

## Memorial Observance For CWV Post 500



Photo By J. Koziel

Catholic War Veterans Post 500 held its annual Memorial Day Observance at Five Holy Martyrs Church. After Mass which was celebrat-

ed by Pastor Fr. Tomasz Sielicki, there was a procession to the veterans memorial where the scouts of Pack 3465 and Troop 465 served as honor guard. Some of the veterans

in attendance were Post #500 Commander, Col. John L. Buckley, Chester Rybak (Navy), Richard Czerniak (Army), Walter Guzy (Army), Joseph Bobek (Marines), Rey Flores (Army), and Larry

Kulik (Army). The late Commander Emeritus Casey Kasper was represented by his son Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kasper.

After a prayer for the deceased military comrades whose names are engraved in the stone tablets of the Memorial Monument, F. Tomasz shared a story about an American soldier stationed in France who was spared from a night attack because he was detained and held by opposing forces earlier in the day for his Polish language skills and utilization as an interpreter.

Guests of honor were Walter Guzy and George Kwak (son, John, was present on his behalf) who served in General Patton's Army. Wally served as a parish trustee and George was elected 12th Ward Alderman. They were charter members of CWV Post 500 and FHM Holy Name of Jesus Society. A reception followed in Bishop Abramowicz Hall. Terry Brasky was recognized for the landscape development of the Memorial site.

## St. Richard School Class of 2016



Not Pictured: Charles Ryan

## Street Designation



15th Ward Raymond Lopez welcomed Jennifer Hudson, her sister Julia Hudson and their families to Brighton Park for the unveiling of an honorary street designation at 44th and Sacramento remembering Julian D. King, a former Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy student who was killed in 2008.

## Kidsmobile At Hoyne Playground



The Chicago Park District Kidsmobile will appear at Hoyne Playground Park, 3417 S. Hamilton on Wednesday, July 6th and Monday, July 11th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Free and fun-filled creative arts and play activities will be provided to children and families. For more information, call (312) 747-6184.

## Library Promotes Summer Reading

The Chicago Public Library will give away over one million books to children across the city during Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge.

Children are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes per day and participate in STEM activities, in order to prevent the "summer slide" phenomenon, which children

## Dean's List At Lincoln Univ.

Lincoln University of Jefferson City Missouri announces that Jourdain Gant, Anwaar Morales, Callie Newsom and Faye Patton qualified for the Spring 2016 Dean's List. Honorees must acquire at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 credit hours in qualifying course work.

## World's Largest Swimming Lesson

The Chicago Park District will participate in the World's Largest Swim Lesson on Friday, June 24th at 6 p.m. in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record. This event is open to all ages and swim levels at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road. Ages 6 to 17 may qualify for 10 weeks of lessons when registering with the coupon code FirstFree. Subsequent 10 week sessions are \$30.

For more information, call (312) 747-6527.

## Chicago Promotes Home Ownership

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Infrastructure Trust announced the Chicago Home Buyer Assistance Program is accepting applications from families and individuals looking to buy a home in Chicago or refinance an existing mortgage. The program provides support for down payment and closing costs.

"The Home Buyer Assistance Program is another important tool in our tool kit for building stronger neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago. I am proud that lenders are now accepting applications and I encourage anyone who is interested to apply today," Mayor Emanuel said. "By putting more families on the path to homeownership, we will help more communities thrive."

The program currently has three approved lenders/services now accepting applications: Guaranteed Rate, American Financial Network and Home Trust Mortgage.

First-time home buyers must complete a home buyer education course. Depending on loan type, qualified home buyers can have an annual income limit of up to \$133,000.

Qualified buyers may receive a grant for up to 7 percent of the total loan amount. For example, for a loan amount of \$250,000, a borrower could receive a grant of no more than \$17,500 to cover down payment and closing costs. Qualified borrowers are required to contribute the lesser of \$1,000 or 1 percent of home purchase price at the closing.

