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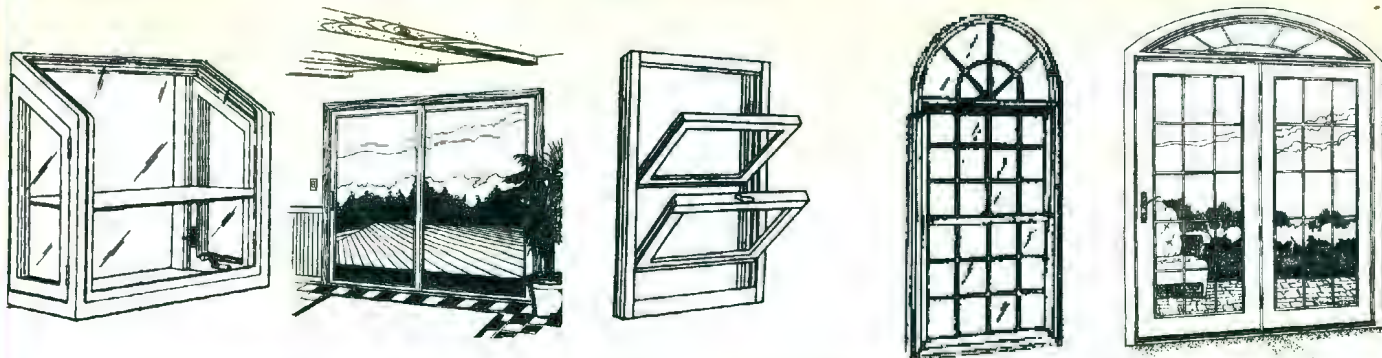
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Tinley's 'small town' lifestyle praised

By Lou Patras

A high level of village services and good schools were cited most frequently by Tinley Park residents recently as they talked about why they like living in their growing village.

Good access to major highways and tollways, as well as reliable train transportation to downtown Chicago, ran a close third among Tinley Park citizens commenting on the pluses of living in their village.

"The biggest asset the village has is all the services they provide," said 17-year Tinley Park resident Ruth Enyart. A teacher who commutes to her job at Palos East school, Enyart was bubbling with reasons she is more than happy to be living in Tinley Park.

"The park district has a lot of good programs, and Andrew High School provides a wonderful academic and extra-curricular program," said Enyart. "The Andrew staff does a wonderful job," she said.

Asked about her shopping preferences, Enyart said, "I shop locally in Tinley because I hate the mall!" The upbeat resident, who lives on the west side of the village, added, "Walt's is my favorite grocery store."

Enyart, who said she is a frequent library patron, was also very supportive and pleased with the services of the Tinley Park library. She indicated that she is especially happy with the children's offerings in the village library.

Chicago native Gary Heber, who has lived in Tinley Park for nearly 12 years, has a job that requires him to travel extensively throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. "I really like the easy

access to the expressways," said Heber.

Though he mentioned his taxes going up somewhat over the years, Heber commented, "I am more than satisfied with village services. I also think the village is doing a good job bringing businesses to the industrial park along Interstate 80," Heber added.

"Tinley is a nice, clean town. I feel the village government has a master plan in Tinley Park and that they are working toward implementing that plan," said Heber.

A resident of the Memorial School area at the southeast end of the village, Heber is also very satisfied with the education his 10-year-old son Danny is getting at Memorial.

Finally, Heber cited Tinley Park Park District programs as being very worthwhile for his son.

Mike Kopinski, a 23 year old college senior living at home, said he likes living in Tinley Park because of "the parks and the library. I use the library a lot for my research," said the Northwestern Business College accounting major. Kopinski also cited the varied activity program at the library, including the chess tournament, which was run in early March.

Saying that Tinley Park "still has a small town feel to it" was Tinley Park native Mary Heatter, who said she left the village only to go to college.

"I love School District 146," said Heatter, whose daughter Michelle attends Fulton School in the village.

Married to Tim Pritchett, also a native of Tinley Park, Heatter feels all the growth the village has experienced since her school days brings many more positives than negatives.

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"Shopping is close. Also, I grew up being involved with the Tinley Park Athletic Association, and I was a cheerleader for the Tinley Park Bulldogs," added Heatter.

In addition to marrying another Tinley Park native, Heatter said she has family still living in Tinley Park, including two sisters.

