

## **Believe In Blue Island**

**By Tom Hawley, First Ward Alderman**

### **Thanksgiving Crafts**

Bring the kids up to the Blue Island Public Library for an afternoon of making Thanksgiving crafts! You can help spruce up the house just in time for Thanksgiving with personal and original crafts done by your child. Come on out and check it out at the Blue Island Public Library. For more information, call Mrs. Beasley at [708.388.1078 x 22](tel:708.388.1078).

When: Thursday, November 21st, 3:30 pm

Where: Blue Island Public Library, 2433 York St

### **Business After Hours**

Here is your chance to network, meet the staff and tour the Thresholds, Illinois' largest and oldest provider of services to people recovering from mental illness. Through care, employment, advocacy and housing, Thresholds assists and inspires people with mental illness to reclaim their lives. Visit [www.thresholds.org](http://www.thresholds.org) for more information. Admission is free and refreshments are served.

When: Thursday, November 21st, 5 pm to 7 pm

Where: Thresholds South Suburbs, 12145 S. Western Ave.

### **CARR Thanksgiving/Christmas Preview**

Stop by CARR home-garden-holiday November 23rd and 24th to check out all they have for Thanksgiving and Christmas! They are open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and noon until 4 pm on Sunday. There will be light refreshments and fun! Special for that weekend is buy one item, get 50% off on the less expensive item. A great deal! Get a jump on your Christmas shopping or just pick up something new to brighten the holidays around your own home, or pick up a delicious dip to serve!

When: Saturday and Sunday, November 23rd and 24th

Where: CARR home-garden-holiday, 2357 York St

### **St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran Sloppy Joe Luncheon**

Come on out to St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran Church for their Sloppy Joe Luncheon, Bake Sale and Bucket Raffle! The luncheon goes from 11 am to 2 pm. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and carryouts are available. For more information, call 708.388.3587 for carryouts, call 815.342.4411.

When: Saturday, November 23rd, 11 am to 2 pm

Where: St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran Church, 13153 Greenwood Ave

### **Holiday Greenery Installation**

Val Kehoe is calling on all residents to help her decorate the planters uptown for the holidays! It's supposed to be a bit chilly Sunday, but that has never stopped this hearty group of volunteers from getting the planters done! If you are interested, they are meeting at her home at 9 am for a quick demonstration, loading of trucks and dividing into groups and assigning duties. They will start at 127th and Western around 10 am and work their way south. So layer up and let's help prepare our City for "the most wonderful time of the year!" If you have any questions, please email me and I will get back to you!

When: Sunday, November 24th, 9 am at Kehoe's, 10 am at 127th and Western

Where: Western Ave

### **Blue Island Eagles Bunco Bash**

Do you play Bunco? If so, head on over to the Blue Island Eagles Hall on Sunday, November 24th. Doors open at noon. The cost is \$20 and includes bunco, lunch and door prizes. There is a cash bar, raffles and a 50/50 split the pot. Vendors will be there with products to sell. Tickets are on sale at the bar or from one of the Auxiliary Members or at the door.

When: Sunday, November 24th, noon

Where: Blue Island Eagles Hall, 2427 Grove St

### **Blue Island Community Health Fair**

Veterans Memorial Middle School is having their 5th Annual Free Blue Island Community Health Fair. The event takes place in the Gym at the school. The event includes free health screenings, healthy food tastings, lead screenings, environmental health awareness, raffles and giveaways. The event is sponsored by MetroSouth Medical Center, All Kids Healthcare for All Kids, Veterans Memorial Middle School, School District 130 and the City of Blue Island.

When: Monday, November 25th, 5 pm to 8 pm

Where: Veterans Memorial Middle School, 12320 Greenwood Ave.

### **Yoga at the Park**

Join instructor Mike LaRocca for Monday night Yoga at Memorial Park Fieldhouse. The beginning class is from 6 pm to 7:30 pm and the advanced class is from 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm. Sessions are running now through December 16th and January 6th through February 17th. Each session is 7 weeks long and are \$49 for residents, \$63 for non-residents. Sign up at Memorial Park.

