



In-Service Training



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Local leaders often believe they solve all problems with more training of their employees. This seems to be very evident in the education field because teachers must constantly be upgrading their certificates. Recently you hear of it being mentioned in large corporations and law enforcement.

I'm afraid it is just a way to say they did something so that they can't be blamed. I have been part of the system that gives in-services to educators. I have given one day seminars at various school boards and districts usually dealing with classroom subjects or classroom management. Now these groups are also going into cultural awareness, sexual abuse, and understanding mental illness.

As in most things, it depends on how you accept the class for what you will get out of it. In service training is not the answer for everything, especially if they are forced to attend, if they believe it is a waste of

time. Sometimes I have gone to the classes, I see a kid half my age and I say what in the world can he teach me. Usually in those classes, I did not learn anything. If you walk into a class and there are posters on the wall that are made in an insensitive way to you, your doubt in the validity of the class can negate all good that may be being attempted.

In the classes I taught some listened because it is the polite thing to do and that's what Mama taught them. Others were attentive because the subject was right for them and some because I kept it light and to the point. I have seen large groups of principals where it appeared all were on their laptops or phones, but they had to be there.

Social issues are even harder because many of those attending feel they were sent there because they were doing something wrong. Think of those in a seal abuse class. I've seen curriculum that show almost anything you say or do is offensive to someone. I am old enough to remember when "gay" had one meaning happy and there are many other words like that that are hard to keep up with. The most mentioned in the news are the police. We want them to be everything to everyone, still come home to their families and not taking it out on them. Yet they must know the difference between a protest and violent rage, determined by someone not there. Protect the citizens with the least amount of force. Some cities won't let them use anything.

Constant training may be necessary. But we must let our people being trained know that it will be helpful and they will be allowed to give feedback so that the next group of people taking the in service will have a better experience than they did.

6,222 New Cases of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health today reported 6,222 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease in Illinois, including 20 additional deaths.

Cook County fatalities were 1 female 50s, 1 female 60s, 1 male 60s, 2 females 70s, 2 males 80s and 1 female over 100.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 423,502 cases, including 9,810 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 68,118 specimens for a total 7,876,421 and 3,371 people were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 722 patients were in the ICU and 298 patients were on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Oct 26th-Nov. 1st is 8.1%

Free Assistance For College

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission offers free help for any student or family with questions about completing the FAFSA or Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. Online events are available at studentportal.isac.org/events or Facebook.com/ILStudentAssistance.

Assistance via phone, email, text, or videoconference with a local member of the ISACorps can be searched by zip code at studentportal.isac.org/isa-corps. Two-way text messaging assistance through a local number is available at isac.org/collegeqa.

For online chat assistance, visit studentportal.isac.org.

Turkey Raffle For 12th Ward

12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas will sponsor his Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. Ward residents should enter the raffle at <https://forms.gle/qNqZHEYtYg3stRvC8> by Nov. 20th.

School Councils Hold Elections

To ensure school communities are able to have their voices heard safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, updates have been made to 2020 Local School Council (LSC) elections.

All parents, legal guardians, or temporary custodians of a CPS student are eligible to vote at their student's respective school.

Elections are also open to any community members who are 17 years or older and reside in a respective school's attendance area or voting district, even if they do not have any children enrolled at the school.

To ensure all eligible voters are able to participate safely, there is a mail-in ballot option for parents, guardians and staff members in addition to in-person voting. Students will use a virtual-only ballot system.

Because the district does not have a roster of all residents living within an attendance boundary, community members will vote in-person, with enhanced health and safety measures.

All in-person voters will be required to wear a cloth face covering, sanitize their hands, maintain social distancing, and complete a health screener and temperature check before entering the building.

Inside the building, voters will be protected by sneeze guards and other physical barriers and see signage throughout school facilities to emphasize new policies and procedures.

Curbside voting will be available for individuals with disabilities, individuals who cannot or forget to wear a mask, and individuals who choose not to enter the polling place due to pre-existing health conditions.

The district does not track or check immigration status and community and parent voters do not need to be U.S. Citizens in order to vote.

All in-person voters will need to bring two current forms of identification with them to vote, but parents and guardians should include at least one form of ID confirming their child is enrolled at CPS, and community members should have documentation of their residential address.