Before concluding her reasons for living in Tinley Park, Heatter added, "We love the library here. They have a lot of programs for the kids." She also stated that Michelle has made good use of the summer day camp at Fulton school sponsored by the park district.

John Ross, who with his wife Ann, a teacher at Memorial school, lives on the west side of the village, said his family moved to Tinley Park specifically for Andrew High School. His daughter Donna is a junior at the District 230 campus.

Ross also commented that he likes living in Tinley because the village "keeps the streets plowed, and the town is run well."

The fact that Tinley Park "tries to keep its small town atmosphere" is also appreciated by Ross, who also spoke of the village Metra station as "quaint."

In his concluding remark, the father of three said, "Tinley also has the best Ace Hardware in the world on Oak Park Avenue."

Wendy Scupin and her husband Kurt live in a home on 84th Avenue. Wendy, who grew up in Orland Park and is a Sandburg High School graduate, said she is very pleased with the Kirby District 140 schools and with District 230 schools.

"Our neighborhood has lots of kids my kids' age," said Scupin, who also said she likes the programs the library has for her two children, 7 and 5 years of age.

"I'm a suburban person," she said. "I need to be close to shopping."

An 11-year village resident, Karen Mungovan, who lives with her husband Brian and their three children on 84th Avenue, moved to Tinley Park from Oak Lawn. "School District 140 is going to keep us here," she said.

"Taxes are reasonable and our neighborhood has a lot of young people," Mungovan added.

A more recent move-in is Pat Scannell, who with her husband Vince moved to Tinley Park from the Beverly area in Chicago six months ago.

Scannell, the mother of four, said her children went to a Catholic school when they lived in Beverly, and she does miss having a parochial school available for her kids. However, Scannell said she is satisfied with the education her three sons are getting at the Kirby school in District 140.

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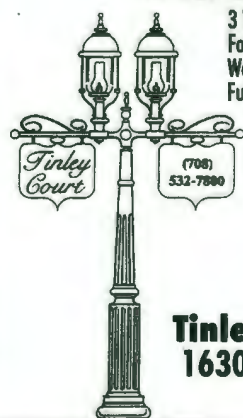
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of the month. Informational committee-of-the-whole meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. All meetings begin at 8 p.m., are open to the public and are held at the Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 Oak Park Ave.

By April 1997, village services will be conducted in the renovated and expanded village hall. New construction will increase the available work space by 14,000 square feet. Village hall office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, please call the village hall at 532-7700.

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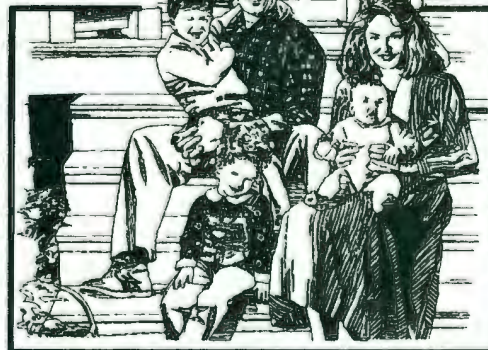


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Village stickers for senior citizens (65 years or older during the current year) are \$1.50 until March 1 when the cost is \$3.

Curfew

As with the surrounding communities, Tinley Park enforces an 11 p.m. curfew Sunday through Thursday and a midnight curfew on Friday and Saturday for anyone under the age of 18.

Trash collection and recycling

Unlimited amounts of household trash and one large item are collected weekly by Nu-Way/Tinley Park disposal. Bills are issued quarterly directly to the residents.

Yard waste is collected between April and November in bags designed for yard waste collection or in purchased 90-gallon green yard waste carts. Fees for this service are included in the quarterly trash collection bill. Curbside recycling collection in Tinley park includes magazines, junk mail, newspapers, corrugated cardboard, telephone books, chip board, three color bottle glass, numbers 1 and 2 plastics, tin and aluminum cans.

The Tinley Park Recycling Drop-off Center is located at the Charles B. Powers Public Works Facility at 183rd Street and 80th Avenue for residents of multi-family units who do not have recycling service.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Tinley Park Police Department has responded to the rapid growth of the community with additional officers and equipment. Three new officers will join the 62 officers already patrolling the streets.