When: Mondays, Nov. 4th - Dec. 16th, Beginners: 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Advanced: 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm

When: Mondays, Jan. 6th - Feb. 17th, Beginners: 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Advanced: 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm

Where: Memorial Park Fieldhouse, 12804 Highland Ave

### **Blue Island Eagles Twisted Tuesday Progressive Raffle**

The Blue Island Fraternal Order of Eagles #1332 invites the community to help "raise the roof" with a series of special fundraising raffle events happening every Tuesday. Events are open to the public. Tickets are \$5 and you must be present at 9 pm for a chance to win the progressive pot. The pot started at \$100 and is up to \$1,500. A ticket will be drawn and that person will select a number from the progressive pot board. If the winning square is not selected, \$50 will be added to the pot for the following week. New tickets are sold every week. Proceeds will help their efforts to repair their roof.

When: Tuesday nights, drawing at 9 pm

Where: Blue Island Eagles, 2427 Grove St

### **Black Friday at RIPH**

DJ Mark Didato will be spinning everyone's favorite metal to celebrate Black Friday at the Rock Island Public House. There'll be special tappings of holiday beers throughout the night and music! Everything starts at 7 pm. Check it out!

When: Friday, November 29th, 7 pm to 2 am

Where: Rock Island Public House, 13328 Olde Western Ave.

### **Small Business Saturday**

Where: All over Blue Island!

Blue Island businesses have united to promote Small Business Saturday! After the rush of Black Friday, come back to town and find the perfect gift and support the Small Businesses. Check out a business you may never have visited before. You may find that perfect gift! Keep your sales tax dollars at home. There's free limo service provided by Cas, Ltd. from 11 am to 3 pm to take you to the various stores. The following businesses will be featuring specials all day long: D'Masti Catering, Zav's Treasure Chest, Beggar's Pizza, Lost Treasures Resale, Tuscan Grill, Flowers by Cathé, Double Play Saloon, Hair Executives, Iverson's Bakery, Aztek Ink, Three Sisters Resale, Maple Tree Inn, CARR home-garden-holiday, Molino Bakery, Mario's Tacos, Curves, Restaurante Tenochtitlan, and Rock Island Public House. Check out the commercial by American Express:

<http://theselby.com/galleries/collaborations/americanexpress-small-business-saturday-tv-commercial/>

When: Saturday, November 30th, all day

### **Christmas in Blue Island**

Start your holiday season in Blue Island! Visit the open houses all day at the Blue Island Public Library, CARR home-holiday-garden, Franklin Framing, Flowers by Cathé, Three Sisters Antiques, Lillian's Attic Antiques and more! Come uptown for Christmas events all day long. Start your Christmas shopping at the shops, take in the windows, and finish the day with the exciting Light Parade down Western Ave at 5:30 pm! The parade will go from Union St to Grove St. on Western Ave. It is presented by the City of Blue Island and MetroSouth Medical Center. Come see the Dancing Horses, the Eisenhower Marching Band, School District 130 Band, the Cardinal Dancers and much more! After the parade, there will be the tree lighting, refreshments and cookie sale at MetroSouth Park at the corner of York and Western. It's a wonderful night in Blue Island!

When: Saturday, December 7th

Where: Western Ave

### **Holiday Breakfast Tea and Cookie Exchange**

Come on out to the Blue Island Historical Society for their Annual Holiday Breakfast and Cookie Exchange. For a \$20 donation, you can have a great breakfast, get some great cookies and drink some hot tea! You need to reserve your space ahead of time by calling [708.371.8546](tel:708.371.8546).

When: Saturday, December 7th, 10 am

Where: Blue Island Historical Society Albee House, 13018 Maple Ave

### **Welcome Santa to Blue Island**

Santa will be arriving in Blue Island on Saturday, December 7th and his first stop is Memorial Park. Join the crowd that will welcome Santa Claus and be one of the first to have their Christmas wish list delivered. How will Santa arrive? You'll just have to come and see for yourself!