In-person voting for parents, legal guardians, staff members and community members will take place for Elementary Schools: Nov. 18th between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and High Schools: Nov. 19th between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mail-in ballots must be received by the 7:00 p.m. on the date of the respective election. Voters can also drop their ballot off at their school up to the date of the election.

Students will receive electronic ballots from principals on Nov. 16th to vote on Nov. 17th.

Safety Tips For Holiday Season

As the holidays approach, the Illinois Department of Public Health is offering recommendations on how to celebrate safer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID-19 has changed the way we work, live, and play, and will now change how we plan to celebrate the holidays," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "While the safest way to celebrate is with members of your household and connecting with others virtually, we know, for many, the holidays are all about family and friends, so we want to provide some tips on how to celebrate safer."

Traveling by plane, train, or bus can mean standing in lines and sitting less than 6 feet from people. Traveling by car may include stops along the way for gas, food, and bathroom break.

During a holiday gathering, limit the number of guests and have as many activities outside as weather permits. If the gathering needs to be held inside, increase air flow by partially opening windows.

Try gift shopping online at local store websites and choosing pickup options. Grocery shopping online with delivery and curbside pickup is also available. If you need to shop in-person, go when stores are not as busy.

Think about the seating arrangements for meals. Keep members of the same household together and try to put space between one family and another.

Avoid a buffet-style or potluck setting and consider having one person serve all the food so that multiple people are not handling serving utensils.

If you are sick, do not travel and attend gatherings. Even if symptoms are mild, you may still be able to infect others.

To help staff off illness, get the flu vaccine. For more holiday safety tips, go to <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/holiday-season-safety-tips>

Federal Funding For Opioid Crisis

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced that the state has received \$36.7 million in federal funding to fight the opioid crisis through prevention, treatment, recovery and overdose response initiatives.

If you or someone you know is experiencing problems with substance use disorder, call the state's Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances at (833) 234-6343, Text "HELP" to 833234 or visit HelplineIL.org.

ACA Marketplace Open Enrollment

Illinoisans can shop for health insurance on the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace. Open Enrollment through Dec. 15th. The Illinois Department of Insurance recommends consumers begin their search at getcoveredillinois.gov to find information to compare health plans, get free enrollment help and even financial assistance (if they qualify).

GCI Executive Director Laura Pellikan said that according to last year's enrollment numbers, once the tax credit was applied, the average monthly premium payment for Illinois consumers with an individual plan was about \$153.00. "Any savings on monthly health insurance premiums is significant to families struggling to pay for health-care costs during the pandemic," said Pellikan. "We recommend that Illinoisans visit getcoveredillinois.gov to find information about financial help and to see if they qualify."

Consumers can choose from among three different "metal" levels that represent a range of coverage and costs: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Anyone who was enrolled in a plan last year will be automatically enrolled into the same plan or a similar one offered by the same insurer for the upcoming 2021 plan year.

Get Covered Illinois is the official health marketplace or "exchange" for Illinois consumers to purchase quality, affordable health insurance, facilitated by the federal government.

Go to the Get Covered Illinois website to find the right health plan for you and get free assistance from a certified application counselor to help you through the process.

Job Training For Unemployed

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced a new \$16.6 million investment to expand job opportunities for unemployed as a result of or during the pandemic. Funding will place, train and hire nearly 1,300 residents for an array of jobs.

Funded positions include contact tracers, protocol workers, building sanitization workers, temperature screeners, and food preparation and distribution workers.

Training and hiring for new workforce programs is expected to begin this fall, with start time of each program varying by location. Participants will either undergo some form of training and/or receive supportive services, with many entering the job shortly after being trained. Local workforce agencies will prioritize applicants impacted by layoff or termination during the COVID-19 crisis at the time of their application.

A full list of workforce training grantees as well as their program offerings is available on the DCEO website as well as Get Hired Illinois.

Sewer Project For Brighton Park

The Department of Water Management will launch a new Sewer Main project in Brighton Park during early November.

Sewer upgrade installation is scheduled for the following: along 44th st. from Western to Fairfield and on Maplewood, Campbell, and Artesian from 45th st. to the first alley north of 45th st., and along 45 st. from Artesian to Western ave.

The duration of the project is expected to last for 3 to 4 months. Notification will be delivered to affected residents. For more information, call the 15th Ward Office at (773) 823-1539.

