

**Municipal Center**

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Matteson, IL 60443  
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**Administration**

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*Office of the Village Clerk*  
708-283-4950  
*Economic Development*  
708-283-4940

**Community Development**

*Building Services*  
708-481-8313  
Fax: 708-748-2326  
*Community Affairs*  
708-283-4777  
*Housing Information Ctr*  
708-503-3100  
*Planning*  
708-283-4940

**Finance**

708-283-4900  
*Water Billing Services*  
708-283-4790

**Fire Department**

3445 211th Street  
708-748-5129  
Fax: 708-283-6606

*Fire Prevention Bureau*

708-283-4939  
Fax: 708-748-2326

**Human Resources**

708-283-4949

**Police Department**

20500 South Cicero Ave.  
*Administrative Division*  
708-748-4085  
Fax: 708-748-7364  
*Non-Emergency*  
708-748-1564

**Public Works**

21146 Tower Ave.  
708-748-1411  
Fax: 708-503-3120  
*Engineering*  
708-283-4948  
*Parks Maintenance*  
708-720-1876

**Recreational Services**

4450 W. Oakwood Lane  
708-748-1080  
Fax: 708-748-1423

## Message from the Village President



reetings to all of the residents and business owners in Matteson. Summer is finally approaching so hopefully we can look forward to some warmer weather and sunshine for the next several weeks.

There has been a lot happening in the village over the past several weeks and we expect that to continue into the foreseeable future.

I want to first of all give a hearty welcome to Mr. Napoleon Haney who was appointed Village Administrator of the Village of Matteson on June 1st. Napoleon comes to us by way of Reno, Nevada where he served as Special Assistant to the City Manager for the past three years. Prior to that, Napoleon served as Deputy City Manager of Park Forest. Napoleon brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Matteson and we are looking forward to his tenure here with us. The Village Administrator is the Chief Operating Officer of the Village and is responsible for all of the day to day operations. Welcome to Napoleon and his family!

I would next like to announce that Brian Mitchell who has been our Director of Human Resources since 2008 was appointed as Deputy Village Administrator on June 1st. Brian also served as Interim Village Administrator from April 20th until Mr. Haney was appointed on June 1st. I want to commend Brian for the excellent job he did during the interim period and we look forward to the great work he will do as Deputy Village Administrator. Brian will continue as our Director of Human Resources in addition to serving as Deputy Village Administrator.

Another important addition to our new team is Pamela Hirth who was appointed as our Director of Community Development on June 1st. Pam brings a plethora of municipal planning and development experience to us having served in similar roles in Bolingbrook and Schaumburg. We look forward to the energy and new ideas Pam will bring to our community. Also, Pam has worked closely with the village over the past three years as a consultant who was responsible for updating our comprehensive plan so she is no stranger to Matteson. Welcome Pam!

Last but certainly not least we would like to welcome Lisa Hill who started on June 8th as our Recreation Supervisor in the Parks and Recreation Dept. Lisa has extensive experience in successfully managing recreation programs and brings her vast knowledge to Matteson where she will work to upgrade our programming and operations in the Parks and Recreation Department.

We are very excited about our new team and wish them all much success in their new positions. The Village is moving in a different, but what we feel better direction as we have promised. There will be some more staff changes to come which we will report in the next edition, but please know that all we do is done with the best interest of our residents in mind.

We want to thank our staff and volunteers for making our 27th Annual Matteson Fest a success. We are also grateful that the weather held up nicely for us this year. We look forward to next year's fest and planning has already begun. Matteson Fest is an event that the village makes no profit from, but sees it as a way to give back to our town and region by providing a family friendly environment where families can enjoy the entertainment, food and fellowship.

Just a reminder, to improve our customer service, we have reestablished evening and Saturday hours at the Village Hall. You can now pay your water bill, buy vehicle stickers, etc. on Saturdays from 9am to noon and on Wednesday nights until 7pm in an effort to make village services more readily available to our residents.

