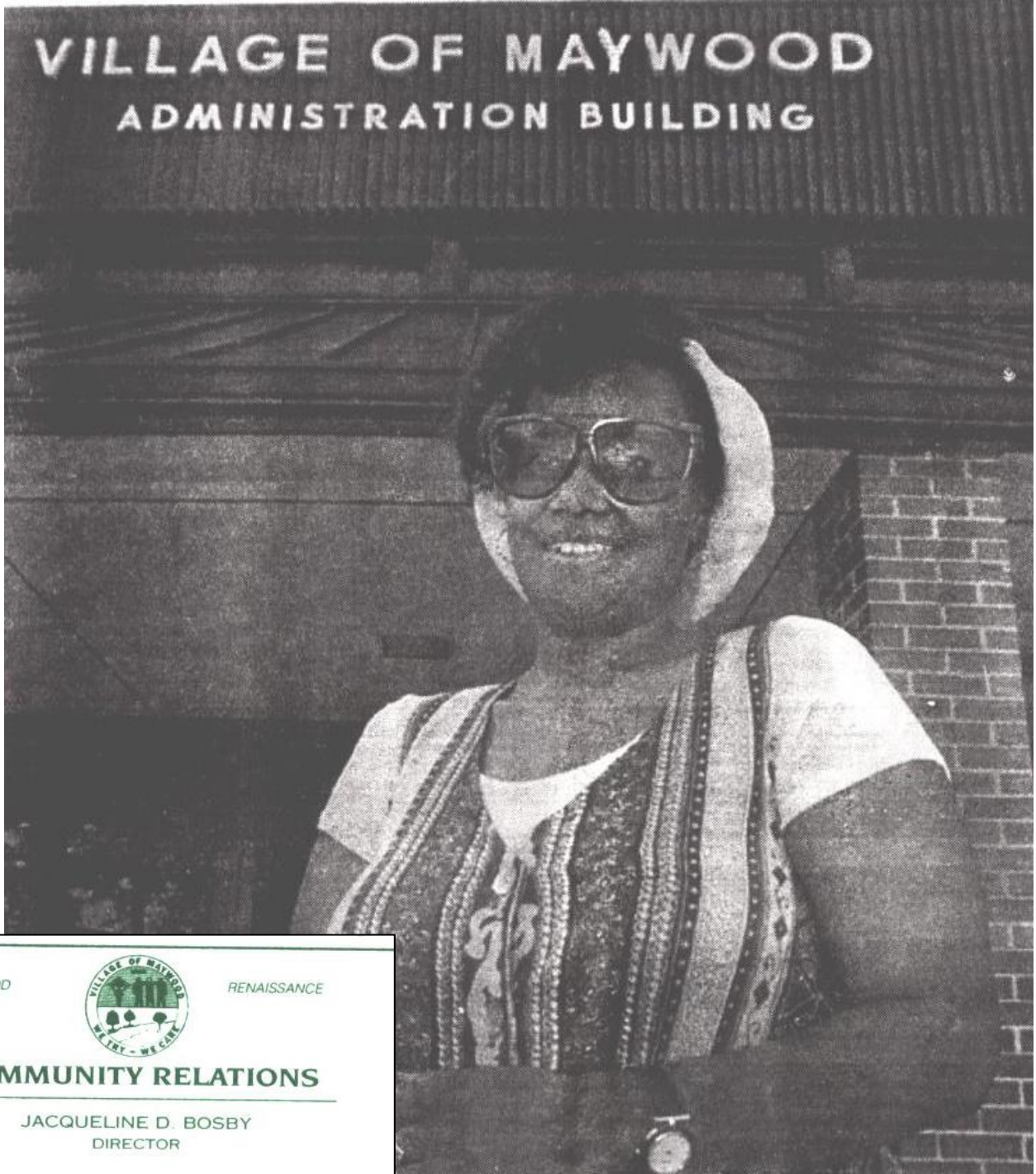


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Your Local **NEWS**

Bosby determined to improve services

By MAURICE WEAVER
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Jacqueline Bosby, Maywood's newly appointed community relations director, is on the move.

On this day, Bosby is leading a tour of Village Hall for Washington Elementary School students. A small group of children descend on Village Clerk Eleanor Miller's office to ask the Maywood Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year about her daily duties.

Meanwhile, Bosby slips upstairs to mend a dress for her daughter's cotillion.

If longtime Community Relations representative Enriqueta June hadn't decided to retire this spring, Bosby said she probably would have sought employment outside of Maywood.

Still, Bosby said Mayor Joe Freelon and Georgia Ed-

wards, assistant superintendent in District 89, encouraged her to apply.

A committed volunteer and advocate for the homeless, Bosby, who also has allowed numerous pregnant teens to stay in her home, was chosen in May to better coordinate Maywood's response to crises involving seniors, students, homeless and battered women.

Bosby said the department's upcoming calendar events reflect her philosophy and mandate of getting vital information about social services available throughout Proviso Township to Maywood's residents.

"The calendar has been approved by the village manager (Allen Parker). Parker told me to go for it," said Bosby. "I'm looking for volunteers to help out on the telephone on Tuesdays for our seminars and workshops. I'm especially looking for bilin-



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Community Relations Director Jacqueline Babin (left), Knikyta Hill and Ebony Criswell. Bobby gives directions to volunteers Corey Bobby is recruiting more volunteers.

gual volunteers to ensure that I can do some special programs targeted toward Hispanics."

Upcoming community events Bobby has planned include a Youth Fair on

Aug. 13 and a senior recognition breakfast and a disaster preparation seminar on Aug. 27.

In September, a financial planning seminar, a senior picnic and a first aid clinic

are scheduled. October will mark the debut of the Hispanic Youth Heritage Expo.

"I want to create (more) new programs," said Bosby. "Maywood needs its morale lifted."

Workshops educate women about abuse

By MAURICE WEAVER
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Maywood's Community Relations Department is attempting to educate women on how to cope with abusive situations by offering free seminars on the subject.

A panel discussion of law enforcement officials, social agency professionals and battered women

advocates will tackle the growing problem of domestic violence at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Maywood Community Civic Center.

Elouise Spencer, who helps women get court orders of protection through her work with Sarah's Inn, the Oak Park-based battered women's shelter, will be among the guest speakers.

"We support the women through

each step of the court process and explain to them their rights under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act," she said. "We tell them what's going to happen to their mate, from counseling to a two-year ban from the household.

"Sarah's Inn offers a court-appointed, batterer's program for men and counseling groups for children,"

she added.

A representative from the victim witness protection program in the Cook County State's Attorney Office will participate in the discussion, as will Kristen Littman, a women's counselor at Sarah's Inn.

She counsels women on an individual basis as well as through support groups.

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"We love to provide information about our services and about how to help if you suspect that your friends or family may be involved in domestic violence," she said. "Our goal is to increase public awareness about the problem."

On July 16, the village sponsored a self-defense seminar for women that was coupled with a discussion on sexual harassment.

Joanne Trapani, an investigator with the Cook County Commission on Human Rights, said she answered a variety of questions from young and older women.

"We talked about how to recognize sexual harassment, both overt and covert," she said. "Sexual harassment is mostly about power. It has very little to do with an emotional attachment. Young girls are the most vulnerable."

Trapani cited examples of sexual harassment in public accommodations and its misuse by landlords or employers.

She added the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance protects all women within its jurisdiction from being subjected to male-dominated behavior.

For more on Tuesday's seminar, call 708-344-1200, ext. 636.

