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“Praying is something we do in our time,  
the answers come in God’s time.”

Actor Robert Prosky as Father Cavanaugh in the 1993 movie “Rudy”

**Prayer.** If you’ve been following me throughout my career—from the early *Star-Sentinel* days to the *Melrose Parker* to *Neighbors*, one thing is true: every July brings the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to the forefront of my thoughts, my feelings, photos, feature stories and columns. I’ve lived it, loved it, dreaded it and defended it my entire life. From the bands to the bombs, from the first chapel built on the block where I live to the first-ever mobile procession, from the minute the arches on 23rd and carnival stands would go up to the moment the bells would ring and usher the statue back into church for another year—every attendee and every devotee has a story, a memory and, almost always, a fervent prayer. While putting this issue together, writing the story on the 100th year of the Branda Family Candlehouse, I stopped to read the history of the Feast—again. I’ve read it countless times and, even though the exact dates and chronology of events escape me, the crux of this unbroken tradition comes down to two words: prayer and promise. When Emanuella DeStefano prayed desperately for her sick husband’s life, she made a promise to establish the Feast. When Anna Maria Branda prayed, she promised her participation in the Feast and a lifetime of devotion. These two humble women, without diplomas, without powerful connections, with nothing but unstoppable faith should be an inspiration to all of us, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, proving that all things are possible with prayer.

We all pray differently and at different times in our lives. As a student at Our Lady of Mount Carmel school, I learned the long and difficult Apostle’s Creed from Sr. Antoinette in kindergarten. I remember trying to teach my public school friends to pray the Hail Mary and Our Father. But it wasn’t until much later, when I was a teenager, that I found myself on my knees at my first novena, surely praying as desperately as Mrs. DeStefano. When my grandmother passed away at a young age, I was devastated and prayer and I parted ways for a while. Most people, I think, are like me—praying out of desperation: to get pregnant, have a healthy baby, find a job, be free from addiction, find peace from anxiety, to pass an exam, secure a loan and, always, that someone we love might be miraculously cured or survive against all odds because we just can’t imagine life without them.

Not all prayers are answered in “our time,” often leaving us with insurmountable heartache and doubt. Few people that I know believe in the power of prayer more than Corinne Principe, a lifelong devotee/member of the Altar and Rosary Society and passionate “caretaker” of the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Over the years, she has pinned countless handwritten petitions, locks of hair and pieces of jewelry to the sacred undergarments and capes of the statue, giving despairing people and thankful hearts the greatest possible access to the Blessed Mother. I have been privileged to be beside her in the sacristy, watching her pay careful attention to every last detail, every lock of hair, ensuring every member of the Society an opportunity to be part of Feast history and tradition. Her role in the presentation of the roses is pivotal and, with tears in her eyes, she delivered each bouquet and every intention to the altar with her whole being. Several years ago, she presented my mother with the small spray of flowers that the statue carried throughout the procession. Those flowers and my mom’s replica statue were the only possessions unscathed when the car crashed through my living room last year. Corinne and her family need our prayers now so I not only dedicate this column to her but I want to publicly thank her for inspiring me to pray again, even if the answers come in God’s time.

tina

## Please Note: All OPEN locations are refilled regularly!

### BELLWOOD

- Bellwood Public Library
- Mickey's Drive-In
- Gioacchino's Ristorante
- Bellwood Village Hall
- Currency Exchange on Mannheim
- Center at Stevenson Park

### BERKELEY

- Republic Bank
- JK Restaurant
- Berkeley Village Hall and Library
- Torres Fresh Market

### BERWYN

- Lucky Dog on Harlem Avenue

### BROADVIEW

- Chicken Shack on Roosevelt
- Broadview Family Restaurant
- Lucky Dog on Cermak
- Dunkin' Donuts on Roosevelt

### ELMHURST

- **NEW** Harlo Grill #2
- Silverado Grill
- Lezza Spumoni & Desserts
- Elmhurst Metra Station

### ELMWOOD PARK

- Armand's Pizzeria on North Ave.
- Elmwood Park Village Hall
- Elmwood Park Public Library
- Elmwood Park Recreation Center

### FOREST PARK

- **NEW** Charlie's Restaurant on Roosevelt
- **NEW** Kribi Coffee Air Roasters
- Harvest 365
- Ed's Foods
- Forest Park Library
- Forest Park Community Center
- Starship Restaurant

