



# Palos Progress

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## All For the Dogs at Pack Leader Academy

### Dog Groomer, Trainer, Outfitter Opens in Heights

by Laura Bollin, *The Regional News*

Palos Heights has gone to the dogs – in a good way. Pack Leader Academy, a new dog training and grooming service, has opened at 12332 S. Harlem Avenue.

The shop is run by Pam Barnett and her husband, Vic, who are licensed dog trainers and groomers with 30 years of experience.

Pam said she believes in “letting a dog be a dog,” which is why she has a no touch and no eye contact policy for visitors at the grooming center, which she calls the Paw Spa.

“When they come here, this is their time to be a dog,” Pam said. “We spend so much time trying to make our dogs into what we want them to be – our children, that we don’t give them time to sniff anything or be who they are.”

The shop’s slogan is “a dog only knows how to be a dog.” Pam said she began working at a dog grooming salon in 1987, and has opened now-shuttered shops in Chicago.

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## President’s Message

Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

Well summer has officially come to an end. The kids are back in school, the football season is in full swing and the White Sox are out of playoff contention and looking for a new Manager.

We have already started planning for this year’s annual tree lighting. As always, we are looking for volunteers to form a committee and help organize the event. We are not asking for much; just a bit of time and creativity to plan this enjoyable family event. If you, or any of your employees, would like to help, we would love to work with you. If you are unable to participate in planning the event, please consider donating items for the goody bags or funds to help defray the cost of the refreshments and giveaways.

The monthly luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at Trinity Christian College. We will be presenting our new website and providing information on how to utilize it to advertise and promote your business. If you haven’t already, please take some time to visit the website and bring any questions you may have to the luncheon. The Chamber is here to help support and promote local businesses and I believe that our new website will help to do just that!

Please check the calendar of events for upcoming events, including the ribbon cutting ceremony for Pack Leader Academy on October 14th.

I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon and thank you for your continued support!

*Sincerely,  
Eileen Fetta*



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## The Children's Farm Pumpkin Days

### Weekdays 3pm-5pm

- Free admission to our pick-your-own pumpkin patch
- Offering a variety of pumpkins, gourds, mini pumpkins, carving tools, straw bales, corn stalks, local honey & more!

### Weekends (and Columbus Day) 10am-4pm

- Free admission to our pick-your-own pumpkin patch
- Offering a variety of pumpkins, gourds, mini pumpkins, carving tools, straw bales, corn stalks, local honey & more!
- Complementary hayrack rides
- Food concessions

www.thecenterpalos.org;  
email: centerpalospark@sbcglobal.net



## Trinity Christian College Athletics and Recreation Complex Public Grand Opening

**Friday, October 7, 2011; 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for an exciting evening as the doors of the newly constructed Trinity Athletics and Recreation Complex are opened to the public.

Friends of the college attending Jubilation! will be treated to guided tours of the new facility, a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia and vacation destinations, a delicious catered meal of beef tenderloin and all the trimmings, and a remarkable program consisting of students' stories and testimonies. The highlight of the night will be the dedication ceremony, publicly committing the facility to God's glory. Please plan to join us for this celebration.

Reservations are required for Jubilation! 2011. More information may be found below or by contacting Karen Slager at 708.239.4806 or karen.slager@trnty.edu.

Jubilation! 2011 is not possible without the help of individuals and businesses who sponsor the annual event. There are four levels of sponsorship. Perhaps one is perfect for you. Contact Karen Slager for further information, or visit www.trnty.edu.

## October Palos Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011  
11:45 a.m.**

**Trinity Christian College  
6601 West College Drive  
Palos Heights  
Cost: \$20.00**

RSVP to info@palosareachamber.org or call 708-480-3025 to make your reservation.

## Coming Soon!

### Chamber Membership Renewal for 2012

Starting mid-October a membership renewal form will be mailed to your place of business. Please consider renewing your membership to take part in the many benefits. Just to mention a few, the Annual Dinner on January 27, 2012 at Midlothian Country Club, and the ever popular Health and Community Expo scheduled for May 5, 2012. This and

more including luncheons and networking events. If you have any questions, please visit the chamber's website at [www.palosareachamber.org](http://www.palosareachamber.org) or call the chamber at 708-480-3025. Check out the Chamber on [facebook.com/palosareachamber](https://www.facebook.com/palosareachamber). Looking forward to seeing you in 2012!!

## Fall Fishing Classic

**October 15: 7am-12pm**

Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens' (7402 West Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, West of Harlem Avenue) Fall Fishing Classic will be held on Saturday October 15, from 7:00 a.m. - Noon.

For more information or to be a sponsor please call 708-361-1873.

## U Pick It Movie

**October 17; 8pm  
Palos Heights Public Library  
708-448-1473**

**12501 South 71st Avenue, Palos Heights**

Monday, October 17 at 8pm - All teens in grades 6 and up are invited to watch the movie that gets the most votes. Stop by during the week to cast your pick!

## Business Champion Awards Banquet

**Thursday, October 20, 2011  
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Held at Silver Lake Country Club; Keynote Speaker: Patty Kryschka, Community Affairs Manager with Southwest Airlines. Sponsored by Moraine Valley Community College. For more information, call 708-974-5690. To nominate a business champion, visit [morainevalley.edu/edcss](http://morainevalley.edu/edcss).

