



A Different View Of Global Warming



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The following was taken from a speech at the Hillsdale College National Leadership Seminar on April 24, 2023. It was delivered by Bjorn Lomborg, President of the Copenhagen Consensus Center. While he agrees that climate change is real, he also has a growing number of scientists and economists that it is doubtful to cause the world to end by 2031 as Rep. Ocasio-Cortez has claimed.

He reports official data that shows that many of the more worrisome statistics are not true. The landfall of hurricanes has been on a steady decline since the 1900s. In fact in 2022, it was the second lowest year recorded but that does not fit the narrative of those in charge. Many states have been verified since the early 1980s with satellite imagery. Examples of wildfires like we are experiencing in Canada and the Western USA are more rare than the press would make you think. Fifty years ago it is possible that we would not have heard about the fires in Canada as most are in remote wilderness. One of the largest mistakes made was the report on Australian wildfires from 2019 - 2020. While it was closer to some cities, the satellite imaging showed that there were many fires larger in Australia and it was actually a below average year for total acreage.

Mr. Lomborg believes that it is hard to have reasonable conversations due to the inability of the left to consider man's ability to invent things that fight natural disasters and save people. TV cameras have shown many people dying in floods, drought, etc. but the numbers of deaths

have drastically fallen since the 1920s when nearly 500,000 died from these causes. Though you might think differently, international data shows that in the year 2022 fatalities were down to 11,000, even though there are countless millions now inhabiting the earth. But it does not fit the narrative.

People are resilient and help rescue others. Humans have the ability to solve problems. Remember, New Orleans was built below sea level and the size of the city keeps growing because people are sure they are smarter than Mother Nature. The whole country of Netherlands is below sea level, but the intricate work has allowed them to build the world's 14th largest airport in a space that was at one time a sea. It is also noted that all the Great Lakes were formed by glaciers. There were no cars around to cause them to melt. Our ancestors adapted and moved.

Mr. Lomborg believes we will never reach 100% renewable energy. The most possible by 2050 would be 30%. The cost would be exorbitant, estimated by national economic groups to be \$5,000 per year per person. That would get us to maybe 80%. Even if the people had the money, most would be unwilling to vote for those advancing it.

IWilliam Nordhaus, a Yale Climate Economist, shows we do more against global warming by doing nothing. Even though some plans include China and India, very few believe they will participate fully. Mr. Nordhaus has won the Nobel Prize in Economics, as have many of the people in his organization. They state the European Economic Union believes only 3% of every dollar spent on global warming actually is a program that helps. Countries would be better off giving that money away to people who could use the 97 cents by their own choice. They also believe the Paris Climate Accord shows very little difference. Companies are making so much money that they go along. The study shows that solar and wind power will not make any difference because it is unable to produce enough energy cheaply enough to make a difference. Those wishing to see the full report may use the internet. There are some very interesting programs involved, but it is always good to read both sides of any issue.

Architecture Center Schedules Programs



Photo courtesy of Chicago Architecture Center

The Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Wacker drive will virtually explore brewery architecture: industrial breweries, palatial homes of beer barons and neighborhood pubs on Wednesday, July 26th at 12 p.m.

Join us at the Art Institute of Chicago for a conversation with Carol Ross Barney, Chicago architect and 2023 AIA Gold Medal recipient on Thursday, Aug. 17th at 6 p.m.

Volunteer at Open House Chicago on Oct. 14th - 15th and get the insider experience at this unique event. Volunteers get exclusive benefits like a Priority Access pass, letting you skip the line at busy sites, as well as free walking tour passes, and a limited edition t-shirt. Volunteers pick their sites and shift times. Many Chicago neighborhoods will be highlighted.

CAC summer camp registration is now open. Campers design habitats and engage in projects.

For information and registration, visit architecture.org.

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Registration For Sundays On State



Experience Mobile Museum of Tolerance, Sunday, July 16th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of ABC 7 Chicago Building, 190 N. State st.

Chicago Loop Alliance is announcing the return of the award-winning event series, Sundays on State, which will close State Street to vehicle traffic from Lake to Adams on Sundays, July 16th and August 13th. Those who register to attend entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 Loop staycation package.

Lake, Randolph, Washington, Madison, and Monroe will remain open east-west. Traffic street closures will last from 5 a.m. to midnight. Performances from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will showcase a wide variety of Chicago's world-class entertainment industry including blues, house soul/funk, country, classical, Latin Pop, ballet,

musical theatre and hip-hop.

Stage acts include The Joffrey Ballet, Freaky Chicago, Trinity Irish Dancers, Ballet 5:8, Cabaret ZaZou, The Claudettes, Parranderos, Latin Combo and more. The event series also features pop-up performances by the Mobile Museum of Tolerance, Ballet Folklórico de Chicago, Chicago Sinfonietta, Hokule'a Academy of Polynesian Arts, Lake Shore Dames and more.

The full list of performers can be found at <https://loopchicago.com/events/sundays-on-state/2023-performance-schedule>.

To attend the free events visit LoopChicago.com/Sundays.

Summer Events At Navy Pier

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, a 75-minute family musical, takes the stage at the Courtyard Theater of Navy Pier, 600 W. Grand Ave. July 14th through August 20th.

