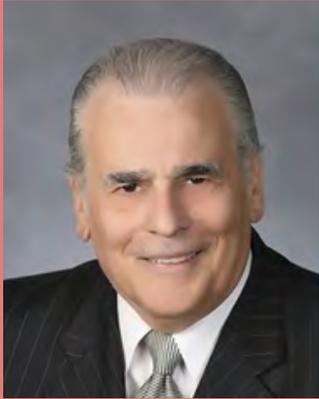


# LEYDEN TIMES

Elmwood Park | Franklin Park | Melrose Park | Norridge | Northlake | Park Ridge | River Grove | Rosemont | Schiller Park | Unincorporated Leyden



At the February monthly board meeting, Leyden Township passed a Responsible Bidder Ordinance. An RBO guarantees that responsible contractors are awarded public projects. We are proud to support our local laborers. Pictured above: Leyden Town Board with Laborers from LiUNA! Local One.



**Township Supervisor**  
**Rocco D. Biscaglio**

**Jamie Losurdo**  
Clerk

**John E. "Bucky" Bjorvik**  
Highway Commissioner

**Al J. Biancalana**  
Assessor

**Ronald Klinger**  
Trustee

**William Otte**  
Trustee

**Nicholas J. Pecora**  
Trustee

**Vincent S. Fiorito**  
Trustee

**Dear Resident:**

Many of you have seen the signs on Mannheim Road with the words, "Moving Mannheim Forward". We are pleased to report that the demolition of the Lido Motel has been completed. We are currently working with developers to bring new businesses to the community that benefit our residents. We have also been successful in acquiring the property of The V INN Kitchenettes Motel through eminent domain. This was a result of the property being inhabitable due to numerous violations from Leyden Fire Protection District and the Cook County Building and Zoning Department. Once our plans for the V INN have a solid foundation and we obtain a commitment to the project, we will release the plans to the community.

The Leyden Community Food Pantry has been completely remodeled with new shelving, refrigerators and freezers to provide our residents with a grocery store feeling while visiting the pantry. The food pantry now has expanded hours to accommodate working residents.

We have a number of special events coming this summer and we hope to see you and your families enjoying these free events.

Have a safe and happy Summer!

Sincerely,

Rocco D. Biscaglio  
Township Supervisor



# Clerk's Corner – Jamie Losurdo



In April, the Township held its Annual Town Meeting, one of the many responsibilities of a Township Clerk. As Township Clerk, I also serve as the Township Committee for Senior Services Liaison. It is one of my most enjoyable duties as Leyden Township Clerk. This allows me to interact with the senior residents throughout Leyden Township. I am always looking for new ideas to improve the lives of our senior residents. We offer many services and activities such as senior trips, weekly movie days, senior exercise and line dancing, a lending closet, and senior crafts. For senior residents in the unincorporated sections of the Township we provide grass cutting and snow plowing programs.

By collaborating with local organizations, we are able to provide income tax services, medical screenings and transportation services. As part of the Moving Mannheim Forward initiative, we are in the beginning stages of planning for a new senior housing development and senior center. I love being a part of a Township that focuses on its senior residents who have spent their lifetime moving us forward.

## Senior Exercise

Tuesday and Thursday | 9:00am - 10:00am  
Bradley A. Stephens Community Center

## Senior Knitting Club

Tuesday | 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Carl Fiorito Senior Center

## Senior Line Dancing

Wednesday and Friday | 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Carl Fiorito Senior Center

## Senior Movie Day

Thursday | 12:00pm  
Carl Fiorito Senior Center

## Dial-A-Ride

You may be eligible for discounted PACE transportation.

## One Way Fares

Adults: \$2.50

## Reduced Fares

Seniors and RTA Disabled: \$1.25

## Taxi Cab Coupons

Discounted fares to doctor's appointments or grocery stores

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE - AL J. BIANCALANA C.I.A.O.

The Township Assessor's office is here to assist you with all your property tax needs from applying for your exemptions and certificates of error to appealing your assessment to the Assessor's office and the Board of Review.

The Cook County Assessor's office issues the following exemptions:

- Homeowner Exemption
- Senior Exemption
- Senior Freeze
- Persons with Disabilities
- Veterans with Disabilities



For more information regarding filing appeals and exemptions visit our website or contact

Mary Trzebny: (847) 451-5182 or Bina Conte: (847) 451-5183

Assessor's office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm

# Upcoming Senior and Disabled Services Events and Trips

Pre-Registration and tickets are required for all events and programs  
For more information or to register, contact Jamie at: (847) 451 - 5119



Let 'n Shake,  
Rattle and Roll...

**Senior  
Ice Cream Social**

**July 25th**  
12:00pm to 2:30pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center  
2601 N. Mannheim Road,  
Franklin Park, IL 60131



Ice Cream Sundaes!  
Prizes!  
Entertainment!



