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ON THE COVER

(Clockwise) Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford inside of the recreation center in Maywood named in her honor; Annie Beckworth, a member of Rose of Sharon Community Church in Maywood; members of a local Boy Scout troop in Maywood race wooden cars.



President/CEO's Message

Greetings!

The Maywood Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2019 Community Guide. Launched 22 years ago in 1987 by the then-president Karen A. Yarbrough, the Guide has continued to be a valuable source concerning the history of Maywood and its many resources and organizations.

In addition, it is an important and ongoing marketing tool for the businesses, hospitals, not-for-profits and other organizations, since the Guide is mailed, free of charge, to the nearly 8,000 households in the Village, as well as to all members and advertisers. Copies are also available during the year at the Maywood Public Library and the Village Hall.

This year we continue our collaboration with Publisher Dan Haley and his staff at Wednesday Journal in Oak Park, which includes Maywoodian Michael Romain, editor of Village Free Press in Maywood.

The theme for this year's Guide is the recognition of several outstanding community leaders of the past 75 years, who have contributed to the rich history of our Village. From World War II ending in 1945, until the present, our lives have been enriched by a



host of individuals.

In addition, we highlight some of the major events of the past year, including the Chamber's Annual Awards & Scholarship Banquet, in June, the growth of our local newspaper, the Village Free Press, and the 76th Annual Bataan Day Memorial Service, with keynote speaker, Dr. Gina A. Jimarolin, the newly arrived Philippine Consul General in Chicago.

We were blessed in 2017 to elect Thomas J. Engoren as our new Chairman of the Board. Mr. Engoren came across the street (9th Avenue) from Melrose Park several years ago and has been a leader of economic development, beginning with his own business. His quiet and wise demeanor has enabled the Chamber to move forward in carrying out its professional mission.

As the Chamber celebrates its 80th year of service to the community, let us remember our duty to God, family and country and let us truly strive to be leaders in the Third Millennium.

May God bless Maywood and our great country of America!

Edwin H. Walker IV
President/CEO
Maywood Chamber of Commerce

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Mayor's Message

Greetings Maywoodians!

I am delighted to congratulate our Maywood Chamber of Commerce during this, their 80th year of existence. The important work the Chamber does is integral and vital to keeping our local economy healthy and strong. As we work to attract more and varied businesses to our village, we are mindful of the work of the Chamber and the people who work hard to keep it strong. One of the first recommendations for new businesses owners in the village must be to join and contribute to our venerable Chamber of Commerce!

This year, I feel compelled to deliver a strong message about the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census. Census numbers translate into much needed dollars that can significantly impact our communities, because the federal government uses census data to determine how more than \$675 billion in funding is allocated to state, county and municipal governments and programs on an annual basis. At the last decennial, in 2010, of all the villages in Proviso Township, we had the lowest census count at 69%, which means that we left millions upon millions of dollars on the table. We have had to live with the numbers we generated back then for the last ten years. Those dollars could have been used for all kinds of improvements in our village and in our schools, and to fund social service programs at a greater and higher level. We also lost our independent 911 dispatch center, which operated out of the Maywood Police Department, when we had to consolidate with Broadview because our population numbers were below the threshold needed to maintain the independence of our



center. Now, Maywood and Broadview operate out of the Eisenhower Emergency Communication Center, which is in Broadview.

For business owners in our community, it is important to understand that Census numbers are tied, not only to our roads, infrastructure, and disaster relief, but also to studying consumer needs and demands, publishing economic and statistical reports, understanding how to move goods and services to local markets, locating factory sites and distribution centers, investment planning, risk evaluation, and comprehending business needs, among many, many other things. Further, the United States Census Bureau projects that, for each resident of our village who is not counted, we will lose \$1,500 per year—or 15,000 over the next ten years. That is the loss we sustain for undercounting one person! Finally, it is important to note that Census population data is also used to determine the number of Congressional representatives to which a state is entitled, as well as for redrawing legislative boundaries. So, yes, the 2020 Census is a big deal for all Maywoodians, and I need the unequivocal support of the business community over the next several months to help ensure that our village gets the resources our residents deserve.

Warmest regards,
Edwenna Perkins
Mayor, Village of Maywood

Chairman of the Board's Message

As a relative newcomer to Maywood, I consider it to be a great privilege to serve as the Chairman of the Board of one of the community's most prestigious and long-lived institutions. With the mission of supporting our present businesses, as well as encouraging the development of new businesses, I have endeavored to lead the way in the revival of business activity in our Village.

The rich history of Maywood should be a source of pride to its citizens with its numerous homes on the National Register of Historic



Places, as well as local landmark status and its ideal location for business development.

Membership in the Maywood Chamber of Commerce offers an opportunity to join a collective voice for expressing business concerns in our Village. We work together as a team

to maintain close relationships not only with our members, but also with our Village government and staff.

With warm personal regards,

*Thomas J. Engoren
Chairman of the Board
Maywood Chamber
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Maywood Senior Club

The Maywood Senior Citizen Club meets every Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building, 200 S. 5th Ave. The Club is open to all senior citizens, residing in Maywood. The Club will feature bingo, card games, other activities and refreshments. Free bus transportation will be provided. For more information, please contact Larry Shapiro, 708-238-3657.

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A student who attends Garfield Elementary School in Maywood is greeted by local community members before heading into classes in September during the school's annual Men's Day event.

Proviso Township Senior Citizen Services

3705 Warren Ave., Bellwood, IL 60104
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital
5000 S. 5th Ave., Hines, IL 60741

Public Affairs Officer Charity Hardison

708-202-5627

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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Alex Nuno – Veterans Services Officer
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Veterans Services

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Community Information

Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County

1100 S. Hamilton Ave., C011
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EDUCATION

Public School District 89

Superintendent, Dr. David Negron
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Office of the Superintendent
906 Walton St., Melrose Park, IL 60160
708-450-2460 Ext. 1151

Emerson Elementary School

311 W. Washington Blvd.
708-450-2002

Garfield Elementary School

1514 S. 9th Ave.
708-450-2009

Irving Middle School

805 S. 17th Ave.
708-450-2015

Jane Addams Elementary School

910 W. Division St.,
Melrose Park, IL 60160
708-450-2023

Lincoln Elementary School

811 Chicago Ave.
708-450-2036

Melrose Park Elementary School

1715 W. Lake St., Melrose Park, IL 60160
708-450-2042

Roosevelt Elementary School

1927 S. 15th Ave., Broadview, IL 60160
708-450-2047

Stevenson Middle School

1630 N. 20th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

708-450-2053

Washington Dual Language School

1111 W. Washington Blvd.
708-450-2065

Public School District 209

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8601 Roosevelt Road,
Forest Park, IL 60130
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Proviso East High School

Principal, Dr. Patrick J. Hardy
807 S. 1st Ave.
708-344-7000

Proviso West High School

Principal, Dr. Nia Abdullah
4701 W. Harrison St.,
Hillside, IL 60162
708-202-6310

Proviso Mathematics & Science Academy

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Hillside, IL 60162
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www.immanuel-hillside.org

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7401 North Ave.
River Forest, IL 60305
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Fax: 708-366-1083
www.ksmontessori.org

Montessori Language Academy

314 Circle Ave.,
Forest Park, IL 60130
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www.montessorilanguageacademy.com

PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS

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Oak Park, IL 60302



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Keith Robinson, a lifelong Maywood resident and president of the Maywood Men's Bowling League revels in his passion at Hillside Bowl in November. In late 2019, Robinson was inducted into the Chicagoland United States Bowling Congress Association's Hall of Fame. Inset, Keith and his wife Michelle Robinson, who also bowls.