We are revamping some things and changing others and we look forward to the many challenges and successes that are yet to come. The Village's future is bright and we focus every day on serving you and will continue to improve and expand services in the days and months ahead. Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you at our National Night Out observance on Tuesday August 4th beginning at 6:30pm outside the Village Hall. On behalf of Toni, André, Jr. and Taylor, we wish you Godspeed.



*André B. Ashmore  
Village President*

Sincerely,

André B. Ashmore  
Village President  
Village of Matteson

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*Please join us for our  
First 100 Days  
Town Hall Meeting & Celebration*

**Village President**

André B. Ashmore

**Village Clerk**

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Bridget A. Dancy

Emmanuel Imoukhuede

Kevin Little

*Invite you to a  
Town Hall Meeting and Celebration  
of the First 100 Days of our New Administration*

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Matteson Holiday Inn

7:00PM – 9:00PM

RSVP: 708-283-4763

Attendee Names and # of Attendees

## Napoleon Haney — Matteson's New Village Administrator



With a belief in serving the community through public administration, Napoleon Haney, M.P.A. has been hired as the new Matteson Village Administrator, effective June 1, 2009. Leaving his post after serving three years as Special Assistant to the City Manager in Reno, Nevada, Mr. Haney assisted in managing the City of Reno, a community of 220,000 and now manages Matteson with a population around 17,000. Although the population numbers are quite different, Haney says, "The issues and expectations are still the same."

Recruited to Reno and back for his position here with Matteson, he is no stranger to the area. Mr. Haney served as Assistant to the Village Manager/Director of Personnel for the Village of Park Forest after his Village Planning/Economic Development position in Robbins. He credits his start in local government to Mayor Irene H. Brodie of Robbins, IL. "She gave me my first municipal job," says Haney.

A results oriented person, Mr. Haney expects high performance from his team and judging from his background and résumé, none of the staff can afford to produce any less.

His highlights and accomplishments include success at contract and collective bargaining/negotiations on every level including telecommunications carrier contracts, health and dental insurance and development agreements. Haney has initiated land development projects from land acquisitions to construction/completion oversight; he has been a budget manager, a mediator,

project manager, risk management director, and a business and developer recruiter and grant writer/administrator. He has covered every gamut of Public Administration from finance to public works and has been extremely successful. This United States Marine, Veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm is also the recipient of good conduct medals which explains his disciplined approach to local government.



Napoleon Haney  
Village Administrator

Mr. Haney received his Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Political Science from Norfolk State University in Virginia, and his Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, with a specialization in local municipal government.

We all join in welcoming Napoleon Haney and his entire family to Matteson.

## Chief Edwin D. "Nick" Wilkens Retires after 41 Years



One of the original six full time Firefighters in 1977, Chief Edwin D. "Nick" Wilkens started his career with the Matteson Fire Department as a volunteer on July 1, 1968. The following May he was appointed to a full time position with the Department of Public Works. As a Volunteer he worked through the positions as Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant and finally Captain.

Chief Wilkens family is no stranger to the Fire Service. His wife's grandfather was a charter member of the Matteson Volunteer Fire Department in 1894. His father-in-law was a member for many years, as well as his brother-in-law, nephew and son. His brother-in-law recently retired as a full-timer from the Matteson Fire Department. And his son and two nephews work full-time for other area Departments. The Chief's mother-in-law was a charter member of the former Ladies Auxiliary and wife Kathy followed in that organization.

When Chief Wilkens started his career in 1968 the Department responded to less than 200 calls per year. At present the Department responds to just under 5,000 out of two stations with a minimum staffing of eight Firefighter/Paramedics on duty. During the all Volunteer days there were 35 Volunteers and no full time personnel. Today the Department has 35 sworn personnel, five Paid-on-Call, a full time Fire Prevention Bureau with three people and an administrative assistant.

During Chief Wilkens decorated career he moved through the ranks as a Certified Paramedic, Lieutenant, Shift Commander and Deputy Fire Chief in 1986. He was appointed Fire Chief in 2004. He received an Associates Degree from Prairie State College, Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in Fire Administration and a Master of Science in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University. The Chief is also a Certified Firefighter III, Fire Officer III, Fire Service

Instructor IV and received Chief Fire Officer Designation from the International Association of Fire Chiefs where he joins less than 500 other Chief Officers world wide.