"Home ownership is a key component in investing in our 77 neighborhoods. Homeowners are the foundation in every

community that promote safe neighborhoods for families to live, play and work. I look forward to increasing the approved lenders list to ensure success of the home buyers assistance program," said City Treasurer Kurt Summers and Chairman of the Chicago Infrastructure Trust.

Buyers must occupy the home as their primary residence and reside in the property for at least five years before selling or refinancing. If the home is sold or refinanced before that time, the homeowner will have to pay back a prorated amount of the grant. After five years of on-time mortgage payments, the grant is completely forgiven.

To learn more about the Home Buyer Assistance Program and to view a complete list of approved lenders, visit: [www.cityofchicago.org/homebuyer](http://www.cityofchicago.org/homebuyer) or [www.chicagoinfrastructure.org](http://www.chicagoinfrastructure.org).

## Museums For All Offer Discounts

The Field Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, and Art Institute of Chicago have joined Museums for All, a signature access program of the Association of Children's Museums and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The three museums now offer discounted admission, during normal operating hours, to every Illinois family that qualifies for state food assistance with an Electronic Benefits Transfer card (also known as the Link card) or a Women, Infants and Children ID booklet.

Discounted Admission Rates: The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Illinois residents, \$3 basic admission person, up to six people. Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago ave., suggested \$3 admission to cardholder, up to six people (kids under 12 are always free). Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan ave., Illinois residents, free admission to cardholder and family (kids under 14 are always free).

## Recalde Honored

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has named Melina Recalde, School of Education, to the Dean's List for spring semester of the 2015-16 academic year. Honorees must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

## Celebration At Evergreen Academy



Pictured are: LSC members: Claudia Medrano, Teacher Rep. Suzanne Pletsch, Community Rep.; Anna Espinosa, Parent Rep. and Lucy Duron, Staff Rep.; State Senator Anthony Munoz; John Viano, Executive Director AIMS; Marina Strok, Principal; Deb Polak, Assistant Principal; Alderman George Cardenas; Paul Kanelos, LSC Teacher Rep. and Dr. Roy J. Pletsch, representing The McKinley Park Civic Association.

## BY: DR. R. PLETSCH

Recently I was privileged to attend an outdoor ceremony at Evergreen Academy Middle School. John Viano, Executive Director of the Association of Illinois Middle Grade Schools, presented a second designation certificate to Evergreen as a School to Watch. They first received this award in 2010. It names Evergreen as only one of about 30 in the entire state of Illinois to receive this high honor. The Association judges the winners on their beliefs of a school that is academically excellent, developmentally responsive, socially equitable, and organizationally sound. The program was held

## Free Certificates For Eye Glasses

Free certificates for eye glasses from the Lions Club will be available at the Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer on Wednesday, July 13th from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Eligibility requirements are: uninsured with a U.S. Social Security number; one member household annual income of \$23,540 or less (add \$8,320 for each additional member) and have not been a client of the program for one year. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

## Access Expo At Navy Pier

Access Chicago, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities will sponsor its Annual Expo at Navy Pier on Wednesday, July 13th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The free event will feature health pavilion, disability organizations, government services products, recreation and raffle prizes.

For more information, call 311 or visit [www.cityofchicago.org/mopd](http://www.cityofchicago.org/mopd).

in Evergreen's Community Garden space. Speakers included State Senator Anthony Munoz, Alderman George Cardenas, Principal Marian Strok, and Director John Viano. The schools Rock band, The Wild Tigers, performed selections and the Class of 2016 mural was presented for the school's collection. The program was a fine way to appreciate all it takes for one of our neighborhood schools to be honored and give community members a reason to keep their child in

## Theatre On Lake Opens Season

The Chicago Park District is presenting its 64th season of Theatre on the Lake at Berger Park Cultural Center, 6205 N. Sheridan road for the 2016 season. The Fullerton street location is closed for renovation as a year-round theatre with larger capacity, restaurant, event space, outdoor seating and patio.

Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 except "The Hairy Ape" which are free.

The schedule includes The Yard's production of "I & You" June 23rd-26th; Oracle Production's "The Hairy Ape" July 6-10 and 13-17; First Floor Theatre presents "The Awake" July 20-24 and 27-31 and Stage Left Theatre presents "The Firestorm" Aug. 3-7 and 10-14.