Leyden United Senior  
**BINGO Day**  
August 8  
12:00pm - 2:30pm  
Carl Fiorito Senior Center



Lake Geneva Mail Run  
Lunch at Fitzgerald's Fish Fry  
August 23



June 26, 2024



**WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 10, 2024**  
\$35.00 per person



Jacob Henry Mansion  
Day Trip  
Fall 2024



**THOMPSON FAMILY FARM**  
Farming for the future of your family and ours.

Thompson Family Farm  
Raspberry Picking  
Sunflower Field  
September 2024



# Community News and Updates



## Leyden Township Purchased V INN Kitchenette's Property

Supervisor Biscaglio hand delivered a check to Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas purchasing the V INN Kitchenette's property located at 2540 Mannheim Road. The purchase of the property will assist with the vision of Moving Mannheim Forward.



## Manufacturing Reinvented

On April 2nd, Commissioners Frank J. Aguilar, Maggie Trevor and Tara Stamps; the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development; and the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center partnered with Leyden Township and local Chambers of Commerce for Manufacturing Reinvented Event held at the Carl Fiorito Senior Center in Franklin Park.



## Debra Fiorito Awarded 16th District Unsung Heroine

Women leaders from across Cook County attended the 16th District Annual Women's POWER Brunch held in Franklin Park. The event was held in celebration of Leyden Township's very own Debra Fiorito. Debra was the recipient of the 2024 Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award for her dedication and service to the community.

## Electronics, Shredding, Textile & Prescription Drug Recycling Event

Saturday, June 1, 2024  
10:00am - 2:00pm



DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Please remove all paper clips, staples, and bindings that could obstruct the shredder.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR E-WASTE COLLECTION

Batteries, modems, computer monitors, desktop computers, digital cable box, DVD players, fax machines, keyboards, laptop computers, MP3 players, printers, recorders, satellite receivers, scanners, small-scale servers, televisions, video game consoles.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR TEXTILE COLLECTION

Gently used clothing, including sheets, towels, bedding, purses, backpacks, wallets. We also accept small household appliances.

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Wet items, sharp items, wood, appliances, paper, car seats, rugs, any type of liquids, blinds, lamps.



"Together we can make a difference"

### COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

This program provides a free service for unwanted medicine from Cook County residents.

Collection is anonymous

Pills only - unwanted/expired human and pet medications

Pills may be brought in prescription bottles, which will be shredded to destroy identity or in unmarked plastic bags

Liquid medications and sharps will not be accepted



This event will be held in the parking lot at

Leyden Township  
2501 N Mannheim Road  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
847-455-8616



www.leydentownship.com

# Community News and Updates

## **George Street Watermain Project**

George Street watermain and sanitary sewer lining project will begin in June. This project will specifically benefit Franklin Park residents who purchase water from the Leyden Township Combined Water and Sewer System.



## **Lead Service Line Remediation**

Water pitchers and a years supply of filters will be available for any residents in the unincorporated area with a lead water service line. Residents who qualify will be notified in the coming weeks.

## **Leyden Township partners with the City of Northlake and Veterans Park District for 2024 Community Days**

Community Days, sponsored by Leyden Township, the City of Northlake, and Veterans Park District will take place on June 28, 29 and 30. The carnival will be operating on all 3 days, with fireworks on Saturday, June 29 (Sunday, June 30, in the event of rain), the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 30, along with Touch-A-Truck, a Car Show and Bingo at Grant Park and CenterPoint Preserve.

## **Leyden Fire Protection District to Celebrate 75th Anniversary**

On July 20th, the Leyden Fire Protection District will be hosting their 75th Anniversary at Westdale Park. This family friendly event will be open to residents and provide a variety of activities for all to enjoy.

## **Township-wide Mosquito Abatement Program**

Clarke Mosquito Control has been contracted once again for the 2024 season. Mosquito control is a critical part of preserving quality of life and protecting the public from the threat of mosquito-borne diseases. Spraying takes place between dusk and dawn, weather permitting. This abatement is township-wide with the exception of Franklin Park. Residents will be notified by phone prior to each application.

## **Park Updates in Unincorporated Leyden**

Westdale Park renovation will be completed in phases over the summer. The first phase, the baseball field, was completed during the spring. New playground equipment and a modern splash pad are new features coming soon to the park that residents can enjoy.

Lee Street Park will soon undergo a complete renovation after being closed for 2 years. Renovations will be completed over the summer.

# Leyden Community Food Pantry 501(c)(3)

TO QUALIFY FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY:

**You must be 18 and over.**

**The following zip codes are eligible to receive food:**

**60016, 60019, 60053, 60131, 60164, 60171, 60631, 60714,  
60018, 60025, 60068, 60160, 60165, 60176, 60707**

**Interested in volunteering for the food pantry?**

**Call us at: (847) 455-8616**

Leyden Community Food Pantry

## FOOD PANTRY NEW HOURS

**Monday: 9:00am - 5:00pm**

**Tuesday: 11:00am - 7:00pm**

**Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm**

**Thursday: 11:00am - 7:00pm**

**Friday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm**



2501 N Mannheim Road  
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Leyden Community  
Food Pantry 501(c)(3)

## GIVING GARDEN

DO YOU HAVE A VEGETABLE GARDEN?

