

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

Mokena e-News

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Greetings, and Welcome!

Mayor Frank Fleischer, Clerk Melissa Martini, the Board of Trustees, and all Village staff welcome you to another bi-weekly edition of Mokena e-News.

A number of you joined our circle of subscribers over the holidays, and to you we extend a special salutation. We hope you enjoy e-News and tell your friends about it.

Thanks for joining us!

Get Your Kicks...

Most of us know well that classic musical ballad famous for the line "Get your kicks on Route 66". After all, the Mother Road started here in Chicago. Back in the day, the music and the road together beckoned many a Midwesterner to jump into his or her automobile and head west.

Now it may be a stretch, but some might say a local Mokena business owner has heard that same siren call of the road. And he'll soon be answering that nagging itch to venture west.

Waiel Issa is moving his business--which sells pre-owned vehicles--down the road, heading west to take advantage of a new opportunity. But the road of choice will not be Route 66, it'll be 191st Street in Mokena.

That's because on January 13, your Mokena Village Board approved Mr. Issa's request for a special use permit allowing him to move Import Exchange from its current Mokena location at 9750 W. 191st Street (just west of Balagio) to the former Super Wash property located at the southwest corner of 191st Street and 104th Avenue. There he'll be repurposing the existing building by enclosing it and using it for a sales office with a detail bay and service repair bays.

Mr. Issa hopes to begin remodeling work soon, with plans to open Import Exchange to the public at its new location later this spring.

Mutual Aid: Getting Through Winter Weather Together

With snow in the forecast this weekend, a primer on ways we can all help each other out with the mess it brings couldn't be more timely.

Rest assured, your Mokena snow plowing crews remain equipped to deliver the best possible job on community streets this winter, but we all have a part to play in clean-up efforts. Following are simple ways to contribute positively during a significant snowfall event:

- Before the snow falls, remove vehicles from the street so plows may clear snow quickly and efficiently.
- After the snow falls, clear the accumulation from around fire hydrants. In the event of a nearby fire, ready access to this water source is essential. Help out by clearing sidewalks for students walking to and from school and removing snow for seniors and others that may be unable to remove it on their own. Finally, simply be aware of children playing in the snow. Heavy accumulations create temptations and potential traps for kids, along with increased safety risks for all of us.

Your partnership during harsh weather events is fundamental in maintaining Mokena's reputation as an exceptional community. Thank you!

2020 Census Straight Ahead; Jobs Available

The 2020 Census is coming soon.

Stand up and be counted. It's the only way to ensure Mokena gets appropriate legislative representation (based on population) and our fair share of locally-distributed funding from federal and state sources.

By April 1, your home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have the following three options for responding:

- Online
- By phone
- By mail

The 2020 Census marks the first time you'll have the option to respond online. You can even respond on your mobile device.

Look for more information on the 2020 Census in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, are you looking for a temporary, part-time job with good pay and flexible hours? If so, the U.S. Census Bureau wants to hear from you! For more information, just click on the link below.

[2020 Census jobs](#)

Keep Those Photos Coming!

Winter can provide some great photo ops for those willing to brave the cold.

Should you capture a photo graphically illustrating the beauty of Mokena in winter and are willing to share, please send it to us! We accept photos for the Village of Mokena website throughout the year, so keep us in mind when you get that perfect shot.

To submit a photo, visit www.mokena.org and click the "Submit a Photo" tab located on the home page. You will be personally credited for any photo selected for posting.

Thanks in advance for contributing to and helping market our community via www.mokena.org!

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