After retirement Chief Wilkens plans on keeping a little busy in the Fire Service, but says there are many golf balls he hasn't lost yet and many more worms to drown while fishing. He will continue with gardening and the most fun trying to keep up with his four year old grandson and two year old granddaughter.



Chief Edwin D. "Nick" Wilkens

He and his wife Kathy reside in the older section of Matteson, but have plans to build in the St. Louis area in the future.

When asked to sum up his career, Chief Wilkens says, "I want to thank Presidents Ashmore and Stricker for the opportunity to serve the residents of Matteson as their Fire Chief, and a thank you to the highly trained and dedicated men and women of the Department. I've had a great career with the Village and will long remember the friends and many coworkers I have been known for the past 41 years. It will be bittersweet to leave this organization, but I know there will be qualified and dedicated people to follow and keep the Fire Department one of the finest in the area."





## Board Report for April, May and June 2009



The following are key actions approved by the Village Board during the months of April, May, and June, 2009:

### APPROVED:

1. April 20, 2009 - Brian D. Mitchell was appointed the Interim Village Administrator effective immediately.
2. April 20, 2009 - Authorized the Village Administrator to enter into and execute a Contract with Lincoln Financial Services approving the renewal of the Village sponsored Life Insurance Program for employees/retirees and elected officials to reflect an increase of .02 cents per thousand dollars of coverage, from .28 cents to .30 cents while the Short Term Disability coverage will experience a .03 cents per hundred dollars of coverage increase for plan year May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.
3. April 20, 2009 - Authorized the Village Administrator to enter into and execute a Contract with Action Mechanical to replace a damaged chiller coil to the air conditioning system at the Village Hall for \$19,200, as presented.
4. April 20, 2009 - Approved a Final Plat of Subdivision for Corporate Lakes Unit 12, as presented.
5. May 4, 2009 - Authorized salary, overtime and accounts payable.
6. May 4, 2009 - Approved a resolution supporting and Emergency Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Agreement Service Agreement between the Village of Matteson Department of Public Works and the municipal participants of the Public Works Advisory Committee of the SSMMA, NWMC and WCMC as presented.
7. May 11, 2009 - Approved the appointment of Renee Thornton to the Housing and Human Relations Commission, Milfred Moore to the Economic Development Commission and Kevin Wilbur and Heidi Keenan to the Fire & Police Commission.
8. May 11, 2009 - Approved the Special Events Permit for Rehfeldt Meyer American Legion to conduct their annual Memorial Day parade, Monday, May 25, 2009.
9. May 11, 2009 - Approved the Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Village Board of Trustees" concerning the final authority for preparing, placing and/or removal of all items from the agenda for all meetings of the Board of Trustees as presented and to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 31, entitled "Village Officials" of the Code of Ordinances Relative to the Offices of the Village Administrator and Deputy Village Administrator as presented.
10. May 11, 2009 - Approved half of the project relating to the bid for the Project No. 09-031809, Sanitary and Water Main Extension.
11. May 11, 2009 - Directed the Fire and Police Commission to promote one firefighter/paramedic from the Lieutenant Eligibility List and move forward with the final testing procedure for a certified paramedic from the current Firefighter Eligibility Candidate Roster.
12. May 11, 2009 - Approved the Chairperson Trustee Committee appointments as presented.
13. June 1, 2009 - Approved the appointment of Arthur Sutton to the Fire & Police Commission.
14. June 1, 2009 - Approved the appointment of Rupert Evans to the Economic Development Commission.
15. June 1, 2009 - Approved the appointment of Joseph R. Peruzzi as Village Attorney, Kathleen Field-Orr as Special Counsel and Betty Jung as Village Treasurer.

