

Village of Tinley Park

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Village mourns passing of former trustee Matt Heffernan

Former Tinley Park Village Trustee Matthew J. Heffernan died Thursday morning. Heffernan served for nine years as trustee and chaired the Village's Public Safety and Budget and Administration committees.

"Matt was a dedicated public servant and a good person," Tinley Park Mayor Dave Seaman said. "He will be sorely missed. We wish his family well in these difficult times."

Heffernan graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 1964 and attended Fox Business College before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1966 and serving in Vietnam. He was appointed to the Tinley Park Village Board in 1998 to fill the term vacated by Trustee Thomas DiBernardo and was elected to the position in 2001.

During his distinguished career, Heffernan served as co-chairman of the Tinley Park Veterans Commission, vice-chairman of the Tinley Park Oktoberfest, chairman of the Oktoberfest Parade and was an active member of St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church. He also helped initiate the Marine Corps Detachment 1217 in Tinley Park, serving as past commander, past First District Commandant for the State of Illinois Marine Corps League and vice-chairman of the Voice of Democracy.

Heffernan also helped initiate the Tinley Park Seat Belt Ordinance, served on the Fire Department 100th Anniversary Committee for the implementation and dedication of the Fire Memorial in Zabrocki Plaza, enacted legislation for mutual aid between fire departments for helping each other in the event of a disaster, and initiated an ordinance establishing a sister city relationship between Tinley Park and Mallow, Ireland.

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Heffernan is survived by his wife, Jenny and children, Lisa and Matt.

“Matt not only served Tinley Park admirably, but he also served his country, church and family,” Village Clerk Patrick Rea said. “Tinley Park is a better place for him having been a part of it.”

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