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www.fenwickfriars.com

Guerin Prep

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www.guerinprep.org

Trinity High School

7574 W. Division St.,
River Forest, IL 60305
708-771-8383
www.trinity.org

St. Joseph High School

10900 W. Cermak Road,
Westchester, IL 60154

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www.stjoeshs.org

Walther Christian Academy

900 Chicago Ave.,
Melrose Park, IL 60160
708-344-0404

708-366-2490
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Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave.,
Elmhurst, IL 60126
630-279-4100

Triton College

2000 5th Ave.,
River Grove, IL 60171
708-456-0300

AREA COLLEGES

Concordia University

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708-771-8300
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7900 W. Division St.,
River Forest, IL 60305

HOSPITALS

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital (Loyola Hospital)

701 W. North Ave.,
Melrose Park, IL 60160
708-681-3200

Need To Know Numbers

Driver's Licenses

1903 Mannheim Road
Melrose Park, IL 60160
312-793-1000

Marriage Licenses

Cook County Clerk
(Maywood Branch)

1311 Maybrook Drive
— Room 109
Maywood, IL 60153
866-252-8874

Post Office

415 South 5th Ave.
Maywood, IL 60153

708-344-4257 (General Information)

General Assistance

(708) 449-4302
Transportation: 708-344-7430
Senior Services: 708-449-4307
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Community Information

Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Hospital

5th Ave. & Roosevelt Rd.
Hines, IL 60141
708-202-8387

John J. Madden Mental Health Center

1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL 60141
708-338-7400

Kindred Hospital-Chicago

365 E. North Ave.,
Northlake, IL 60164
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Loyola University Medical Center/Ronald McDonald Hospital

2160 S. 1st Ave.
708-216-9000

Loyola Family Health Center

1219 W. Roosevelt Road
708-531-5200

Riveredge Hospital

8311 W. Roosevelt Rd.,
Forest Park, IL 60130
708-209-7202

Ronald McDonald House (near Loyola)

Tripp Ave. at Air Mail Road
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The Real Unsung Heroes? Grandparents Raising Grandkids

Inductees into Sen. Lightford's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Hall of Fame share stories of 'forever love'

Aleatra Jackson, 59, described with reverence the moment her grandson, Zion, 14, came into her home permanently.

"He and his siblings were all sleeping on the floor," Jackson recalled. "One of them woke him up and said, 'Zion, your grandmother's here.' He jumped off the floor. He was rubbing his eyes, because he was still half-sleep, and he said, 'Can I live with you?'"

"He stayed with me for the Christmas holiday and four days later, I get a call from the Rock Island police telling me his mother was incarcerated and they had taken the rest of the children. They asked if Zion could stay with me."

Jackson said that her son, Zion's father, was already incarcerated. She didn't anticipate that her grandson's mother would also end up in prison.

"I just thought that maybe she would be in jail for a couple of days," Jackson said. "I thought Zion would stay a couple of weeks. He's been with me for almost 10 years."

Jackson, of Maywood, is one of the nearly 275,000 grandparents in Illinois raising grandchildren, according to Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford (4th). For the last 10 years, the Maywood lawmaker has hosted her annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Hall of Fame, which is designed to recognize grandparents in her district for their often unsung work.

The state offers more finan-



Photo by Shanel Romain

Bernice Mosey with some of her grandchildren outside of her Maywood home. Mosey is among the grandparents raising grandchildren who have been honored by state Sen. Kimberly Lightford over the last 10 years.

cial support for children who are in foster care than for those raised by relatives — a reality that many grandparents who were interviewed for this story lamented.

"Because Zion wasn't a ward of the state, and I didn't let the police take him out of my home and put him in the system, there were no benefits for me," said Jackson, who along with her husband, Rueben, 72, was inducted into the Grandparents Hall of Fame in 2017.

"As I saw it, there was no help from the state," said Jeanette Lynch of Chicago's Austin community and a 2017 inductee. Lynch, 66, raised one grandchild full-time while caring for two more during the day. "I did what I had to do. I also raised a niece from the age of three months and that was difficult. I kept her until she was 16 years old. I couldn't get any assistance because she was a relative."

Patricia Rencher, 56, and her husband Ronnie, 57, have raised

six children — not including three of their own. When Ronnie's sister died, they took in her two young children, raising them to adulthood before tragedy touched down again.

"In 2011, we lost our daughter," Patricia said. "She had a seizure in the tub. From that day forward, we've been raising our grandchildren — ages 9, 12, 13 and 14. We just did what we had to do. That's our blood and our blood wasn't going in the street or in the system."

The Renchers, who were inducted in the Grandparents Hall of Fame in 2018, got a few hundred dollars in Social Security payments per month for each child, Patricia said.

"We just trust God and do the best we can with what we have to work with," she said.

Jackson said that events like Lightford's are so important, because they connect grandparents who are raising grandchildren to critical resources.

"I started doing the Hall of

Fame because there was no support at all for grandparents," Lightford said.

The state senator explained that her annual event grew out of her close relationship with the late state Rep. Lovana "Lou" Jones, a 10-term legislator who decided to raise her five grandchildren after her daughter died.

Roughly a decade ago, Jones and Lightford passed legislation designed to bolster state support for grandparents raising grandchildren. There's still more legislative work to do, Lightford said, before adding that the annual Hall of Fame is a direct and immediate show of appreciation.

"We just want to provide them with a day that is specifically for their enjoyment, relaxation and entertainment," the lawmaker said. "I want to let them know that I appreciate them for parenting for a second time and caring for their children and families, and not allowing them to become victims of the system."

Government

Village of Maywood

Hours of Operation – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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This past year, Village Free Press passed more critical milestones. Notably, the de-

but of a new website that allows for more dynamic advertising placement on our home page. We hope that this feature better serves the businesses, individuals and organizations who hope to advertise with us.

We also partnered with Andrea Wenzel — a Temple University professor

who is also affiliated with the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University in New York — to conduct a series of focus groups on local journalism. In each focus group, we asked area residents for their thoughts on improving the local journalism landscape in Proviso Township. Some of their responses were published in an article Wenzel co-authored for the Columbia Journalism Review — one of the most important national trade publications in the journalism industry.

Here's some of the resident feedback from those focus groups (quoted from "Making Suburban news more inclusive," Columbia Journalism Review, Nov. 4, 2019):

■ "Residents identified several community issues that they would like to see more accountability reporting on—including local developments, taxes, and schools.

