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## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!!!

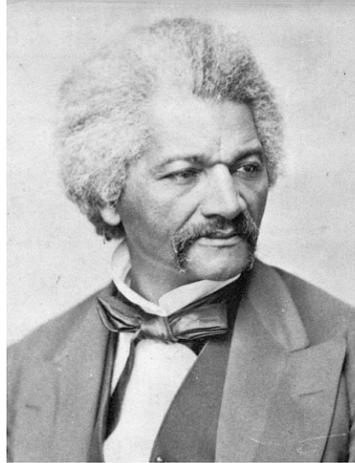
### TAKE THE QUIZ AND WIN!!!!

(Name the individuals in each picture below and win a certificate for two for the Friday Buffet at the University Golf Club and Conference Center!!  
The FIRST FIVE (5) residents who correctly name each individual AND email their correct answers to jbell@university-park-il.com WIN!)

(See full contest rules at the bottom of page 6)



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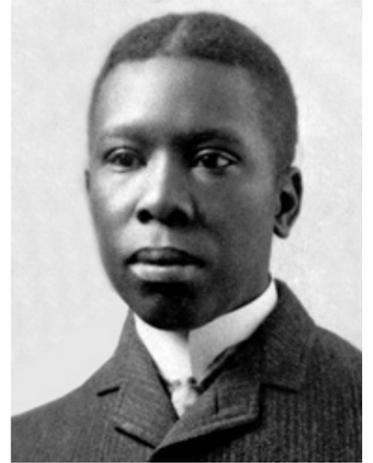
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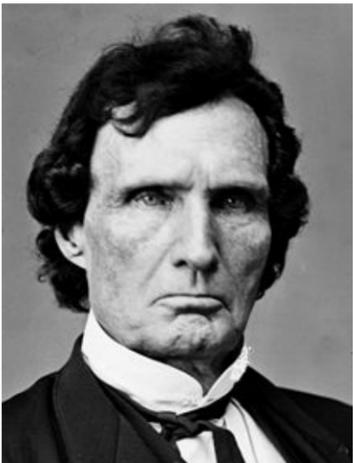
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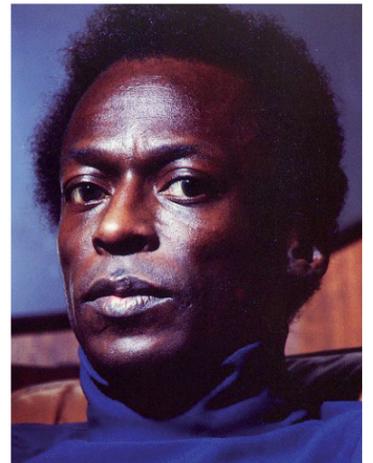
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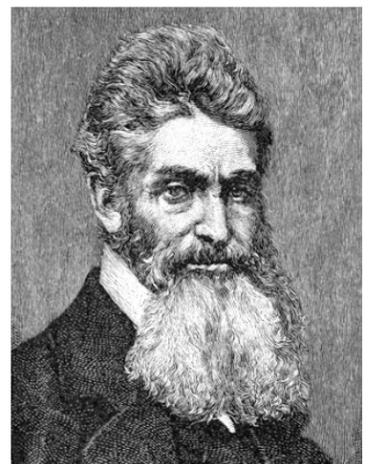
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#### University Park Elected Officials

Vivian Covington	Mayor
Larry "LB" Brown	Trustee
Joseph E. Roudez, III	Trustee
Oscar Brown, Jr	Trustee
Keith Griffin	Trustee
Elizabeth "Liz" Williams	Trustee
Milton Payton	Trustee
Dorothy "Dee" Jones	Village Clerk



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698 Burnham Drive  
University Park, IL 60484

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# THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Vivian E. Covington

We recently were awarded the IKE Disaster Planning Grant. The money from this grant allows us to upgrade our existing Comprehensive Plan. We are receiving gainful input and participation from our residents. Their instrumental involvement and assistance is allowing us to enhance our existing ten-year plan. Our new plan will reflect the vision of our future on behalf of our residents and business stakeholders. This plan will allow us to work toward achieving what our previous historians predicted for the growth and development of University Park.

The year 2013 allowed University Park residents to benefit from:

- Federal Express Drop Box
- Upgrading of existing Pace Bus Shelters (ADA Compliant)
- LED Lighting
- Family Dollar Store
- Governors State University becoming a four year college

The village is heavily working on Economic Development. These efforts include creating a new town center TIF District. This TIF was created to attract regional and national retailers. Family Dollar was the first to take advantage of the opportunity. Our residents were able to attend the Grand Opening the summer of 2013. This TIF will also provide opportunities to renovate our existing town center plaza located on University Parkway.