When: Saturday, December 7th, 11:30 am

Where: Memorial Park Upper Pavilion

### **Lunch with Santa!**

Join the Park District for an afternoon of holiday fun and a delectable meal. Watch as Santa's Helpers turn the Memorial Park Field House into Santa's Workshop. Build and craft ornaments and gifts for loved ones all while enjoying Christmas Cheer. Paid participants will also get a printed photo with Santa and other keepsakes. Avoid disappointments and reserve your tickets today! All guests must have tickets. All ages welcome. Tickets are \$15 ahead of the day, \$20 at the door as available. Stop by the Fieldhouse to purchase or reserve by calling 708.385.3304.

When: Saturday, December 7th, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Where: Memorial Park Banquet Hall, 12804 Highland Ave.

### **Community Candlelight Memorial Service**

Hallinan Funeral Home invites everyone to their 3rd Annual Community Candlelight Memorial Service on Saturday, December 7th at 3 pm. The service is for anyone in the community who has lost a loved one. Each family will receive a Butterfly Ornament in memory of their loved ones. You're welcome to bring in a picture of them or email them to [JCostello@Stei.com](mailto:JCostello@Stei.com) so they may be included in the DVD that will be shown during the service. Please submit pictures and RSVP before December 4th. For more information, call 708.385.0850 or email [JCostello@Stei.com](mailto:JCostello@Stei.com) or [PHernandez@Stei.com](mailto:PHernandez@Stei.com).

When: Saturday, December 7th, 3 pm

Where: Hallinan Funeral Home, 2601 Vermont St

### **Southwest Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert #1**

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David L. Crane, will be having the first of two Christmas Concerts on Saturday, December 7th at Sacred Heart Church in Palos Hills. The combined choirs of Sacred Heart (Palos Hills), St. Michael's (Orland Park) and the Voices of the Valley (Oak Lawn) will join the Symphony for this annual holiday season concert. Hear your favorites, some new things, some old things and everything in between! Blue Island residents Nancy DiNovo and Tom Hawley are in the Orchestra. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. If you would like to go, I may be able to get group ticket pricing if there are enough people who would like to go. Please email me and I will put you on the list!

When: Saturday, December 7th, 7:30 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W 11th St., Palos Hills

### **Christmas Party and Winter Survival Gear Drive**

St. Joseph and St. Aidan's is hosting their 6th annual Christmas Party and Winter Survival Gear Drive for hospitalized and homeless Veterans. As in the past, they will be collecting coats, hats, gloves, socks and other supplies to help many hundreds of vets stay alive and warm all across Chicago. Please bring your donations, both clothing and money, to their December 8th Christmas Party. Last year, families, churches, businesses and schools across Blue Island donated over 1000 gifts for wounded and homeless veterans. They were distributed to Jesse Brown VA Hospital, Hines VA Hospital and Manteno VA Retirement Home. So stop by!

When: Sunday, December 8th, 4 pm

Where: St. Joseph and St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 2457 Oak St

### **Southwest Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert #2**

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David L. Crane, will be having the last Christmas Concert of the season on Friday, December 13th at St. Michael's Church in Orland Park. The combined choirs of Sacred Heart (Palos Hills), St. Michael's (Orland Park) and the Voices of the Valley (Oak Lawn) will join the Symphony for this annual holiday season concert. Hear your favorites, some new things, some old things and everything in between! Blue Island residents Nancy DiNovo and Tom Hawley are in the Orchestra. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. If you would like to go, I may be able to get group ticket pricing if there are enough people who would like to go. Please email me and I will put you on the list!

When: Friday, December 13th, 7:30 pm

Where: St. Michael Church, 14327 S Highland Ave, Orland Park

### **Pictures with Santa**

Visit the Santa House at Hart Park from December 13th through the 15th. Visiting hours will be available online at [www.blueislandparks.org](http://www.blueislandparks.org).

