

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

Mokena e-News

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See You at the Polls!

It's election time again here in the Lincoln-Way area.

Mayor Frank Fleischer, Clerk Jillian Hersted, and the Village of Mokena Board of Trustees encourage each of you to go to the polls on Tuesday, March 20, and exercise your right to vote.

Key party primary races will be contested on the March 20 ballot.

For more information on the upcoming election, visit the "Election Section" of the Will County Clerk's website by clicking [here](#).

Get out and vote on March 20!

Return of the Pond Man

Unlike the humanoid amphibian creature featured in the award-winning film *The Shape of Water*, he'll never achieve worldwide recognition.

Nevertheless, get ready, for the Pond Man cometh...

At its March 12 meeting, your Mokena Village Board approved renewal of an existing contract with Clarke Aquatic of St. Charles for the maintenance of eighteen ponds located throughout the community. Services provided under the contract include water quality monitoring to ensure a healthy aquatic environment and the application of chemicals from time to time as may be required to address water quality and aquatic vegetation.

The contract stipulates Clarke treat the eighteen ponds every other week between the months of May and September. It further requires Clarke to comply with all applicable state and federal environmental regulations.

Per terms of the renewal, Clarke will provide its services at the same \$20,356 pricetag as last 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 on the link below to download an application form, call (708) 479-3930, or stop by the Community Development Department at the Mokena Village Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

[View permit application forms...](#)

Save the Date for Clean-Up Week 2018

Planning for the Village of Mokena's 2018 Clean-Up Week is well underway.

Clean-Up Week activities will begin Monday, April 16, and run through Saturday, April 21. 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 17. On that day, Nu-Way Disposal will collect old appliances, furniture, and other properly bagged or boxed items. Nu-Way 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 Nu-Way 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 12. A tow will be arranged for you.

Clean-Up Week will culminate on Saturday, April 21, with the 28th 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 21).

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 weekend.

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

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