In conjunction with IDOT we are in the final phase of the letting for the I-57 interchange. We will now have an interchange exit onto University Parkway which leads directly into our village. We have also received funding from CMAP to reconstruct our roadways on University Parkway to connect with the new interchange. We look forward to the other amenities such as bike trails and walk paths for our residents. I want to thank our engineers, Robinson Engineering, LTD. for their diligent work and grant seeking support. Their expertise has allowed us to overcome obstacles in pursuing this long awaited project.



Mayor Vivian Covington addresses the audience at the "University Park State of the Village" program held on December 14, 2013.

We are continuously moving forward to gain financial stability and improve our financial status. I shared some of that information with you during my previous year-end "State of the Village Address."

In summary, I want to thank our Congresswoman, Senators, State Senators, and State Representatives for their ongoing support! We can approach 2014; living up to our slogan: "University Park the village of growth"

Thank you and God Bless,  
Vivian E. Covington, Mayor

# EXTREME COLD WEATHER TIPS

From The Department of Code Enforcement

This winter has been one of the worse we have encountered in some time. The bitter cold and snow have taken not only a physical and mental toll but a financial one as well. Here are a few suggestions on ways to cut energy costs that cost little or nothing:

1. Seal up cracks and gaps. Cover windows with plastic insulation kits to block out drafts. Use caulk around areas where there are noticeable drafts from small gaps. Hang curtains at windows to keep out cold air. Block door air leaks with weather stripping and/or rugs.
2. Reverse your ceiling fans to force hot air back down into the room. Hot air rises so changing your fans to counterclockwise will pull the hot air upward faster.
3. Make sure your furnace is operating properly. Have your heating system inspected yearly to make sure it is running optimally and that it is not leaking carbon monoxide. Change the filters every 2-3 months.
4. Don't block heat registers with curtains or furniture.
5. Buy a thermostat with a timer. Set the timer so that the thermostat is turned down when no one is home. About ½ hour prior to arriving home your thermometer timer should be set to run so it is warm when you get home. Check for drafts that pass across the thermostat because colder air can make it start up again. Stop these drafts immediately.
6. At night wear sweaters and use heavy blankets for the bed. For every 1 degree Fahrenheit you turn down your thermostat you will save up to 3% on energy costs.
7. Cover and seal air conditioners. Weather stripping can be bought by the foot or in a kit. Air conditioners cause huge air leaks so get a cover and make sure it is sealed until summer. This will also help keep out bugs in early spring.
8. If you have no snow on your roof it means you are holding a lot of heat in your attic. Seal the attic windows and the door. You should also consider adding insulation in the attic to help cut heating costs.
9. Open the shades and blinds during the day. The natural sunlight will heat the surfaces in your home like carpet and furniture. At night close the blinds or curtains to trap the heat inside your home.
10. Vacuum heat registers and venting. Dust that clogs up the ventilation system will cause your home to heat slower thus using more energy.
11. Wrap insulation around hot water pipes. Wrap the first five feet of pipe that runs out of your hot water heater. This will help you save 7 – 11% on hot water heating costs. Also when temperature dips below zero leave kitchen cabinets open to allow heat to reach the pipes to prevent freezing. Running water from both cold and hot water taps will also keep pipes from freezing.
12. Use heat sources wisely. Cranking the heat up to 90 will not heat your home faster but just wastes more gas and you will likely forget that it is turned up for several hours.
13. Contact Nicor about their budget plan which allows you to spread the cost of heating your home in the winter over the entire year at a fixed rate.

Visit [Nicor.com](http://Nicor.com) for information on the energy efficiency programs as well as rebate programs that will assist you with replacing furnaces and air conditioning units as well as insulation for your home. They also provide information on programs that will assist with paying your heating bills.

**If you need help keeping your gas on during the winter months, contact the provider or contact:**

**Will County Center for Community Concerns at:**  
1-815-722-0722 [www.wcccc.net](http://www.wcccc.net)

## The Village Manager's Report

We ended the 2013 calendar year working on and concluding numerous projects. The Holiday season activities included a staff luncheon, Christmas tree lighting and a Committees and Commissioners dinner. All of these events were well received.

We concluded the creation of the Town Center Tax Incremental Financing District (TIF). This project was initiated in the Village Managers Office with the support of the elected officials. We utilized the services of S. B. Freidmen to conduct the TIF study and to prepare the appropriate meeting agendas and ordinances. This new TIF district will enhance our ability to provide incentives as we compete nationally to attract retail development to University Parkway. We will also be able to use TIF generated revenues to renovate Town Center.

The Village Board requested that the Village attorney and I provide them with a status of the City Scape property and options available to the Village to address this abandoned complex. Attorney Diamond issued a memo dated November 11, 2013 related to this property subsequent to the Manager's office providing him with the property index numbers associated with this subdivision.