■ "Participants wanted easier access to and contacts for local resources for services and opportunities, as well as listings of community events.

■ "Community members identified a need for more bilingual resources and outreach to Spanish speaking residents. This outreach was positioned as a potential pathway to bridge between African American and Latinx residents in

Proviso Township.

■ "Residents suggested media outlets, particularly city-wide

outlets, work to balance negative coverage with more solutions-oriented coverage.

■ "The positive experiences residents noted they had with journalists were almost always with journalists of color and/or outlets that were led by people

of color.

"Participants expressed an appreciation for hyperlocal outlets like the Village Free Press and others, but they recognized that resource constraints limited what these outlets were able to achieve at present.

■ "Participants had ideas for ways to make local news coverage more inclusive and participatory—including discussion groups with community members, citizen information ambassadors from different neighborhoods, and youth journalism trainings."

Those focus groups culminated with a workshop held Nov. 16, 2019, at the Lightford Recreation Center. We're proud of the collaboration and ready to act on the resident insight.

During the past 12 months, we also launched an intensive fundraising campaign designed to increase, and routinize, reader contributions.

We hope that this fundraising effort not only allows us to raise more critical operating revenue, but also allows us to increase our presence in the community. If you're interested in making a donation, large or small, feel free to call me at (708) 359-9148 or email me at thevillagefreepress@gmail.com.



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Young people slide on the iceless skating rink that was setup during the Christmas tree lighting event in Maywood on Dec. 6. See more photos on page 6.

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Broadview OK's cannabis sales

Most attendees at a Nov. 19 meeting registered their support of cannabis legal local sales ahead of Dec. 2 board vote

By MICHAEL ROMAIN
Editor

During a regular meeting on Dec. 2, the Broadview Board of Trustees voted unanimously to amend the village's zoning code to allow for the sale and processing of recreational cannabis, which will become

legal for residents in Illinois over the age of 21 on Jan. 1. Trustee Judy Miller was absent.

The board vote happened a few weeks after state Sen. Kimberly Lightford (4th) and Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson co-hosted a town hall meeting on cannabis

legalization. During the meeting on Nov. 19 inside of Broadview's city hall at 2350 S. 25th Ave., nearly 50 residents signed an electronic survey to register their support of cannabis legalization. See BROADVIEW CANNASIS

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Grammy-Nominated Saxophonist Opens Music School In Maywood

D'Erانيا Stampley's Jazz Desires nonprofit is accepting students

Jonette Greenhow, 50, still remembers when Mr. Robinson's Music School, once located on Fifth Avenue in Maywood, relocated to another suburb.

"George Robinson used to play for Canaan [AME Church in Maywood] for many, many years," Greenhow said. "I was in the eighth grade when he had his school. I think I was in high school when he went over to Forest Park and became a teacher there. That's how long Maywood has not had a music school."

Greenhow, the administrative assistant in Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins' office and a Proviso East alumnus, beamed with pride on Sept. 21, as her old classmate, Proviso East alumnus D'Erانيا Stampley, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Jazz Desires located at 1213 S. 17th Ave. in Maywood — likely the first standalone music school to open in the village

since Mr. Robinson's left.

Stampley, a Grammy-nominated saxophonist whose musical chops have taken her all over the world, said that she returned to her hometown of Maywood to offer area young people the opportunities that her son, Jahari Stampley, has had.

"My son was in a music program like this and he went on to do well as a pianist," Stampley said, adding that Jahari recently won the \$6,000 Bösendorfer prize at the international 2019 American Jazz Pianists Association Competition.

"I saw how beneficial those types of programs were to him and thought it would be nice to have something similarly beneficial in our neighborhood," Stampley said, adding that she once worked as an instruction with Maywood Fine Arts, the venerable nonprofit that offers instruction in dancing, music, art and other areas.

Stampley's own musical evolution was rather circuitous. She learned the piano as a young girl by listening to her mother, a local gospel organist who played at several church-



es in Chicago and Maywood, where the family lived.

Stampley said that she was introduced to the saxophone, the instrument that she's mastered, in high school, when she came across an album by the famous jazz saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter.

Stampley, who lives in Chicago, hasn't looked back since — except to return to the village where she grew up and to which she now wants to give back. She said she and her husband have poured their own money into transforming the storefront space.

"It took us about a year to rehab the property," she said. "The floors were reclaimed wood. We had to redo the plumbing, upgrade the electrical, that kind of stuff. The upstairs was completely gutted. There's nothing there right now, but we eventually want to have classes up there, including some studio engineering classes."

The new nonprofit music school has roughly seven instructors is now accepting students young and old for its fall and winter classes, which include group keyboard, group

guitar and group percussion lessons. Classes are affordable: \$60 for five weeks.

"We want to work with low-income families," Stampley said. "We don't want to turn anyone away. We really want to be a benefit to the community."

Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins said that Stampley's new school has been a long time coming for a community that hasn't had a musical school for a long time. The mayor praised people like Reginald Wright, the former band director at Proviso East, for offering what few opportunities existed for young people in Maywood who wanted formal musical instruction.

"Mr. Wright was one Black man who proved that Black children have the ability to do above and beyond anything you hope or think of," Perkins said. "We have the ability to do it all."

For information on how to donate to Jazz Desires or to enroll in classes, click here. You can also email jazzdesires@yahoo.com or call (773) 392-0948.

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Photo by Shanel Romain

D'Erانيا Stampley's band serenaded community members during the grand opening of her music school in September.

The 2020 Census: What You Need To Know

The 2020 census takes place next year and how well Maywood is counted will determine a lot — from our representation in the U.S. Congress to how much federal dollars we receive for the next 10 years.

Here are a few basic facts of the census, provided courtesy of the United States Census Bureau. For more info, visit <https://2020census.gov/>. If you'd like to get involved in Maywood's efforts to ensure that all residents in town are counted, consider volunteering with the Maywood Count Commission. For more info on the commission, call Mayor Edwenna Perkin's office at (708) 450-4492.

When is the census?

April 1, 2020

Why do we conduct the census?

The U.S. Constitution requires the federal government to conduct a census every 10

years — something it's been doing since the first census was taken in 1790. One of the most important functions of the census is to determine how many seats will go to each state in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census numbers are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts, according to 2020census.gov.

"The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community," 2020census.gov explains. "Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data."

What's at stake from a dollars and cents perspective?

About \$1,500 per person per year from the \$675 billion avail-

able in annual funding from the federal government is at stake. Therefore, local governments lose \$15,000 for every person not counted during the 10-year break between censuses.

So how well was Maywood counted in the 2010 census?

According to <https://www.censushardtocomountmaps2020.us/>, three of Maywood's six census tracts, which are areas "roughly equivalent to a neighborhood established by the Bureau of Census for analyzing populations," were considered among the hardest to count in the country based on the number of households who mailed back their 2010 census questionnaire.

A "hardest to count" census tract is defined as one in which fewer than 70 percent of households mailed back their census questionnaires. Overall, Maywood's six census tracts

had mail-back rates ranging from a low of 65.8 percent to a high of 72.6 percent.