Initiative For Early Childhood

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced the launch of Every Child Ready Chicago, a public-private partnership led by the City of Chicago in partnership with Start Early (formerly the Ounce of Prevention Fund). The multi-year effort seeks to align the prenatal-to-five systems and supports serving children and families, creating a coordinated early childhood ecosystem that prepares every child in the city to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

One in three Black children (30 percent) and one in five Latinx children (20 percent) in the city are considered "ready" for kindergarten based on the most recent state Kindergarten Individual Development Survey.

This Early Childhood Working Group will help lay the groundwork for a



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plan multi-year strategic plan to create an equitable system where all children, particularly those in under-resourced communities, have access to quality services.

For more information, visit chicagoearlylearning.org.

Online Project Honors Veterans

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP) will host a series of musical performances and discussion panels to document and honor veterans experiences.

The event will premiere on Friday, Nov. 6th and run daily through Saturday, Nov. 14th on its Facebook page: facebook.com/vetshistoryproject.

The project kicked off its 20th anniversary year last fall with a Veteran Art Showcase, demonstrating the many ways veterans use the arts and personal narrative to help them transition to civilian life.

When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, VHP began offering virtual programming in lieu of the many in-person commemorative events being planned.

Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 to collect, preserve and make accessible the firsthand remembrance of United States war veterans from World War I through the more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, so that future generations may better understand the realities of war. For more information, visit www.loc.gov/vets/ or call the toll-free message line at (888) 371-5848.

November Is Adoption Month

November is Adoption Awareness Month in Illinois, a time to acknowledge the thousands of families that have opened their hearts and homes to children in need.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and Illinois Adoption Advisory Council's "What's your connection?" statewide campaign encourages the public to share their connection to adoption by printing coloring sheets with their children, placing them in windows or on doors and sharing photos on social media.

Last fiscal year 1,523 Illinois children were adopted into permanent families. Today there are over 18,000 youth in care waiting for a family and place to call home. To learn more about them, visit the Heart Gallery of Illinois at <https://greenlightfamilyservices.org/heartgalleryofil/>. For more information about becoming an adoptive parent, visit www2.illinois.gov/dcfcs and click on "Loving Homes" then on "Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent."

Online Renewal For Motorists

Secretary of State Jesse White is offering a renewal program for drivers online via E-Check.

Go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com for these services: renewing a vehicle registration; obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card and renewing a driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

The processing fee for e-checks will be waived through Dec. 31st, 2020.

5th Annual ChiTeen Lit Fest

Chicago Public Library invites teenagers ages 13-19 to virtually attend the fifth annual ChiTeen Lit Fest in November. Lit Fest is a for-teens-by-teens storytelling festival that provides a safe, creative space for young adults to hone their voices through literary arts. For a complete schedule of programs, visit chiteenlitfest.org. Festival registration is available for free on Eventbrite.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 6th from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. day one starts with an orientation session and follows with genre-centric workshops and thematic digital meetups. Evening events include a headliner discussion panel and musical performances by headliner Kaivyn Lael and DJ Ca\$h Era.

The online festival continues Saturday, Nov. 7th from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with more workshops, meet-ups, and interactive experiences led by professional storytellers from a variety of Chicago's creative communities.

Each headliner will lead a workshop on their genre of literary art. They include: Atra Asdou—comedian, writer, improviser; Pat Frazier—filmmaker, poet; Nestor Gomez—oral storyteller; Kaivyn Lael—singer, songwriter; Kathleen Rooney—editor, poet, novelist and Ashley A. Woods—graphic novelist.

CTLF brings Chicago's creative youth together to celebrate self-expression through exceptional and honest art. "Because they're not just for teens, but also by teens, the workshops, meet-ups, and panels that ChiTeen Lit Fest provides offer a uniquely fun and empowering annual opportunity for young people from

across our city to expand their creativity and make their voices heard," said festival headliner Kathleen Rooney. The 2020 ChiTeen Lit Fest is the first year the festival will take place virtually on Instagram and Zoom in response to COVID-19.

ISMS Comment On Home COVID Testing

As retailers begin to market and sell COVID-19 at-home test kits, the Illinois State Medical Society reminds patients that there is free testing available at multiple locations by visiting <https://dph.illinois.gov/testing>.

Home testing is limited and may provide a false sense of security. A negative result today doesn't make you immune tomorrow, nor does it mean you can forget about recommended public health precautions. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you should call your physician's office for a medical evaluation.