### FRANKLIN PARK

- **NEW** Pet Paradise Supermarket
- Yadi's Grill, 25th and Grand
- Franklin Park Metra Station
- Lulu Belle's Pancake House
- Al and Joe's Deli
- American Legion Post #974
- Smart Wash Laundromat
- Franklin Park Public Library
- Park District of Franklin Park
- Franklin Park Village Hall
- Leyden Township & Community Center

### HILLSIDE

- Eisenhower Park
- Hillside Village Hall
- Russo's Chapels
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- Q's Restaurant & Pizza
- Hillside Public Library

### MAYWOOD

- Poor Boy, 1st & Roosevelt
- Maywood Village Hall
- Maywood Public Library

### MELROSE PARK

- **NEW** Meat King on Lake Street
- IHOP on Winston Plaza
- West Lake Urgent Care on Lake Street
- El Rodeo Mexican Grill & Seafood

### MELROSE PARK, CONTINUED

- Johnnie's Grill on Lake Street
- Rube's Garage Fitness on Ruby
- Ozzie's Deli on Grand
- Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Tony's Finer Foods on Mannheim
- Bets on Broadway
- Dunk Donuts on Lake Street
- Lucky Dog on Lake Street
- Melrose Park Public Library
- Sacred Heart Church
- Harlo Grill #1 on North Avenue
- Café 23, 23rd and Lake Street
- Veterans Park District Leoni Complex
- 7-11 on Broadway
- PNC Bank, Winston Plaza
- Scudiero's Bakery & Deli
- Melrose Park Village Hall/Senior Center
- Pan American Bank
- Melrose Currency on Broadway
- Caputo Cheese Market
- St. Paul Lutheran Resale Shop

### NORTHLAKE

- Cuomo To Go
- Grant Park Recreation Center
- Northlake Public Library

### NORTH RIVERSIDE

- Catie's Place Gaming Cafe
- North Riverside Village Commons
- North Riverside Public Library

### OAK PARK

- Oak Park Township
- Potbelly's
- Byline Bank
- Rush Oak Park Hospital
- Oak Park Public Library

### RIVER FOREST

- **NEW** Yolk Restaurant on North Avenue
- La Parrillita Mexican Grill
- River Forest Chocolates
- Whole Foods
- River Forest Library

### RIVER GROVE

- **NEW** Cocina Kitchen Gadgets
- Quasthoff's Florist
- Catie's Place Gaming Cafe
- Triton College
- Rich's Fresh Market
- Dunkin' Donuts: River Road & Belmont
- Bargains in a Box
- Blondie's Diner
- River Grove Public Library
- River Grove Village Hall
- River Park Moose Lodge

### SCHILLER PARK

- Al & Andy's Restaurant
- Marathon Station, 25th & Irving
- Gambino's Fresh Market, 25th Avenue

### STONE PARK

- Stone Park Village Hall
- Firehouse Subs
- Shwings Shrimp & Wings

### WESTCHESTER

- Quick Mart on Mannheim
- Westchester Village Hall

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**“Putting art on our properties is a team effort, something we truly hope the community will appreciate and enjoy.”**

Edie Trott, Senior Director of Marketing, NewMark Merrill Companies



**“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”**

-Maya Angelou

## Enjoy Winston Plaza

### 3 MURALS WITH A MISSION TO INSPIRE

When Edie Trott visited NewMark Merrill's Winston Plaza property in April 2020, her vision was to bring local artists Shayne Taylor (pictured), Brett Whitacre and Felix Maldonado to Melrose Park to create larger-than-life murals that would invite the community to come out and find their own meaning on the walls of Winston Plaza, 9th and North Avenue, Melrose Park. Vision accomplished. ✓

## A Plaza

## With Purpose

Despite the fact that the state is now operating under the Phase 5: Illinois Restored banner, with all sectors of the economy reopened and businesses, schools, and recreation resuming normal operations with new safety guidance and procedures, some people may not be ready to venture out into crowds and congestion. In fact, they might actually be seeking some time to restore the momentum they lost and perhaps a local place where they can gather their thoughts and ready themselves for re-entry into the “new normal.”

Most area residents wouldn't imagine that a company that owns more than 80 shopping centers in 100+ cities throughout California, Colorado and Illinois would be the catalyst for creativity and calm, inspiration and imagination but NewMark Merrill Companies, Inc., owners of Winston Plaza at 9th and North Avenue in Melrose Park, have made it a priority to bring larger-than-life murals to its properties, hoping to establish places to “gather and uplift” within the communities it serves.