16. June 1, 2009 - Approved an Ordinance to set a date and approve a Public Notice of a Public Hearing for the TIF #5 Auto Mall Tax Increment Finance Redevelopment Project Area.
17. June 1, 2009 - Approved the three resolutions relating to the construction of the New Village of Matteson Community Center.
18. June 1, 2009 - Approved the creation of a position; Director of Inspectional Services.
19. June 1, 2009 - Approved the Resolution supporting an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Matteson and the Combined Agency Responses Team (CART).
20. June 1, 2009 - Directed the Interim Village Administrator to execute the contract between the Village of Matteson and Austin Tyler Construction LLC for the Matteson Avenue Bridge over Butterfield Creek.
21. June 1, 2009 - Approved the Ordinance amending the Village Alcoholic Beverages Code, creating a Class "C-1" license and amending the number of alcoholic liquor licenses to be issued.
22. June 1, 2009 - Approved the appointment of Napoleon Haney to the position of Village Administrator for the Village of Matteson,
23. June 1, 2009 - Approved the appointment of Brian D. Mitchell, Director of Human Resources, as Deputy Village Administrator effective June 1, 2009.
24. June 1, 2009 - Approved the appointment of Pam Hirth to the position of Director of Community Development for the Village of Matteson effective June 8, 2009.

## Dollars for Scholars Class of 2009



The Dollars for Scholars Foundation, Chapter IL 1462 awarded over \$7,000 in scholarships to local 2009 high school graduates. All of the recipients will be attending major universities this fall. Special thanks to those recipients who were able to give back to the community by volunteering their time during Matteson Fest at the game tent/ flamin hot & cheese booth. We also would like to thank **Knockout's Bar & Grill** for hosting our "Old School Jam" fundraiser, with celebrity guest Otis Wilson of the 1988 Chicago Bears.



*Left to Right: Standing: Aja Johnson/Howard, Christine DeFranza/Northern, Cheyenne McCray/John Hopkins, Kristin Landsdown/DePaul, Aleshia Varnardo/University Missouri, Bryanne Ward/University Wisconsin-Madison.*

*Seated: Monique Robins/University IL-Chicago, Norris Jackson/Bradley, Zachary Woods/Alabama A&M, Christopher Smith/University IL-Urbana, Fumilda Oladini/Washington University, Briana Hicks/University of Pittsburgh.*

Village of Matteson  
**Dollars for SCHOLARS.**  
Chapter 1462



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 11, 2009**

The Village of Matteson presents  
The Fourth Annual

*"Matteson's International Food Festival"*

**Taste Of Matteson &  
Unity Day Celebration**

Friday, September 11, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Colin Powell School (206th & Matteson Ave.)



Sponsored by: The Village of Matteson

Donation \$10.00 For Info: 708-283-4776

**ComEd Invests  
Nearly \$1.8 Million in  
Suburban Electric  
Service**



In an effort to maintain reliable electric service to customers in and around Matteson, Monee and Chicago Heights, ComEd has invested nearly \$1.8 million to enhance a local substation, which will prove to be especially beneficial during the summer peak period.

Completed in May, the work features installation of more than 5 miles of new and upgraded distribution line. This includes the town of Matteson from Richton Road to Ridgeland Avenue along ComEd Right of Way south of Elgin-Joliet railroad; in Monee Township along Monee-Manhattan Road from Ridgeland to Harlem avenues; and in Chicago Heights along State Street for a half mile south from Joe Orr Road.

The lines directly serve about 2,700 business and residential customers in those communities, but the work provides benefits to most area residents by supplying additional reliable pathways when electrical load must be shifted to quickly restore customers during storms and when other unplanned outages occur.

"Despite economic pressures from the global recession, ComEd is committed to maintaining system reliability through targeted local investments like these," said Anne Pramaggiore, ComEd's president and chief operating officer. "We are pursuing every way to become more cost-effective and ensure reasonable rates for our customers, and our primary customer commitment remains unchanged - to keep the lights on."

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**Bake-Off Contest, Sweetness at its Best!**

Sweetness was literally in the air on Saturday, June 13th right around the twelve o'clock hour in Memorial Park. The annual bake-off contest was underway with 10 contestants, most competing in all four categories and vying for 1st place. No doubt, the love for baking was displayed in taste and presentation as classic baking at its best allowed guiltless volunteers time to savor the moment and shamelessly deviate from their daily caloric intake. Categories of cakes, pies, pastries and cookies were waiting to be sampled.