That means that nearly 30 percent of households in Maywood who should have been counted in the 2010 census weren't. A decade ago, the village's population was 24,090, based on the 2010 census. To give you a sense of the lost opportunity, 30 percent of 24,090 is roughly 7,200 people who weren't counted.

What are some major barriers to getting people counted?

According to the United States Census Bureau, there are four major reasons why some people are hard to count:

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The Evening John Prine Stopped By Val's

It's no secret that Val's Halla Records, 239 Harrison St. in the Arts District, has been struggling. Val Camiletti (1939-2018), the long-time proprietor, was one of Oak Park's most beloved figures for over four decades. For 46 years Val sold new and used records while sharing her warmth and wisdom about music ranging from ragtime to rock. She died of cancer while in hospice care nearly a year ago.

Through the decades, while developing a large number of devoted customers, Val had also got to know many musicians, especially those with local roots. One who was especially significant was John Prine from Maywood. Val actually helped John choose his first pressings for his records.

Folksinger/songwriter, two-time Grammy-winner Prine, now 72, has survived two kinds of cancer; his voice now has a slightly more gravely edge. But

he's more popular than ever.

John is the third of four sons born to William and Verna Prine who were natives of western Kentucky. They came north so William could escape the drudgery of coal mining. Billie wore it to school and an over-zealous, uber patriotic substitute tried to get him expelled. Billie now has a substantial musical career, too.

His older brother Dave still lives in Maywood so John always enjoys touring the area when he gets back for a visit. When John was 14, Dave taught him some basic chords and got him "going" on the guitar. At first John seemed to be more interested in impressing girls than making a mark in music.

The future of Val's Halla may still be insecure but the other night when her old pal John Prine was there, it was quite an occasion.



Photo by Shanel Romain

Maywood native John Prine stopped by the Chicago suburbs in the summer of 2019.

In Memoriam

The Maywood community lost some very dear people in 2019. We take this time to remember: Albertine Alexander, Jerry J. Braun, Virginia Olson, Rose Mosley and Raymond Mottis.

ALBERTINE ALEXANDER



Albertine Alexander, 74, passed away in July. Alexander was a longtime member of Neigh-

bors of Maywood Community Organization and the wife of MacArthur's Restaurant owner Mac Alexander.

JERRY J. BRAUN



Jerry J. Braun, 94, passed away in January. Braun owned Braun Paint Company, one of

Maywood's oldest businesses. He attended Washington School, Proviso High School (now Proviso East) and the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Braun Paint Co. was founded in Maywood in 1922 by Jerry's father, who later served as a Village of Maywood trustee.

VIRGINIA OLSON

Virginia Olson was a Maywood Chamber of Commerce

member for more than 50 years and a Chamber board member for decades. She passed away last May. Virginia, together with her sister, Betty Olson (who preceded Virginia in death last November), operated Happy Hounds and Cats Fifth Avenue dog groomers on south Fifth Avenue for 50 years. Both sisters donated their bodies for research.

ROSE MOSLEY



Rose Mosley, 80, passed away in September. Mosley was the longtime president of the May-

wood Public Library District Board of Trustees. She also worked with the Social Security Administration for 52 years.

RAYMOND MOTTIS



Raymond Mottis, 75, a Vietnam army veteran, coach, referee and business owner, passed in

May. He owned a motorcycle shop and the Cleaning Closet laundromat in Maywood. Mottis served as president of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce twice. His carpentry and design skills were superb. He helped build the gazebo in Maywood Park.

Local Drug Counselor Emphasizes Keys To Recovery

Phil Schneeberger, an addictions counselor at The Way Back Inn in Maywood, says spirituality plays a big role

Growing up, the last thing Phil Schneeberger thought he would be doing when he was older was helping alcoholics, drug abusers and compulsive gamblers pick up the pieces of their lives.

The road he travelled from his family home in Forest Park to The Way Back Inn rehabilitation facility in Maywood, where he has worked as an addictions counselor for 19 years, has been bumpy but he learned something about himself every step of the way. He is now helping others do the same.

Schneeberger summarized his days at Grant-White Elementary School, Forest Park Middle School and Proviso East High School by saying, “I was a terrible student.” College was not on his radar when he graduated from high school. Instead, he got a job installing conveyor belts, married at the age of 23 and bought a house. But 10 months after getting married, Schneeberger was laid off.

“I had a brand new wife, a brand new mortgage and no job,” he said, laughing.

“I looked around,” he continued, “and knew I had to do something with my life that makes money.”

Schneeberger got a job with a security company, which gave him a salary and something even more valuable. “I noticed that I was able to talk to people,” he explained, “and relate to them even if we had nothing in common.” Because of those relational skills, he was promoted in quick succes-



Photo by Shanel Romain

Phil Schneeberger, an addiction counselor, has been a drug counselor at The Way Back Inn in Maywood for two decades.

sion to manager, site supervisor and then field supervisor, a position in which he was responsible for hundreds of people.

“I should figure out how to make use of this ability to work with people,” he thought to himself. At the age of 29, Schneeberger decided to try college. He registered for one course at the College of DuPage (COD)—Introduction to Law Enforcement—and told himself that if he passed, he would continue with more course work. At the end of the course, he received an “A.”

“I had never gotten an A in my life,” he said with a smile. “This was really something, so I took the next class and the next class and finished all my course work with almost straight As.”

Another bump in the road, or maybe a detour, came when Schneeberger started visiting prisons in preparation for a career in corrections. What he discovered during those visits was a system that was not healthy.

“What life in prison demanded of everyone there was a way of behaving to just survive and was as unhealthy as you can get,” he said.

So he switched his major from corrections to counseling—with a focus on addictions—which he saw as a move to let him work with people in a healthier environment. In 2000, he got an internship with The Way Back Inn in Maywood and was hired as a counselor there at the end of his internship.

Schneeberger said his life experiences and academic training both inform his perspective as a counselor. To start with, his grandfather was an abusive alcoholic. Experiencing that toxic relationship and seeing the effect it had on him and his mother made a big impression.

Then at Proviso East, he was sometimes the only white kid in his classes.

“That experience of being the ‘only’ gave me a perspective,” he said, “that many other people don’t have. Those experiences gave me some of the insights and empathies I have today.”

One big reason why he has stayed with The Way Back Inn for nearly two decades is that the culture there is consistent with how he has matured as both a clinician and a man.

On the one hand, the program

at Way Back Inn is clinically certified and is based on science, he said, as it treats alcoholism as a disease and not a moral failing. “We look upon alcoholism or substance or addiction to gambling as diseases just like cancer or diabetes in which there are medical and genetic components,” Schneeberger said. “What makes this disease different is that instead of displaying itself in a tumor, for example, is this disease manifests itself most often in behaviors.”

Three nights a week, the clients living at The Way Back Inn—some for as long as 15 months—attend clinical meetings. The other three nights a week, clients—who pay just \$500/month for room, board, and care—go to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. AA is clear that it is a spiritual program which believes that “a power greater than ourselves can restore us sanity.”

