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708-481-8313  
Fax: 708-748-2326  
**Community Affairs**  
708-283-4777  
**Housing Information Center**  
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  
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708-720-1876

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

## Message from the Village President

Happy New Year to all of our residents!! We are looking forward to a happy and prosperous 2010. Hopefully, we will see the economy begin to bounce back this year and Matteson's economic development plans will continue to come to fruition. Due to declining sales tax revenues, the village unfortunately had to resort to some layoffs of personnel on January 5th. The layoffs are just one phase of our economic recovery plan that resulted from a comprehensive financial audit/analysis that we have been conducting since last spring. The overall goal of this analysis is to restore financial stability to the Village of Matteson and make sure that our future budgets are balanced. Last year we brought in a top flight accounting firm to review our books and make recommendations for change to ensure Matteson's future financial success. In the next phase we will be carefully reviewing all contracts and outside services seeking ways to eliminate waste and duplication. Staff is also working with the Board of Trustees to generate new revenue streams for the Village.



The year has started off with a bang weather wise as usual for the Chicago area and I want to commend our Public Works Department for all of their hard work toward keeping our streets clear and safe for the driving and walking public. I also want to commend Public Works for their diligence toward repairing the several water main breaks that we have experienced in the past few weeks.

Please join us on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 3pm for our Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration. The event will be held at the Believer's Church in Matteson. Illinois Governor Patrick J. Quinn will be our keynote speaker for this event. Look forward to seeing you there. On behalf of Toni, Andre, Jr., Taylor and me, we wish you Godspeed.



**André B. Ashmore**  
Village President  
Village of Matteson

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See page 3 for full story

The Matteson Avenue monthly electronic newsletter contains information about the latest happening in the Village, community organizations, and businesses.

You can subscribe to receive updates on upcoming events and news in the community via your e-mail address.

Just sign up @ [villageofmatteson.org](http://villageofmatteson.org)

Under e-newswire subscription.

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration 2010



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

### 29th Annual Good Neighbor Award

With Keynote Speaker

**Governor Patrick Quinn**

**Sunday, January 17th 2010 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Believers Church  
930 Believers Way  
Matteson, IL 60443**

**DREAM THE CHANGE  
LEAD THE CHANGE  
BE THE CHANGE**

## 5 Reasons Why U Should Shop Matteson

1. Existing businesses grow & expand.
2. New businesses are attracted to vibrant areas supported by their community.
3. Sales Tax dollars from your purchase provide vital services to enhance the quality of life in Matteson i.e. public & fire safety, property tax relief, and parks n' recreation programs just to name a few.
4. Shopping within Matteson encourages future investment in the community.
5. One dollar at a time can make a difference.



*Good  
Things  
Happen  
When U  
Shop  
Matteson!*

## KIA Dealership Returns with Soaring Sales

The KIA dealership re-opened last September under a new name, new owner and soaring sales. Bob Hawkinson brought the KIA dealership back to the Matteson Auto Mall creating new 30 jobs in the community. Since its opening, the Hawkinson KIA has grossed one million dollars in sales each month. According to Bob Hawkinson, they anticipate doubling these figures by the end of next year. Bob stated the sales figures doubled those in Orland and tripled those in Naperville.

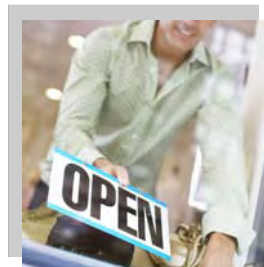
“Who says the economy isn’t turning around? Its one thing to keep your head above water in this economy, but to out-due 16 other competitors. That’s taking survival skills to an entire new level,” says Hawkinson.

“It’s (Matteson Auto Mall) a great place to do business and a great place to market,” says Bob.

The Matteson Auto Mall has been a top sales tax generator for Matteson for a number of years.

## Lincoln Mall Does not Show Signs of Closing

Almost a year ago today, 23 contracts have been signed or renewed at Lincoln Mall despite the tough retail economy. Mid-America Real Estate Corporation has been the Receiver for Lincoln Mall since its foreclosure process began last March.



According to Michelle Panovich, Vice-President of Management Services for Mid-America, leases have been renewed from 12 to 18 months and the signing of these contracts, makes it more appealing to retailers looking in the area. The mall has continued to operate and conduct business, which is not indicative of a mall closing. Fifteen of the 23 contracts were with new tenants. Visit Lincoln Mall for store listings and events at [www.lincoln-mall.com](http://www.lincoln-mall.com).

In addition, Lincoln Mall has incorporated KIDZ PLAY for nearly a year. The kids club has over 150 members and host events the first Friday of each month. There is an annual fee; however, the amount of fun for kids is priceless. For more information, call 708-747-5600.

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## Lincoln Mall Happenings



Winter Sidewalk Sale

**4 DAYS ONLY!!**

**Friday – Monday, January 15 – 18**

Don't miss the best sale of the season, with four days of great buys for the whole family at many of your favorite Lincoln Mall stores.