For reservations, call (312) 742-7994.

our neighborhood.

I think it is also appropriate to thank two of our community principals, Mr. James Coughlin of Kelly High School,

who is retiring and, Mr. Michael Heidkamp, principal of N. Greene School, who is leaving CPS for another job in education. Thanks to both of them for their service.

## CPS Promotes IB Coursework

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Public Schools released a new analysis revealing that students participating in International Baccalaureate coursework graduate from high school and enroll and remain in college at rates well above the city's average. Students participating in IB coursework graduate at a higher rate than that of the district average, and enroll in college at a rate of more than 80 percent.

This latest analysis of SY 2014-15 data suggests that not only are district investments to expand the program paying off, but that these investments are supporting much of the district's recent improvements in high school graduation rate and college enrollment rate.

In addition to the stronger graduate rates

that IB programming produce, students across the District's 15 IB schools enroll in college at a higher rate, and persist at a higher rate. The rigorous IB diploma and career programmes prepare students at a higher rate, with nearly 100 percent of IB diploma participants graduating from high school, with a college enrollment rate just shy of 100 percent, and a college persistence rate of 88 percent.

Chicago the largest network of IB schools in the nation, 22 high schools and 21 elementary schools authorized to provide the programme.

Over the past five years, CPS has raised its graduation rate by more than 11 percentage points. The class of 2016 is on-pace to break records with a more than 70 percent graduation rate.

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## Clean-Up Day At Kelly Park



On Saturday, June 18th, the Chicago Parks Foundation in partnership with the Chicago Park District organized an "It's Your Park Day" Cleanup day for Kelly Park, 41st and California. Advisory Council and community members swept the sidewalk, cleaned up the playground and fields. Brighton Park Neighborhood Council and the Advisory Council actively organize and participate in events that engage community members in keeping the park clean and safe.

### Registration At Davis School

N. Davis School, 3014 W. 39th place, is accepting Pre-Registrations for Kindergarten students. Requirements include: students must be 5 years old before Sept. 1st, 2016; birth certificate; two proof of residence (rent receipts are not ac-

cepted); parent picture ID; recent physical and dental examination forms; immunization records; transfer from any former school (if applicable). For more information, call (773) 535-4540, ext. 80823.

### Non-Contact Football Camps

Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps provide non-contact football instruction for kids ages 6 to 14 years old. Led by professional, USA Football-certified coaches, kids learn to run, throw, catch and defend. Special features include attendance from Chicago Bears Heroes, daily awards and prizes, Championship Friday and the Leadership Award to select players.

Locations are: Walter Payton College Prep, 1034 N. Wells st. on Monday, June 27th to July 1st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Lane Tech Stadium, 2501 W. Addison on July 11th to 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sheridan Park, 910 S. Aberdeen on July 18th to 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Amundsen High School, 5110 N. Damen on July 25th to 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Comprehensive Skills Camp is for newcomers ages 6 to 14 and the Accelerated Skills Camp is for team experienced players ages 9 to 14. Five-day camps begin at \$199.

To register, visit [www.BearsCamps.com](http://www.BearsCamps.com) or call (312) 226-7776.

## Taste of Chicago Opens July 6th

Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events Commissioner Michelle Bonne to announce the lineup of restaurants that will participate at the 36th Annual Taste of Chicago this July 6th - 10th in Grant Park. Hours are Wednesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

20 newcomers including 3 five-day restaurants, 6 food trucks and 11 pop-up participants will sell for one or two days. The new food vendors are: Abundance Bakery; Arami; Auntie Vee's; BRGRBELL; Da Lobsta; Demera Ethiopian Restaurant; Doom Street Eats; Firecakes Donuts; Frannie Cafe Inc; Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken; The Happy Lobster Truck; La Jefa; La Patronia; MAD Social; nana; Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread & Wine; Pork & Mindy's; Rojo Gusano; Taco in a Bag and Texas de Brazil.