Mr. Diamond's memo identifies Cordoba Ventures as the owners of the City Scape property. He also states because the ownership of the property did not change, the Village's enforcement options remain the same as before. I have had several conversations with Mr. Rob Coco, a commercial developer based in Tinley Park, IL. Mr. Coco has indicated to me his company is in the process of purchasing the City Scape property. I will inform the Board if this purchase takes place.



(From left to right) Tr. Keith Griffin, Tr. Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Village Manager Lafayette Linear, Village Clerk Dorothy "Dee" Jones, Police Chief Ed Bradley, Tr. Joseph Roudez III, and Tr. Oscar Brown, Jr. celebrate the volunteers of University Park at the Committees and Commissions Appreciation Event held on Jan. 4, 2014.

We are continuing our efforts to connect with retailers who may be interested in building stores in our Town Center TIF. Letters have been mailed to various retailers which we follow up with telephone calls. We expect to accelerate our efforts as we prepare for the ICSC convention.

The Village's financial statement auditors Latuerbach and Amen have completed the audit of the 2009 Financial statements. The reports have been delivered to Village Hall. The 2010 field work is completed and the auditors expect to deliver this report in February. The auditors will address the Village Board at a February Board meeting. Upon the completion of the 2010 audit report, the auditor will begin working on the 2011 audit.

The Village has been in discussion with the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office concerning delinquent TIF reports. TIF reports for TIFs I, II, III, IV and V were not filed with the State Comptroller's Office for the years ended April 30, 2010, 2011 and 2012. TIF reports are filed from information extracted from the annual financial statement audit. Due to the Village not having audits for these years we were unable to file these reports. We have filed a late fine abatement and reduction request with the Comptroller. They are aware of the challenges we are facing in having these audits completed and have agreed to work with us to minimize the effects of these delinquent reports. We have agreed to continue to communicate our progress with them.

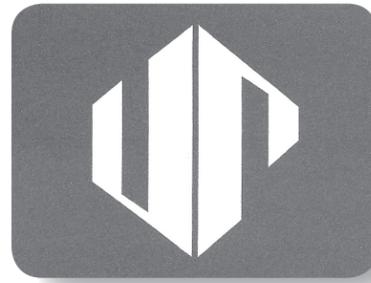
In January we will begin the process of compiling our annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. This process begins with staff compiling a budget calendar. This calendar will be available by the middle of January, at which time I will make it available for Board review.

We completed our annual tax levy during the month of December 2013. An ordinance was filed for the purpose of levying taxes for the year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014. The Tax levy is essential to funding the operations of the Village. This year's tax levy included a slight increase of 4.9%. The tax levy was filed in both Will and Cook County offices on a timely basis.

The University Parkway reconstruction project continues to move forward.  
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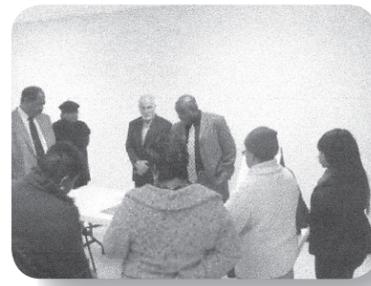
The Village is reconstructing University Parkway in two to three phases depending upon available funding. This project is being done in conjunction with the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) which oversees the construction and Chicago Metropolitan Association of Planners (CMAP) who facilitates federal funding. The first phase of our project is the reconstruction of the road from Central Ave. to Cicero Street and it will coincide with the construction of the I-57 University Parkway interchange ramps on University Parkway. This construction will reconvene in the Spring of 2014 and be completed during the summer months. The final critical path for the Village is to acquire sufficient right of way property to allow for the widening of the roadway. We are in the process of acquiring this right of ways.

The Prairie State / University Park GED program completed their first session in December 2013. There were some mix-ups with the final testing; however we expect to have these worked out when the second session begins in January 2014.



## University Park

### Comprehensive Plan



*Calling all residents!* University Park is developing a vision for the future and we need your help. Please visit the project website and participate in the upcoming public workshop:

**Date:** Saturday, March 1st

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** 90 Town Center Drive  
University Park, IL 60484



*There will be a continental breakfast served at the meeting.*



Visit the website to stay informed!

[www.planuniversitypark.com](http://www.planuniversitypark.com)

SCAN ME! ➔



### Press Release:

## Voice your choice about the future of University Park

### Resident Input Needed

**University Park, IL February 10, 2014:** University Park is hosting a community planning workshop on Saturday March 1st from 10:00 a.m. till noon, at 90 Town Center. This event will provide residents with an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about University Park's future. Focus areas will include attracting more jobs and shopping/dining opportunities, enhancing neighborhoods, and addressing flooding issues. A brief presentation by the Village's consultant team lead by Teska Associates, Inc. on the overall Comprehensive Plan will be provided. Coffee and a continental breakfast will be available.

For more information, visit the project website at <http://planuniversitypark.com> or contact James Bell, Manager of the Community Relations Department at (708) 446-5067.