Tinley Park is one of the few South Suburban communities which allows officers to take their squad cars home and use them within the community during non-working hours.

"This increases the effectiveness of our force. The officers are another set of eyes on our streets and can take action when necessary," explains Police Chief Mike O'Connell.

Community policing in Tinley Park has been adapted to meet the needs of the village. High activity areas receive special attention by walking patrols and bike patrols that reach secluded sections of the community during the summer months.

Currently, the Police Department is located at 17355 S. 68th Court. By late 1997, the new police building, located at 7950 183rd Street, will open its doors on a 27,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility.

The Tinley Park non-emergency telephone number is 532-9111. In an emergency, dial 911.

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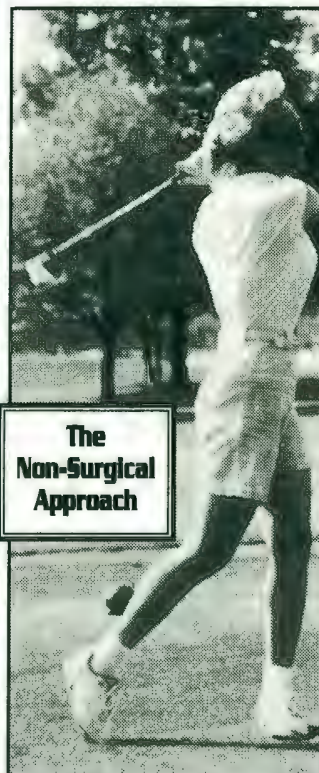
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The Y-Me 24-hour hotline number is 708-986-8228.

Autism Society of America

The Chicago South Suburban Chapter of the Autism Society of America offers support and information to its members

during meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at Flossmoor Community Church, 2220 Carroll Parkway, Flossmoor, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 747-0694.

Operation ABLE

In today's world, finding a job when you are over 40 years old is not always easy. Operation ABLE is a not-for-profit organization which assists adults seeking employment.

The services offered by Operation ABLE include employment skills assessment, job search workshops, a job club, short term vocational training, job leads and on-the-job training opportunities. These services are free to residents of Will and Cook County who are 40 and older and who either meet federal income guidelines or are dislocated workers.

Operation ABLE, located at 1010 Dixie Highway in Chicago Heights, is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 756-5490.

Southwest Community Partial Hospitalization Services

The Southwest Community Partial Hospitalization Services is the joint effort of The Rock Creek Center and the Southwest Community Services to provide quality, comprehensive psychiatric day treatment services to adults age 18 years and older.

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Anyone is eligible for services for which there is a sliding scale fee based on the ability to pay. For information, call 687-9200.

Tinley Park Youth Commission

Formed more than 20 years ago, the Tinley Park Youth Commission continues to serve the needs of the children of Tinley Park.

Currently, the commission is preparing for the 10th annual Youth Week, April 20-26. The week celebrates the positive actions of teens with recognition and awards. The commission also hope to provide an evening drop-in center for youths at the Municipal Building in the future. It continues to sponsor a High Adventures Explorers Post for teens interested in exploring the world via trips and community service. For more information, call 532-7700.

Girl Scouts

With an army of 2,500 adult volunteers, the South Cook Girl Scout Council reaches 49 communities and more than 12,000 girls. Girls may join Girl Scouts when they are in kindergarten and continue to grow and learn with Scouts into young adulthood. The program offers a wide range of activities in a variety of areas. Girls learn about the arts, outdoor skills, personal well-being and other people and cultures.

The South Cook Girl Scout Council also operate Camp Palos and the Friendship Center in Country Club Hills. For more

information, contact the South Cook Girl Scout Service Center, 1005 W. 175th St., Homewood 60430. Phone 857-8100.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America focus on the character development, citizenship training and mental and physical training of boys between the ages of six and 20. Through its multi-faceted education program, scouting strives to guide boys into responsible and resourceful adulthood.

The Cub Scout program, for boys in the first through fifth grades, helps boys achieve these goals through a home-centered environment and helps strengthen family ties. The Boy Scout program serves boys between the ages of 11 and 17 with an emphasis on self-reliance, adventure and service to the community. The Explorers are co-ed programs for 14 to 21 year olds interested in learning about a specific service area.

The Boy Scout office is located at 8751 Calumet Ave., Munster, Ind. For more information, call (219) 838-1720.