When: Friday, December 13th through Sunday, December 15th

Where: Hart Park, 124th and Western

### **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long**

Mission Covenant Church is having a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with Blue Islander Ralph Cox. Come sing all of your favorite Christmas songs and celebrate the season together. The event is open to the entire community and is free! There will be a free will offering to benefit church's ministry to children suffering from cancer during the holidays. Refreshments will be served following the sing-a-long. Call 708.385.1111 for more information.

When: Sunday, December 15th, 6 pm

Where: Mission Covenant Church, 2501 Collins St (Collins and Greenwood)

### **Friends of Frank Fundraiser**

Frank Hennessy, a life-long South-Sider, was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease). You may know Frank from his decades of service to the Southern suburbs which included coaching girls' softball, Little League and St. Benedict's basketball and volunteering for the YMCA Indian Guides, Blue Island Park District and Eagles. Frank has been a fixture in his local community. ALS is a degenerative disease. Frank has been unemployed and uninsured for the past year. Medical bills, prescription drugs and assistive equipment necessary for individuals with ALS are very expensive. In order to help a man who has touched so many lives, Frank's family and friends are hosting this upcoming event. There will be a "Twist" contest to pay homage to Frank's signature dance at weddings, a silent auction and raffles for prizes including a 42" flat screen TV, Bulls tickets and a Weber grill. 100% of the proceeds from this event will go towards offsetting medical bills associated with ALS. Your \$10 entrance fee includes food and fun! Tickets are available at The Double Play Saloon and will also be available at the door the day of the event.

When: Sunday, December 15th, 3 pm to 7 pm

Where: Double Play Saloon, 13011 Western Ave

### **Make your own Christmas Centerpiece**

Betty Harmeyer at the Meadows Golf Course is putting together an event with Cathé Adamski from Flowers by Cathé for you to learn how to do your own Christmas centerpiece complete with a candle just in time for Christmas! It starts at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 19th. The price hasn't been set yet, but I will include it as soon as it is announced. It will include everything you need to create your centerpiece and something to eat and drink. So come on out and design your own centerpiece and you can tell your family when they are oohing and aaaahing over how beautiful it is, you made it yourself! Or bring it as your gift to the hosts.

When: Thursday, December 19th, 6:30 pm

Where: Meadows Golf Course, 2802 W 123rd St.

### **Nutcracker Performance Trip**

Stop by the Calumet Township Community Center before November 15th and purchase tickets to see the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago's production of the Nutcracker for \$25 per ticket! (The price goes up to \$35 per ticket after November 15th) They will be attending the Monday, December 23rd performance. These tickets via Ticketmaster would start at \$77 and go up from there. But because they were able to buy in bulk before the season started they are able to offer them to residents at a significant discount. If you have any questions regarding this event please call Shirley Sierra at [708.388.6606 x 5](tel:708.388.6606). I have seen this production and it's spectacular! A great event for the entire family and, yes, this is an amazing price! Take advantage of it!

When: Monday, December 23rd, 7:30 pm performance

Where: Auditorium Theater, Chicago

### **AMI Benefit Concert**

The American Music Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to music education for all students, is having a benefit concert at our house. It will feature Southwest Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and friend of Blue Island, Remus Badea, on violin. The event is Sunday, February 23rd at 3 pm. Tickets are \$45 each and include the concert, refreshments, drinks and a tour of the home. There will also be a raffle. Join us for an afternoon of music and help raise money for a great organization. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.amimusic.org](http://www.amimusic.org) or by calling 630.850.8505.

When: Sunday, February 23rd, 3 pm

Where: Heimbach House, 13020 Greenwood Ave.

# Ongoing Events

## **G/PG Rated Family Movies**

Bring the kids out every Friday to the Blue Island Public Library at 3 pm for a free G/PG rated movie in the Children's Library. For more information or to find out what movie is playing this week, call Mrs. Beasley at [708.388.1078 x 22](tel:708.388.1078).