2016 celebrity chefs are Chef Graham Elliot of Graham Elliot Bistro with Masterchef Junior Season 4 Winner Addison (July 6th at 6:30 p.m.), Chef Kevin Hickey of The Duck

Inn (July 7th at 6:30 p.m.), Chef Patrick Sheerin of Trenchermen (July 8th at 6:30 p.m.), Chef Chris Macchia of Nonnina (July 9th at 6:30 p.m.) and Chef Abraham Conlon of Fat Rice (July 10th at 5 p.m.)

Attendees of the Celebrity Chef du Jour will enjoy a sit-down, three-course meal in an air-conditioned dining pavilion for \$45 person (limit 4 tickets). Tickets must be purchased in advance on the festival website [tasteofchicago.us](http://tasteofchicago.us). Many of the celebrity chefs will show-off their skills during the free Life-way Foods Taste Kitchen cooking demonstration area on Buckingham Fountain Plaza.

Vendors will offer signature items, as well as the popular "Taste Of" portions priced at \$2.50 or less, allowing guests the opportunity to sample a greater variety of items. Many will also include Healthier Choice selections for those seeking lighter options. Admission to the Taste is free, and tickets for food and beverages can be purchased in strips of 12 tickets for \$8.50. For more information, call (312) 744-3316 or visit [tasteofchicago.us](http://tasteofchicago.us).

## Jazz Concerts At Aquarium



Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore drive, is conducting its weekly after-hours concert series on Wednesdays, from 5 to 10 p.m. Guests may enjoy cocktails on the lakeside terrace, hear jazz music and view the Wild Reef, Abbott Oceanarium and Amphibian exhibits.

Shoreline Sightseeing will offer an evening fireworks cruise through August at \$35 which includes admission to the concert.

"Jazzin' at the Shedd" tickets are \$18 online in advance or \$20 at the door through Sept. 14th. For more information, call (312) 939-2438.

### Adult Event At Science Museum

In celebration of temporary exhibition Brick by Brick, the Museum of Science and Industry is hosting an adults-only evening event, MSI After Hours: Brick Bash from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, July 16th. This special evening is MSI's first public nighttime event and includes exclusive access to Brick by Brick and other popular exhibits.

Guests, ages 21 and older, will listen to a live "General Admission" podcast taping with Adam Reed Tucker, builder of the 13 impressive LEGO-built structures; build their own sliders, or work with an expert mixologist to build their own cocktail.

MSI's latest temporary exhibit highlights architecture and engineering with a 60-foot-long Golden Gate Bridge, the intricacies of the Roman Colosseum, a 12-foot-high Burj Khalifa, and Cinderella's Castle. Other Museum exhibits like Science Storms, Numbers In Nature: A Mirror Maze, the Transportation Gallery, the Great Train Story and YOU! The Experience are included.

Tickets at \$30 include on-site parking in the underground garage, admission to Brick by Brick and other Museum exhibits, snacks and a complimentary cocktail. A cash bar will be available. For tickets, visit [wbez.org/events](http://wbez.org/events).

### Twilight Safaris At Lincoln Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton will present Twilight Safaris for ages 16 and older on Wednesdays, July 27th, Aug. 24th, and Sept. 21st from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

behaviors of animals like red wolves and snow leopards at this time of day and highlights in zoo gardens. Camera are recommended. The cost is \$13.

For more information, visit [lpzoo.org/education](http://lpzoo.org/education).

## Franken ToyMobile At McKinley Park



The Chicago Park District Franken ToyMobile will appear at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Thursday, July 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. The pedal-powered maker spaces encourages youth and adults to reuse toys as raw material for original creations. For more information, call (312) 747-6527.

### Lopez Addresses Assault Weapons

15th Ward Alderman Ray Lopez conducted a press conference at City Hall on June 21st to address the issue of two recent gunfire incidents in the Back of the Yards community with the use of assault weapons.

Participants were the Illinois Coalition on Handgun Violence, The Resurrection Project, GADS Hill Center, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Canaan Community Church and I Grow Chicago.

