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## Mayor's Message

Our Veteran's Memorial Plaza celebrated its first full year on Veterans Day, November 11th. Members of the VFW Post #450 held a short observance with a 21-gun salute. This past year, the Plaza has undergone many improvements with volunteers donating their time and materials. Enhancements include such things as a 50-caliber machine gun donated by the VFW #450 Post, aluminum siding, improved lighting on the structures, landscaping pavers, and a streetscape art bike rack. The ABC committee also planted more flowers for all seasons. Again this year, the "Axemen" Motor Cycle Club will be decorating the Plaza for the Holiday season.

The holidays are quickly approaching and with the completion of the lighting project on Pulaski, the street decorations will be up in time for the holidays. Our annual tree lighting ceremony will be held at the Village Hall on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:30 PM. Many thanks are extended to the girl scouts who have made decorations for the tree once again this year.

The newly built Advance Auto Parts store at 115th and Pulaski and the redeveloped Speedway on 127th and Pulaski will both open for the New Year. The former Frosted Mug property was recently sold and is slated to open in early January with a new name, "Demon Dawgs", and great menu. More streetscape and sidewalk improvements will be coming this Spring for the Pulaski Corridor.

The Village recently received a gift of several acres of land one block behind the Village Municipal Complex from M.B. Financial. This land was originally planned as the final phase of Mulberry Ridge townhome development. The Public Works Department has been cleaning and grading this area. Once completed, this will be a public green space used for future Village events such as National Night Out Against Crime or our soon to return Street Fair.

The Village-owned Heritage Senior complexes recently had many upgrades and improvements made. Thanks to Trustee Michaels (who chairs the Committee) for monitoring and supervising these improvements. It should be noted that these complexes stand alone and are not a burden to our taxpayers. We still have a few apartments available for Seniors 55 and older.

I invite you to visit the redesigned Village website – some areas are still under construction but you will see how cutting edge and creative it is. On a final note, I want to wish you and yours a safe and Happy Holiday Season.



### Welcome New Advertisers

- techTopia
- Smashburgers
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- American Legion Post #854
- Demon Dawgs
- Dollar Store Plus on Kedzie
- Key Resin Company

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## Come Out and Celebrate the Holiday Season on the Pulaski Corridor

Friday, December 13th  
5:00-8:00 pm

This event is being sponsored by the Village of Alsip Beautification Committee. Businesses along the Pulaski Corridor – 115th South to 123rd – will be welcoming residents to their stores in a Big Way! Residents will vote for their favorite decorated business along the Corridor! Entry forms will be collected at George's Comfort Cuisine (formerly George's Diner). First prize will be a free 3" x 5.5" full color ad in the Alsip Community News April/May 2014 issue. Second prize will be a free one-year membership to the Alsip Chamber of Commerce 2014. We need your vote!

Businesses will be offering coupons, refreshments, give aways, discounts and raffles to their store visitors. Each business will elect what best suits their establishment!

A map will be posted on the Village of Alsip and the Alsip Chamber of Commerce websites starting December 7th with all of the participating businesses in the Pulaski Corridor listed. Hot chocolate is being provided by George's Comfort Cuisine, compliments of owner Tom Menard.

The Alsip Beautification Committee is seeking a Caroling Group or Choirs interested in strolling or performing at this Event.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work this event, please contact Trustee Lynn Dwyer at 708-385-6902 ext. 271.



**LOOKING FOR WORK?  
Attend a 2-Part Job Fair  
Refer to Page 9 for details**

### Alsip Police Officer Receives Award

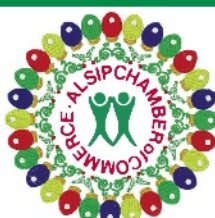


Officer Jairo Gutierrez was selected as the 2013 Elderly Service Officer of the Year by the Office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. The award was presented during a ceremony at the Illinois State TRIAD Conference in East Peoria, IL on September 13th. Ofc. Gutierrez was nominated by Lt. Jay Miller, and PLOWS Council on Aging, Director of Casework Services, Riki Kauffman, for his hard work

and dedication to serving and protecting older adults. Congratulations on your well deserved recognition!

### Winter Fire Prevention Reminders

With the upcoming winter season (which already began) be sure to have your furnace checked and change your air filter at least every 30 days. Be sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector on every floor of your home. All of the batteries in your smoke detectors should have been replaced when we changed the clocks. Do not use your oven to heat your home. It can create high levels of carbon monoxide in your home. If you are going to use a space heater, leave plenty of room around it to prevent any materials starting on fire, do not use an extension cord with it unless it is rated for it, and do not place in the path of your exit.



## Shop In Alsip and Enter The "It Pays To Shop Alsip Drawing"

Shop participating locations during December to enter the Shop Alsip Drawing held on January 8th.