## **Fitness Programs at Salvation Army**

Check out the Salvation Army's new fitness programs going on now at the Salvation Army Center. Groove till you lose with Zumba, Step up to a better health with Tai Chi and Whip yourself into shape with Boot Camp. Membership and non-membership fees may apply. Come sign up today! For more information, visit their webpage at [www.salvationarmyblueisland.org](http://www.salvationarmyblueisland.org) or contact them at [708.332.0100](tel:708.332.0100).

Where: Salvation Army, 2900 W. 127th St.

## **Salvation Army programs**

Check out the Salvation Army for ongoing programs. They have Senior Lunch-in, Food Pantry, Fitness and Gym, After School Programs, Character Building Classes for youth, Music Lessons, Counseling, Computer Classes and rentals. For more information, visit them at [www.salvationarmyblueisland.org](http://www.salvationarmyblueisland.org) or call them at [708.332.0100](tel:708.332.0100).

## **Support the Blue Islanders Hockey Team**

The 2013 edition of Blue Islander Hockey t-shirts have landed! All t-shirts have the same graphic on the back and front of the shirt. There are several options: Colors: Navy or Gray; Sleeve length: Short or Long; Logo: Large/Centered or Small on the chest; Size: all Standard sizes, Infants/Children, Women's cut. Price is \$12 for short sleeve, \$15 for long sleeve. Email Josh Tate at [josh\\_tate@me.com](mailto:josh_tate@me.com) to place your order.

## **Know someone looking to buy a house in Blue Island?**

Do you know some good people looking to purchase and fix up the vacant homes in town. If so, there's some assistance available for them! Sofia Aguilera sent me this link with some information: <http://www.ihda.org/homeowner/gettingLoan.htm#IllinoisBuildingBlocks> so if you know someone who wants to buy a currently vacant property and live in Blue Island, pass this on!

## **Thirsty Thursdays at the Blue Island Eagles**

Thursday nights are now for everyone at the Blue Island Eagles! There are drink specials on every kind of drink. From special prices on beer to discounts on shots, mixed drinks and wine, everything has a special! So come on out on Thursdays. Bowling on Thursday's practice night is \$1.50 per game from 6 pm until closing. The Blue Island Eagles are at 2427 Grove St.

## **History on the Hill**

Check out this link to watch an wonderful interview with Harry Robertson, a life-long resident of Blue Island. It's a series called History on the Hill and can be found on YouTube here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AIHMfdHb44&feature=youtu.be> and look for it on Channel 4!

## **Honor Flight Chicago**

Pat Weseloh is volunteering for Honor Flight Chicago. If you're not familiar with this group, they raise money or collect donated frequent flyer miles to fly WWII Veterans to Washington, DC to see the WWII Memorial there. We are losing 120 of these heros a day and they are working to get as many of them to the Memorial as possible before they die. If you know anyone who would be eligible to take this Honor Flight, please contact Pat at [708.388.3732](tel:708.388.3732). She can help get the process started. If you would like to donate online, visit [www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org) or you may mail a check payable to Honor Flight Chicago to 938 West Montana St., Chicago, IL 60614.

### **Friday Night Bike Crew**

Come out and join the Friday Night Bike Crew! Check the website for weekly updates! Summer time means special rides and events, like biking to the Memorial Park Pool! Meet Friday night at the Kiddie Korral at the 121st Street entrance at 4:30 pm. Look for the bright orange safety cones in the street. This is a free, fun bike ride for any kid in Blue Island. They ride from 3-10 miles, depending on the weather and the age of the kids on any given ride. Children under the age of 8 must have an adult along for the ride, and everyone needs to fill out some short paperwork before their first ride. Riders need a safe bicycle with functioning brakes, a helmet, and a white front light. White headlilghts are required by IL law, and can be as simple as a small flashlight attached with a couple of rubber bands (small LED flashlights cost about \$4-5 at the hardware store or Walgreens). There are a limited number of loaner helmets available. For more information, go to [www.bibc.us](http://www.bibc.us) or contact Jane Healy at 388-8662 or [repto@aol.com](mailto:repto@aol.com).

