

Property Tax Study Charts Increases

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas released an unprecedented study of property taxes that shows the county's tax bills virtually doubling over 20 years, an increase that is nearly triple the rise in the cost of living index.

The study is a painstaking examination of tax bills on Cook County's 1.7 million parcels of property that shows the increase of total taxes over the past 20 years, and allows taxpayers to see the increases in bills on their homes, businesses and land.

The study is posted on cookcountytreasurer.com with a research tool allowing owners to see "how local governments taxed property and people have paid the tax bill" over two decades, Pappas said.

While the cost of living has risen just 36% over 20 years, the Pappas study finds in Chicago, total taxes on residential properties skyrocketed 164 percent from \$1.33 billion to \$3.51 billion.

To see your property tax payment history over 20 years, visit [\[tytreasurer.com\]\(http://cookcountytreasurer.com\) and follow these steps: select the purple box labeled "Your Property Tax Overview", enter your address or property index number \(PIN\), select the tab on the left that says "20-Year Tax Bill History", and see an interactive map that shows how property taxes billed have increased in Chicago wards and suburbs since 2001.](http://cookcoun-</p>
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Caregivers Month For Alzheimer's

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month. To mark these events, the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter is encouraging people to lend a helping hand to Illinois family members and friends serving as caregivers.

The suggestions include educate yourself about the disease, give caregivers a break and join the fight.

To learn more visit alz.org.

IDPH Urges Flu Shots

The Illinois Department of Public Health emphasizes the importance of getting a flu shot during the ongoing pandemic.

"This season more than ever, it is critical that Illinoisans get our flu shots," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Flu and COVID-19 each can cause serious respiratory illness and coinfection could possibly lead to more severe illnesses, hospitalization, and even death. While a vaccine is still in development, a vaccine for flu already exists. Protect yourself and the people around you by getting the flu vaccine, which has been proven over the years to be safe and effective."

Everyone six months of age and older should get the seasonal flu vaccine which is available in a flu shot, or nasal spray.

More information about influenza can be found at www.dph.illinois.gov. More information about COVID-19 can be found at www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19.

Obituaries



LORRAINE H. KRAINIK (nee Przygienda) of Palos Hills and formerly of West Lawn; wife of late Donald J. Krainik, Sr.; mother of Donald (Barbara) Krainik and Diane (Matt) Kuchenbach; grandmother of Joshua Kochenbach; sister of Charlotte (late Jack) Cunningham, Laverne (late Danny) Egan, Carol (late Jim) Bender and late Joyce Przygienda; daughter of late Josephine (nee Simek) & Leo Przygienda. Visitation was held Nov. 4th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

MARIA MADRID passed away on Oct. 25th at the age of 82. She was the wife of Jose R. Madrid; mother of Jose Madrid Jr. (Magdalena) and Vanessa Madrid Stetler (Brian); grandmother of Jessica, Roque, Lily, David, Thomas and Emma; sister of Maria Natividad Vasquez and Sofia Salinas. Funeral service were held at St. Mary of The Angels Church with Fr. Hilary officiating. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Szykowny Funeral Home.



MA GLORIA ALICIA SALINAS SENA, passed away on Oct. 26th at the age of 86. She was the wife of late Juan Hernandez; mother of Nora, Juan Reynol (Herlinda), Norma (Gerardo Guadarrama), Juan Jose (Maria), Sylvia (Luis Angel Mendoza), Ivonne (Juan Vazquez), Jesus Americo (Guillermina); sister of Crescencia and Victoria; grandmother of 24 and great grandmother of 22. Family gathering was held Nov. 2nd at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart followed by visitation and funeral Mass at St. Malachy Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



AMANII LINDSEY, passed away suddenly on Oct. 25th at the age of 18. He was the son of Andre Fields and Stephanie Lindsey; brother of Andrenika, Brandon, Briana, Maximilianus, and Victor Andres. Amanii was an honor roll student attending Chicago Bulls College Prep. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 6th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Ocwieja - Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral services will follow by Minister Keisha Smith. Interment will be private.