On June 22nd, Lopez introduced a resolution to the Chicago City Council which requested hearings to consider ways to stop the violence.

### Garden Tours At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st., Horticulture Department will conduct a free garden tour on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. through Oct. 8th.

New plants and areas will be highlighted as they blossom with the seasons. Participants should meet at the information booth on the patio at Café Brauer.

### Concert Series At Roosevelt Plaza

The Shops at Roosevelt Collection, 150 W. Roosevelt rd. will present the free Sounds of Summer Concert Series on Thursdays, through July 29th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The series will feature live music of diverse genres, a children's arts & crafts tent, and a chance to win great prizes.

Chairs, blankets and dancing shoes are encouraged.

The performers include: June 23rd Brooke & The Nice Things, June 30th Bear & Jake, July 7th Saturday June Band, July 14th Chitown Soul Band, July 21st J Livi and the Party and July 28th Robby Celestin.

Parking is available on the plaza and in the garage. Plaza parking is metered and garage parking is free for the first 90 minutes with purchase and store/restaurant validation.

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## Principal For A Day At St. Richard



Prior to the school days ending for St. Richard School, Principal for a Day auction winner Gene Burke put together an assembly and asked key community constituents to come speak regarding the importance of community service, civic responsibility, volunteering, and growing to be productive citizens. Students also had opportunity to learn about the guests careers and how their roles help improve our society. Pictured are: Thomas Baliga, Archer Heights Civic Association President; John Poinneau, St. Richard School Principal; Gene Burke; Sergeant Randi O'Carroll, CAPS 8th District Chicago Police Department and 23rd Ward Alderman Michael Zaleski.

## Picnic Contest At Millennium Park

The fifth annual Grant Park Music Festival Picnic Contest will be staged on the Great Lawn of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park on Saturday, Aug. 6th at 6 p.m. The Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. to perform the world premiere of American composer Michael Gandolfini's The Cosmic Garden in Bloom and Mozart's Mass in C Minor.

The program will be led by the Festival's Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar with guest soloists Hlengiwe Mkhwanazi, Janai Brugger, Hoss Brock and Daniel Eifert. Admission for the contest and the performance is free.

Teams are encouraged to pitch their blankets, adorn tables, coordinate some costumes and show off their impressive picnic spreads. The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 gift card to Macy's, a custom gift basket from Macy's Stonewall Kitchen, dinner for four at Columbus Tap at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park plus a two gallon tin of caramel, cheese and butter popcorn. Two runners-up will each receive a \$50 gift card to Macy's and a two gallon tin of popcorn.

The contest theme, A Picnic in the Cosmos, is inspired by the 30-acre private Garden of Cosmic Speculation in the Borders area of Scotland, designed by Charles Jencks along with Mozart's unfinished Great Mass. Contestants will be judged on how they incorporate the theme, as well as their creative menu, imaginative décor and presentation of food and drink.

Meegan Scovell, whose team Cuckoo for Beethoven won in 2014, advises contestants to listen to the music in advance and get an idea of the setting and story that the composer had in mind. "Utilize these clues," she says, "and be creative."

Teams must complete and return a registration form which is available at [gpmf.org/dining](http://gpmf.org/dining)—by The Grant Park Music Festival runs through Aug. 20th in Millennium Park's Jay Pritzker Pavilion. All concerts are free and most will take place on Wednesday and Fridays at 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about the Grant Park Music Festival picnic contest, visit [gpmf.org/dining](http://gpmf.org/dining) or call (312) 742-7638.

## St. Richard Plans 5K Run & Walk

The St. Richard Parish Family Fest and Carnival Committee will sponsor its First Annual Rocket Run 5K through the Archer Heights Community on Saturday, Aug. 20th.

The event will be an all-ages family run-walk for strollers and wagons, 14th Ward Alderman Ed Burke is arranging the street closings and police presence to ensure the safety of participants.

The registration fee will include a t-shirt, number bib and goody bag. The number of participants will be limited. For more information, call (773) 585-1221.

## Beer Exhibit At Library Center

The Chicago Public Library will present a traveling exhibit, Beer Chicago: The Refreshing History at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. through Jan. 8th.