Schneeberger therefore supplements his clinical approach to the disease by encouraging his clients to explore what it means to have a “higher power.” He’ll use terms like powerlessness and surrender to facilitate the spiritual side of recovery.

“We spend a lot of time here looking at powerlessness,” he said. “Men don’t like that. We like being powerful. At first it often seems to clients to be counterproductive. ‘You want me,’ they protest, ‘to surrender myself to being powerless?’”

“As far as the disease goes, I tell them yes,” Schneeberger said.

He said that because the disease manifests itself in behavior, The Way Back Inn program is very structured. Clients must acknowledge their powerlessness over a substance or a behavior, along with using a lot of personal power to submit to a rigorous recovery program.



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Maywood - Zoned For Enterprise And Opportunity

The village of Maywood has recently undergone a series of significant changes with respect to the way it incentivizes businesses to come here and/or expand. In 2018, the most of the village was designated an Opportunity Zone, a federal designation that makes new investment created in the area eligible for preferential capital gains tax treatment.

And in August 2019, state officials announced that the Illinois Enterprise Zone Board approved 14 proposals for renewed or newly established enterprise zones across the state — including one in Proviso Township that will encompass Maywood, Bellwood, Broadview and Melrose Park.

Below are some of the details surrounding each zone designation.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

The zones, created through the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, are designed to “spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities,” according to the IRS.

Former Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner announced in May 2018 that 327 census tracts across 85 counties in the state had been officially designated by the U.S. Treasury Department as Opportunity Zones.

According to the IRS, Opportunity Zones give a range of tax benefits to investors who put their money in a Qualified Opportunity Fund — a vehicle designed for investing in Opportunity Zones.

Most of Maywood — except for a rectangular chunk of the village north of Main Street that spans from 9th Ave. east to the Forest Preserves, and some parts near the Eisenhower Ex-



pressway — has been designated an Opportunity Zone.

THE NEWLY EXPANDED ENTERPRISE ZONE

The West Regional Enterprise Zone is an expansion of the Maywood Enterprise Zone, which was created back in 1988 in order to bring new businesses into the village. That zone — the only one in Proviso Township at the time — was renewed in 2008, before its lifespan expired and it was renewed again in 2018.

Enterprise zones are designed to spur economic investment in historically disinvested communities by offering a variety of tax breaks to businesses seeking to move or expand their operations within those zones. The businesses typically have to certify a certain amount of new investment and a certain number of new jobs in order to get the tax breaks.

Under former Gov. Bruce Rauner’s administration, state officials told municipalities with enterprise zones that in



order to renew, they would have to team up with other municipalities to create zones that are much larger geographically.

“The state has committed to collaboration and moving forward, there will be very, very few [single municipality] zones,” Angela Smith, Maywood’s business coordinator, said during a board meeting in February 2018.

“The zone has to be continuous for 15 square miles, so we

came together because they are our neighboring communities,” Smith said at the time. “Melrose Park is the largest industrial [area] on the north [boundary of the proposed zone] and Broadview is the largest industrial on the south boundary, so we came together in order to really promote that industrial [factor] and actually have more of an impact on the region.”

Maywood, Bellwood, Broadview and Melrose Park each contributed funds to hire a consultant — Warren Ribley, the former executive director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and president of WCR Enterprises — to facilitate the application process.

The newly expanded zone will entail the creation of a five-person startup committee, with one designated representative from each government, Maywood officials said last year. The zone’s administrative costs will be funded over the long-term, in part, by a small fee imposed on enterprise zone-certified projects.



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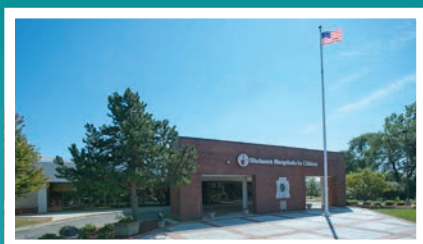
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A Maywood Police officer plays with a young community member during a National Night Out event held on Aug. 6 in Maywood.

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BATAAN DAY CEREMONY

77TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, September 8, 2019, at the Maywood Veterans Memorial, located the corner of First Avenue and Second Avenue on Oak Street in Maywood, the Maywood Bataan Day Organization held its annual Maywood Bataan Day service. The service began with a concert of military and other appropriate musical selections, presented by members of the 566th Air National Guard Band of the Midwest under the direction of Lt. Col. Bryan M. Miller, U.S. Air Force.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthems of the Philippines and the United States, and the memorial prayer, Col. Richard A. McMahon, Jr., MBDO president, introduced distinguished guests, including Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins and Philippine Consul General in Chicago, Dr. Gina A. Jamoralin.

The guest speaker was the Illinois Army National Guard Command Sgt. Major Sean P. Carney, who leads and mentors 10,000 civilian soldiers. CSM Carney was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2006, and again with the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team as part of Joint Task Force Phoenix IV, from 2008 to 2009.

Following the playing of Echo Taps, members of the major U.S. armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard), along with the Philippine Consul General in Chicago, Dr. Jamoralin, participated in the wreath-laying ceremony in front of the M-3 Stuart Light Tank deployed in Bataan.



Top, Edwin H. Walker IV, President and CEO of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, near the podium as Colonel Richard A. McMahon Jr., President of the Maywood Bataan Day Organization and Jose R. Galarza, Jr. look on. Below, Philippine Consul General in Chicago, Dr. Gina A. Jamoralin greets Maywood Village Manager Willie Norfleet Jr. as Colonel McMahon looks on.

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Top, left to right, representatives from the Philippines with Maywood Coordinator of Code Enforcement David Flowers, Colonel McMahon, Maywood Trustee Isiah Brandon, Consul General Jamoralin, Maywood Trustee Miguel Jones, Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins Maywood Police Chief Valdimir Talley, Village Manager Norfleet and other Philippine representatives. Below (clockwise), Illinois Army National Guard Command Sgt. Major Sean P. Carney, members of the 566th Air National Guard Band of the Midwest and members of the Proviso East Color Guard.



A Historic Maywood Church Building Gets New Worshipers

Rose of Sharon brings its own rich history to the 150-year-old church building at 201 S. 5th Ave.

A historic Maywood church building that dates back to 1871 took in its newest congregation on July 7.

Dressed in communion Sunday white, members of the Rose of Sharon Community Church converged on the steps of 201 S. 5th Ave. for a brief ribbon-cutting and prayer before eagerly marching into their new house of worship.

The moment marked a historic transition for Rose of Sharon, whose longtime pastor, the late Rev. James A. Murphy Sr., built the church into an institution on Chicago's West Side. Murphy, who died last year at 87, founded the church in 1955 and pastored for more than 62 years, according to an obituary published in the Chicago Crusader.

Murphy was also a serial entrepreneur, owning an array of businesses on the West Side that constituted their own cottage economy. Murphy owned R.O.S. Cleaners, "a chain of dry cleaners with 13 locations," the Crusader article pointed out; the Turning Point Supper Club; Murph's Place Restaurant; and Century 21 Murphy Real Estate.