### **Blue Island Public Works accepting e-waste items!**

Melissa Fuller from the City of Blue Island Public Works Department has sent this updated information about e-waste recycling.

Blue Island Public Works is proud to announce that we have partnered up with the Vet Tech Project for E-waste recycling! E-waste is considered as ANYTHING that has a cord attached. From computers and radios to hair dryers and old chargers! We now also accept old household batteries, DVDs, & CDs. All E-waste can either be dropped off at the Public Works Facility at 3153 Wireton Rd, or call Melissa for a special pick up. There is no charge for collection, and all items go to a GREAT cause. The Vet Tech Project provides technology education to American Military Veterans seeking to develop job skills in this field. The project recycles the unwanted E-waste by rehabbing them for charity. For more info or questions on any other recycling, please call Melissa at Public Works [708-597-8604](tel:708-597-8604), Monday through Friday, 7am to 3:30pm.

Do you have other things to recycle, old paint or other items? Melissa's MOST FAVORITE recycling website in the world is [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com). When you go there, click on the "find a recycling center" tab then you can enter any type of material you want to recycle, type in your zip code and it will give you a list of the nearest places to accept them. How cool is that??

If you are looking for a place to bring all of your paper, find the District 130 paper dumpsters. They are all over!

### **Take a healthy heart and circulation exam**

MetroSouth Medical Center is offering a special exam (a \$250 value) for only \$45. It includes an EKG-monitored exercise test, blood cholesterol, triglycerides and blood sugar level, blood pressure, body mass index, cardiac risk factor analysis, and an ankle brachial index test. Call [708-597-2000 ext. 5615](tel:708-597-2000) to reserve. Where: MetroSouth Medical Center-Main Lobby, 12935 S. Gregory St., Blue Island

### **Adult activities available at the Blue Island Park District**

There's a lot going on! For fitness classes, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/adult-fitness/> For other adult activities, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/adult-programs/> For childrens activities, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/early-childhood/> For youth, visit: <http://blueislandparks.org/programs/youth-programs/>

## **Other News**

### **Father's Forum at Eisenhower**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waJXjgn85fw>

### **Eisenhower Sophomore Football Team takes Conference Title**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSGK6675\\_aw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSGK6675_aw)

### **Day of the Dead at Eisenhower**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5Lary2bYs4>

### **Check out the latest District 218 Newsletter**

This month features AP Scholars, Environmental Club video, Girls Cross Country team study group video, AP English video and NHS Induction. Congrats to all of the inductees!

<http://en.calameo.com/read/0014054866fc0c3eb5de3>

### **Girls Cross Country meet to study**

Check out this link about the Eisenhower Girls Cross Country Team which sacrifices a day of running every couple of weeks to gather as a team to study! A Julie Fox production:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuYMD0hLd9Y>

### **Environmental Club at DDE**

From Bob McParland: Blue Island seems to be home to many green thumbs. I thought they would really like to see this, our new Environmental Club. The teacher, Kristina Perischino, is new to Eisenhower but not the district. She taught at Richards HS for several years, founded an Environmental Club there. We moved her to Eisenhower because DDE features a beautiful greenhouse that had been sitting unused. That will change. This is cool: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBXOIG\\_mBVQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBXOIG_mBVQ)

### **A Socratic Seminar at DDE**

Check out this on youtube. The AP English Language/Composition class at Eisenhower High School has grown from 28 to 80+ students the last couple of years. More than 30 students in classes taught by Jennifer McMillan passed AP exams last spring. They have recorded their first semiar: A Socratic Seminar. The sound level is a little low at times, but take a look to get a sense of what is going on AP English at Eisenhower.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfUG-oav\\_go](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfUG-oav_go)