An interactive alcohol-free "bar" will feature a bartender who will share his knowledge of Chicago beer history. Profiles of Chicago breweries past and present—names like Peter Hand, Lill & Diversey and Schoenhofen will be available. Artifacts and signage will include vintage cans and bottles. An activity station will explain the science of beer-making.

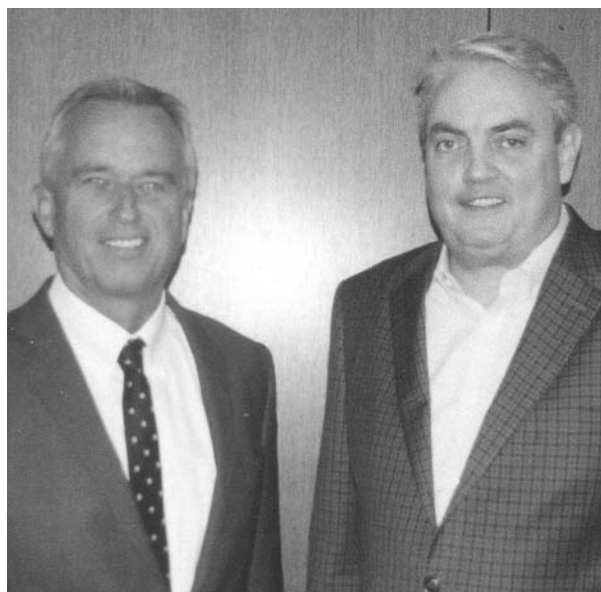
For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

## Bipartisan Cooperation Award



L-R: Jim Ryan, vice president of Corporate Relations for Constellation Brands honored U.S. Senator Mark Kirk and 14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke as 2016 recipients of the Bipartisan Award to foster cooperation in government service.

## Nutrient Recovery At MWRD Plant



Attorney Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and MWRD Commissioner David Walsh.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District President Mariyana Spropoulos, MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan, President of Environmental Advocate and Attorney Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and MWRD Commissioners Frank Avila, Kari Steel and

David Walsh officially opened the world's largest nutrient recovery facility at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in Cicero.

Through Ostara Nutrient Recovery technology, phosphorus and nitrogen will create a high value fertilizer, marketed as Crystal Green.

While excess phosphorus discharged to waterways can contribute to water quality problems, it is also a non-renewable resource which is essential for life. It is estimated that there are fewer than 50 years of phosphorus reserves remaining worldwide. Most phosphorus is sourced from rock mines and must be transported considerable distances.

This renewed water stewardship will pay an instant impact on area waterways, especially in Chicago, where river walks are being constructed and recreational use of the Chicago River and area waterways has increased in recent years.

Cleaned water from the Stickney Plant is released into the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal southwest of the Chicago River.

## Summer Nights At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo's Summer Nights sponsored by Meijer and the Illinois Farm Bureau will feature live music and fun activities for the entire family on Friday and Saturday nights through August 13, from 4 to 9 p.m.

Zoogoers can dance or just relax with family and friends. Special Zoo Chats will feature animal ambassadors, kid-friendly activities, dining experiences, and a laser light and video show each evening.

The fun takes place on the East Mall, starting with local musicians at 4:00 p.m. Popular local and national bands will continue the festive atmosphere, playing music from a variety of genres, including rock, pop, country, jazz, and folk. Headliners begin performing at 7:00 p.m., and include: Friday, June 24th - Marcia Ball, a Texasborn, Louisiana-raised musical storyteller. Saturday, June 25th - Run Forest Run with all things 90s. Friday, July 1st - Mr. Meyers blends sounds to create Caribbean Rock.

Family entertainment will take place every evening of Summer Nights with themed roaming performers from 5 to 9 p.m. Fun kids' entertainment on the East Mall Playground Stage, presented by JULIE, Inc., starts at 6 p.m. for children during game shows, magic shows, or juggling acts.