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For more information, write 4-H Clubs, University of Illinois Cooperative Extension, 17722 Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park 60477, or call 532-3337.



Southwest Community Services, Inc.

Southwest Community Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency that has served the community since 1971 and offers rehabilitation services to persons with developmental disabilities and persons with mental illness that reside in the south suburbs.

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Throughout the year, the park district offers a comprehensive variety of programs designed to excite the interests of the youngest and oldest residents as well as everyone in between. Activities for preschool children, youths, teens, adults and seniors include instruction in swimming, golf, tennis, arts and crafts, workshops on topics of specific interest, tours and trips and special events.

The Tot Time preschool program, for example, enrolls 340 children at three different park department facilities.

Older children and adults can take part in league athletic programs. Team competitions are sponsored in baseball, volleyball, basketball, softball, t-ball and track.

In response to the need for supervised summer activities, the Tinley Park Park District offers the Summer Day Camp program. Each summer, more than 350 children are involved in enjoyable outdoor recreational activities. Children learn arts and crafts and sports as well as enjoy special events such as Santa in Summer and Gold Rush Days.

The Tinley Park Park District is directed by a five member Park District Commission. The Commission meets on the First and Third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Park District office.

The offices of the Tinley Park Park District are located at 16801 S. 80th Ave. Office hours are weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about programs and services, call 532-8698.

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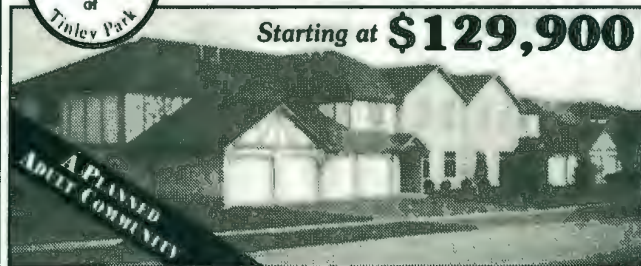
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The Tinley Park Public Library offers a variety of programs to entice patrons into the wonderful world of literature. An adult reading group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. for an informal and informative discussion of specified books facilitated by the reference librarian.

Story hours for young children are offered during the day and in the evenings to enable the children of working parents to join in the fun. With the cooperation of local schools, the

library sponsors a scholastic bowl which asks questions about literature. Through this program, junior high school students have the opportunity to enjoy books, a competition and a pizza party.

The library's summer reading program encourages more than 1000 children to spend some of their school vacation inside the pages of a book. Children meeting their individual reading goals enjoy a celebration at the end of the program.

Because the Tinley Park Public Library is a member of the suburban library system, cardholders may access the collections of other suburban libraries.

The library is located at 17101 - 71st Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays from September 29 to May 18. For more information, call 532-0160.

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Tinley Park's historical roots run deep

By Lou Patras

With more and more housing being built for increasing numbers of people, a first impression of Tinley Park might suggest that the village is another new town being carved out of a cornfield.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Though Tinley Park is experiencing a lot of new construction, the fact is the village has a very old history.

Furthermore, it would be correct to say that not only does Tinley Park have a long history, but few communities are as conscientious about keeping that history alive as a part of everyday life as is the growing village of 42,529 people.

The area that today comprises "Old Tinley" was settled in the 1840s, primarily by English and German immigrants. In 1845, German immigrants founded a small village at the juncture of Bachelor Grove Road and the Illini Trail. They named their town "New Bremen," after a port city in Germany.

According to accounts of village history in the Tinley Park library, land in the area could be purchased in the 1840s for \$1.25 per acre.

Today one can go to Tinley Park's downtown historic area along Oak Park Avenue and see the original German street names painted on attractive signposts.

John Fulton, an Irish immigrant, founded the village's first public school in 1847. Fulton's name is memorialized in a District 146 school building at 6601 W. 171st St., Ful-

ton School.

The coming of the Rock Island Railroad in 1852 to what is now Tinley Park was the source of many jobs for the new arrivals.

Early population growth, fostered by the railroad, led Carl Vogt to open a general store and saloon named Saenger Hall in 1857. His younger brother, Henry Vogt, opened the Bremen Cash Store in 1886.

Today Henry Vogt's original store has been remodeled as a daycare center by its owner, the Tinley Park Park District. The restored building is directly south of the Tinley Park train station.