## GRACE, CLASS AND PROFESSIONALISM: Hey! That's Clerk "Dee" Jones

Village Clerk Dorothy "Dee" Jones has been a resident of the Village of University Park for approximately 40 years, where she is in her third term as elected Village Clerk. She is the proud mother of 1 daughter, 2 grandsons and 9 great grandchildren. In 2000 she was appointed Village Clerk Pro-tem when the elected Clerk became ill and unable to fulfill her duties as Clerk. Prior to becoming the elected Village Clerk in 2003, she served 11 years as Deputy Village Clerk, and in a host of other positions with the Village, such as: Records Clerk, Secretary to Chief of Police, Supervisor of Communication for the Police Department, and Executive Secretary/Labor Liaison for Village Administration and Village Collector. She has extensive training, knowledge and experience in municipal government, and the duties and responsibilities of a Municipal Clerk.



Dorothy "Dee" Jones  
Clerk for the Village of University Park, IL

Actively involved in the community and region, Dee has received many awards for her community service, and in February 2012 she was recognized and honored by the Village of University Park as a History Maker when the village celebrated "Black Women In American History and Culture Whom We Honor Through Their Achievements". This award recognized her Official Commission from Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to serve as a member of the Municipal Clerks Of Illinois Institute Training Board, and for being elected the first President of AFSCME Council 31, Local 3837 Labor Union where she served in that leadership role for six years. (Both of these positions were 1st for an African-American female in University Park). She currently serves as Village Liaison to the Senior Citizens Committee and Chair of the University Park Golf Club Advisory Committee. She was awarded the Mayor's Service Award for her leadership of, and dedication to United Way of University Park where she served eight years as President. Dee has served and is serving on numerous other committees, boards and commissions.

Dee has been a member of the Municipal Clerks of Illinois and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since 1989 where she served two terms as District IV Director; Chair of the Institute Training Committee and several years on the Mentoring & Professional Status Committee. She served as Secretary and Vice-President, and now is in her 2nd term as President of the Municipal Clerks Association of the southwest Suburbs of Cook County. On an international level, "Dee" serves as a Mentor with the International Institute Of Municipal Clerks (IIMC); and for the past 8 years she has been assigned two mentees, one currently in the south suburban area and one in the northern suburbs.

A faithful member of New Faith Baptist Church International in Matteson, Illinois, she is anchored in her faith and belief in God, and serves on the Justice and Out Reach Ministries. In 2013 she was recognized by the Windy City Small Fry Basketball Organization as the "Most Valuable Parent" for her work with, and support of the "Books And Basketball Corporation" and the "Windy City Outlawz Basketball Team".

Yes; Grace, Class and Professionalism are a few of the words that can accurately be attached to our Clerk. There are others, such as "wonderful", "stylish", "smart" and "magnanimous". Clerk Dorothy "Dee" Jones: we thank you for your ongoing service!!!

## EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

### CROSSING GUARD

The University Park Police Department is accepting applications for a crossing guard. Applications may be obtained at the University Park Village Hall, 698 Burnham Drive, University Park, and completed applications must be returned to Lafayette Linear, Village Manager by February 28, 2014.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT HONORS

On November 8, 2013, Commander Darryl Stroud was appointed by Governor Pat Quinn to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. The Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board is the highest board of law enforcement in Illinois.

Stroud, a 21 year veteran, recently served as Interim Chief of Police for the University Park Police Department from November 2012 – October, 2013.



Commander Darryl Stroud, pictured here with Officer Angelina Summerfield of Crestwood, after Officer Summerfield emerged as Commander Stroud's "Top Gun" during a recent training program conducted by the commander in January, 2014.

Stroud originally joined the police department in 1992, following his passion as a Police cadet Lieutenant for the Village of University Park. His career development with community policing programs, crime prevention projects, safe schools programs, bike patrol programs and other police department activities have earned him and the department numerous awards, certificates and other commendations.

Throughout his career, Commander Stroud has worked closely with numerous other law enforcement agencies, such as:

- Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Federal Reserve Bank-Illinois
- Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations

Commander Stroud, not being one to rest on any laurels, is currently serving his community, state and nation in many ways, including:

- Chairman — Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center – Executive Board of Directors
- President — University of Illinois, Police Training Institute Alumni

University Park is very fortunate to have on its Police Department such an accomplished, dedicated and loyal "cadet" as Police Commander Darryl Stroud. Commander: we salute you!!!

**NEW LAWS IN 2014 FOR ILLINOIS:**

2013 witnessed the Illinois legislature being very busy with the passage of many laws that took effect on January 1st of this year. While all laws are of great importance to us, some caught the attention of most if not all Illinoisans as being potentially very important to our every-day-lives. Below are brief synopses of a few of those laws.