- 1st Prize - \$300 in gift cards to Alsip Businesses
- 2nd Prize - \$100.00 in gift cards to Alsip Businesses
- 3-4-5th Prizes - \$50.00 in gift cards to Alsip Businesses

SEE THE ENCLOSED CARD FOR CONTEST LOCATIONS & DETAILS  
Alsip Chamber of Commerce  
alsipccedc@aol.com 708-597-2668

The Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday and on Wednesday, January 1st for New Years.



The Alsip VFW Post #450 is offering Gift Certificates for the Pavers Program at the Veteran's Memorial Plaza. These pavers make ideal Christmas gifts for grandpar-

ents, wives, husbands, sons, daughters, friends, etc. Anyone wishing to purchase a \$100 Gift Certificate, must do so at the VFW Post #450 at 11800 South Cicero, 708-388-2387. Purchase forms are available at the Village Hall. Pavers purchased will be installed in the Spring of 2014.



**Village Hall Tree Lighting  
Monday, December 2nd  
at 6:30 p.m.**

Welcome Greetings to Kathy O'Connell who started her new full-time position in the Water/Building Department on November 18, 2013. Kathy is no stranger to the Village Hall having worked part-time in the Clerk's Office this past summer.

### Alsip Police Department Survey 2013

The Alsip Police Department is conducting their annual Citizen Survey. Take this opportunity to tell us how we are doing. Even if you only work in Alsip, we would still like to hear from you. It will take you less than 3 minutes. Visit [www.alsippolicedepartment.com](http://www.alsippolicedepartment.com) and click on Survey 2013 link in Bulletin Board section of our website. You can request a 2013 Survey Form by Phone: 708.385.6902 Ext. 249 OR Email: [jgutierrez@villageofalsip.org](mailto:jgutierrez@villageofalsip.org), or at the Police Department front desk window. **Deadline to submit survey is December 31, 2013.** Thank you for your input and support.

### Alsip Community News Seen On Village Website

Beginning with this Holiday issue, readers will be able to review the complete newspaper by going to [www.villageofalsip.org](http://www.villageofalsip.org) under "Alsip Community News". This is an exciting addition for readers, organizations, and advertisers to have information available throughout the months of December 2013 and January 2014. A separate category for Where Is This? will also be available to make it easier to get the answer. The Village of Alsip website will expand the categories and information for the Alsip Community News in the very near future.

### Distribution Sponsors Support Alsip Community News

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**VIDEO POKER IS HERE!**

**Community/Holiday Events**

**December:**

2nd 3:30-5:30 pm and 6:30 - 8:30 pm **Santa's Room**  
Open at the Worth Township Building 11601 S. Pulaski It's FREE and ends December 14th.

6th 9:00am-2:00 pm **Winter Wonderland Holiday Bazaar and Shopping Extravaganza** at the Sertoma Centre 4343 West 123rd Street in Alsip. All gifts will be wrapped free by Santa's Helpers. Volunteers Needed. Contact Laura Gardner at 708-730-6211.

7th Holy Cross Lutheran Church **Children's Christmas Party** 2:00-5:00 pm at 4041 West 120th Street in Alsip. Ornament making, crafts, 1/2 hour movie and decorating an outdoor Christmas tree. Cookies and hot chocolate.

Trinity Christian College **12th Annual Christmastide Concert** in the Ozinga Chapel, 6601 W. College Drive. This year's theme "Jesus: The Light of the World" will be displayed through various styles of music including hymn, gospel and instrumental music. To purchase tickets visit event page at <http://christmastide2013.eventbrite.com>.

**Red Shoes Billiard Bank Tournament**

8th St. Terrence Men's Club **Breakfast With Santa** 7:00 am-12:30 pm. Presale tickets \$4 on sale after masses after all masses thru December 1st. \$5 tickets at door day of event. Bring your camera!

13th **Shop On Pulaski Corridor** from 5 til 8 pm

14th **Worth Township Santa Room** closes

15th **Breakfast With Santa**, VFW Post #450 (refer to ad)

**January**

18th Red Shoes Billiards **One Pocket Tournament**

31st **Worth Township Coat Drive** ends

**Worth Township Calendar**

**DEC 2013**

- 2 Santa's Room Opens, M-F / 3:30-5:30 PM & 6:30-8:30 PM - Bring your camera!
- Volleyball Begins
- 10 YSB Meeting for Police Departments / 7 PM
- 13 Final Day for Worth Township residents to apply for toys through the Youth Commission
- 13 Final Day for Santa's Room
- 19 NEW DATE / Board Mtg / 7:30 PM
- 24 CLOSED AT NOON / Christmas Eve Day
- 25 CLOSED / Christmas Day
- 31 CLOSED AT NOON / New Year's Eve Day

**JAN 2014**

- 1 CLOSED / New Year's Day
- 6 S.T.E.P. Classes Begin / Sessions Ends Feb 24, 2014
- Volleyball Play Resumes
- 7 Pixie School Resumes
- 20 CLOSED / Martin Luther King Day
- 31 Coat Drive Ends

**Santa's Landing**  
**A Pirate's Christmas**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
**Noon to 4:00 pm**  
**Apollo Recreation Center**  
Tickets available at 11:00 am

**Animal Health Tips**

by Bud Lauderdale of Animal Clinic of Alsip  
708-385-6930

It is not harmful to bathe your pets during the cold weather. Keep your animals groomed properly - don't let grooming slide because of the lower temperatures.