In 1884, a group of German Lutherans built a church in New Bremen. The congregation numbered 200.

The name New Bremen disappeared when the town incorporated as Tinley Park in 1892. The new name honored English immigrant Samuel Tinley, who served as the station master at the town's Rock Island line station for nearly 30 years.

Henry Vogt, Jr., was elected Tinley Park's first mayor. He served from 1892-1893 and again from 1901-1902.

Tinley Park's volunteer fire department got its start in 1901, with 20 charter members. Today the volunteer firefighters, numbering over 70 strong, still provide protection for the community.

The year 1912 saw the opening of Tinley Park's Bremen State Bank. The apparently well managed bank is proud

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that it survived the Great Depression of 1929.

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The early post-war years after World War II saw the beginning of a housing boom that continues to this day. Many young families moved to Tinley Park from Chicago to purchase new homes built by Parkside Development in 1947.

While it may come as a surprise to many, Tinley Park had a female village president long before most other towns. Rose M. Brown served in that capacity from 1949-1953.

In 1953 the village hired Harold Moore, a Chicago career police officer, as its new police chief. Moore had only two full-time officers.

By 1969, Tinley Park had a police force of 15 full time officers, six crossing guards, and one radio operator.

A new public library was opened in Tinley Park in 1956. The library moved twice after that before settling in its present home on 171st Street, between Oak Park Ave. and Harlem, in 1974.

Tinley Park's park district was formed on July 3, 1967, assur-

ing the community of more park land and increased recreational opportunities.

After major additions in the 1960s and 1970s to the old village hall, located in Tinley's downtown just north of the railroad tracks and west of Oak Park Ave., the current village hall was dedicated on June 29, 1987. Today, that structure, which is located at 16250 Oak Park Ave., is itself undergoing a major addition.

That Tinley Park has a strong sense of identity as a community is remarkable when one considers that the village is located across four townships (Bremen, Orland, Rich, and Frankfort), in two counties (Cook and Will), is served by four different high school districts (Districts 227, 228, 230 and 255), and sends its children to five different elementary districts (Districts 140, 145, 146, 159, and 161).

Today Tinley Park has more than 20 churches and four parochial schools.

According to figures compiled in the 1990 U. S. census, the four largest ethnic group in Tinley Park are German, Irish, Polish, and Italian.

The Tinley Park Historical Society is located in "Old Zion" Landmark Church, located at 6727 W. 174th St.

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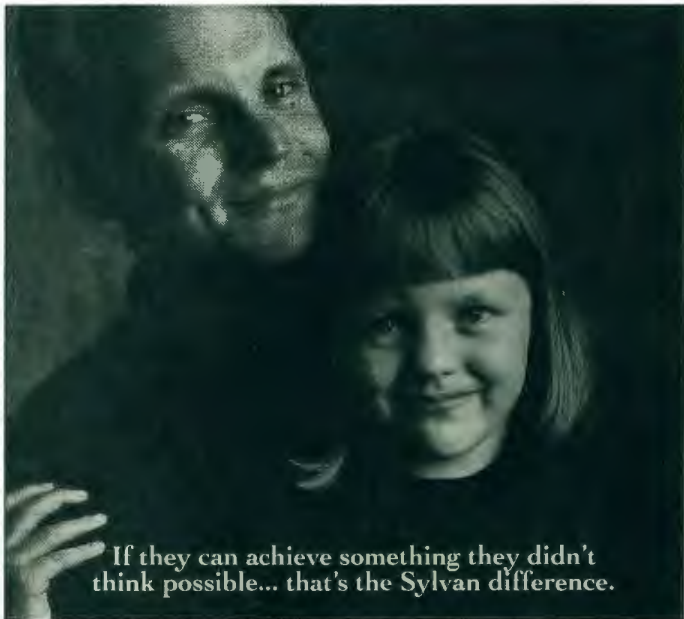
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With ACT scores higher than the state average, more than 80 percent of Tinley Park High School graduates seek post secondary educational opportunities. Advanced placement courses are offered in both the arts and sciences. Career programs include industrial arts and technology. South Suburban College, Moraine Valley Community College and Joliet Junior College award college credit for Tinley Park High School courses in these subject area.