When Chairman and CEO Sandy Sigal made the community art program a priority, Edie Trott, Senior Director of Marketing, took it to the next level, traveling extensively to their shopping centers, identifying the most viable areas and walls for murals and working with consultants to search out incredibly-talented local artists to conceive and create massive messages of post-pandemic hope and visual excitement.

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follow Winston Plaza on Facebook and [www.winston-plaza.com](http://www.winston-plaza.com) • read more at [www.newmarkmerrill.com/community-art/](http://www.newmarkmerrill.com/community-art/)



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# ENJOY ~YOUR~ SUMMER

## FOREST PARK

### Garden Walk, Movies in the Park

■ Join the Historical Society of Forest Park on Saturday, July 17 from 10 am until 4 pm as the beautiful outdoor spaces and gardens of Forest Park are showcased. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. All tickets purchased will be picked up at Century & Sleuths Bookstore, 7419 Madison Street in Forest Park on the day of the event. Your ticket will also enroll you in free give-aways and prizes. Anyone with questions can send an email to [HSFPhousegarden@gmail.com](mailto:HSFPhousegarden@gmail.com). Tickets are available online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for Forest Park Garden Walk).

■ The Park District of Forest Park invites you to gather your family, grab your chairs, blankets, and snacks and get ready for Movies in the Park at Roos Pavilion, 7329 W. Harrison. Movies begin at dusk (roughly 8:15-8:30pm). Friday, July 16: Trolls World Tour; Friday, August 13, Honey, I Shrunk the Kids. For more info, visit <https://www.pdofp.org>.

## FRANKLIN PARK

### Park District 2021 Concert Series



Kick back at North Park Baseball Fields, 10040 Addison Avenue. Concerts are free but reservations are required so be sure to call 847-455-2852 to save your spot. Start time is 7 pm.

July 6: Rosie and the Rivets. Performing the best danceable music of the 50s and early 60s.

July 13: Final Say plays it all from alternative, classic rock, Motown, New Wave, Big Hair Rock, R&B, and every decade.

July 20: Sushi Roll transitions between revved up versions of your favorite pop and rock hits.

July 27: The Rockfathers. Playing hits from the Beatles, Eagles, Elvis, Billy Joel, Gin Blossoms, Springsteen, Johnny Cash, REM and more.

## HILLSIDE

### Summer Nights series kicks off on July 27



From Classic Rock to Soul to Country, the Village of Hillside is excited to announce the return of Summer Nights concert series.

Bands will be perform at the Commons located at 4950 Washington Street; all concerts start at 7:30 pm. Save the dates and follow the Summer Nights and Village of Hillside Facebook pages and check the Village website at

[www.hillside-il.org](http://www.hillside-il.org) for updated information.

July 27: American English, "the best Beatle tribute story of our time." Voted "Number #1" by Beatle fans as winners of the sound-alike contests at Beatfest® 3 consecutive years in a row.

August 3: Hillbilly Rockstarz. Chicago's very own country super group specializes in the latest hits in country music while mixing in favorites from legends like Willie and Waylon.

August 10: Magic of Motown celebrates over 50 years of Motown hits. This high-energy show features Motown harmonies, dazzling costumes and choreographed danced steps backed by a hot band!

August 17: Seventh Heaven, always a Hillside favorite, charted #1 on the Midwest Billboard Charts three times in the past few years with their hits. For more than 30 years, 7th Heaven has been an entertainment staple.

August 24: The Shagadelics will bring their throwback party to the Commons—funky clothes, platform shoes and some of the best dance music from the 70s and 80s, including disco, funk, dance, retro and more.

August 31: The Buckingham's, one of Chicago's all-time great rock bands returns to Hillside. Performing the #1 hit single "Kind of a Drag," "Don't You Care," "Hey Baby, They're Playing Our Song" and "Susan," don't miss this show by Billboard Magazine's "Most Listened to Band in America in 1967."

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## UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

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### MELROSE PARK

#### Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Schedule

Schedule for the 128th Anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1101 N. 23rd Avenue.

Solemn Novena: July 9 to July 17, 7:30 pm

Banner Presentation: July 13, 6:45 pm

Rose Presentation: July 14, 6 pm

Feast Committee Memorial Service, July 15, 7 pm

Spanish Mass, July 17, 3 pm

Feast Day Masses, July 18, 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Mobile Procession begins at 1:30 pm

All activities will be streamed live via Facebook.

Visit the website at [www.olmcp parish.org](http://www.olmcp parish.org) and click the link for the 128th Feast or call the rectory at 344-4140.