During the holiday season, it is important to keep stringy ornaments and tinsel away from dogs and cats. Cats especially like to play with dangling stringy things and, if swallowed, these can cause expensive veterinarian bills.

**Delight your child with a CALL FROM SANTA**

Put a smile on your child's face with a surprise call from the North Pole. Parents, grandparents or friends can register their child for that special call by completing a "Santa Calling" form. Stop by the Apollo Recreation Center and complete the "Santa Calling" form and our staff will specially deliver all requests and Santa will make time to call you. The form will list a variety of days and times that Santa has made available. Please make sure you are home at the time you choose.

When: December 16 - 19  
Please pre-register by December 13.

ALSIP PARK DISTRICT

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**12th Annual Alsip Community Expo & Craft Fair**  
**March 1, 2014 at Prairie Jr. High School at 119th & Kostner**  
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**on the 2nd floor of the Post**

**Call to make your reservation**

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# Department Updates

## From Clerk Deborah Venhuizen's Office...



**Judy DeLuise**, a courteous, friendly and welcoming face at the front window in the Clerk's Office for over 25 years, retired on November 22nd. We wish Judy a happy and healthy retirement. We will miss her.

**The Alsip Vehicle Sticker Art Contest** to design the artwork for the 2014-2015 Village of Alsip Vehicle Stickers will start in the beginning of December. Contestants must be Alsip residents, 18 years of age or under. This year's theme is "I Shop Alsip". All entries must be completed on the official entry form, which can be picked up at the Clerk's Office and in the lobby of the Village Hall. Copies will also be made available to area schools. Completed entry forms must be submitted to the Village Hall or to a student's school by 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 11th.

The design selected will appear on the 2014-2015 Alsip Vehicle Sticker and the design winner will receive one free vehicle sticker for their household and a \$50.00 Savings Bond.

The Holiday New Toy Collection is being conducted by the Clerk's Office again this season with a box located in the lobby of the Village Hall for the donation of new toys from now until Saturday, December 12th. The toys collected will be contributed to the Worth Township Youth Commission Christmas Care Program to be used for families with young children in our community who are experiencing financial difficulties. Please bring unwrapped, new (not used) toys and place them in the collection box.

Donations of children's hats, scarves and gloves and adult and children's coats are also being accepted through December.

The entire Clerk's Office - Deborah, Sharon, Vi and Alisa - wishes you all a very joyful and safe holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
ALSIP BOARD MEETINGS  
1st & 3rd Mon.-7:30 pm  
ALSIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
2nd & Last Mon.-7:30 pm**



**The Mayor, Clerk, Trustees  
and Village Staff wish you  
a happy and safe holiday season!**

## Fire Department

The Alsip Fire Department hosted the annual **Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** on October 8th at Fire Station #1. It was attended by nearly 100 village business representatives. It was the largest showing in several years. Firefighter Ken Marotzke grilled chicken kabobs, bratwurst and hot dogs. It was a great event that the fire department enjoys hosting each year. The attendees were shown a presentation of various incidents, training, and public education events that the fire department had participated in over the last year. The presentation was developed by Lt. Kraus and was enjoyed all.



**Pictured left to right Mayor Kitching, State Rep. Monique Davis, Fire Chief Styczynski and Mary Schmidt, Executive Director, Alsip Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber of Commerce Fire Prevention Luncheon.**

The Alsip Fire Department had its annual **Fire Prevention Week Open House** on October 12th at Fire Station #2. The event was attended by approximately 400 to 500 people. Activities included the presentation of this year's room winners of the annual poster contest with a plaque and a gift card presented by the International Association of Firefighters local #3074, a side-by-side burn demonstration to show the difference when a fire strikes a home with and without a sprinkler system, vehicle rescue techniques, Alsip Fire Department equipment and apparatus and MABAS equipment which is used for long term or special types of incidents.



This year's poster contest winners were as follows:  
Paola Lagunas from Stony Creek School - 5th & 6th grade overall winner  
Estera Macovei from Stony Creek School - 3rd & 4th grade overall winner  
Madison Brochuc from Hazlegreen School - 1st & 2nd grade overall winner

**The 2014 Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Guide** is now available! The guide highlights many winter events and spring festivals in the 62 communities of the Chicago Southland. For your free guide, call or email the Chicago Southland CVB today at 708-895-8200 or [info@VisitChicagoSouthland.com](mailto:info@VisitChicagoSouthland.com). Copies are available at the Alsip Village Hall.

