

# Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

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## Tee Time

The 29th Annual Mokena Mayors Charity Golf Outing is coming up Tuesday, August 13, at Joliet Country Club.

Tee times begin at 11:30 a.m. Sign up now. If you have a business, you may promote it by sponsoring a hole.

For further details, call (708) 479-3912 or [click here](#).

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## Firecracker Dance, Festa Italiana Highlight Summer Fun

It's time again for Mokena's mid-summer celebrations--the Mokena Lions Club's Firecracker Weekend and the Mokena Festa Italiana.

Both events will be taking place the weekend of July 19-21 in Mokena's downtown area.

For more information, simply click on the links below.

Come out and enjoy the fun!

[Mokena Lions Club Firecracker Weekend](#)

[Mokena Festa Italiana](#)



## Watering New Trees

With the arrival of hotter, drier weather, now is the time to begin watering new trees planted in parkways around your home over the past several years.

Phil Graf of Graf Tree Care, Mokena's consulting arborist, suggests that during dry periods, new trees should be watered twice a week by taking a hose and letting it trickle 3-5 feet around the tree for 20 minutes. This will apply water where it is needed most--to the new tree's root system. Avoid watering the trunk or foliage of the tree.

In the event of significant rainfall, Graf recommends waiting 3 days, then starting the twice a week cycle of watering over again.

In the event of extreme summer heat and drought, Graf says you can water every other day. He cautions, however, that no matter what, you should not water your tree every day.

Need more information on the care of new trees? Simply click on the link below.

[Guidelines for Newly Planted Trees](#)

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## **Water Rate Adjusted**

Following a careful review of Mokena's water and sewer operating funds, your Village of Mokena Board of Trustees recently approved an ordinance amending the Village's water rate for the 2020 fiscal year.

The rate is made up of a City of Chicago rate for treating and delivering water to Oak Lawn, an Oak Lawn rate for delivering water to Mokena and four other "downstream" communities, and a local community rate for delivering water directly to Mokena residents and businesses.

A \$0.15/1,000 gallons adjustment in the 2020 fiscal year was agreed to by the Board. As a result, the Village's water rate was increased from \$7.47/1,000 gallons to \$7.62/1,000 gallons effective July 1, 2019 (billable in August, 2019).

The \$0.15/1,000 gallons adjustment is expected to increase monthly water bills by approximately \$1.20 for the average Mokena household.

The ordinance additionally adjusted water and sewer tap-on fees upwards by 1.5%.

All other water and sewer rates remain unchanged.