Um, um, good were the comments made for those who couldn't speak while indulging themselves at the event.

In the category of cakes, the bakers were: Yahayra Rodriguez for her brazo gitano cake; Theresa Harris for her sour cream pound cake; Claude Jones for his German chocolate pound cake; Dawn C. Barnes for her pineapple coconut cake, Peter Morgan for his inside/out chocolate red velvet cake and Leviticus Brewer for his fusion cake.

The pastry chefs were: Delores Parks for her peach cobbler; Cheyenne McCray for her peach cobbler; Claude Jones for his apple caramel cobbler; Karen McCray for her homemade yeast Parker house Rolls; Yahayra Rodriguez for her tembleque; Rose Harrison for her homemade yeast rolls and Ashley McCray for her banana pudding.

Cookie bakers were: Isaac Heath for his butter cookies; Rose Harrison for her butter pecan cookies and Yahayra Rodriguez for her Kenny's colorful cookies.

Last but certainly not least, volunteer judges tasted fired apple pie, baked by Rose Harrison; metropolitan cheese cake, baked by Claude Jones and budin, baked by Yahayra Rodriguez.

The 1st place winners were: Leviticus Brewer in the cake category for his fusion cake; Rose Harrison for her homemade yeast rolls; Rose Harrison for her fried apple pie and Rose Harrison again for her butter pecan cookies.

Second Place winners were: Dawn C. Barnes for her pineapple-coconut cake; Karen McCray for her homemade yeast Parker house rolls; Yahayra Rodriguez for her "budin" pie and Yahayra Rodriguez again for her Kenney's colorful cookies.

First place winners received gift cards from Wal-Mart. All contestants received Rebecca Knolls' Seasons Magazine. Consolation prizes for those who entered and did not capture the 1st or 2nd place prize was a gift card from Dollar Tree.

We offer congratulations to all of the contestants who were all winners including our volunteer judges who we never seem to have a shortage of.



*Happy Independence Day*





## Fifth Third Bank



Fifth Third Bank (5/3), a merger in 1908 of Fifth National and Third National Banks is the tenth largest in the nation and ranked #5 in Chicago with over 190 locations, 16 affiliates and 1,110 financial centers. Twenty five of those financial centers were added last year spread in 13 States.

In business for 151 years, Matteson is now home to this #1 Superregional Bank as named by Forbes magazine within the last five years.

More than just that, however, Priscilla Newman, Banking Center Manager at the Matteson branch located at 21403 Cicero states that 5/3 is set apart because it is not as much goal driven as it is relationship driven. It is publicly owned and community involved. "We are geared more towards looking at the entire package for customers. We help them meet their dreams."

Although the Matteson branch opened in January of this year, the ribbon cutting was held on June 10. Ms. Newman along with the 5/3 Chicago Executive Team, Bank Staff, Village Officials, School Board Representatives, Community Leaders and Friends were all represented as the Bank presented a total of \$4,000 in checks, \$1,000 each to Rich South and Rich Central High Schools and O. W. and Marya Yates Elementary Schools in an effort to commit to Matteson's education system.



Matteson President Ashmore addresses the attendees at the 5/3 ribbon cutting.

Making a difference is what everyone in the company at 5/3 strives for. Through innovative banking services, convenient locations and individual personal attention, the aim is to help customers reach and exceed their financial goals. Whether it's owning a home, saving for college, retirement or starting a small business, "5/3 is here for you."

The Fifth Third Matteson location is open six days per week, Monday thru Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the lobby and until 6:00 p.m. at the drive thru. Friday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both lobby and drive thru. Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., lobby and drive thru. The phone number at the location is 708-679-5960 and the web address is [www.53.com](http://www.53.com).