If you test positive, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends isolating yourself at home and monitoring symptoms. While most people experience mild symptoms, if you experience difficulty breathing or any other warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

Visit <https://www.isms.org/COVID-19/>

U of I Webinars For Caregivers

The University of Illinois Extension is conducting webinars for caregivers of those over the age of 50.

On No. 12th, 6:30 p.m. "ElderCare Resources". Gain information on available eldercare service resources and how to navigate the process.

Registration is required at go.illinois.edu/discovercaregiving.

Free Food Distribution

The community is invited to partake in a free food distribution at Our Lady of Fatima, 2751 W. 38th pl.

It is held every Saturday from 10 am. to noon, while supplies last.

For walk-ups, enter through Pershing rd. alley behind the Acero - Sandra Cisneros's school.

For drive-ups, enter through California - 38th pl. and food will be placed in trunk.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

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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.

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/

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.

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Annual Tree Trim At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo plans to brighten it up with its 39th annual Holiday Magic. In preparation for the festive light displays nearly 600 local community groups and corporations will participate on Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 14th -15th and 21st-22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Target, the event has become a tradition for a variety of organizations, including scout troops, schools, churches, libraries, and clubs as well as individual families. Participants receive a fully LED-lit tree, 20 complimentary general admission passes and five parking passes good on Tree Trim days only, and a sign featuring the town and the names of those who donated and decorated the tree. Trees can be purchased online for \$160.

Community groups and companies may purchase additional admission tickets for tree trim at a discounted rate of \$10 each. They are valid for adults, seniors.

Participants are responsible for decorating their trees with homemade or store-bought ornaments.

A list of guidelines and creative ideas is available at CZS.org/TreeTrim.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v- JANICE MURRAY, JANICE MURRAY, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF TOM F. MURRAY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TOM F. MURRAY, DECEASED, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS

Defendants 19 CH 9160 6920 SOUTH TALMAN AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60629 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 23, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6920 SOUTH TALMAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60629 Property Index No. 19-24-415-029-0000 19-24-415-030-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$49,450.64. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Mortgage Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of 1% for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered in "as is" condition without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have the right to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file for information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/5-1) in (9/4). If the property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, The sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 19-091185. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 847-291-1717 E-Mail: ILNotices@lsgs.com Attorney File No. 19-091185 Attorney Code: 42169 Case Number: 19 CH 9160 TJS#C: 40-2283 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 19 CH 9160 13158106

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Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

The staff of the Legler Regional Library will conduct Tots and Tales Story Time for ages 0 to 5 and caregivers on Thursdays through Nov. 19th and Dec. 3rd from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be books, songs, rhymes and flannel boards, plus suggestions for at-home activities. Register at least 24 hours in advance.

A Grown(ish) Club: Adulting as a Teen for ages 13-18 will be held Thursdays, through Nov. 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Topics will include relationships, leadership, money management, job readiness and more. Register by 1 p.m. of the event.

The program, Pint-sizes Picassos for ages 18 to 36 months and caregivers will be held on Fridays, Nov. 12th and Monday, Nov. 30th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Toddlers will enjoy art-related stories, create art and learn about numbers, colors and shapes. Register 24 hours in advance.

The Write About It! Writing Club will meet on Tuesdays, through Dec. 22nd from 4 to 4:45 p.m. All types are welcome including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and song. Register by 10 a.m. the day before.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children's Library will conduct a 30-minute story time for children 18 to 35 months and their caregivers on Thursdays

through Dec. 17th from 10 to 10:30 a.m. (except Nov. 26th). The program will include books, songs and rhymes.

A Career and Business Workshop to identify resources or create a resume will be held on Thursdays, Nov. 12th and 19th from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Register one hour before the event.

Mock job interviews and resume help for adults and teens on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th and Dec. 1st, 3rd, 8th and 10th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Email Jose at jgallagos@chipublib.org with the job you're applying for.

Law students from DePaul University will explain *Unemployment Benefits: Information for Workers During Covid-19* on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 10 to 11 a.m. Registration can be found at https://depaul.zoom.us/join/register/WN_kj0JEmimT_W6j5Qok78Xgg

Toon Talk, a web-comics discussion for teens will be held on Mondays, Nov. 9th from 4 to 5 p.m. and Dec. 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. Register by noon on the day before the meeting.

A knit and crochet circle meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. All skill levels are welcome, all you need is needles and yarn. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

After High School a virtual workshop dedicated to assisting teens and their families with post-secondary decisions will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11th from 5 to 6 p.m.