## Police Department

### Alsip Police Coffee With A Cop



Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda, no speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. Our most recent Coffee with a Cop was hosted by owner, Bill Pappas of Pappas Restaurant on November 13th.

Our next Coffee with a Cop will be hosted by George's Comfort Cuisine on Tuesday, December 9th, 11758 S. Pulaski Rd. If you would like to host this program, at your restaurant, contact Officer J. Gutierrez at 708-385-6902 ext. 249.

## Public Works Department

Did you know that the Public Works Department is responsible for providing service to over 19,000 residents within six square miles and maintaining over 52 miles of streets?

The response time to clear village streets on a snowfall of 4 to 6 inches takes approximately 12 hours. To provide the best possible snow removal service, we ask that you remember the following:


- Parking is prohibited after an accumulation of 1 inch or more on any Village street designated as a primary snow route.
- After an accumulation of 3 inches of snow, parking is prohibited on any Village street for a period of 24 hours after snow has stopped.
- Do not push snow from driveways and/or sidewalks into the roadway as this delays snow removal.
- Place garbage containers behind the curb on collection days.
- Keep fire hydrant in front of your property visible.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 708-385-6902 x364.

**Alsip Community News Mission Statement**  
To provide a FREE informative community publication to the best of our ability – compliments of our advertisers, distribution sponsors and the Village of Alsip administration.

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**Lucky PLAY LUCKY 7**  
7 Businesses - 7 Questions - 7 Winners

**Rules:**  
- Players must be residents of Alsip - One Entry per Family - No Age Limit - All are Invited to Play  
- No Village Employees May Play

**How To Play:**  
- Player must answer all 7 questions correctly with the name of a business advertising in this issue or a business with an insertion in this issue. Answers will be found in the ads or insertion(s).  
- Complete and return Entry form to the Alsip Village Hall by Monday, December 9, 2013.  
- Contestants with all 7 questions answered correctly will be entered into a random drawing on Friday, December 13, 2013.  
- 7 Winners will be notified by a phone call or email. One prize per winner will be given.  
- Winners will be announced in the next issue of the Alsip Community News.

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:**  
1. Where can you get a letter from Santa? \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Who wants you to spend the holidays with them and gather your family and friends? \_\_\_\_\_  
3. How many advertisers are participating in the "It Pays To Shop Alsip" Contest? \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Who Loves New Clients? \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Where can you get a martini with your lunch or dinner? \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Where can you get Old Man Winter Specials? \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Where are the gingerbread men? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kudos**

A dear friend asked me if I wanted to meet for dinner and she took me to **Pappas Restaurant** in Alsip. We had a wonderful broasted chicken dinner. The second time, I tried their special of the day - Chicken Marsala and WOW! The chicken was so tender and the sauce was out of this world. I have had Chicken Marsala at good Italian restaurants, but this was the best! You must stop in and have a great meal at Pappas! The new remodeling is beautiful as well! Janet H.

Thank you John, Joe, Jonathan and Henry! Over the past six years, my car has been bandaged and kept running by you guys at **A-Auto & Truck Center** at 11818 S. Cicero Avenue in Alsip. I wanted to commend you for always being there and repairing my "beater" so I could continue until the next repair. I know many times you wanted me to get a different more dependable car, but you worked with me. I am happy to say that the "beater" died a couple of months ago and thanks to the great people at Evergreen Kia, I now have a dependable car! I highly recommend people to give A-Auto & Truck Center a call. Donna U., Editor of Alsip Community News

Send your Kudos to Donna Umecker at **alsipnews@comcast.net**. Share your gratitude to Alsip businesses and any of our Advertisers as well.

**A Letter to My Crossing Guard**

Dear Mr. Danczak,

Hi, my name is Camille Jatho, a student from Hamlin Upper Grade Center. I'm one of the students you help walk across the street on a regular basis. You probably wouldn't remember me that well if you just heard my name, but I'd think you'd remember me if you saw my face.

When I was in the 6th grade, two years ago, every day I had to walk home I'd have to cross the street that you patrol. The cars would fly back and forth; all hope of getting across the street would be lost. Out from the other side of the street, a lime green vest with reflectors would appear. A red stop sign would go up and as quick as the cars were going by, they stopped. You'd walk your way to the middle of the road and flash your warm familiar smile that all of the students have become so used to. Every day, you'd be there; rain or shine nothing could stop you from keeping us safe.

Even when my mom would drive me to school in the morning, you'd be courteous enough to stop the traffic so I wouldn't be late. My mom always said, "That crossing guard is so nice. We should do something for him." So we did.

Around Christmas time, when I was getting gifts for teachers, I said, "Hey Mom, can we get a gift for the crossing guard?" You might not remember, but we gave you a polar bear tin filled with candy. When we stopped to give it to you, I saw something in your eyes that I rarely ever see, pure joy! I don't exactly remember what was said; after all it was a long time ago. If I can recall though, I handed you the gift and you said that you usually don't get gifts from students. I told you that I didn't fill the name card out, because I didn't know your name. I remember your response as clear as day. "You can call me Walter." Seeing how happy you were with this one little thing I did would make my day, week, and even just recalling it now.

