

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are an effective way to express your opinion on issues you care about. They have the power to influence public opinion, and to bring attention to important issues impacting our lives and our communities. Here are some guidelines for preparing a letter to the editor:

- Pick one idea and focus your comments on getting that idea across to the reader
- Keep it timely by submitting an opinion on a current topic, or responding to a recently published letter or article
- Personalize your letter by making a personal statement that establishes your first-hand knowledge and/or credibility on the issue
- Keep your comments short and direct
- If you are submitting your letter by e-mail, include the letter in the body of the message rather than an attachment.
- Include your contact information (name, address, phone)
- Follow the newspaper's guidelines for length
- If your letter gets published, share the link on social media
- Share and/or "like" other letters you see on social media that express your views

Submit your letter electronically to one or more of the following papers.

Chicago Tribune: Submit letters to the editor [online](#) or by email to letters@chicagotribune.com. Letters must be under 400 words and include your name, city, state, and phone number.

- For Tribune suburban editions, submit letters to suburbanletters@tribpub.com. Letters must be under 250 words and include your name, city, state, and phone number.

Chicago Sun-Times: Submit letters using [this form](#), or by email to letters@suntimes.com. Letters must be under 300 words and include your name, city, state, and phone number.

Daily Herald: Submit letters to the editor via email to fencepost@dailyherald.com. Letters must be under 300 words and include your name, city, state, and phone number.

Lombardian/Villa Park Review: Submit letters via email to news1@rvpublishing.com. Letters must be under 500 words and include your name, city, state, and phone number.

My Suburban Life: Submit letters online [here](#) or via email to letters@mysuburbanlife.com. Letters must be under 300 words and include your name, city, state, and phone number.