From left to right: Sandy Lorenz, Senior Vice President and Market Manager, Eastern Gateway; Bridget DePue, Vice President and Regional Manager, State Line Region; Al Riley, State Representative - 38th District; Howard Hunigan, Superintendent, High School District 227; Patricia Welch, Rich South High School Principal; Priscilla Newman, Banking Center Manager, Fifth Third Bank of Matteson; Maceo Rainey, Rich Central High School Principal; André B. Ashmore, Village of Matteson President; Jonathan Choe, Executive Vice President and Retail Executive, Fifth Third Bank, Illinois @ Northern Indiana.

## Quick Mart & Deli



Bill Robo is the man in the middle as well as the one behind the new ownership of the Quick Mart and Deli at 5605 Vollmer Road.

Everyone knows that the concept of a convenience store is not new and especially at this site. What is new, however, is Mr. Robo's desire and goal to have long term success and he knows he can only do so by making an effort to please each and every one of his customers.

In the microwave society that we live in, convenience has become a way of life. It's a fact that in today's economy the risks are high in opening any type of business. In spite of those risks, five months ago, in the middle of the recession, Mr. Robo decided that he wanted to cater to the community at large. At Quick Mart, he's made it convenient for you beginning at daybreak, Monday thru Friday. The Quick Mart opens at 6:00 a.m. allowing plenty of time for you to stop in and pick up one of seven

daily newspapers, get your fresh brew of coffee or cappuccino, morning pastry, jump on I-57, one block east and head on in to work. After the work day ends, just take the opposite route back to I-57, exit at Vollmer, stop back in for your evening vice, be it cigarettes or lottery tickets, and your evening meal. On Saturdays and Sundays, you can stop in at your leisure during business hours.

The one stop for all your grocery needs including household and cleaning supplies can't get any more convenient. There is even an ATM machine for that *quick* cash.

Quick Mart is open 7 days per week, Monday thru Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Stop in and see Bill Robo and let him know how much you appreciate the sacrifice he has made on behalf of the community. The phone number is 708-720-6230.



# Victory Apostolic Church, On a Mission to Serve



Victory Apostolic Church opened its doors at 20801 Matteson Avenue in Matteson on Sunday, February 22, 2009. Pastor Andrew D. Singleton has made it clear that "We are not just a new Church that is planted in the community to accommodate our existing congregation, but we are here on a mission with over 70 ministries ready to serve Matteson as well as the surrounding communities. We want to get involved with the community"

Service and ministry has indeed gotten underway as married male and female couples as well as the engaged singles were invited to attend a viewing of the film, "Fireproof," to kick-off a six week, "Fireproofing your marriage" session headed by Assistant Pastor, Martin Stratton. Personal invites went out to hundreds of households inviting couples to participate in these sessions in an effort to strengthen their marriage. Over seventy couples responded. Based on the response since the sessions started on May 13th and concluded on June 17th, the series made a definite positive impact on marriages.

In addition, on Friday, May 29th, the first middle school graduation was held at Victory. Colin Powell's 8th graders, parents, friends and community leaders filled Victory's 2,500 hundred seat auditorium and graduated 288 students.

On August 1, hundreds of families will have an opportunity to participate and be served at the 10th annual 'Taste of Victory' to be held at Prairie State College located at 202 S. Halsted Street in Chicago Heights, Ill. This event, attended by as many as 3,000, begins at noon and represents the Church's concert-

ed efforts to celebrate unity between churches, communities and business sectors located in the surrounding suburbs. Great food and gospel music is offered. There will be vendors, games and activities for the young and young at heart. Children can receive **free** immunizations, health and dental screenings. Additionally, **free** school supplies will be issued. Amusement rides for a nominal fee will also be a fun feature for the youth.

If you have yet to attend 'A Taste of Victory,' Pastor Andrew D. Singleton asks that the event is a prelude to attend one of the weekly services. Victory's worship services are Sunday mornings at 7:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. is Bible Study and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. is Prayer and Praise.

At Victory, the motto is, "Building Victorious Lives through Christ Crucified." To reach the Church by phone, you may call 708-756-1391. The web address is [www.victoryapostolic-church.org](http://www.victoryapostolic-church.org).



President Ashmore and Pastor Singleton.