When you weren't at your usual spot for a week or so, some of the students who knew you well including myself, started to become worried. I took the liberty to ask the principal what happened. All she told me at the time was that you were recuperating. Later, I thought I should make you a "thank you" and "get better" letter. However, you mean so much more to me than anyone can really tell. You mean so much more to the school and me than a card with a picture of a thermometer on it. We all hope you get better soon and can't wait to see your happy smile again.

We miss you,  
Camille Jatho  
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**SXU has been approved to build a Satellite Campus in Gilbert, Arizona**

**Trinity Christian College and Moraine Valley Sign Degree Agreement**

A new agreement between Trinity Christian College and Moraine Valley Community College provides a seamless path for students planning to transfer to from Moraine to Trinity. The Trinity-Moraine Admissions Collaboration (T-MAC) Agreement, signed by Trinity's President Steven Timmermans, Ph.D., and Moraine's President Sylvia Jenkins, Ph.D. on October 23, offers transfer students a choice of collaborative program options in addition to other benefits, including:

- academic advising prior to transfer
- scholarship award of at least \$4,000/year for eligible students
- application for additional need-based financial assistance
- waiving of the Trinity application fee

Collaborative program options have also been developed under the agreement.

**Winter Weather Driving**

As winter weather approaches Alsip residents need to be prepared. The best advice for driving in bad weather is not to drive at all. If you must drive, don't go out until the snow plows have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination. Drive safely this holiday season.

**SOME HELPFUL TIPS:**

- Decrease speeds and leave room to stop
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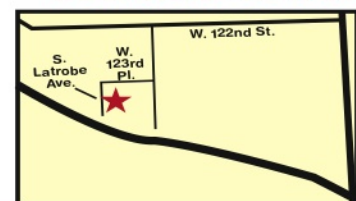
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FROM TRUSTEE KEVIN MICHAELS...

I am glad to report the Alsip Fire Department has been approved to purchase a new ambulance to better serve the Alsip community. Delivery is expected this coming Spring.

The Village continues to improve and update the Alsip Heritage apartment complexes with new appliances. Heritage 1 will be getting new roofs in the Spring on all buildings in the complex. I look forward to continuously working closely with all residents and management of both complexes to offer our current and future residents well-maintained senior housing. All residents are urged to email me at kmichaels@villageofalsip.org with any concerns, ideas or good news.



FROM TRUSTEE LYNN DWYER...

Public Works is continuing to remove the Emerald Ash trees (weather permitting) and filling in potholes throughout the community.

Public Works will be installing the Village's new Holiday decorations on the Pulaski Corridor street lights.

The Village purchased these hanging decorations to be installed once the new street lights were turned on. I am excited to report the lights were lit on November 15th. I invite all residents to come and check out the Pulaski Corridor which covers 115th up to 123rd.



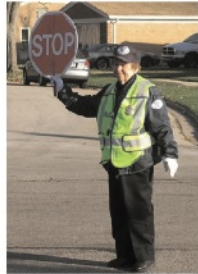
FROM TRUSTEE JOHN SHAPIRO...

In Budget news, I would like to commend all of the Village Department Heads for their efforts this past year by keeping their expenses within or under the proposed budget forecast. Other news, the Finance Committee and Board members have reviewed the

upcoming proposed tax levy for next year and agreed to keep it under the 5% ceiling which does not require a public meeting. The tax levy is the primary tool for funding the Police and Fire pensions and Road and Bridge improvements.

As the Holiday season approaches, let us all stop and reflect on all of the things we have to be thankful for. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those people who were affected by the recent disasters due to the tornadoes here in Illinois and the surrounding states and the typhoon in the Philippines. Wishing all of you a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Evelyn Fertwagner Memorial



A fundraising committee has been formed to help organize a collection for an Evelyn Fertwagner Memorial, at 117th St. and Kolin Ave. Evelyn was the crossing guard at this intersection for 46 years. Donations can be sent to: First Midwest Bank, c/o Debra Erikson, 11900 S. Pulaski Avenue, Alsip, IL 60803.



Please Help Me, Help Them - Chris Radz of Alsip is committed to raising \$4,000 by January 1, 2014 as a St. Jude Hero to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's life-saving mission of finding cures and saving children. Chris will be running the Disney 5k, 10k half and full marathon in January of 2014 - 50 miles in 4 days. To donate, go to www.heroes.stjude.org and click on the blue strip at the top of the page "Donate to a hero" -- put Christopher in first name and Radz in last - search his profile by scrolling down. Click to donate. Thank you!

Holiday Collections:

The Worth Township Youth Commission will once again be conducting its Coat and Outerwear Drive and Christmas Care Program. Donations can be dropped off at Worth Township Office at 11601 South Pulaski. Call 708-2900 ext. 45 for more details.