The enterprising pastor also penetrated the city's airwaves, broadcasting his church's live services for more than 50 years on area radio stations. In the 1990s, he created "The Lord Will Make a Way" broadcast on cable television, where he often sung "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow" — a song that he made his own.

"When people would see him coming, they'd start singing that song," said Congressman Danny K. Davis, a friend of Murphy's and a native of Chicago's Austin community.

"Rose of Sharon was the first church I stepped foot in in Chicago," Davis said during Sunday's ribbon-cutting. Davis said he was also a frequent patron of R.O.S. Cleaners.

"The Murphy family has been an integral part of our community," he said.

While on the West Side, the Rose of Sharon worshipped in four different locations. In 1990, a fire destroyed the third location, at 2950 W. Warren, forcing the congregation to temporarily worship in a mortuary,



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Congregants of the Rose of Sharon Community Church gather outside of the church on July 7 for a dedication. The church, which dates to 1871, was once the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, where Colonel William T. Nichols, Maywood's founder, once worshipped.

according to the Chicago Tribune.

"Our faith is on trial," Clementine Murphy, Rev. Murphy's wife of 66 years, told a Tribune reporter at the time. "We're going to find that we'll be stronger at the end of this."

Eventually, the church moved into their last location in the city, a spacious building at 4256 W. Walton. After Rev. Murphy's death in 2018, the church moved again, this time to First Congregational Church, 400 N. 5th Ave. in Maywood, where they rented space, before finding their permanent location.

Chevonne Nash, the church's communications manager and Rev. James and Clementine Murphy's granddaughter, said that Rose of Sharon's last West Side location was too large and too costly for the congregation of roughly 50 members.

"We wanted to downsize," Nash said. "Also, a lot of our members are from the west suburbs, so this location is easier for them to get to."

The previous congregation to worship at

201 S. 5th Ave., New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, disbanded after its pastor, David Torres, died in 2014.

"The church had been just sitting here vacant, for a couple of years, when we found out about it through our chairman," said Rev. Myron Austin, Rose of Sharon's current pastor. "We believe everything is in divine order."

Annie Beckworth, who joined Rose of Sharon in 1960, gave the church's new location her stamp of approval.

"It's beautiful," she said. "I love it. I love it."

"This is a great location. This corner has a whole lot of history," said State Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch (7th), who also attended the ribbon-cutting.

"You're across from the old Masonic Temple, but your church holds a lot of meaning itself," he said. "You're right next to the police station and the park and Fred Hampton Pool. We're looking forward to Rose of Sharon adding to the rich history of this village."

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Rev. Myron Austin, the pastor of the Rose of Sharon Community Church, which moved into Maywood from Chicago's Austin community in the summer of 2019.

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State Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch and his family gather in October to cut the ribbon on a park in Maywood named in his honor.

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On Walks To Maywood School, Conflicts Down, Caring Up

Officials say D89's new Smart Routes Program at Irving has made students' walks to, from school safer

One morning during this school year, an adult male driving a van near Irving Middle School 805 S. 17th Ave. in Maywood, tried luring who he thought was a 13-year-old into his vehicle. The teenager turned out to be a 23-year-old employee of a program hatched and implemented by parents and community organizations in order to avoid just this scenario.

"The worker radioed me, I called the police and they ended up catching him on 23rd and St. Charles," said Tony Dorris, the program director for Smart Routes to School — a pilot initiative that launched during the 2019-20 school year. "When all of that happened, we executed what we had been trained to do, but when I got home and my co-worker told me, 'Do you realize what happened today?' I just lost it. That really could've been a 13-year-old girl."

Testimonies to the success of the Smart Routes to School Program have been piling up ever since the program was launched in the fall, District 89 officials and community members have said.

The Program is the brainchild of District 89 parents who sit on the Safety and Violence Prevention Committee, an offshoot of the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership — a faith-based social justice nonprofit based in Maywood.

In a letter presented to the Maywood Board of Trustees in March, Marche Williams, a parent of two young boys in D89 and the chairman of the



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Members of the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership's Safety and Violence Prevention Committee, which organized a Smart Routes to School Program.

committee, said that he and other parents, young people and other community members met throughout the year to talk about issues that concern them.

"We have listened to hundreds of local parents and residents, and what we have heard is that a program that would place community-rooted adults on the streets to help ensure that students can safely walk to and from school in the mornings or afternoons would be a tremendous addition to the Maywood community," Williams wrote.

The committee drafted a budget \$118,000 that called for the creation of Dorris's full-time position, along with eight part-time route workers who would be positioned at four smart passage routes along major streets near Irving — including Washington Boulevard, Madison Street and St. Charles Road. The village of Maywood, Proviso

Township and District 89 each contributed \$40,000 — money that, so far, seems to have been well-spent.

"We've stopped several fights," said Dorris during a prayer walk she hosted on Oct. 19 in Maywood along the smart routes she's responsible for managing. The event was also sponsored by Broadview Baptist Church and the Maywood Park District.

"It's not like fights happen every day, but the ones that used to happen on Fridays — we've stopped that," she said. "There were also quite a few individuals on 17th who were loitering while our children walked to and from school. They've since become respectful of those hours we're out here."

Irving Principal Keith Mahone, who was hired earlier this year to replace former principal Michelle Hassan, said that he's

also seen the benefits of the Smart Routes Program.

"Infractions after school have gone down tremendously as a result of the families who walk out students home and communicate with them," he said during the prayer walk. "I've seen a difference in students' behavior and their sense of security. Before, you'd get more parents calling w with issues on this block and that one. Now, there's a much more positive energy. Students can interact with adults as they're walking home. There's that support now. Our data shows it from a climate and culture standpoint."

During an interview in July, Maria Hernandez-Franco, another D89 parent who sits on the Safety and Violence Prevention Committee, said that new program would give her some peace of mind and a stronger sense of empowerment.

For Lightford, New Center Is A Mission Accomplished

The Lightford Recreation Center's namesake expressed fulfillment during public opening on Dec. 15, 2018

As community members filed through the Lightford Recreation Center, 809 Madison St. in Maywood, on Dec. 15, the facility's namesake, state Sen. Kimberly Lightford (4th), basked in the glory of it all.

The park district's central area headquarters — a large corner spanning 8th and 9th Avenues along Madison Street that includes outdoor recreational space and two brick buildings connected by an enclosed walkway — was where Lightford came of age. It's where she played as a kid and where she attended high school dances.

In particular, the building facing Madison Street, the former Children's Receiving Home, sparked Lightford's two decades in politics and proved something of a thorn in her side for most of her time in office so far, as hundreds of thousands of dollars in state funding the lawmaker secured for the building's renovation seemed mired in endless construction work.

On Saturday, however, a few weeks after park district officials surprised Lightford by naming the building in her honor, the facility served as a beacon of community pride not only for its namesake but also for the dozens of people who streamed through its revitalized doors.