Technology is an integral part of the education program offered at Tinley Park High School. Through grants, en-

dowments and the support of the School Board, students are given the opportunity to gain more information through computers. A recent Illinois State grant will enable Tinley students to have a "Museum in the Classroom" to explore worlds far beyond the school walls.

The Involved Parent Committee evolved from the parents' successful efforts to gain passage of a recent referendum. The Committee addresses concerns about the school and offers suggestions in an effort to resolve issues. Currently, members are developing an effective method to show appreciation for the high school staff.

Tinley Park High School also addresses the extracurricular needs of its students with 44 different activity programs.

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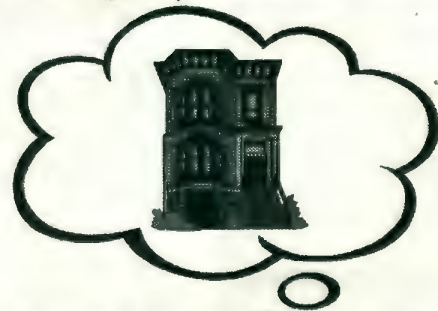
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Community service programs such as Key Club and Interact Club encourage students to serve the needs of their community. Student Council and the National Honor Society serve both the school and the community.

A wide variety of seasonal athletic programs encourage both boys and girls to join a team and reach for athletic excellence. In the Fall of 1996, the boy's golf and girl's tennis teams won their conference championships. The Tinley Park High School cheerleaders reached state level competition in 1997.

Parent run booster clubs are the key to the success of Tinley Park High School's extracurricular programs. The 21 separate sports booster clubs and the four academic booster clubs involve parents, promote each program and provide financial support. Annually, the booster clubs raise more than \$100,000.

Tinley Park High School is proud that it is large enough to offer a rich academic schedule and varied extracurricular program to its students while it is also small enough to give each student individual attention and boundless opportunities to learn and explore the world around them.

Victor J. Andrew High School/District 230

Since it first opened its doors in 1977, Victor J. Andrew High School has offered its students an exceptional educational opportunity. With the growth in the student body from 800 to the current enrollment of 2050, Andrew has continually reached for academic excellence and individual success through its diverse educational programming and extracurricular options.

Andrew is one of four learning centers in Consolidated High School District 230. It serves students in Tinley Park, Orland Park and Orland Hills and has a student teacher ratio of 1:17.

The success of Andrew High School can be measured in the

number of students who seek post-secondary education opportunities. Seventy-nine percent of Andrew graduates continue their education's. College entrance exam scores have steadily increased to an average SAT score of 21.9, exceeding the state average.

A multi-level instructional program is offered according to achievement levels for English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language and home economics. Advanced Placement courses give students the opportunity to earn college credit for their high school studies.

Students at Andrew have also benefited from an innovative curriculum which includes an emphasis on interdisciplinary courses. Students are no longer limited to one subject per class time. They are exposed to several subjects in a program that combines math, English, science and history.

The academic success of the students at Andrew is balanced by an extensive extracurricular program which allows students to flex both their muscles and their minds, to assist the community around them and to get to know and understand each other better.

Students may participate in such diverse areas of interest as speech and drama to mathletes and band.

During the 1996-97 school years, several clubs earned community recognition. The 80 members of the Andrew Science Club tested the waters of Hickory Creek as part of the statewide Illinois Rivers Project. Members of the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering at Andrew took Second place at a record engineering design competition.

A full array of seasonal sports team competitions for both boys and girls is also offered. Several Andrew team members have recently placed in state competitions and made all-state teams.

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School District 146

School District 146 is focusing on the present and future educational needs of its students. According to the district's mission statement, the district is determined to "teach our children to actively meet life's challenges and create opportunities."

To achieve this goal, the district emphasizes that a strong fundamental knowledge base and essential skills must be taught in conjunction with high level thinking, problem solving, team work and technology.

The integrated curriculum is employed whenever appropriate and allow students to learn more than one subject at a time. Second grade students at Fulton School, for example, visited a construction site daily, learned skills from communication to science, from math to the fine arts as they watched the building go up and the world around them change.

Central Middle School has embraced the concepts of a middle school education to meet the needs of pre-adolescent students. The homeroom advisory period give students an opportunity to discuss important issues and enjoy friendly academic competitions. Students are also able to sample courses in industrial arts, home economics, music, physical education and art during 7th grade before they choose an area of concentration in 8th grade.