## Second Annual "Be the Change: A Community Dia- logue on Promoting Diver- sity and Leadership"

**Friday, October 21, 2011  
Moraine Valley Community College  
Business and Conference Center,  
Building M  
7:30 a.m. to Noon**

This free program is a continued conversation about creating opportunities to foster and advance diversity, inclusion and

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# new website!

The Palos Area Chamber of Commerce has a brand new website! It contains a large amount of information on activities within the chamber and the towns of Palos Heights and Palos Park. There are special offers to the business community and residents alike. Visit [www.palosareachamber.org](http://www.palosareachamber.org) today!

## Art Rocks the Ardens

**October 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

An art collection for your viewing, plus refreshments and entertainment.

Valerie Craft Kitover is 12 years employee of Arden Courts and avid art collector. She will have select pieces from her private collection on display for your enjoyment.

Arden Courts  
7880 W. College Drive, Palos Heights  
708-361-8070  
Email: [palosheights@arden-courts.com](mailto:palosheights@arden-courts.com)

## Pack Leader Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Pack Leader Academy on Friday October 14 at 9:30 a.m. Pack Leader, a newer member of the chamber, is located at 12332 S. Harlem in Palos Heights. Next door to United Trust Bank, Pack Leader provides dog training, daycare, grooming and more. Please join the ceremony to welcome Pack Leader to Palos Heights.

Open House on Sunday October 16 at Pack Leader; please look to the chamber's website for complete details or visit [www.k9pla.com](http://www.k9pla.com).

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leadership throughout the district and the region. For further information or to make a reservation, contact the Human Resources Office at 708-974-5704 or email [mvccdiversity@morainevalley.edu](mailto:mvccdiversity@morainevalley.edu).

## Sertoma Centre's 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 21

Sertoma is celebrating forty years of supporting individuals with disabilities. Join the celebration to recognize those people and organizations who were fundamental in Sertoma's mission to provide opportunities that empower individuals with disabilities to achieve personal success.

Celebration Location: Midlothian Country Club, 5000 West 147th Street.

For more information contact Sertoma at 708-371-9700 or visit [www.sertomacentre.org](http://www.sertomacentre.org).

## New Mural To Be Unveiled on October 22

The Treasures of Palos Heights Mural Unveiling is Saturday October 22 at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow at the Palos Heights Library, 12501 South 71st Avenue, Palos Heights. This mural will be installed on the east side of Harlem near the new municipal lot, 12217 S. Harlem. Please stop by for this special addition to the Heights business district. Visit [www.palosfinearts.com](http://www.palosfinearts.com).

## Illinois Special Events Network State Convention

**November 2 & 3, 2011**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton**

- 2 Days of Educational Sessions
- Vendor Expo
- Entertainment Showcase
- Silent Auction
- Networking Opportunities
- Skyscraper Awards Program

For more information call, 708-895-8200

Sponsored by the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau visit [www.visitchicagosouthland.com](http://www.visitchicagosouthland.com).

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The store offers dog grooming, which begins at \$38 per dog. The price increases depending on the size of the dog, with larger dogs being around \$70. Group obedience classes are also offered, which include a four-week session on how to create a calm dog, a six-week canine good citizen or puppy training course, which teaches socialization, good behavior, nail trimming and ear and teeth cleaning techniques. Most classes are \$125. A canine CPR and First Aid course is offered for \$45, and private dog training lessons are \$85 per hour.

Day care, which is \$20 for a half day and \$30 for a full day, offers dogs the chance to socialize with other dogs, go on walks, and play hide and seek games for treats and toys.

"I think of it as a little parochial school for dogs," Pam said of the day care. "They are doing something instead of just running around."

She and her husband, who live in Burbank, decided to open a shop in Palos Heights because of their love for the community.

"We have always loved Palos Heights," Pam said. "We love this little two-block shopping strip. It is like an Andy Griffith sort of town. Everybody knows everybody. Everyone is so nice, and the shops are great."

Vic said he enjoys the business because he gets to help people.

"A lot of people misunderstand their dogs, because they don't know how dogs learn," Vic said. "We have 30 years of experience, and we get to help so many people, which is great."

Pack Leader Academy will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday Oct. 14 at 9:30am and will hold an open house on Sunday Oct.16.

Pack Leader Academy is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. To book a grooming appointment, sign up for a training class or register for the dog retreat, call 361-DOGS (3647).

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**Business After Hours**

**November 2, 2011**  
**Archer Bank**  
**12701 S. Harlem Avenue**  
**Palos Heights**  
**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Any local restaurants or food suppliers looking to get their name or new recipe out to the public, please contact the bank to help sponsor this event at 708-480-5100.

**Calendar of Events and Important Dates:**

October 4	Chamber Board Meeting 8:15 a.m. at First Midwest Bank; 12600 S. Harlem Avenue.
October 5	Last Day for the Palos Heights Farmer's Market; 7am-1pm
October 11	Chamber Luncheon at Trinity Christian College @ 11:45 a.m.
October 15	Lake Katherine's Fishing Classic; 7:00 a.m. to Noon
November 1	Chamber Board Meeting 8:15 a.m. at First Midwest Bank; 12600 S. Harlem Avenue
November 2	Business After Hours at Archer Bank in Palos Heights; 5:00-7:00 p.m.
November 8	Chamber Luncheon at The Center in Palos Park @ 11:45 a.m.
November 11	Veterans Day; City Hall of Palos Heights – The Office will be closed.
December 2	Chamber's Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Palos Heights Fire Station @ 123rd & Harlem.

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