation program ended in July.

Word on the street lately indicates that warning was justified.

As before, we suggest you strongly consider the following when contemplating any solicitations from these suppliers:

- Does the supplier's offer include monthly fees (that may be added to a fixed supply rate), early termination fees, and/or variable rates? Be sure and read the "fine print" included with any offer.

- Is the supplier requesting you provide your ComEd account number in advance of you having a chance to review their offer in writing? You should not provide your account number to a solicitor unless you have contacted them directly to enroll and you have first reviewed all terms and conditions of their offer.

If you are the recipient of a phone solicitation that you feel "crosses the line", you may file a complaint with the Illinois Commerce Commission at (800) 524-0795 or online at <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint>. Unauthorized door-to-door solicitations may be reported to the Mokena Police Department at (708) 479-3912.

Baggin' it With the Dogs in the 'Hood

Your family biscuit eater loves this time of year. Pleasant temperatures, abundant smells...what more could a canine ask for?

Yes, there's no doubt we all love seeing loyal companions like Tanner and Jack out around the neighborhood on their daily jaunts. What we don't love are close encounters with those pungent treasures they leave behind their behinds.

So the next time you're out on a walk with your four-legged friend, do yourself and your neighbors a favor. Take along a bag or two to collect those treasures. Dispose of them later in a trash receptacle. That's something everyone in the neighborhood will appreciate.

Happy trails!

Hurricane Relief Effort Launched

Grace Fellowship Church is partnering with the Mokena community in an effort to provide supplies and relief to residents of Dickinson, Texas, one of the areas hit hardest by Hurricane Harvey earlier this month.

(As additional resources become available, supplies and assistance may additionally be directed to Florida for Hurricane Irma relief efforts.)

Following are ways you can help:

- Purchase items from the Approved Hurricane Relief Supply List and drop them off at a designated community collection location. Supply lists are available by clicking on the link at the bottom of this article and scrolling down.
- Purchase gift cards from the stores listed on the Approved Hurricane Relief Supply List and take them to Grace Fellowship Church.
- Make a monetary donation (cash or check) and drop it off at Grace Fellowship Church. Cash donations may be enclosed in an envelope clearly marked

"Hurricane Relief Fund" (donor information, including address, should be provided for tax deduction purposes). Checks should be made payable to Grace Fellowship Church, with "Hurricane Relief Fund" noted in the memo section. Those wishing to make a credit card donation should contact the church.

- Volunteer to help by making phone calls, running errands, organizing volunteers, and assisting with supply drive coordination. Contact Grace Fellowship Church for more information, including how you can help with a September 23 pancake breakfast fundraiser and assist with supply collection, sorting, organizing, packing, and shipping.

For more information, send an e-mail to mokena.in.motion@gmail.com or click on the link below.

[Mokena in Motion Hurricane Relief Effort](#)

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