"This is nothing but history baby!" said longtime Maywood resident Billy Fowlkes after touring the facility that was renovated after Lightford allocated \$1.6 million in state funds to the park district some four years ago. "No matter how long it took, it's done now. Embrace it, enjoy it, love it."

For Lightford, the journey has, indeed, been long, going back to when she would visit the central area grounds with friends as a young child and "go wild" on a large playground contraption the shape of a rocket. In high school, Lightford recalled, she would revel in parties thrown inside of the park district's gymnasium.

All of those memories came closing in on Lightford one day during the winter



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Debra Vines, the founder of the Answer Inc., an autism awareness nonprofit, walks through the newly opened Lightford Recreation Center in Maywood in December 2018. The facility features a variety of classrooms, including one dedicated to fitness exercises like boxing.

of 1995, when she returned from graduate school and discovered that the 809 Madison Building, roughly one-half of the two-building compound that comprised what generations of Maywoodians have known simply as the Rec, had been shuttered.

"I was so disappointed," she recalled during an interview on Dec. 15. "So, I called Gene Moore, who was our state representative at the time, and I told him, 'Mr. Moore, the Rec is boarded up!' He told me, 'What are you going to do about it?'"

Moore, Lightford said, encouraged her to run for trustee to "get the parks put together for the youth in our community ... That was my first glimpse into public service."

In 1997, Lightford acted on Moore's advice — and won. A year later, she ran for the Illinois Senate. Since then, she's helped shift Maywood's recreational landscape at the local and state level — from the Boys and Girls Club's move into the former Masonic Temple at 200 S. 5th Ave. to the creation of a parks and recreation division within the village government.

Lightford said that she had allocated some \$3 million to Maywood for parks and recreation purposes by the time she helped



the village secure a \$1 million state grant in 2006 to renovate and re-open the 809 Madison building.

According to state records, roughly \$750,000 was ultimately disbursed to the park district — money that records show had been transferred in phases between March 2006 and December 2009.

By 2014, when Lightford accompanied Gov. Pat Quinn to Maywood to drop-off a dummy check to the park district — symbolizing yet another \$1.6 million that Lightford was largely responsible for helping the park district secure for building renovations — the fruits of the first \$1 million grant were hard to see.



Photo by Shanel Romain

State Senator Kimberly Lightford helped secure vitally needed state funding to open the building at 809 Madison St. in Maywood. The rehabbed facility was named in her honor.

“That was heartbreaking for me,” Lightford said at the time. “To be honest, it was the most devastating thing in my career so far.”

Nowadays, Lightford’s devastation has been tempered somewhat by understanding. She knows more about the nature of construction now than she did then, she said.

Even though she still believes that the park district, which was under different leadership back then, could have leveraged the funds more effectively, such as raising more local dollars to match the state share, she doesn’t think that the \$1 million grant money was spent in vain.

“In [the prior park district administration’s] defense, now that I understand construction a little better, it looks like they gutted the building,” she said. “Some of the work they did we don’t see, but I think they laid the groundwork [for the work that was done with the \$1.6 million grant].”

The new center includes a health and fitness room, a dance studio and music instruction space, a kitchen, administrative offices, an instructional space for the very young, a room devoted to senior citizens and a third-floor multipurpose room that includes several lounge areas and a bil-

liards table.

The renovations to the 809 building follow an additional round of improvements for the district’s recreational grounds that were completed earlier this year. Those improvements included the installation of a new basketball court, a gazebo that has since hosted weddings and a new parking lot, among other upgrades.

During Saturday’s official grand opening, longtime Maywood residents such as Sherrod Toney and Tywana Grace-Rand walked through the building amazed at the transformation.

Both women still remember the 809 Madison building when it was the Children’s Receiving Home, a facility that housed orphans for decades since the early 1900s before the home closed and the building was turned over to the park district.

The district used it for various administrative and programming purposes before closing it down.

“I remember we would come here and watch the fish tanks,” said Toney, who added that she’s lived in Maywood since 1973. “There were maybe 20 fish tanks back when it was an orphanage.”

Grace-Rand said that she was classmates

with an orphan who lived in the receiving home.

“A boy in my class was an orphan at that time,” she said. “They lacked proper clothing and nurturing. To see what this has become today is just really remarkable. It’s going to really impact the community.”

Barbara Cole, the founder and executive director of Maywood Youth Mentoring was a vocal and vigilant critic of the prior park district administration’s use of the first \$1 million state grant that Lightford helped the district secure. Cole even staged a protest outside of the building to raise awareness about the renovation’s stalled progress.

“I’m pleased that this building is finally open,” she said on Saturday. “It’s badly needed and I hope it will be a place to keep kids off the street and give them something positive and constructive to do.”

Cole said she’s already scouted the new space for somewhere to house her organization’s Black History Club.

While Cole’s mission may be just getting started, Lightford said hers is complete.

“I feel joy, I feel humility I feel like God gave me an assignment and it’s done and I want people to enjoy it,” she said.

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Erica Nelson, the owner of Fancy Amor, makes a social media video informing her customers of her inventory during a popup shop at Cheryl Renee's Things in Maywood in June.

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While Building, Developer Unearths Maywood's Past



Photo by Shanel Romain

James Apa, the owner of a trucking company that is building on land at 1001 S. St. Charles Rd. in Maywood, which used to house the old Maywood Can Company. Apa found an old horseshoe from the village's early days during excavation.

James Apa's trucking company is going up on St. Charles lot, where American Can Co. plant once stood

"You want a laugh?" said James Apa one Friday afternoon in June.

Apa was standing on the massive parcel of land at 1001 S. St. Charles Rd. in Maywood that he bought from the village earlier this year for \$250,000.

Apa's building a 6,500- to 7,500-square foot facility and a paved yard for his new trucking business, Third Coast Teaming Company, on the site.

"We found an old horseshoe from when they used to have horse and carriages," Apa said, producing the historic item that a construction crew dug up.

"This is probably over 120 years old," he said of the horseshoe. "I'm going to put it above the door for good luck."

The building that will house the company's offices and service garage is being constructed with pre-cast concrete walls that will be up by Monday, Apa said.

"In two weeks, they'll put the steel in and we should have it under a roof in about a



month-and-a-half," he said. "I'm hoping to have everything done by Thanksgiving."

The old horseshoe wasn't the only relic of the village's past that construction workers have excavated while building Apa's trucking company.

While digging, they also discovered old pillars that were once part of the literal foundation of American Can Co., once Maywood's largest employer.

According to a 2005 Chicago Tribune article, the "American Can Co. plant in Maywood covered 18 acres, employed thousands of people in its heyday and went down in history—the history of the obscure—as the birthplace in 1935 of the beer can."

The plant closed in 1975, causing a ripple effect in a town that once boasted a "Sears, a Montgomery Ward and two movie the-

aters," in addition to a "Jewel and A&P food stores." By one estimate, the plant's closing cost Maywood around 8,000 jobs.