### **Properly dispose of old paint and stain**

Diane Jacobson discovered that Naperville runs a state funded program to recycle many things such as polyurethane, oil paints, pool chemicals, car oils, transmission fluids, garden chemicals such as Round-Up and even unused prescription medicines and unused vitamins. Their program is on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 until 2; they have all of the information to tell you their location, what they will and won't accept, etc. on their website. People can check it out by googling City of Naperville Household Hazardous Waste. They will ask for a driver's license to prove that you live in Cook County. I was able to clean my garage of all of the things that I didn't want to put in the landfills; I am trying to find greener alternatives such as vinegar for killing weeds between bricks, in asphalt cracks, etc. You could get a group together to go out there and make a fun day of it. They unload your car. They do not take Latex Paint. Calumet Paint recommends putting kitty litter in the can to absorb the paint and then just toss it into your regular garbage can. The Naperville site is one of only two in the state that accept these items on a regular basis. Occasionally, towns will offer it once or twice a year, but you never know when that will be. Thanks for the tip, Diane!

### **Seniors Ride Free!**

If you are a Senior in town, the Calumet Township Senior Center has a free ride program! They will pick you up at your door and take you anywhere in Blue Island, Calumet Park and Riverdale. Even if you live in the Worth Township side of town, they will pick you up. They need 24 hours of advance notice. A great and easy way to get around town! Call [708.388.6606](tel:708.388.6606) to arrange a ride.

### **Check out District 218's latest Newsletter**

Go to this link: <http://en.calameo.com/read/0014054864e6bcc696fdf> and check out District 218's newsletter. You will see many aspects of student life showcased there including a spotlight on the Cool Place profile, Speech Team honors, Illinois State Scholars, Top 10 Breakfast, National Letter of Intent signing event and the Ike Hike. Take a look!



### **Check out MetroSouth House Calls on YouTube!**

You can learn about MetroSouth Medical Center and some of the doctors and nurses that work there. <http://youtu.be/uwsr3AUdt1g>

### **Trace your family roots**

Hey genealogy buffs, have you ever thought of searching Cemetery records for clues and hints of your families past? The First Lutheran Cemetery of Alsip, (First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Blue Island) has been servicing the community for over 125 years. They have a service that will search via family name for just \$35.00 an hour! With the relationship of Blue Island and many of the founding families, this could be a great starting point for researching your family tree! Home address, funeral information, marriage, birth dates, date of death and next of kin information are often discovered in these searches. Just contact the First Lutheran Cemetery office, at [708-388-3377](tel:708-388-3377), stop by the office, at 4135 W.127th St. or you can find them on Facebook.

### **Spend it in Blue Island!**

We just would like to ask people to remember to keep Blue Island small merchants, stores, vendors, restaurants and contractors in mind. If you are planning on doing home repairs, look for a Blue Island contractor. Having a party, look for food from a Blue Island business. Want to buy a special gift for yourself, consider a local store. Go out to eat in Blue Island. Go to your favorite store or restaurant or take a chance and visit a new one! Go bar hopping or dancing into the evening afterwards--they serve soft drinks, too and many even serve some pretty good food! Make a donation to your favorite Blue Island charity. Money spent in town comes back in sales tax revenue, etc. Keep your money in Blue Island as much as possible!

### **The Blue Island Historical Society**

Please consider a donation the Historical Society. They really do a wonderful job preserving the history of Blue Island. Any amount will be helpful. If you are not a member, please consider joining. You can join for life for a whole family very reasonably.

### **Keep up to date about Eisenhower goings on with Facebook**

Like and follow Eisenhower High School's Facebook page. It's full of news, achievements, and images/stories concerning the dynamic educational environment at DDE. Here's the link. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Eisenhower-High-School/110614132332586>

### **Blue Island Public Library**

There's lots going on at the Library--for adults, kids and anyone in between! Check it out--at the Blue Island Public Library! Library hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm; Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm September through May. For information about the Tech Annex, Email Darin Thompson at [dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org](mailto:dthompson@blueislandlibrary.org) for more information.