The Altar and Rosary Society is selling official banners, garden flags, window and lawn signs. Greet the Madonna with these beautiful tributes as the statue travels through the streets. Items are available in the parish office. For more information, call Linda Basili at 312/315-9554.

13x30 inch Garden Flags: \$30

2x3 Foot Banner: \$35 • 3x5 Foot Banner: \$45

18x30 inch Window Sign: \$35

18x24 inch Lawn Sign: \$35

### NORTH RIVERSIDE

#### Sounds of Summer and Special Events

Bring friends and family and comfy chairs and blankets to the Village Commons, 2401 S. Desplaines Avenue on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 pm. Coolers and picnic baskets are allowed this year. All CDC guidelines must be followed. For more info, call 442-5515 or follow North Riverside Parks and Recreation on Facebook and Instagram.

Thursday, July 8: The Nevery Brothers, rock and roll tribute.

Thursday, August 5: Two Beer Tommy, country.

Friday, August 13: Movie in the Park (Freaky Friday) starts at 8:30 pm. Rain date is August 7.

Bring the family, tent and sleeping bags for a night under the stars on August 6-7 at Veterans Park. Movie, snacks, games and breakfast provided. Fee is \$25 per site.

### OAK PARK

#### The Farmers' Market is Back!

Open every Saturday, 7am to 1pm through October 30 at 460 Lake Street in the Pilgrim Church parking lot. This year, the number of patrons allowed will be limited to ensure social distancing. Market patrons can also order online now at [www.sourcewhatsgood.com](http://www.sourcewhatsgood.com). For more about the Farmers Market, visit [www.oak-park.us](http://www.oak-park.us).

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### RIVER FOREST

#### Free Concert in Constitution Park

River Forest Park District's next summer concert date is July 15 at 6 pm when Circle of Fifths will perform some of the best dance party and classic rock hits. Constitution Park is located at 7715 Greenfield. For more information on upcoming events, visit [www.rfparks.com](http://www.rfparks.com).

### RIVER GROVE

#### Concerts in the Park

The Village of River Grove invites area residents to the Saturday, July 17th concert with One Down, a Chicago-based cover band playing hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s, will perform at River Front Gazebo from 7 to 9 pm. This concert is sponsored by the River Grove Lions Club.

### SCHILLER PARK

#### Movie in the Park

July 17 at 8:30 pm, Stalica Park, 9200 W. Irving Park Road. Movie in the Park is "Onward" (rated PG-102 minutes). Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating. Social distancing will be enforced.

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#### Concerts in the Park

Veterans Park District has planned several special events at various locations within its boundaries. Follow VPD on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter; call 343-5270; or visit [www.vpdpark.org](http://www.vpdpark.org) for more info.

■ Music & Movie Night, Wednesday, July 21 at Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Drive in Northlake. Free mid-week family event in partnership with the City of Northlake; bring lawn chairs or blankets and your own snacks. At 7 pm, live music by the band 1976 followed by the movie "School of Rock" at dusk. Free popcorn while supplies last.

■ Movie night at Trumbull Park in River Grove on Wednesday, August 4. Watch the movie "Onward."

■ Chicago Skyliners Big Band, Wednesday, August 11 at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, 1800 Riverwoods Drive in Melrose Park. Enjoy contemporary arrangements of traditional big band hits. Band starts at 7 pm.

■ Guitarra Azul, Wednesday, August 25 at Bulger Park, 1601 Hirsch in Melrose Park. Band starts at 7 pm.

■ Annual Softball Tournament and Bocce Ball Tournament, July 31-August 1 at Bulger Park. Call VPD for team registration deadlines or just come out to watch the best Men's 16", Co-Ed 14" and bocce action.

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## A Plaza With Purpose

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"My own personal mantra has been to realize change through challenge," reflected Trott. "Having launched the community art program before the pandemic, we could have never imagined the tremendous challenges all of us would face in the months ahead. Now, as we are able to forge on and complete this project, we are even more hopeful that the murals will resonate in some way with everyone in the community, that we have sparked imagination beyond all barriers—economic, social, emotional, any kind of barrier. The mission here is very simple: to enhance our common areas, make them an inviting place where community residents will want to sit, relax and make it part of their day, bringing some post-pandemic peace as well as motivation to move on."

For Tim Murphy, Senior Director of Marketing and Technology for NewMark Merrill, the community art project was simply meant to be. "For all of us within the company, this was a unique but logical step within our three-fold purpose: to always strive to improve our properties, support our tenants and appreciate our customers. I truly believe that these murals may even trigger an incredible moment in someone's life, prompting unexpected feelings and even inspiration."