**ANNIE, GET YOUR GUN:**

Earlier last year, Illinois became the final U.S. state to pass a concealed carry law and, starting this year, it will formally go into effect. Beginning near the end of last year, Illinois residents could apply online for a concealed carry permit on the Illinois State Police’s website. State Police are required by law to approve a license, should no problems arise, within 90 days, and the first licenses were expected to be issued in January. There are many restrictions and regulations that you must follow, so don’t think the law protects you if you just start “packin’”. It doesn’t! For details of the law, check with our University Park Police Department. (HB 183)

**MEDICINAL PURPOSES ONLY:**

Technically, Illinois has put into effect a MEDICAL marijuana law that, under strict provisions, allows some citizens to lawfully possess and use marijuana. Some experts think that this law simply starts a “test” or “experimental” program because, for now, it will be in effect for only four (4) years. The state is still in the process of formulating the rules and regulations that will be applied in determining who will be eligible to receive the drug. What does this mean? No: you won’t be able to go to a drug store and buy marijuana for your “head” cold. (HB1)

**PUT DOWN THAT PHONE:**

Beginning on Jan. 1, drivers in Illinois will be required to use a Bluetooth headset or speakerphone if they wish to talk on the phone while driving. Any driver caught holding a phone up to their ear could be fined at least \$75. Exceptions may apply in the case of an emergency. 75 bucks! Wow. I can remember when a telephone call could be made for a dime. (HB 1247)

**PEDAL TO THE METAL (JUST NOT IN CHICAGO)**

Are you planning to take a long road trip across Illinois? You can get to your destination slightly faster now. As of Jan. 1, the speed limit on rural Illinois highways has been increased from 65 to 70 mph. However, the law leaves the speed limit at the 2013 speed for the majority of the Chicagoland area. (SB 2356)

**LET’S TALK ABOUT, EHHHH, YOU KNOW:**

Another new Illinois law going into effect means public school districts teaching sex education will now be required to teach about birth control and sexually transmitted diseases, rather than just abstinence. The law does allow school districts the option to opt out of sex education, entirely. (HB 2675)

**UNDERAGE VOTERS**

Beginning Jan. 1, any Illinois voter eligible to vote in a November general election will also be eligible to vote in the preceding primary, even if they are only 17 years old at the time of the primary. Interested 17-year-old voters in Chicago must register by Feb. 18 in order to vote in the March 18 primary. (HB 226)

**PUPPY LEMONS**

New pet owners in Illinois now will be protected by a “lemon law” that allows owners to be refunded the cost of the pet or reimbursed for veterinary costs if a new pet has been purchased without disclosure of any serious illness. (SB 1639)

**‘FLASH’ MOBBERERS BEWARE**

Illinois lawmakers have also increased the maximum penalty for anyone caught using social media to organize a violent “flash mob” from three years to six years in prison. (SB 1005)

**IS THAT MY BUTT?**

Bad news, cigarette tossers: cigarette butts have now been specifically designated as litter and, under a newly strengthened penalty, anyone caught tossing a cigarette butt onto the street is risking a \$1,500.00 fine. (HB 3243)

**NO MORE PRINCIPAL SLEUTH:**

As of January 1, 2014, your child’s school needs your permission before the school can check your child’s emails or Facebook page. Also, parents don’t have to worry about being sued by their children for reading their child’s text messages. (HB 64 & HB 3038)

For a full list of all of the new laws that hit the books this year, visit <http://www.illinoisenatedemocrats.com>.

**SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM  
A GREAT & SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM**

On Saturday, December 21, 2013, the University Park Police Department conducted one of its most important operations of the year. After working out a careful plan created by our own Police Chief Ed Bradley, Commanders Darrel Stroud, Debbie Wilson and others, set out and “rounded up” a couple of dozen children from University Park who had their sites set on an upcoming “BIG SCORE” planned for Christmas morning. Each child was filled with joyous anticipation as they impatiently waited for their big day to arrive.



(From l. to r.) Comm. D. Stroud, Comm. D. Wilson, Police Chief Ed Bradley and Trustees Roudez & Griffin team up with local children to pull off the “Shop With A Cop” program on Dec. 21. 2013

After “rounding up” these children, the officers transported them to TOY R’US for a fun-filled shopping excursion. Each child was allowed to select a toy or two that was paid for by very generous donations made by the staff and elected officials of the village.

The challenge to the children was a difficult one to meet: they had to anticipate what they might receive from Santa on Christmas Eve Night, and then select a toy or toys that they might not have included on their Christmas lists.



Decisions, decisions!

Despite this challenge, the operation was pulled off without a hitch. When it was over, every child, cop and person who was involved had a very big smile on their face. It was some of the best police work ever done by any police department on earth.



Success!!!!