Coat Drive (new and clean gently used outerwear) Ends January 31st. Christmas Care Program - (Unwrapped New Toys) Ends December 21st.

Organizations Participating as Collection Centers:

The Clerk's Office - Alsip Village Hall Lobby - will again have collection boxes in support of the annual Worth Township Youth Commission Coat and Outerwear Drive and Christmas Care Program.

Coat Drive & Outerwear - Ends December 31st. New Unwrapped Toys will be collected ending December 19th.

The Alsip-Merrionette Park Library will be collecting non-perishable food items, newly unwrapped toys and monetary donations for the Worth Township Christmas Care Program. This is the Library's 12th Annual Food and Toy Drive that ends on December 19th. 708-926-7024.



Registration to be a Worth Township Christmas Care Program Recipient ends on December 13th. This is for Worth Township residents ONLY. Apply at the Worth Township Office located at 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip or call 708-371-2900 ext. 45.

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## Alsip Community News Advertiser Gets Recognized

Congratulations to Marc Goldberg, owner of Golden Shoes, on his MVCC 2013 Business Champion Award for Entrepreneur/Small Business Person of the Year. Marc's acceptance speech painted an honest picture of the importance of support for small business owners. With his permission, excerpts have been shared so that everyone learns what it's like to be on the other side of the cash register.

"I would like to thank the Committee for bestowing this honor on my store. I would like to offer a few words on the state of retail, the brick and mortar stores that exist today. When Golden Shoes opened its doors over 50 years ago, there were no malls, no upscale department stores like Nordstrom and VonMaur; no big box sporting goods stores like Sports Authority, Foot Locker and Finish Line; and, of course, there was no internet.

Obviously, the landscape, dynamics and the consumer have changed dramatically; and not necessarily for the better. Yes, consumers are way better educated and informed on the quality of products and there are more options on where to spend their hard-earned dollars. There is no question that if you search the internet, you will be able to find many items cheaper. The small business owner cannot fight this. But there is a huge negative affect on the local economy in many ways. The internet companies are not contributing to the retail sales tax dollars or real estate taxes that fund education, the police and fire departments and our community infrastructure improvements.

In the Palos Heights area, Golden Shoes is the second highest sales tax contributor, with Jewel Foods being the first. Our real estate taxes for the store are \$46,000.

The internet companies do not support children's sports teams, local schools, churches or other non-profit organizations located in our area. My father, Irv, prided himself that he never turned down any



**Pictured is Golden Shoes owner, Marc Goldberg, after receiving the Entrepreneur/ Small Business Person of the Year Award at the 18th Annual Business Champion Awards Dinner. The event was held at the Moraine Business and Conference Center on November 6, 2013 at Moraine Valley Community College. He is pictured with (left to right) Camille M. Krecioch, owner of Type Concepts Inc. and Camille's Confections, located next door to Golden Shoes; and Eda Schrimple, Programs, Outreach and Events, Corporate Community and Continuing Education (CCCE), Moraine Valley Community College**

organization that asked for a donation. I have proudly carried on that tradition. I consider this award for my Father, the founder of Golden Shoes. He was a tremendous guy; the customers absolutely loved him and he was a great mentor.

This is just some food for thought, next time you go on the internet to make a purchase or some big box store, think of the little guys. I'm sorry to paint such a gloomy picture of the existence of the brick and mortar stores, but it is what it is. If you take a look up and down Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights, downtown Worth, or any other small town business district; you will see the same empty storefronts. It's an eye-sore and testimony to what is going on. Thank you."

## MetroSouth Medical Center Expands Again

On October 10 last, MetroSouth Medical Center in Blue Island, Illinois, introduced the public to its new Family Birth Place. MetroSouth continues to improve its capabilities with new innovative programs and services for its patients. Congratulations and Thank You, MetroSouth!

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**A caravan of vehicles filled with donations given to the VFW Post #450 in Alsip headed to Washington, Illinois tornado victims on November 25th. Members of the Post that packed the vehicles early that morning were Commander Jaroch (pictured), Mike "G" Graffis, Doug Merkelbach, Anthony Zemaitis and Ray Clause.**

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Leadership Challenge participants will explore common workplace challenges and potential barriers women face while climbing the career ladder. They will learn strategies to enhance employee engagement, increase productivity and stimulate a culture of innovation to drive business results.

The program benefits businesses by helping participants become more productive, increase communication skills and improve conflict resolution skills. Other benefits for the participants include sharing insights with fellow leaders, comparing experiences and exploring how to maximize abilities and opportunities. Scholarships are available.

To register or get more information, call (708) 974-5714, visit [morainevalley.edu/ccce](http://morainevalley.edu/ccce) or email [schrimplee@morainevalley.edu](mailto:schrimplee@morainevalley.edu).



