In With a Flurry

March may not have come in like a lion, but with all the buzz of activity, it's certainly come in with a flurry.

Check out the articles below for information on the coronavirus, the 2020 Census, the March 17 General Primary election, and ways you can contribute to the aesthetic appeal of your community.

You'll also find information on scholarships available through the Mokena Mayors Charitable Foundation.

As always, thanks for being a member of our Mokena e-News family.

Seasonal Respiratory Ailments and the Coronavirus

Wild swings in temperatures, coupled with a generally milder than normal winter, have left many of us with nasty coughs, runny noses, and all sorts of respiratory ailments. For the most part, these maladies are nothing most of us have not faced before, although some of us may find the symptoms a little more severe than we have in past years. After all, rare is the person who doesn't go through some variation of the cold, flu, or bronchitis during a typical Chicagoland winter.

The above having been said, no doubt we are all aware of the "coronavirus" sweeping news headlines around the globe over the past several weeks. Although there have been a limited number of diagnosed cases in Illinois, it is understandable that this new virus has caused concern for many.

Your local government in Mokena is monitoring developments surrounding the coronavirus, and you and your family are additionally encouraged to utilize the following resources to better inform and protect yourself against the possibility of this disease:

- Illinois Coronavirus Hotline: 1-800-889-3931
- Will County Health Department: [https://www.willcountyillinois.com/County-Offices/Public-Health-and-Safety](https://www.willcountyillinois.com/County-Offices/Public-Health-and-Safety)

The Illinois Department of Public Health confirms that there are other respiratory viruses like influenza currently circulating in Illinois. Fever, coughing, and difficulty in breathing are symptomatic of all of them. Subsequently, anyone exhibiting these symptoms should not be assumed to have coronavirus. If anyone in your family develops such symptoms, you should contact your medical provider immediately. In the meantime, we recommend the following "common sense" actions you and your family can take for protection:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
Stay home when you are sick.
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We encourage you to stay vigilant and practice a healthy lifestyle. We will continue to monitor the situation moving forward.

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**Mokena's Depending on You!**

Look for your 2020 U.S. Census questionnaire in the mailbox within the next couple of weeks. It's a simple form (see link at the bottom of this article) that should take you no more than ten minutes to complete.

Respond by mail, phone, or online. It's the only way to ensure Mokena gets its fair share of many of the federal resources our community is entitled to by law.

Don't take Mokena's future for granted...answer the Census!

[2020 U.S. Census questionnaire](#)

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**Freedom Means Choices**

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

Mayor Frank Fleischer, Clerk Melissa Martini, and the Village of Mokena Board of Trustees encourage each of you to go to the polls on Tuesday, March 17, and exercise your right to vote.

Key party primary races will be contested on the March 17 ballot.

If you are a resident of Mokena, you have the alternative of voting early at the Mokena Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, through Friday, March 13.

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!

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**Calling All Mokena Businesses...**

The Village of Mokena is holding its 30th Annual Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you and your organization specifically wish to focus clean-up efforts April 25 in the general area around your store or place of business, please contact the Village and we can arrange logistically to assist with those efforts. Otherwise, we would welcome your help by joining us and others at the Village Hall at 9 a.m. and picking up trash all around the community.

Locally-based businesses have historically found Clean-Up Day provides them with an excellent community advertising opportunity. Employees are easily and readily able to generate positive exposure for your company by wearing corporate-branded clothing as they participate in the day’s activities.
Should you have questions regarding the day’s activities or how you can help, please feel free to contact the Village at (708) 479-3900. We hope you and your team are able to join us April 25 as we work together for a better, more beautiful Mokena!

**Scholarships Available**

Are you a Mokena resident? Are you or your child planning to attend college later this year? If so, financial aid may be closer than you think.

The Mokena Mayors Charitable Foundation is awarding three $1,000 scholarships this summer in honor of former Mayor Ron Grotovsky and former Trustees Gary Chase and Jane McGinn.

To qualify for one of the $1,000 awards, applicants must live within the corporate limits of the Village, be enrolled or enrolling for the Fall, 2020 semester at an accredited two or four-year institution, and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Scholarship fact sheets and applications may be picked up at the Mokena Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter Street, or downloaded from the Village’s website by clicking on the link below.

Application deadline is Friday, June 12.

Winners will be announced in July.

For additional information, contact the Village at (708) 479-3900.

[Scholarship application]