The stories of the artists are as inspiring as the murals themselves: Shayne Taylor, who painted the "Beauty of Change" (Maya Angelou quote wall) believes that her art is the best way to communicate and share her vision and that bigger-than-life art brings color and happiness to everyone. "I've learned from art that you're going to make mistakes and it's okay." Brett Whitacre, a former drummer, considers himself "lucky" to make a living doing what he loves. No one would guess that he is color-blind; his mural at the Best Buy store is a masterpiece of shades and juxtapositions. Felix Maldonado is self-taught street and graffiti artist who, over the last 25 years, rarely uses a paintbrush when he works. Much more confident with spray paint, Felix's works amaze clients and command attention from people across the country. A graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago, he brings relentless passion and enthusiasm to every project he undertakes.

*Pictured above, the mural painted by Brett Whitacre at Winston Plaza in Melrose Park.*



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Life Skills Checklists (Virtual). Tuesday, July 6; Mondays, July 12, 19 and 26 from 1 to 2 pm. Visit the Library's teen page and learn a new life skill, including how to get a bank account, how to make a budget and stick to it, how to register your car and how to bake chocolate chip cookies.

Shades of Fiction Book Club (In-person). Monday, July 12, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Join librarian Kara Spizzirri on the library lawn to discuss *Such A Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. Call for book availability.

Colorful and Savory Pizzas (Virtual). Wednesday, July 14, 7 to 8 pm. Father Dominic, the "Bread Monk," will show you how to use flavors and textures from around the world to create pizzas. Father Dominic Garramone, OSB is a monk of Saint Bede Abbey in Peru, Illinois.

Dress for the Mess (In-person). Tuesday, July 20, Noon to 1 pm. Kids ages 5-10 can register and join the outdoor paint party. Make sure you dress for the mess. Limit 12.

GoofyFaces Caricatures (In-person). Wednesday, July 21, 1:30 to 3 pm. Would you like to have an amusing and loveable caricature of yourself? Don't miss this event. Register and reserving your sitting time and, in just a few minutes, you'll receive a free drawing of yourself to take home. Ages 3-12.

Secret Chicago Trivia (Virtual). Tuesday, July 27, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Think you know Chicago? Join author Jessica Milnaric for an evening of weird Chicago trivia.

Virtual Yoga with Rhonda, Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Virtual Zumba Live! Saturday mornings, 10 to 11 am for ages 14 and up with certified instructor LaToya Towns via Zoom.

**Berkeley Public Library.** Located at 1637 N. Taft Avenue; call 708-544-6017 or visit the website at [www.berkeleypl.org](http://www.berkeleypl.org). For more program info, stop in, visit the website or follow on Facebook.

Homeschool Connection Day. July 13, 1 to 2:30 pm. If you're a homeschooling family or interested in homeschooling, meet up at Berkeley gazebo for Science in the Shade.

Adult/Teen DIY Water Bottle. July 17, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Learn how to use Cricut Maker to make a personalized water bottle.

Teen After Hours. July 23, 4 to 8:30 pm. Nintendo gaming, a movie and food. Social distancing enforced. Ages 13-18. Sign up.

Comedy Juggling Show with Jason Kollum. July 24, Noon to 1 pm. Join Jason for a show that always wows kids and families of all ages. There will be audience participation and the amazing bubble show finale.

Medallion Hunt 2021. A small metal medallion is hidden somewhere on the public property within Berkeley! Can you find it? One clue per week is posted on Facebook. Program is sponsored by LeDonne Hardware.

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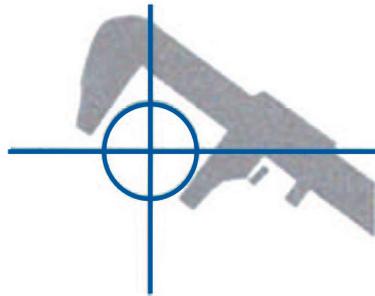
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Create Club, July 16, 4 to 5 pm. Ages 10 and up.

Lunch Movie: Each Tuesday, Noon to 2 pm. Kids are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Free popcorn provided.

Nintendo Gaming every Tuesday, 2 to 4 pm.