Healthy Choices for You and Your Future 2010

**Saturday, January 30**

The South Suburban Chicago Chapter of Top Teens of America, sponsored by Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., will host a special workshop for teens at Lincoln Mall. Learn how to make healthy choices in 2010 as you enjoy great speakers and panel discussions on topics including:

- Benefits of Volunteerism
- Fighting Teen Obesity
- Saying NO to Alcohol and Drugs
- Sickle Cell Awareness
- HPV & Cervical Cancer
- Self Esteem & Emotional Intelligence

For more information, e-mail [shaneelevesque@comcast.net](mailto:shaneelevesque@comcast.net)

Lincoln Mall Milers Club

**Monday – Saturday: 8am • Sunday: 10am**

Come walk with the Milers for health and pleasure on a full indoor 2-mile course. Enter at exterior door "D" court, between Sears and Old Navy on the Upper Level, and register at the Public Safety Office.

Membership is FREE! Pick up a copy of the Milers mileage tracker at the Customer Service Center (Lower Level). You'll be eligible to win prizes at our Quarterly Milers Breakfast while enjoying diverse guest speakers.

Co-sponsored by Ingalls Hospital

Top Ladies of Distinction



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## Chicago Southland Census Kick-Off Day Historical Event

*Stand Up &  
Be Counted!*

**Lincoln Mall  
Saturday, February 13, 2010  
Kick-Off at 12:00 noon  
program ends at 4:00 p.m.**

*Once-a-decade  
Population Count!*

Come and celebrate the 2010 Decennial Census Kick-Off in the Chicago Southland. Bring your family, your friends, your neighbors and witness this historic event.

Speakers of the U.S. Census Bureau and Leaders from local Communities in the Chicago Southland will lend their voice to convey important messages to mark yet another milestone for many years to remember.

Our support of the 2010 Census matters. We can make a difference, raise awareness, and encourage participation in this historic event. Stand Up and be counted in this once-a-decade event. A complete and accurate count is in our hands.

Band Director Phillip Cruz and the  
Rich Central High School Band will be performing

Informational tables and booths are set up representing various  
communities from the Chicago Southland

**Census Bureau staff will be available to answer your questions.  
Promotional Items are provided by the U.S. Census Bureau**

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## Home Owner's Association In Action

Late last year, Ridgeland Manor Homeowners Association (RMHOA) elected a new Executive Board. For several months, RMHOA have taken steps to complete projects by this summer. A web-site has been created that is accessible only among its members as a way of improving the line communication.

Other plans include a stone monument erected at the southeast corner of Lincoln Highway and Ridgeland Manor Drive. In addition, treatment of the large pond located on the south side of Lincoln Highway just east of Ridgeland Manor Drive, upgrading the landscaping in the area adjacent to Lincoln Highway and refurbishing the wooden sign on Ridgeland and Old Plank Blvd.

The RMHOA is looking for volunteers to join their various committees that are being formed. Also, the RMHOA Board has been communicating with other HOAs to learn best practices that will ultimately strengthen these relationships and as a result, the entire Village will benefit.

## District 227 Citizens Search Committee for Superintendent

### **DISTRICT 227 CITIZENS**

Openings on search committee  
for Rich High Superintendent.

Call Ruth at 708-679-5737 by  
February 1, 2010 to enter a  
Lottery Drawing (date TBA).

Mandatory meeting on 2-24-10  
Rich Central cafeteria 7 p.m.

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## Village Hall Information

**Early Voting  
Village Hall**

**January 11th through January 28th  
9 a.m.— 5 p.m.**

**Election Day—February 2, 2010**

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**Village Hall Closed**

**January 18th  
Martin Luther King Holiday**

- \* **Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th**
  - \* **Trash Collection will be collected on Thursday**
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**Winter/Spring Programs  
Registration Begins**

**January 6th — for Residents**

**January 11th— for Non-resident Registration**

**Look in your leisure guide for more detailed programs or on-line at  
[www.villageofmatteson.org](http://www.villageofmatteson.org)**

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**Village Hall has new hours  
Beginning February 1, 2010**

**Monday—Friday:  
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**Saturdays:  
9 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**The Village Hall will no longer have Wednesday hours.**

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## Governing Board

**André B. Ashmore**  
Village President

**Dorothy Grisco**  
Village Clerk

**Trustees**  
**Sam Brown**  
**Anthony Burton**  
**Shelia Chalmers-Currin**  
**Bridget A. Dancy**  
**Emmanuel Imoukhuede**  
**Kevin Little**

**Village Hall Hours:**  
**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**



**Support your Matteson  
Business Association. For  
more information, contact Barry White  
at 708-283- 4926  
or go to [MBA@villageofmatteson.org](mailto:MBA@villageofmatteson.org)**

## FYI—Board & Commission 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 January meetings will be held on the 4th and 18th, 2010. February meeting dates are the 1st and 16th, 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Water/Scavenger Rates:

Listed below are the rates per service as of April 2009. If you have any questions regarding your bill, call 708-283-4900 and ask for the water department:

Water: \$5.38/every 100 cubic foot    Scavenger: \$13.50 FIXED CHARGE  
Sewer \$0.20/every 100 cubic foot    Scavenger:\$1.00 Administration Charge  
Sewer \$1.00/USER FIXED CHARGE FEE

### The South Suburban Mayors and Managers

Association (SSMMA) may be able to assist you with home repairs if you qualify. To qualify, you must be the owner and live in your home; there is equity to cover the amount of repairs; and the number of people in the household does not exceed the Income requirements:

1 Person Household \$41,700  
2 Person Household \$47,700  
3 Person Household \$53,600  
4 Person Household \$59,600  
5 Person Household \$64,350  
6 Person Household \$69,150  
7 Person Household \$73,900  
8 Person Household \$78,650

Call SSMMA at 708-922-4600 for more information.