# NOTICE:

## CADET FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The University Park Fire Department is now accepting applications for membership with the Fire Department's Cadet Firefighter Program. We are currently looking for residents of our Village between 15-17 years of age that may be interested in learning what the Fire Service is all about. The program will offer training sessions on the history of the Fire Service, basic firefighting skills, first-aid, and more. The ultimate goal of the Cadet Program is to provide a realistic look into all aspects of what Firefighters do for their community. Cadet Program applications will be available at the Village Hall, Fire Station # 1, and available for download from the Village website. Applications will be available as of the date of this announcement and must be received by the Fire Department no later than March 28th, 2014. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Deputy Chief Brian Chellios with any questions or concerns they may have about the program. Deputy Chief Chellios can be reached via phone at 708-235-4822 or via e-mail at [bchellios@university-park-il.com](mailto:bchellios@university-park-il.com).

### University Park - Parks & Recreation Department

## Riegel Farm Easter Egg Patch

April 14, 2014- April 18, 2014



Join us at Riegel Farm for a day filled with Easter eggs, baby chicks and our special guest the Easter Bunny. You can see and touch many of our animal friends. Take a sweet hayride with the Easter Bunny. Ride the wagon while hunting for candy treasures and return to school or home with a keepsake with wonderful memories of "Riegel Farm".

10:00 am-3:00pm  
\$6.00 per child (Tour & Sweet Hay ride)

Bring your group or organization  
\*\*Groups of 10 or more



Picnic tables are available for lunch or snack.

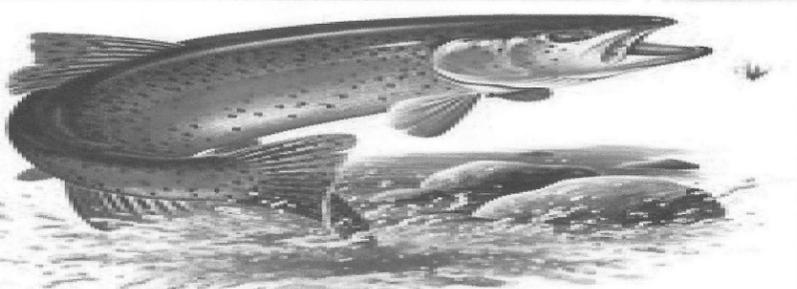
To book your tour call University Park- Parks & Recreation Department  
708-534-6456

Deadline for Registration is Friday, April 4, 2014



## VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK

PRESENTS  
FIRST EVER



## TROUT FISHING TOURNAMENT

Yes! The Trout has made its way to Pine Lake! The lake has been stocked with Rainbow Trout for the first time. This tournament will require a fishing license to participate. All ages are welcomed. Once registered, you will receive the rules of the tournament. First, Second and Third place trophies will be awarded to the top fishermen. We may even have a few surprise gifts!

LOCATION: Pine Lake (Lake is at the crossing Monee Rd. & University Pkwy)

AGES: ALL AGES

COST: \$ 15.00 per person

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2014

DEADLINE: Friday, March 28, 2014

TIME: All participants are to report at 6am. (Tourney is over at 2pm)

MIN/MAX: 10/25

Contact : Greg Murray, Program Supervisor @ (708)534-6456 for additional information



University Park Trustees (from left to right) Keith Griffin, Oscar Brown, Jr. and Joseph Roudez III, along with Clerk Dorothy "Dee" Jones (r) and other local, state and national dignitaries gathered together on Monday, January 20, 2014 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Birthday Celebration held at Governors State University.

## VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT GARDEN PROGRAM

Please join us as we help you stay healthy with fresh produce in University Park without the hard work that is needed...

We will prepare the ground, plant your favorite vegetables, weed, water, pick the for a small fee...

You will receive a membership card once you register and must be used to pick up your produce on a weekly basis.



Pick from the following vegetables:

Greens, Onions, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Cabbages, Green Peppers, Eggplant, New Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Melons, Yellow Eye Beans, Zucchini, Summer Squash, Okra, White Potatoes, Northern Illinois Beans, Hot and Sweet Peppers



### You can choose up to five items from this list

Start: May 3 - October 4, 2014  
Cost: \$20.00 for the season

Deadline: **Friday, April 4, 2014**  
Late Registration: **Monday, May 19, 2014 \$30.00 for the season**

Registration/Payment should be made at:  
Village Hall, 698 Burnham Drive, University Park, IL  
Registration form must be filled out at time of payment

For more information, please contact Mr. Robert Alexander, Farm Manager at 708-534-6456

**Vegetables are perishable; there fore you must pick them within two days after we call or forfeit your produce**



Trustee Larry Brown and Mr. Keith Rouse volunteer and serve Thanksgiving Dinner to residents of the community on November 28, 2013.

## Official Black History Quiz Rules:

Correctly name each of the individuals pictured on the front page of the February, 2014 U.P. Post Newsletter and email your answers to: [jbelle@university-park-il.com](mailto:jbelle@university-park-il.com).

All answers must be received by March 5, 2014. (Correct answers will be posted on the village website on March 6, 2014.) The first five correct responses win. Elected officials and employees of the village and their family members are ineligible to participate. Good Luck to all! (This quiz is sponsored by the Department of Community Relations, James Bell, Manager and the University Golf Club Restaurant, James McCallum, Restaurant Manager.)