Tea and Mystery, July 9, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Teen Gaming: July 2 and 30, July 2, 4 to 5:30 pm

**Elmwood Park Public Library.** Located at 1 Conti Parkway, call 453-7645 or visit the website at [www.elmwoodparklibrary.org](http://www.elmwoodparklibrary.org) for regular hours. Connect with the Elmwood Park Public Library on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Virtual Wits Workout (Zoom): Monday, July 5, 1 to 2 pm. Adults, sign up to get the Zoom link. Take part in fun activities designed to maintain and enhance cognitive brain function and memory. Worksheets available for pickup a week before the program.

StoryWalk in the Circle. July 5-17. Families/All Ages. Follow the StoryWalk path around Conti Circle anytime between July 5 and July 17 to read a picture book. When you are finished, visit the library to pick up an activity kit (while supplies last).

Outdoor Story Time at Central Park. Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10 to 10:45 am. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. Masks recommended for all participants over age 3. No need to register.

Virtual Family Bingo. Wednesday, July 7, 7 to 8 pm. All ages. Sign up to get the link. Join a fun virtual night of bingo for the whole family.

Virtual Chair Yoga (Zoom). Monday, July 12 and 26, 1 to 2 pm. Gentle exercise for adults. Sign up to get Zoom link.

Virtual Gentle Mat Yoga (Zoom): Monday, July 19, 1 to 2 pm. Adults, sign up for the Zoom link. Join Rhonda Fentry for a one-hour session of gentle exercise which can be done on a mat, bed or couch. Involves gentle stretching with some standing, sitting and lying down poses.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. July 23-24, 10 am to 4 pm. All ages. Find great deals on hardcover and paperback books as well as DVDs, CDs and more. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library which supports Library programs and collections. Free entry. Sale will be held outside the library building and face masks will be required.

Virtual Trivia Night. Tuesday, July 27, 7 to 7:30 pm. For adults, sign up to get the trivia link via email or check the Facebook page at around 7 pm to click the trivia link. First person to answer the most questions correctly will win a prize.

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Wednesday, July 14 at Bulger Park in Melrose Park

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Monday, July 12, 11 am to 1 pm at Grant Park, Northlake.

Monday, July 26, 11 am to 1 pm at George A. Leoni Complex, 800 17th Avenue in Melrose Park.

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■ **Swim Camp.** Swim campers will participate in daily swim lessons along with open swim. In addition, they get to enjoy a variety of games, sports, arts and crafts. On bad weather days, campers will meet at Leoni Complex. Ages 6-12, Monday through Friday, August 9-13, Gouin Pool, 2400 Scott Street in Franklin Park. \$300 per person.

■ **Sports 101.** Children learn the basics for a variety of different sports: basketball, soccer, floor hockey, volleyball, tennis, whiffle ball and more. This program helps develop large motor skills and hand/eye coordination. Ages 5-7, Mondays, July 12-August 9, 5-6 pm, Grant Park Rec Center, 44 W. Golfview Drive in Northlake. \$55/\$70.

■ **Summer Baseball Clinics.** First hour is dedicated to hitting, second hour is fielding and last hour is pitching and playing scrimmage games. Ages 8-14, Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 9 am to Noon. Session 1: July 13-27 and Session 2: August 10-24. Gouin Park, 2400 Scott Street in Franklin Park. \$175/\$190.

■ **Youth Yoga.** Kids learn the basics of yoga, breathing techniques, meditation, poses/asana. Yoga has proven benefits that can help kids with concentration and improved mindset. Ages 5-7, Sundays, July 25-August 22, 5 to 6 pm. Cimbalo Fitness Center, 1203 N. 24th Avenue, Melrose Park. \$40/\$55.

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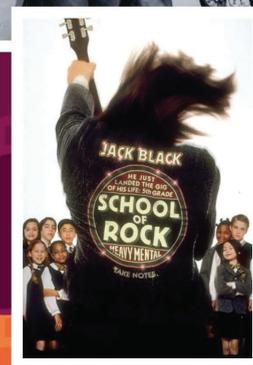
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Tai Chi on Zoom. Registration required. Tuesdays, July 6 and 20, 6 to 7 pm. Visit [fppld.org/adults.programs](http://fppld.org/adults.programs).

Sunrise Storytime for ages 0-5 with caregiver. Fridays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10 to 10:30 am.

Galaxy Jar Take-Home Kit. Hold the galaxy in your hands with your very own galaxy jar. Pick up your kit to create this fun and colorful craft. For adults. Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16.

Chair Yoga on Zoom. Mondays, July 12 and 26, 3 to 4 pm. Check the website for details. Must register.