Several animal exhibits will remain open until 8:30 p.m., including The Fragile Desert, Butterflies!, Dolphins Underwater Viewing, Clouded Leopard Rain Forest, Hamill Family Wild Encounters, Pinniped Point, and The Swamp. Hamill Family Play Zoo will remain open until 6 p.m. Families can be wowed at a 6 p.m. Dolphins in Action and then venture to the west side of the zoo for a 7 p.m. Festival of

Flight bird show. Guests can meet animal ambassadors during Zoo Chats on the East Mall every hour on the hour from 5 to 8 p.m.

General admission is \$17.85 for adults and \$12.50 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$11. Guests who arrive after 4 p.m. for Summer Nights receive value pricing of \$15.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and over. Take an additional \$1 off admission if you pre-purchase tickets online. Children 2 and under are free. Parking is \$5 after 4 p.m. Special value pricing also includes a choice of one free attraction Butterflies!, The Carousel, Dolphins in Action (6 p.m.), Hamill Family Play Zoo (closes at 6 p.m.), or Hamill Family Wild Encounters.

For additional information, visit [www.CZS.org/SummerNights](http://www.CZS.org/SummerNights).

## Age 21 For Tobacco Use

Beginning July 1st the sale of tobacco products and accessories to people under age 21 will be prohibited. These and other measures concerning the sale of tobacco products were approved by the City Council in March and apply to all retailers.

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection has been conducting outreach and educational events for tobacco retailers across the city.

The city's Tobacco Unit — a joint partnership between the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and the Chicago Police Department will investigate any suspected illegal sales.

The new ordinance also imposes new penalties for illegal sales. For repeat offenders, investigators are able to revoke licensure, and/or impart a one-year tobacco sales ban on the location and business owner.

## Evening Encounter At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton will conduct Campouts for families with children ages 5 to 12 on Saturdays, July 9th, 16th and 30th; Aug. 13th and 27th.

The evening encounter from 7 to 10:30 p.m. costs \$40 and includes after-hours animal house tours, a campfire and s'mores.

The full overnight experience from 7 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. costs \$65 to pitch a tent on the south lawn. An optional dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. is \$12. For more information, visit [lpzoo.org/education](http://lpzoo.org/education).

## Computer Classes At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, offers computer help on Wednesdays from noon to 6 p.m. A library card and ID are required. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

## Obituaries



GRZEGORZ CZERNECKI, 50, of Lockport, formerly of Garfield Ridge, passed away on June 16th. He was the husband of Beata (nee Pietrzak); father of Maciej Czernecki; son of Zofia (nee Solarz) and late Jan Kazimierz Czernecki; brother-in-law of Malgorzata Pietrzak and Danuta (Jozef) Nowak. Visitation was held June 19th, at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment at Pradnik Bialy Cemetery in Krakow, Poland.

## Scholarship For City Colleges

City Colleges of Chicago welcome the newest group of applicants to the Chicago Star Scholarship during a rally at the Malcolm X College and School of Health Sciences. This fall, the scholarship will provide an opportunity for the second cohort of qualified Chicago Public Schools graduates to attend free of charge.

CPS high school seniors have the opportunity to pursue a degree or certificate at City College at no cost and to access transfer scholarships with 15 four-year colleges and universities. The first cohort of scholars achieves a 94 percent retention rate.

CPS high school graduates who have an ACT score of 17 or higher in English and math, a 3.0 GPA, and enrolls in one of CCC's pathways, is eligible for the Star Scholarship for up to three years after graduation.

Registration for City College's 16-week fall semester classes end Aug. 22nd. More details are available at [www.ccc.edu](http://www.ccc.edu) or by calling (773) COLLEGE.

## Maker Lab At Library Center

The Maker Lab, Chicago's free and publicly accessible maker space, features introductory workshops and open shop for personal projects and collaboration for ages 14 and up at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Registered attendees must be present within five minutes of the program's stated start time

or risk forfeiting their seat. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Children 10 to 14, may attend with an adult, but no more than two children per adult may register. Attendees must have basic computer and mouse skills.

To register, visit [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org) or call (312) 747-4300.

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