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**Alsip Residents Reach Out To Typhoon Victims**

By now everyone has heard of typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) that swept through the Philippine Islands on November 8th. Typhoon Haiyan is already being called the most devastating storm ever recorded. The city of Tacloban on the island of Leyte took a direct hit and the destruction was on a massive scale. There is a town on the West Coast of the island of Leyte that the government and the Red Cross has forgotten about. The town is called Palompon and my wife Lynn was born there. She is very heart-broken at what has happened to her family and relatives there. At around 7:00am typhoon Haiyan made it's way through Palompon. Even though the sky is usually bright with sun, when the storm hit, it was pitch black. Residents said that they felt decompression within their heads like they were on a plane. The wind was so fierce and loud they felt like a 747 was landing on their house. They held on for dear life for nearly 2 hours while the typhoon passed through with raging winds and rain.



The town of Palompon is now without electric until at least January 1st of 2014. They are also without any phone or communication with the outside world. The roads to the town are either washed away down the mountainside, or impassable due to numerous trees and landslides. The food and water that was in the stores at the market have been destroyed by the typhoon. They are totally cut off from the rest of the world with no food or water coming in. The Mayor of the town, Mayor Ramon C. Onate, is a personal friend of mine as he married my wife and myself back in 1999. He is asking for any help for the people of his town before the situation becomes even more critical.

I am trying to raise funds here in the US along with other people who have relatives and loved ones in Palompon. Even a small donation could help save lives, as we desperately need to buy water and food from the island of Cebu and transport it by ferry to Palompon. We have relatives and trusted workers that have worked for me personally willing to do the work, however, we need the funds to help. If you are willing to share even a small amount to help save lives until the roads get cleared, electric and basic services get restored; it would be greatly appreciated by Lynn and myself. Thank you and God bless you for reading our message of hope.

If you want to donate: Please contact Wayne & Lynn Groller, 11913 S. Lockwood, Alsip WGLG\_1999@COMCAST.NET or WGROLLER@COMCAST.NET.

**We Are Special...**

SWSRA is a special recreation cooperative comprised of the following communities: Alsip, Blue Island, Merrionette Park, Midlothian, Palos Heights, Posen, Summit and Worth. SWSRA was formed in 1981 to provide year-round quality recreation programs and services for individuals with disabilities or special needs. SWSRA programs are designed to increase independence and enhance the quality of life for each individual.

SWSRA is now in its 33rd year of providing recreation for special populations in the south suburban area. A wide variety of programs are available for individuals from early childhood through adulthood. The programs are designed to meet the individual recreation needs of any person who is in special education classes, participates in a sheltered workshop, is referred to SWSRA from a local hospital or rehabilitation center, or who's special needs restrict or prohibit their participation in traditional park district setting. This would include individuals who have varying degrees of physical or intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, behavior disorders, attention deficit disorders, hearing or visual impairments.

WE OFFER...SWSRA offers a wide variety of programs, sports (including participation in Special Olympics Illinois), special events, trips and summer camps. Participants of SWSRA not only have fun, but also make friends, increase physical activity, enjoy new experiences and refine their social and life skills. INCLUSION...Some people with disabilities prefer to have recreation opportunities in traditional recreation programs with people who do not have disabilities. To meet this need, SWSRA provides training, support staff and assistance to partner park districts and local recreation departments so inclusive recreation can be enjoyed by all!

**2014 SWSRA Winter Programs, Trips/Events**

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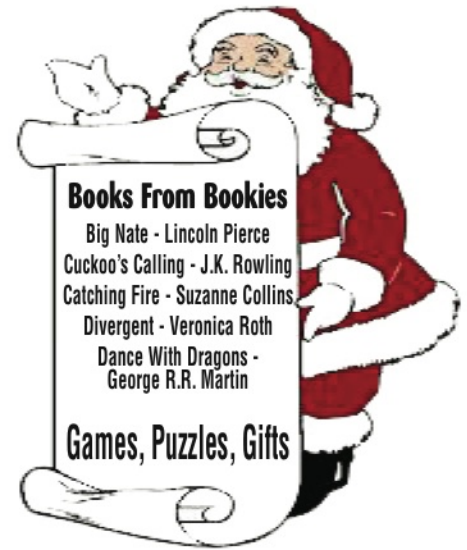
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SWSRA contact info: South West Special Recreation Association - 12521 S. Kostner Avenue, Alsip, IL 60803. Phone: 708-389-9423. Email: lachesna@swsra.com. Website: www.swsra.com.



**Especially For Seniors**

Seniors 55+ are invited to weekly Bingo on Thursdays at the Recreation Room in the Heritage I clubhouse at 119th and Ridgeway. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm.

A Reminder to Seniors that the Alsip Park District has trips and activities listed in its Brochure. Be sure and check it out! Video poker games are located throughout the Village and surrounding areas. Refer to ads in this edition of the Alsip Community News for locations. Video poker games are a fun way to spend the afternoon with a few friends.