**FORE!!!!**

Green Fees and Season Pass Info

**Village of University Park / University Golf Club****2014 Resident Golf Rates**

March 1st through April 30th

**Monday Special****Senior Rate** \$20–18 holes / 9 holes \$13**Regular Rate** \$23–18 holes / 9 holes \$15**Weekday Rates****Senior Rates**

\$23–18 holes / 9 holes \$15

**Regular Rates**

\$26–18 holes / 9 holes \$17

**Weekend Rates****Senior Rates**

\$26–18 holes / 9 holes \$17

**Regular Rates**

\$28–18 holes / 9 holes \$19

Above rates include walking or riding  
University Park Residents Must Provide Valid Picture Identification.

**2014 Village Resident Golf Pass**

Monday through Sunday

Single w/golf car: \$1,000 / Couple: \$1,700

Senior w/golf car: \$800 / Senior Couple: \$1,300

Single walking: \$800 / Couple \$1,300

Senior walking: \$600 / Senior Couple \$1,000

**Weekday Only (Monday thru Thursday Anytime & Friday after 1:00pm)**

Single w/golf car: \$750 / Couple: \$1,400

Senior w/golf car: \$600 / Senior Couple: \$1,100

Single walking: \$600 / Couple: \$1,000

Senior walking: \$500 / Senior Couple: \$800

**Junior Golf Pass Walking Under (18) Years of Age \$350****All Memberships Include:**

\* CDGA Handicap Service \* (14) Day Advance Tee-times

\* Golf Shop Discounts \* Restaurant Discount

**2014 Golf Pass**

Monday through Sunday

Single w/golf car: \$1,225 / Couple: \$2,000

Senior w/golf car: \$1,025 / Senior Couple: \$1,650

Single walking: \$950 / Couple \$1,800

Senior walking: \$750 / Senior Couple \$1,400

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Single w/golf car: \$850 / Couple: \$1,600

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Single walking: \$725 / Couple: \$1,100

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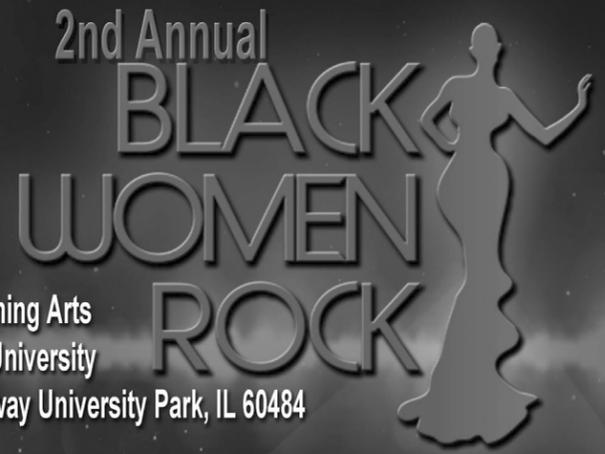
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7:30 p.m.

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On November 26, 2013, Mayor Vivian Covington presented most, if not all of our enlisted and/or veteran residents with a certificate honoring their dedication and service to our country. In the picture above, veteran Trustee Joseph E. Roudez III, receives his certificate from Mayor Covington honoring the trustee's service in the US Army.

**PINE LAKE NEWS!!!!**

I have good news! Pine Lake has been selected to receive catchable-size rainbow trout from the IDNR state hatchery system this coming spring.

Opening Day is Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to dusk

To legally harvest trout, anglers will be required to have an inland trout stamp as well as a fishing license.

The daily limit is 5 trout per angler. Trout stamps can be purchased on line or at any vendor where fishing licenses are sold. The cost of the stamp is \$6.50. You must have a stamp to fish!!

The catchable trout program is very popular!!!!

Keely Lewis-Childress

Director of Parks and Recreation Department

# Nelson Mandela: A Beacon Of Light for the World!

During this month of February, 2014, it seems apropos to pause and reflect on the many sacrifices many have made so that we can live in a more just world, and the glorious benefits we have been able to achieve because of those sacrifices. One such person who has stood as a standard-bearer for all mankind when it comes to the struggle for justice and dignity for all peoples was Nelson Mandela. On July 18, 1918, Nelson Mandela was born. He was born into a royal family of the Xhosa-speaking Thembu tribe in the South African village of Mvezo. His father, who died when Nelson was nine (9) years old, served as chief of this tribe. After the death of his father, Nelson was essentially adopted by Jongintaba "Dalindyebo, a high-ranking regent of the Thembu tribe.