This session will focus on financial aid and the process of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Register in advance.

Small Business Resiliency Loan

Chicago City Treasurer Melissa Conyers-Ervin has launched a small business web series to highlight local businesses that have benefited the Chicago Community Catalyst Fund.

The fund was established to help small businesses deal with the impact of COVID-19 by investing up to \$50 million into the Chicago Small Business Resiliency Loan Fund. Zero-interest loans were made available to businesses that demonstrated at least a 25% decrease in revenue as a result of COVID-19 and had less than 50 employees. Eligible business owners received up to \$50,000 over six months to cover up to 50% of their payroll and additional expenses.

The social media series will kick off with Nicole Jordan Catering, a local business located in the McKinley Park neighborhood at 3931 S. Leavitt. Business owner Nicole Jordan used the loan as an avenue to manage expenses and rebrand her catering company, allowing her to use her creativity to stay in business.

The Small Business Series will highlight a local business every other week to show success stories throughout the Chicagoland area. Featured businesses will be available at [chicagocitytreasurer.com](https://budget.cookcountyl.gov).

Budget Website For Cook County

In conjunction with the release of the FY2021 Executive Budget Recommendation, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle unveiled a new, interactive budget website.

Numerous interactive charts and graphs of budget data provide insight on County expenditures, revenues, grants and infrastructure spending.

Visitors can now go directly from the visualizations to download tables of underlying data on the Cook County Open Data Portal. Data going back to FY2018 allows visitors to compare current revenues and expenditures with historical numbers.

Despite the pressures caused by the pandemic, a \$6.9 billion Executive Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2021 addresses the fallout without increasing taxes or cutting critical services.

For more information, <https://budget.cookcountyl.gov>

Nature Center Holds Events



The Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs rd. will celebrate North America's National Mammal with Bison Day on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 10 to 12 p.m. In person activities include a bison scavenger hunt, hikes and an opportunity to take a selfie with a life-sized bison cut out.

A fitness hike for those looking to get some exercise outdoors will be held Tuesday Nov. 10th and Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 10 a.m. Hikes will be faster paced with little to no stopping or interpretation and travel a distance of 3 miles.

Veterans Engaging Through Stewardship is created for veterans who would like to work together to help take care of the forest grounds throughout the year. They are kicking off this initiative on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Seniors are invited on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 10 a.m. to enjoy a nature inspired adventure for ages 55+.

On Saturday, Nov. 14th at 10:30 a.m. a naturalist will discuss the restoration efforts at the nature center. Stay to participate on some work on Black Oak Trail. Tools and gloves will be provided for adults 18+.

The Little Red Schoolhouse is talking turkey on Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live. Learn everything you don't know about the favorite main dish for Thanksgiving. Join in the discussion and project to celebrate the season.

Learn how our local plants and animals are preparing for winter on

Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 11 a.m. Please dress for the weather, for all ages.

Let the moon be your guide as you hike the one mile White Oak trail on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 6 p.m. Afterwards enjoy a warm-up by a bonfire under the night sky.

All participants are required to wear masks and practice physical distancing at all events.

Registration required at (708) 839-6897.

Emergency Tips For Caregivers

Emergency situations, such as tornados, hurricanes, heatwaves and blizzards, can significantly impact everyone's safety, but they can be especially upsetting and confusing for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Being prepared is crucial. There are steps and precautions you can take to be as ready as possible. However, if you find yourself in an emergency situation and you haven't made advance preparations, there are still actions you can take to keep you and the person living with dementia as safe as possible.

The American Red Cross website offers information about preparing for an emergency and where to find shelter and supplies in a disaster. The National Hurricane Center provides alerts and tips.

Ready.gov has information about what to do before, during and after a disaster. The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline is always available at (800) 272-3900.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls at (312) 554-2001 from the public and offer legal advice on Saturday, Nov. 21st from 9 a.m. to noon.

Citizens may explain their situation to an attorney who will then suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues.

If callers need further legal services or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service. For information visit www.chicagobar.org.

Red Cross Issues Appeal

The Red Cross continues to be in need of volunteers due to an active disaster season. Volunteers are still providing assistance to communities impacted by wildfires in the West and hurricanes in the South.

Visit redcross.org/volunteertoday to find out more about opportunities, including the most needed positions: shelter service, disaster health services

and blood donor ambassador.

Make a donation at redcross.org, calling 800-RED-CROSS or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

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