Thank you, Jean Lorato for informing Seniors of activities in the Alsip community. All Seniors are welcome to call Donna at 1-708-385-6902 ext. 333 with important news Especially for Seniors.

The Senior Group at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 4041 W. 120th Street in Alsip welcomes all seniors for fun and fellowship every Thursday at 10:00am. Hope you will join us!

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**Veteran's Plaza Paver Update**  
 Currently we have 106 pavers placed at Veteran's Plaza. Did you get yours? Applications and gift certificates are available.

**Alsip Beautification Committee Gets A Makeover!**

Trustee Lynn Dwyer is excited to be Chairing the Alsip Beautification Committee (ABC). Over the years, this Committee has been instrumental in many projects throughout the community.

An example of its most recent project was the beautification of Laramie Avenue from 115th to 119th Street (pictured below).



"I want to commend our Public Works Department and Bob Bauer of Specialty Landscaping who donated his time to this project. A donation was acquired from Willie Carter, owner of the Restvale Cemetery, for this project.

We are currently restructuring this Committee and are seeking residents and business owners who are interested in volunteering their time and creative ideas to join. If you are such a person, please call me at the Alsip Village Hall or complete the form below and place your completed form in the drop box located in the Village Hall lobby," stated Trustee Dwyer.

All residents are invited to submit their ideas and thoughts for consideration where the ABC (Alsip Beautification Committee) should direct their efforts to the next project. Email Trustee Dwyer at [Ldwyer@villageofalsip.org](mailto:Ldwyer@villageofalsip.org) or call 708-385-6902 ext. 371.

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**VFW POST #450**

On Veteran's Day, the Post visited the Veteran's Plaza for a ceremony to honor all those who died on 911 and the Troops who have served since that terrible day.



Members then returned to the Post for a ceremony that was held by Commander Jaroch honoring our fallen warriors, the many wounded and the brave VOLUNTEER troops still serving. The ceremony was ended by the Post Honor Guard led by Charles Engblom and consisted of Jameson Eisinas, Joshua Hackler, Christopher McLaughlin and Alicia Tamayo who raised the colors. Taps was performed by Lauren Hackler former Corporal of the Marine Corp.



On December 15th, the Post will hold a "Breakfast with Santa" from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in the upstairs banquet room. All children under 12 years of age are welcome to have a nice breakfast and meet Santa who I'm sure will bring all sorts of goodies. If you're interested, please call the Post at 708-388-2387 and make your reservation so Santa has enough goodies.

If you would like to HONOR the Veteran in your family or just say thanks to a Veteran you know, you can purchase an honor paver brick with your message on it at the Post or get a purchase form at the Alsip Village Hall. Gift Certificates are available at the Post as well.

Remember, the Post is always looking for new members. Just stop by and check us out!

On behalf of all our members, thank you for all the support given to our Veterans during 2013. Happy Holidays and may the New Year bring peace to all!



Thank you to Bob Bauer of Specialty Landscaping for his contribution of labor and materials to beautify the back side of the Veterans Plaza.

**Trustee Michaels Organizes A 2-Day Job Fair For Alsip Residents**

In conjunction with the Alsip Park District and Moraine Valley Community College, a 2-part Job Fair will be held on January 7th and January 12th. Both sessions will be conducted at the Apollo Recreation Center at 12500 S. Kostner in Alsip. All participants are urged to register for both sessions to prepare for a successful experience and hopefully gain the tools to successfully acquire a position.

Day 1 - held on Tuesday, January 7th between 8-10 pm - will help registrants prepare their Resumes. Professional volunteers, with resume writing expertise, will be on hand to assist in creating or recreating attendees resume's. Creating a resume is an excellent way to not only review your job experience but also to identify what you are looking for in a position whether it be a professional or a service position.

Day 2 will be held on Sunday, January 12th between 1-5 pm. This is the actual Job Fair and participants can interview with a number of employers from the area. Casual dress attire and resume is highly recommended.

This two-part Job Fair is FREE. All participants must register for both days. The resume preparation event has only 60 slots available.

To register for both days, contact the Alsip Park District at 708-389-1003.

**Concealed Carry Permit Requirements Announced**

By Dan Stefanich

The State of Illinois finally passed the Firearm Concealed Carry Act as a law on July 9, 2013. However, the State is not yet accepting online registrations. Residents wishing to apply for a concealed carry permit must first pass the courses required by the law. Once completed, they can fill out an online application with the Illinois State Police, who is managing this program. The online application system is expected to be available in January 2014 at [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us).

The Act states that applicants must complete 16 hours of training usually taught in two 8-hour days and cover topics including firearm safety, principles of marksmanship, state and federal laws relating to ownership, carry and transportation, interaction with law enforcement, and live range training.

But just as important as how to shoot is knowing "when to shoot." Understanding our own bodies natural responses to life-threatening situations, and receiving the training on how to best manage those are just another way to become smart, responsible concealed carry gun owners," explains Bill

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