In the 1990s, the village acquired the St. Charles Road property in a delinquent-tax sale and demolished the historic building in 1997, the Tribune reported.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, the village lured Aetna Plywood Inc., a lumber products distributor, and Cintas Corp., which produces uniforms and other specialized products for companies, to the massive empty space left in the wake of the plant's demolition.

Apa's trucking company will occupy the last unused parcel of land on the former American Can Co. site. On Saturday, Apa said, a wrecking crew will knock the old American Can pillars down in order to make way for his trucking operation, which he said will employ between 40 and 45 people.

"I'm putting drivers to work already, because I'm hauling my own stuff in and out of here, for the most part," he said. "Once I get open, I'll buy more trucks and hire more guys. I want to hire mechanics, office staff and drivers. In the first 18 months, we'll have around 30 to 35 truck drivers, six to eight mechanics and four to five office people."

And he prefers to hire local, he said. Just like American Can.

Banquet Awards



Submitted photo

The 8th Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet, held June 5, 2019, at Triton College in River Grove, featured keynote speaker Melissa Y. Washington, Vice President of Governmental and External Affairs, ComEd, and a range of awardees and scholarship recipients from all walks of life.

On June 5, 2019, at Triton College, 200 S. 5th Ave. in River Grove, the Maywood Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 8th Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet, along with the Bellwood and Broadview Chambers of Commerce.

Over 400 people packed the college's dining space, which had been recently enlarged and renovated. A color guard from Proviso East High School posted and retired the colors during the opening

ceremony.

Sharing the role of emcee were Maywood's Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk, and Bellwood's Christopher Parker, Chairman of the Bellwood Chamber Board.

Following a welcome and official greetings from Triton College President Mary-Rita Moore, Mrs. Yarbrough introduced the keynote speaker, Melissa Y. Washington, Vice President of Governmental and External Affairs, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd).

Award Recipients

Maywood Chamber of Commerce awardees:

Community Service Award: Tiffany Chapell Ingram, External Relations, ComEd

Business of the Year Award: Try Our Pallets, Inc.

Civic Person of the Year Award: Edwin H. Walker IV, President/CEO, Maywood Chamber of Commerce

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The Proviso East Marching Band perform in their Homecoming Parade in Maywood in September.

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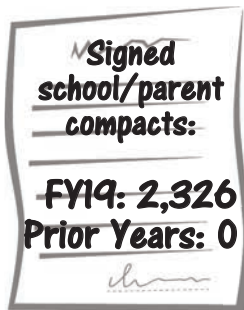
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Young girls have fun during Maywood Fine Arts' Pumpkin Patch Parade held in Maywood in October.

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A little girl mimicking the dancers in the Proviso East Homecoming parade held in Maywood in September.

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The annual Maywood Fun and Family Festival, held Sept. 13 through Sept. 15 at Maywood Park, on the corner of 5th Avenue and Oak Street, was a fest to remember. The event attracted dancers, kids who wanted to have fun on carnival rides, ice cream-loving kids like Kayden Woolford and Kristen Glover, Miss Black Illinois 2019 (far lower right).



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Maywood Map

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19. Maywood Park
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21. Conner-Heise Park
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24. Tot Lot
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26. Winfield Scott Park
27. Stannard Park
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30. Welch Park

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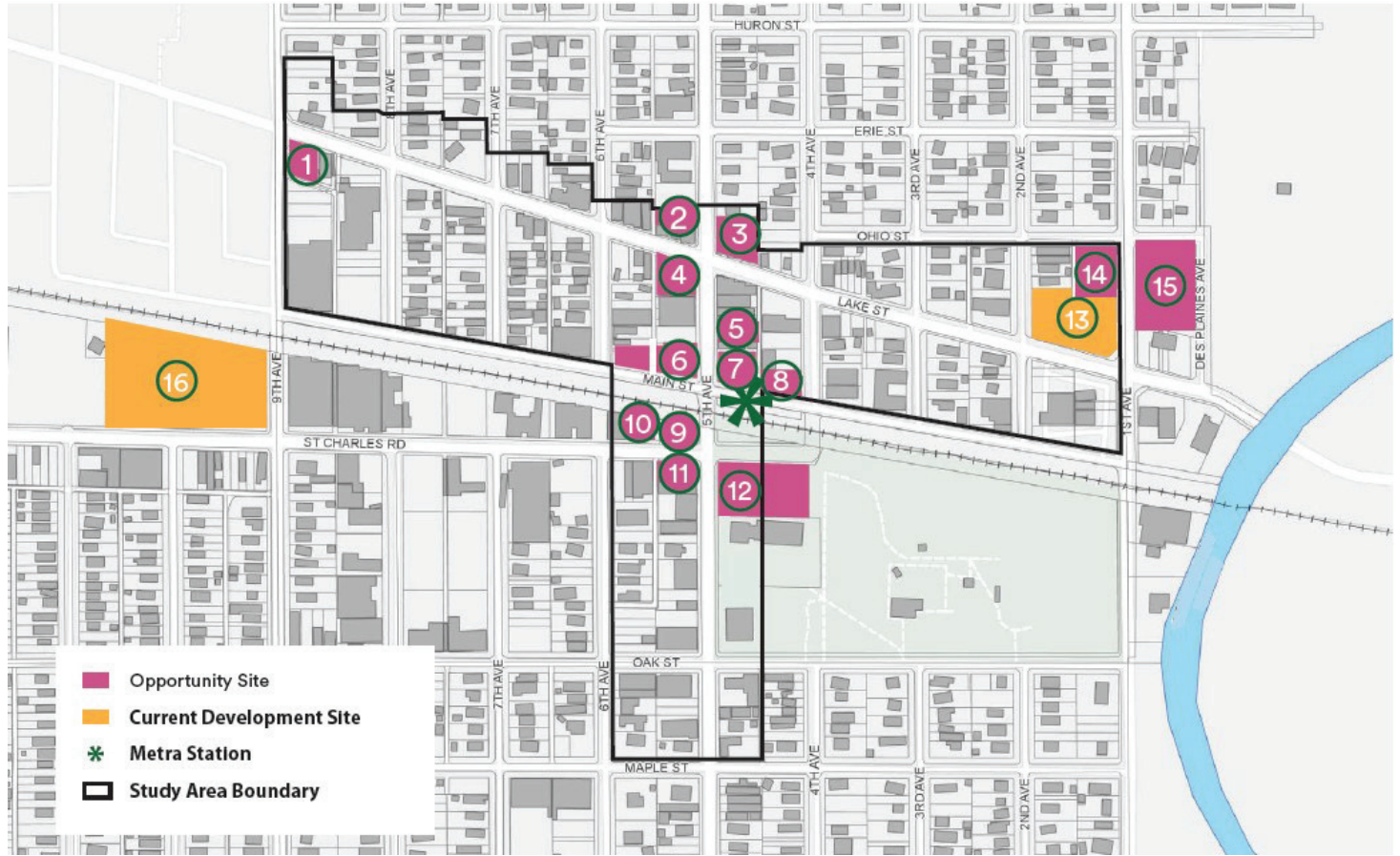
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