District 146 has embraced the policy of inclusion; bringing its special education students into the regular classroom setting to interact and learn with their peers. The inclusion policy benefits both the children with disabilities and their new classmates by increasing everyone's educational opportunities and understanding of each other.

The 21st century will demand a knowledge and ease with

computer technology with which the children of District 146 are already acquainted. With more than 500 workstations in the district, Internet access and extensive staff development, computers are integral parts of the curriculum.

District 146 is not waiting to see what the future brings, it is actively planning additional educational opportunities for its students. With the assistance of administration, and staff, the district is continually looking at programs, facilities and finances to create the most realistic and effective educational services for its students.

Arbor Park School District 145

The needs of the children are definitely the focus of Arbor Park School District 145. From the youngest student to the graduating eighth grader, District 145 strives to meet the educational and developmental needs of its students.

The early childhood program at Kimberly Heights School prepares three to five year olds for the demands of kindergarten. Parents are also assisted in the Parent Training Program which meets monthly to help parents cope with the issues and decisions facing them.

District 145 is also proud of its year-round child care program, "Kids' Club." More than 90 children of all ages find a safe and enjoyable environment in the club before and after school and during school holidays and summer vacations.

In 1875, when the first school in District 145 opened its doors to children, only eight students entered. To accommodate the growing number of children currently in the district and the large geographic area the district encompasses, the elementary schools have been divided by grade level, creating primary, intermediate and middle schools.

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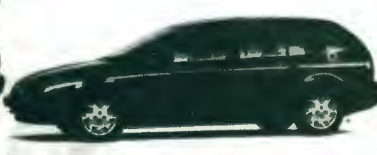
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At Arbor Park Middle School, children in grades 5 through 8 receive extensive DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) education. Taught in cooperation with the Oak Forest Police Department, children learn how to make difficult decisions based on knowledge. Police Officer Karen Coch was named the 1992 DARE Officer of the State of Illinois.

"Rainbows," a program designed to help children cope with loss either from death or divorce, is also offered in District 145. Children join groups facilitated by a trained teacher.

"Snowflake," an anti-drug abuse program, helps children become aware of who they are and what they can accomplish. A regular school day is set aside so that every middle school student in District 145 may participate.

Arbor Park Middle School students also know how to give back to the community and have been rewarded for it. In 1993, Oak Forest was awarded the Governor's Home Town Award in part because the students in the Environmental club adopted the Metra commuter lot. They landscaped the area with flowers and decorated the inside of the station with students' art work.

Informing parents and the community about their schools earned District 145 the National School Public Relations Award for its practical and informative school calendar.

Kirby District 140

Revisions to the curriculum, extensive staff development and an increase in services to all children have expanded and improved the educational program provided to the 4,667 students of Kirby District 140. The district recently received the Bright Star Award for Illinois districts in the lowest quartile in expenditures per pupil and the highest quartile in student performance.

The district's preschool and early childhood programs address

the needs of at-risk 3 to 5 year olds. Parental involvement and student preparedness are key elements of these programs. Children begin kindergarten with a stronger base and required fewer special services.

During the summer months, 26 committees review every curriculum area to ensure that the needs of the students are met with the most effective methods.

Revisions in the curriculum have turned book learning into life skills learning. Mathematics is no longer a list of multiplication tables. Using "Math Your Way" techniques, children learn math skills with manipulatives. Science studies include lab experiments with "hands on" activities that illustrate scientific concepts rather than just explain them.

Including the district's special education population into the regular classroom setting has reaped multiple rewards for all students and staff. Children who were once isolated from their peers because of a disability are now involved members of the class. Students learn acceptance as they interact in the school setting and additional training has enabled teachers to meet the needs of all their students. As one of only two Illinois school districts to receive a Challenge Grant, District 140 will soon be offering its students the opportunity to solve real life problems using technology and communication. This reality-based educational learning opportunity will bring \$5 million into the district to create the systems needed to help create life-long, technically literate learners.

Creating life-long learners is the objective of the modern life skills and applied technology courses taught at the middle school. Children learn a variety of subjects from sewing and nutrition to robotics and aeronautics. Students also have the opportunity to study French, Spanish and German, each for one year, so they are prepared to select a language for further study in high school.



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