FRANK J. STIAK, Korean War Veteran and lifelong McKinley Park area resident passed away at Edward Hines VA Hospital on Oct. 26th at the age of 92. He is survived by many nieces and nephews; son of late Louis & Anna Stiak; brother of late John Stiak, late Steve (late Katherine) Stiak, late Anne R. Flanagan, late Louis (late Genevieve) Stiak, late Joseph (Maureen) Stiak, and late Mary Stiak Hopinka. While serving in the US Navy aboard the USS Wisconsin and USS New Jersey, he earned the Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal. Arrangements were entrusted to Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne Ave. A celebration of his life will be held in March, 2021.

EIC Fund For State Taxpayers

The Pritzker administration and Illinois Department of Revenue commenced a new outreach initiative to increase Earned Income Credit participation by targeting taxpayers who qualified but failed to claim the credit. More than 22,000 Illinois taxpayers successfully claimed the federal EITC but failed to take the Illinois EIC even though they automatically qualified. Targeted taxpayers will receive a letter confirming their eligibility, estimating a refund amount and instructing them how to finalize their claim.

Most households are eligible for the federal EITC if they earn less than \$55,952. The Illinois EIC is a refundable tax credit automatically available to federally eligible households and is worth up to 18 percent of a taxpayer's federal claim. In 2020, an eligible Illinois household could be due a refund of up to \$1,157.

Eligible taxpayers must meet income and residency qualifications and file a tax return, even if they do not owe any tax or are not required to file. The Internal Revenue Service recommends that all workers who earned around \$55,952 or less learn about eligibility and use the EITC Assistant to find out if they qualify.

Federally, eligible families with three or more qualifying children could get a maximum credit of up to \$6,557. EITC for people without children could mean up to \$529 added to their tax refund. For more information visit tax.illinois.gov.

Recycling At City Facility

Dispose of your household chemicals responsibly and recycle your old computers by dropping them off at the City's permanent Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility at 1150 N. Branch st. at Division st. until Dec. 31st.

Household chemicals and computers often contain hazardous substances, such as lead, mercury, and PCBs can contaminate air, soil, and water. Through proper disposal methods or recycling, these hazardous substances are reprocessed and reused in an environmentally-responsible manner.

The facility accepts a range of items, including household cleaners, oil-based paints, solvents, cell phones, compact fluorescent light bulbs, computers and related equipment. It does not accept business/commercial sector wastes, explosives, fireworks, or latex paint. Review the full list of items in both categories before you visit.

During business hours, an attendant is outside, ready to help unload your vehicle and accept your materials. Materials should not be left outside the facility unattended. Do not drop off any items outside of scheduled business hours: Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursdays, 2 to 7 p.m.; the first Saturday of every month 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

View a complete list of accepted/not accepted materials at chicago.gov.

Free Lecture On Women In Science



Field Museum Women in Science has sponsored free lectures in the Founders' Room on the main level. Museum admission is not required, enter through the south entrance at 1400 S. Lake Shore drive. The final presenter will be Maureen Turcatel on Monday, Dec. 7th, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. A question and answer period will follow.

Applications For Broadband Grants

State Senator Celina Villanueva is encouraging local businesses and non-profits to apply for newly available Connect Illinois grants to help expand broadband to underserved communities.

The first round of grants jumpstarted the process of providing improved access to high-speed internet for approximately 26,000 businesses, households, and other institutions throughout the state.

The second round of grants will allow for up to \$5 million per project and calls for a matching component, which requires companies, non-profits,

and local governments that apply to dedicate funding that will accelerate the delivery of broadband investments.

Funding for the program is made possible through Rebuild Illinois, the state's \$45 billion construction program, which dedicates \$420 million to broadband infrastructure.

Applications will remain open through February 2021. More information on this program can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's www2.illinois.gov/deco/ConnectIllinois.

Online Hearings At Social Security

The Social Security Administration announced a new service for people awaiting a hearing decision. In addition to telephone hearings, an online video hearing using the Microsoft Teams platform is available.

This new free service will allow applicants and their representatives to participate in the hearing from anywhere they have access to a camera-enabled smartphone, tablet, or computer.

The Social Security judge will see and interact with applicants and their representatives just like an in-person hearing, while maintaining privacy of the claimant's information. Other hearing experts, such as medical or vocational experts, may participate as well.

For updates on the implementation and expansion of this new hearing service, and other Social Security information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/

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