Nelson was the first of his family to receive a formal education. It was during his early formal education that he was given the name "Nelson". This act of giving Rolihlahla Mandela the name of "Nelson" was consistent with a common practice in missionary schools where African children were given English names. In 1940, while attending the elite University of Fort Hare, the only Western-styled institute for higher learning in South Africa, Nelson was expelled and sent home, along with other students including a life-long friend and business partner, Oliver Tambo, for their participation in a boycott against the university's policies.



(Rolihlahla) Nelson Mandela (1918-2013)

Mandela's commitment to politics and the struggle for justice grew greatly when in 1948 the Afrikaner (white)-dominate National Party was elected into political office. Once in power, the National Party introduced to South Africa a formal system of racial classification and segregation (apartheid) that obliterated basic human and civil rights for non-whites. This system also barred all non-whites from government and, for many decades, established a white-only minority government.

Nelson Mendela, now a prominent member of the African National Congress, for many years, struggled against this oppressive form of government by organizing boycotts, strikes, civil disobedience and other forms of nonviolent resistance to the whites-only government.

In 1961, Mandela co-founded Umkhonto we Sizwe ("Spear of the Nation") which was then a new armed section of the African National Congress ("ANC"). As a result of leading struggles against the apartheid government, Nelson Mandela was arrested and tried for numerous offenses. On August 5, 1962, Mandela was arrested and sentenced to five (5) years in prison for having left South Africa illegally and for inciting a 1961 workers' strike. In July of 1962, police raided the ANC's offices in Rivonia, a suburb of Johannesburg, and found evidence that implicated Mandela and other activists in organizing protests and struggles against the government. Mandela and seven other activists were tried and convicted of sabotage, treason and violent conspiracy against the government, and each was sentenced to life imprisonment. During that trial, Nelson Mandela spoke eloquently, stating, in part, "I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

Nelson Mandela spent the first 18 of his 27 years in prison at the brutal Robben Island Prison, a former leper colony off the coast of Cape Town, where he was confined to a small cell without a bed or plumbing and compelled to do hard labor in a lime quarry. As a black political prisoner, he received scantier rations and fewer privileges than other inmates. He was only allowed to see his wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela (1936-), who he had married in 1958 and was the mother of his two young daughters, once every six months. Mandela and

his fellow prisoners were routinely subjected to inhumane punishments for the slightest of offenses. Among other atrocities, there were reports of guards burying inmates in the ground up to their necks and urinating on them.

Despite his incarceration, Nelson Mandela stature grew both in South Africa and internationally as a wrongfully imprisoned activist for justice and democracy. In 1980, Oliver Tambo introduced the "Free Nelson Mandela" campaign which successfully imposed tremendous pressure on the apartheid government of South Africa to release him and other political prisoners from prison. As international pressure increased on the racist government of South Africa, the apartheid regime made many offers of freedom to Mandela in exchange for some form of compromise that would keep the racist government in power and the system of apartheid in place. All of these offers were soundly rejected by Mr. Mandela.

In an attempt to appease the non-white majority of South Africa, in 1982 the Government moved Mandela from Robben Island Prison to Pollsmoor Prison on the mainland, where he remained for six years. Later in 1988, in another attempt to appease the majority, Mandela was placed under house arrest in a minimum security correctional facility.

On February 11, 1990, newly elected South African president F. W. de Klerk ordered the release from prison of Nelson Mandela after lifting the ban on the ANC and after calling for a nonracist South Africa.

After attaining his freedom, Nelson Mandela led the ANC in its negotiations with the governing National Party and various other South African political organizations for an end to apartheid and the establishment of a multiracial government. Though fraught with tension and conducted against a backdrop of political instability, the talks earned Mandela and de Klerk the Nobel Peace Prize in December 1993. On April 26, 1994, more than 22 million South Africans turned out to cast ballots in the country's first multiracial parliamentary elections in history. An overwhelming majority chose the ANC to lead the country, and on May 10 Mandela was sworn in as the first black president of South Africa, with de Klerk serving as his first deputy.



President Nelson Mandela wearing an official jacket of the South African Rugby Team in which he took a great deal of national pride.

Improving race relations, discouraging blacks from retaliating against the white minority and building a new international image of a united South Africa were central to President Mandela's agenda. To these ends, he formed a multiracial "Government of National Unity" and proclaimed the country a "rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world." In a gesture seen as a major step toward reconciliation, he encouraged blacks and whites alike to rally around the predominantly Afrikaner national rugby team when South Africa hosted the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

After retiring from politics at the age of 81, he continued to work for the expansion of civil and human rights for all peoples both inside South Africa and internationally. On December 5, 2013 Mr. Mandela passed away after a lengthy battle with various lung infections.

With his vision never in doubt, his will ever-ready for any challenge, his love and passion for democracy impenetrable by political atrocities heaped upon him and others, Nelson Mandela cast a brilliant light over our globe. That light shown the way then, and brightens our path now towards freedom and full civil and human rights for all mankind.

Well, done, Rolihlahla! The world thanks you and is a much better place for your presence here on earth.