Pastor Terry Krouskoupf, St. John Faith Church U.C.C. and Edler Andrew D. Singleton, Victory Apostolic.

## Minority Business Expo



The 2009 Minority Business Expo will be held Friday, September 18, at the Holiday Inn Select Matteson, Illinois from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open to all businesses and organizations, the Expo is designed to help strengthen America's economy. Hosted by Theta Rho Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the event is also an effort to bring exposure to the many small businesses who seldom get an opportunity to showcase their business to the broader public at large as well as network, share creative ideas and talents and empower through cooperative ventures. The Minority Business Expo also encourages inventors, youth programs and small business start-up's.

This year the entertainment will be highlighted by Akeelah Taliibah of Spear-It-Dance & Drum Group, and our D.J. Mornin-Man Production. The African American Awards Ceremony will take place at 3:00 p.m. Those to be honored for their service to the community include Bishop Dr. Claude Porter, President/CEO of PLCCA, State Senator, Toi Huchinson and Dr. Sterling Culp, Director of Worship Hillcrest Baptist Church. For more information, call 708, 748-6722 or 708-261-5708.



Akeelah Taliibah/  
Spear-It-Dance & Drum Group

## ComEd Invests \$1.8 Million

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Since 2001, ComEd has invested more than \$5 billion to expand and upgrade its transmission and distribution systems. This has resulted in a 39 percent reduction in the frequency of customer interruptions since 1998, and a shortening of outage duration by 34 percent in the same period.

In addition to these infrastructure investments, the company performs regular maintenance work to ensure reliable electricity delivery, such as vegetation maintenance to free electrical lines from interference, system engineering to achieve optimal equipment operations, and regular visual inspections of above ground electrical lines.

## Origin of Matteson's Name



atteson / (MAT ' e s ' n), three syllables is often mispronounced. The middle syllable is typically left out, (Matt sun). The town, located in the South Suburbs of Chicago is named after the 10th Governor of



Illinois, Joel Aldrich Matteson. One of the oldest German settlements in Cook County, the village was first surveyed in June, 1855. Mr. Matteson held office at the time of its founding from 1853 to 1857.



## Board of Trustees

André B. Ashmore  
*Village President*  
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### Trustees

Sam Brown  
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Napoleon Haney  
*Village Administrator*

## VILLAGE OF MATTESON

4900 Village Commons  
Matteson, IL 60443  
(708) 283-4900

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday:  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday:  
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

# FYI

## Board Meetings

The **Village Board** meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Village Hall, 4900 Village Commons. For the month of August, meetings are the 3rd and 17th. For the month of September, meetings are the 8th and 21st.

**Village Board Meetings** can be seen on Channel 4 on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The **Plan Commission** meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The **Economic Development Commission** meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

The **Housing and Human Relations** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The **Fire and Police Commission** meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The **Parks and Recreation Commission** meets the 4th Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

The **Public Works Commission** meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**Matteson Matters** will also be broadcast on Channel 4 on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The **Matteson Library Board** meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Library, 801 School Avenue.

## Websites

For the Village of Matteson on-line and other links, go to:  
<http://www.villageofmatteson.org>.

Some of the features include the following:  
Information on Employment, Business License,  
Village Ordinances, Voter Registration, Absentee Voting,  
Special Events Permits, and more.

To visit the Old Plank Road Trail on-line, go to: [www.oprt.org](http://www.oprt.org).

Browse the SAFE KIDS website for safety news to protect your children from the number one killer...Unintentional injury —  
[www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).

## Water/Scavenger Rates

In the May/June 2009 Matteson Avenue, rates were inaccurately reported. As of April 1, 2009, the rates below are the actual costs per service. If you have any questions about your bill, call the Village Hall at 708-283-4900 and ask for the water department.

Water	\$5.38/every 100 cubic feet
Sewer	\$0.20/every 100 cubic feet
Sewer	\$1.00/user fixed charge fee
Scavenger	\$13.50 fixed charge
Scavenger	\$1.00 Administration charge

### Questions/Comments, Contact:

**LaVerne Woods**  
*Community Affairs Department*  
708-283-4775

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