Giant Bubble Bash. Build your own giant bubble wand and create/play with giant bubbles on the library lawn. Limit 25. Must register. Wednesday, July 14, 3 to 4 pm.

2021 The Kindness Rocks Project. Celebrate spreading a little joy to others with The Kindness Rocks Project on July 16, 2 to 3 pm—paint a kindness rock at the library or pick up a kit from July 12-16 and make one at home. All ages.

Homeschool Connections. Connect with resources and other parents. Register on the website to receive the Zoom link. Wednesday, July 21, 4 to 5 pm.

Wright Brothers, Wrong Story. Join author William Hazelgrove as he deconstructs the Wright Brothers’ myth of who created the first “flying machine.” Registration is required and you will be emailed the Zoom link. Thursday, July 22, 7 to 8 pm.

Color Your Library Bookend Event. Spend some time outside coloring and designing the Library’s bookends. Sign up required. Limited slots available. Friday, July 23, 4 to 5 pm.

**Hillside Public Library.** Located at 405 Hillside Avenue, call 449-7510 or visit [www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org](http://www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org). Follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Hours, events and procedures are subject to change so call for more information and utilize the online library.

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Adults First Wednesday Monthly Book Discussion. On the library lawn. Visitors and new members always welcome. On July 7 at 2 pm: *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend* by Susan Orlean.

Outdoor Yoga. Fridays, 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Gentle yoga for all levels. Bring your own mat or use one of the library’s mats. Call to register as space is limited.

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### Hillside Public Library continued

Summer Reading Programs for adults, teens and children continue through July 24 for children/teens and July 31 for adults.

Virtual Bingo. Tuesdays in July from 12:30 to 1:15 pm. All ages welcome. Registration required. You will be sent the Zoom link and Bingo card link on Tuesday mornings.

Rock Painting. Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 pm. Registration required by Saturday, July 10. Family program, all ages welcome. Children under 14 must be accompanied by a participating adult.

DIY Dog Treats. Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm. Program will be in English and Spanish. Use ingredients from your kitchen to make healthy and tasty treats for your dog. Programs for adults and teens. Recipes provided. Registration required.

Craft Kit. Celebrate July 4 and July 14 with a simple patriot craft. Pick one up at the Reference desk.

**Melrose Park Public Library.** 801 Broadway. Call 649-7400 for current hours or visit [www.mpplibrary.org](http://www.mpplibrary.org).

Summer Reading Challenge: Through August 9. All ages can participate. Find more details on the library website.

Express Services. The library is open for checking out material, returning material, applying/renewing library cards, self-service photocopying, mobile printing and scanning. Ask about faxing.

Books in a Bag: Let staff pick your next great read. Visit the website to fill out a form with your reading interests. For adults, teens and children.

**Northlake Public Library.** 231 N. Wolf Road in Northlake. Call 562-2301 or visit the website at [www.northlakelibrary.org](http://www.northlakelibrary.org).

Free Summer Meals. The Library will be a free summer meals site with shelf stable meal boxes available one day per week. Mondays, 1 to 2:30 pm, July 12, 19 and 26.

ADULTS: TikTok Famous Food Series: Baked Feta Pasta. Follow along on Facebook Live, Wednesday, July 7 at 7 pm.

Kitchen Basics: Facebook Live Series—Smoking Basics. Basic techniques for grilling and smoking using simple equipment: grill and charcoal. Wednesday, July 14, 7 pm.

TikTok Famous Craft Series: Anime Glass Art, Tuesday, July 20, 7 pm. Craft kits will be available after the program.

Kitchen Basics: Special—Instant Pot Burritos. Join Mamie from Guest Services as she demonstrates her burrito-making skills. Wednesday, July 21, 7 pm.

CHILDREN: Take & Make Kits for up to age 12. Themed bags will be available for curbside pickup. Call 562-2301, ext. 6 or send an email to [youthservices@northlakelibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@northlakelibrary.org) to reserve your bag on July 6 and 20. Limit 25.

Tween Steam. Grades 4 and up. Follow along via Facebook Live. Key supplies provided. Limit 30 bags per session. Thursday, July 8 and 22, 6 pm.

K-3 Steam. Follow along on Facebook Live. Supplies provided. Limit 30 bags per session. Thursday, July 1, 15 and 29, 6 pm.

SENIORS: Virtual Senior Meetup. Let’s get together on Zoom for a fun afternoon of socialization. Share conversation and stay connected. Register online or call 562-2301, x5. Tuesday, July 13, 2 to 3 pm.