### **Are you up to date with BITV?**

There's a lot online put up by BITV, Channel 4. Below are links for tons of interesting shows and events. There's something for everyone....history, food, health care, parades and more! Check them out!

### **Carr Gardens Business Spot Light with Tom Hawley**

<http://youtu.be/hmxKxFdX7ng>

### **Chamber Bash 2013 with Mike Mech**

<http://youtu.be/fJ1sGYsVDcg>

### **Tuscan Grill Business Spot Light with Mike Mech**

[http://youtu.be/mjclF5NpX\\_o](http://youtu.be/mjclF5NpX_o)

**MetroSouth Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Family Birth Place**

<http://youtu.be/sSQLpc0Ugjo>

**Cavalcade of Pride 2013**

<http://youtu.be/yffsiFhsy8>

**Final Cruise Night with Mike Mech**

<http://youtu.be/RCmcgrMR4YE>

**Movie in the Park**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G\\_uwdl0Tgw&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G_uwdl0Tgw&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Cruise Night, August 26th, 2013**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqK0rtYXppY&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqK0rtYXppY&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Bridge Painting**

[http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5DTJVD6HsMs&desktop\\_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D5DTJVD6HsMs](http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5DTJVD6HsMs&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D5DTJVD6HsMs)

**Cruise Night, August 19, 2013**

<http://youtu.be/mSrlM9lUQio>

**Governor Quinn in Blue Island**

[http://youtu.be/ygZY6Q\\_g2zY](http://youtu.be/ygZY6Q_g2zY)

**Bungalow Chef Tours Olde Western Ave.**

<http://youtu.be/fVsvEgeEohA>

**Blue Island Public Library Update with Greg & Dan**

<http://youtu.be/6aOKChdzEZM>

**National Night Out 2013**

<http://youtu.be/No-iP6ZA-Ms>

**Bungalow Chef and B.I. Community Garden(Beets)**

<http://youtu.be/bx1dpzmBIC8>

**Bungalow Chef with guest star Mayor Vargas**

<http://youtu.be/eaGrZsi5btM>

**Cruise Night, July 1, 2013**

<http://youtu.be/cpKun5fb1TM>

**Yard Sale on the Hill 2013**

<http://youtu.be/QN2RrGskrZA>

**Memorial Day 2012 at Memorial Park**

<http://youtu.be/9MOaHFtPKk>

**City Council Inauguration 5-14-13**

<http://youtu.be/nDptY2qROH4>

**Metro South House Call "Gut Health"**

<http://youtu.be/nz7k3mCYiC8>

**California Gardens Community Garden (cg2)**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvtSSJmmcmE&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvtSSJmmcmE&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 1**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rA4tEYtMYJc&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rA4tEYtMYJc&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 2**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8Is2r3n0-0&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8Is2r3n0-0&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 3**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Qp59ul9br8&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Qp59ul9br8&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Tom & Tom Episode 4**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1LPOyELGFk&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1LPOyELGFk&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**History on the Hill with Harry Robertson Part #1**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AIHMfdHb44&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AIHMfdHb44&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**History on the Hill with Harry Roberston Part #2**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezdr9dlzW7w&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezdr9dlzW7w&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**The Average Joe with Bob Adams**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k\\_oUjVjEZVg&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_oUjVjEZVg&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Metro South House Call "Be Healthy Blue Island"**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aWY7p8RBdl&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aWY7p8RBdl&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Welcome Home Adam Lietz**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBzXaKpG79E&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBzXaKpG79E&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**The Average Joe with Mayor Peloquin**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcI7wfb0xqc&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcI7wfb0xqc&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**The Bungalow Chef at The Maple Tree Inn**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGmu7rpc3Gk&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGmu7rpc3Gk&feature=share&list=UUcw20rsC4uLoXlx-Mrmul_A)

**Bungalow Chef Key Lime Napoleon**

<http://youtu.be/AU-Gajpt0F4>

**Veterans Parade 2012**

<http://youtu.be/LVsxEjVNoQ8>

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