This summer, we are asking all gardeners to consider donating their extra home grown produce to The Leyden Community Food Pantry. With your donation you can make a real difference in our community.

Families with limited income are forced to decide how to make the best use of their money. Eating a poor quality diet high in junk food is linked to a higher risk of obesity, depression, digestive issues, heart disease and stroke, type 2 diabetes, cancer and early death.

Please assist us in providing more nutritious options to our Leyden Township families.

Donation acknowledgement letters are available upon request for tax deduction purposes.

LEYDEN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY 501 (C) (3)

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

BENEFITING STUDENTS IN LEYDEN TOWNSHIP

# JUNE - AUGUST

Plastic pocket folders, glue bottles/sticks, yellow highlighters, markers, notebooks, pencils, black/blue/red pens, 3-ring pencil pouches, Fiskar scissors, erasers, Post-its, rulers, Play Doh, quart/gallon Ziploc bags.

# Summer Events at Westdale Park

3045 Sandra Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60164

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## WILD WILD WESTDALE

Friday, June 21, 2024  
6:00pm - 9:30pm

~ Bouncy House ~ Petting Zoo ~ Hayrides ~ Games ~ Face Painting ~  
~ Dunk Tank ~ Caricature Artist ~ Margarita Truck ~  
~ Smokin' BBQ Food Truck ~ Donut Jester Food Truck ~  
and more!!!

**ENTERTAINMENT BY DAVID ALAN BAND**

### CAR SHOW

Call Bobbie at (847) 451-5143  
to register for the Car Show

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets  
~ Westdale Park ~ 3045 N Sandra Ave. ~ Melrose Park, IL 60164 ~

**LEYDEN TOWNSHIP**

~ **FREE ADMISSION** ~





4th Annual Leyden Township

# National Night Out

Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
6:00pm - 8:00pm



Enjoy an evening of fun with your community Police Officers, family, neighbors and friends!

**LEYDEN TOWNSHIP**

Westdale Park  
3045 Sandra Avenue  
Melrose Park, IL 60164



For more information, contact the Sheriff's Police Community Relations Unit: (708) 865-4917.

**LEYDEN TOWNSHIP**  
www.leydentownship.com

## SUMMER'S PARTY IN THE PARK

FACE PAINTING  
BOUNCY HOUSE  
FOOD TRUCKS  
MOVIE & POPCORN  
COTTON CANDY

BRING UNEXPIRED, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE AND RECEIVE **ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET**

**Westdale Park**  
3045 Sandra Ave.  
Melrose Park, IL 60164

**Friday, August 16th**  
6:00pm - 9:00pm  
**FREE FOR ALL AGES**

Contact Us At: (847) 451 - 5144  
Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram:  
Leyden Township and Leyden Township Parks and Recreation




Leyden Fire Protection District

## JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, July 20, 2024  
4:00pm - 8:00pm

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Water Games  
Fire Dog Bounce House  
Roasted Corn  
Snow Cones  
Lemonade  
Margarita Truck

**Westdale Park**  
3045 N Sandra Ave.  
Melrose Park IL 60164





Leyden Township  
2501 N. Mannheim Road  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
p. (847) 455-8616

Regular Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 5:00pm

For more information,  
please visit our website at:  
[www.LeydenTownship.com](http://www.LeydenTownship.com)

Leyden Township will be **CLOSED** in  
Observance of Holidays on the following dates:  
June 19th - Juneteenth  
July 4 - Independence Day

THE CITY OF NORTHLAKE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEYDEN TOWNSHIP AND VETERANS PARK DISTRICT PRESENT

# COMMUNITY DAYS

**JUNE 28 - 30, 2024**

GRANT PARK & CENTERPOINT PRESERVE

CARNIVAL - FOOD VENDORS - DJ - FIREWORKS - BINGO - CAR SHOW - KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

## FRIDAY

CARNIVAL ONLY  
6:00PM - 11:30PM

POP Tickets: \$34

## SATURDAY

FOOD & DJ: 5:00PM - 10:00PM  
CARNIVAL: 3:00PM - 11:30PM  
FIREWORKS: 9:30PM

## SUNDAY

KIWANIS BREAKFAST: 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
CAR SHOW: 9:00AM - 3:30PM  
TOUCH-A-TRUCK: 10:00AM - 12:00PM  
INFLATE-A-FEST: 11:00AM - 2:00PM  
BINGO: 1:00PM  
CARNIVAL: 3:00PM - 10:00PM

FIREWORKS RAIN DATE