Senior Check-in. Whether you want to chat about the weather or need assistance with something, Senior Programs Coordinator Michele can help. Call 562-2301, x5.

TEENS: Let’s Bake—Two Kinds of Ice Cream-making techniques. Thursday, July 22, 7 pm.

**River Grove Public Library.** 8638 W. Grand Avenue in River Grove. Call 453-4484 or visit [www.rivergrovelibrary.org](http://www.rivergrovelibrary.org).

Pinch Pots. Wednesday, July 7, 7 to 8 pm. Join either at the Library or virtually to make a puffer fish out of clay. This delightful accent can be used as a tissue holder or an artistic centerpiece. Craft kits will be available for pickup at the circulation desk a week before the event. If attending in person, kits will be provided at the start of the program. Registration required.

Online Virtual Story Time, Thursdays, July 8, 15 22 and 29, 11 to 11:30 am for ages 4 and under. This year’s theme is about the alphabet. During virtual story time, read short stories, sing, learn about the letter of the day and make a craft. Register for each individual day to reserve your craft bag and receive the Zoom link in your email.

Teen Grab & Go: DIY Crystals. Monday, July 12. Become a real-life scientist and create your own crystals. Stop in to pick up a kit. Kits include supplies and instructions. Supplies are limited and registration is required.

Online Virtual Youth Summer Reading Club Ages 5-8. Wednesdays, July 14, 21 and 28, 1 to 1:45 pm. Register for each day to reserve your craft bag at the beginning of each week and receive the Zoom link. Call Mrs. Tucker at 453-4484 with questions.

Youth Outdoor Yoga! Saturday, July 17, 2 to 2:45 pm. JOYFUL Stretch Yoga will be at the library for a unique outdoor class for ages 6-8. Each registered child must bring their own yoga mat. Contact Mrs. Tucker at [youth@rivergrovelibrary.org](mailto:youth@rivergrovelibrary.org) for any questions. Must register.

Adult Grab and Go: DIY Flamingo Snow Globes. Monday, July 19, 6 to 7 pm. Create your own summer-themed Flamingo Snow Glob. Kits available starting July 19. To create your craft in person, seating is available starting at 5 pm. Supplies are limited and registration is required.

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Children's Story Trail and Craft: "Stick and Stone" (drop-in). Walk a short trail, read the story "Stick and Stone" by Beth Ferry then stop at the Museum to pick up a craft/activities bag. Saturday, July 3-Sunday, July 11, 9 am to 4 pm.

Wellness Walks in Thatcher Woods (in-person). Adults only. Masks required. Call 366-6530 to register and directions. Wednesday, July 7 and Saturday, July 17, 1 pm.

Sunset Walk (in-person). Lighting bugs—or do you say fire-flies? Walk around Trailside's pond and river with John Elliot of Chicago Audubon for an evening stroll. Call to register. Friday, July 9, 8 pm.

Insect Hunt (in-person). For adults and children w/adult. Call 366-6530 to register. Sunday, July 11, 10 am.

Hooray for Herons (in-person). A short talk followed by a short walk. For adults and families. Call to register. Wednesday, July 14, 9 am.

Mini Insect Fest at Cummings Square (drop-in). Try your hand at catching and identifying bugs, make insect-themed crafts, follow the migration of Monarch butterflies. Nature play and self-guided activities will be offered. At Cummings Square, Harlem and Lake in River Forest. No registration. Thursday, July 15, 11 am to 2 pm.

Zoom Program: Planting for Monarch Butterflies in All their Life Stages (virtual). Monarch butterflies need excellent flower nectar sources to fuel their north and south migrations as well as when they are mating and laying eggs. Discuss some of the best native plant species for your yard to help Monarchs spring to fall. Call to register. Thursday, July 22, 7 pm.

Facebook Live at Lunchtime (Virtual via the Trailside Facebook page). Live from Evans Field Forest Preserve, learn about the amenities and what you can do there and discuss the Des Plaines River Trail. Wednesday, July 28, Noon.

Earthworms! (in-person). Join a naturalist and search for earthworms along the trail. Learn more about these mysterious animals and get a better understanding of their role in nature. For adults and children w/adult. Register by calling 366-6530. Thursday, July 29, 10 am.

Family Game Day at Thatcher Woods (drop-in). Adults and families are invited to an afternoon filled with favorite backyard games and nature trivia. Take a walk on the trail in between games. No registration required. Saturday, July 31, 2 to 5 pm.

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