Dazzling production numbers will include the title song and "Be Our Guest." After the show, costumed members of the cast will appear in the lobby for conversation, autographs, and photos.

Every Saturday there are two free outdoor live dance performances from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Chicago's top DJs mix it up playing your favorite house & dance music Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Tuesdays & Thursdays, free cardio workouts and sunset yoga fitness instructors in Polk Bros Park.

Water Flicks features fan-favorite animal movies every Monday through Aug. 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July movie lineup includes The Lion King, July 17th; Jaws, July 24th and Sing 2, July 31st.

Join us for our free annual young performers showcase. Fresh Fest! Thursday, July 13th and Friday, July 14th. Fresh faces, voices and ideas will feature young musicians, dancers and artists.

Lattuca Graduates

Carmelo Russell Lattuca was among a record 3,669 graduates who received a degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises May 19th and 20th. Lattuca earned a Bachelor of Science from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Saint Mary's U Awards Degrees

Diego Rivera and Cassandra Sutor completed requirements for bachelor of arts degrees at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

Water Colors Summer Jazz series returns every Friday through Aug. 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A free waterfront series of singers and musicians who specialize in "America's classical music".

Celebrate Navy Pier's 107th Birthday and National Ice Cream Monty by Saturday, July 15th from 1 to 10:15 p.m. From 1 to 3 p.m. visit Polk Bros. Park for an ice cream social. Pick up a free treat-sized Blue Bunny ice cream, Halo Top, Bomb Pop or Blue Ribbon Classics Ice Cream, while supplies last. At 9:45 p.m., gather on the East End of the Pier to view the "Sweeten Your Summer" drone show set to display 300 synchronized drones paying tribute to one of America's sweetest treats Ice Cream. Navy Pier's Summer Saturday Fireworks show will follow at 10 p.m.

From July 28th through 30th, over 100 vintage automobiles will roll into Festival Hall during the Retro Rides Experience presented by Klairmont Collectionst. Enjoy live music and food. Tickets are \$15 & up.

Navy Pier's Community Rides program offers free Centennial Wheel tickets to local schools and nonprofit organizations. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 28th.

Skateboarding At Grant Park

Chicago Action Sports is presenting Go Grind, a series of free skateboarding events at Grant Park Skate Park, 1135 S. Michigan ave. on Fridays, July 14th through Aug. 25th from 4 to 7 p.m.

Events include races, trick competition, music, prizes and instruction from expert coaches. All ages are welcome and equipment will be available. Registration is not required.

Mexican Museum Offers Programs

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. invites children 7 - 12 years old to visit the art studio on Saturday, July 15th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Inspired by multiple works currently on view featuring themes related to nature, participants will learn how to create their own photographic prints known as cyanotypes.

Email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to register, space is limited. \$20 registration fee includes all materials needed.

Sonido Sets will feature Rosalba Valdez, a young Mexican American singer with an activist approach to her music on Friday, July 14th. Witness her pride for her Mexican heritage through songs like Yo Soy Mexicana and Lucha de Familias. Tickets are \$12.

Sonido Sets closes with the all-women band Mariachi Sirenas on Friday, July 21st. This event is for ages 21+. Tickets are required.

Join NMMA's Chief Curator, Cesareo Moreno on Sunday, July 16th for a celebration and discussion focused on the 1920s Mexican immigration to Chicago and Jesus Torres - a talented artist, ceram-

icist, and designer, who began his practice at the Jane Adams Hull House. Attendees will meet at Graceland Cemetery's Greenwood Gate and continue to Torres gravesite for the discussion. This event is free, registration is required.

On Saturday, Aug. 5th, get a taste of the best agave spirits, presented by the Museum's Auxiliary Board. Enjoy mezcal, tequila, and raicilla; plus delicious bites, a live DJ, dancing and more. Tickets are required.

Virginia Martinez, longtime Pilsen Activist and author will celebrate her third bilingual book release "Adventures with Abuela, Let's Go To The Museum of Science & Industry" on Saturday, July 22nd from 1 to 3 p.m. a reception and bilingual reading will be featured.

Guests will be entered in a raffle to win a Family Membership to the National Museum of Mexican Art and Family Pass for four to the Museum of Science and Industry. The event is free, but registration is required at <https://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/>.

Tree Walk At McKinley Park



Tony Rodriguez explains the benefits of trees during a tree walk at Garfield Park Conservatory. Credit: Openlands.

Openlands will host a bilingual (English/Spanish) tree walk at McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturday, July 15th at 10 a.m. Openlands' experts will share information on how trees can absorb harmful pollutants and release oxygen into the atmosphere.

They will emphasize how increased green space combats climate change by reducing carbon emissions, provide shade that cools urban areas, and improve the wellbeing of residents. Explore different species of tree and their roles in the environment, as well as Openlands' priority to plant trees on Chicago's

South and Southwest Sides.

Hear about the history of Openlands Forestry team and how you can get involved. As an environmental leader for the past 60 years, Openlands has launched many urban forestry programs including Tree Keepers, Arborist Registered Apprenticeship, and the TreePlanters Grant.

For more information, visit Openlands.org.

English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. needs volunteers to help adult immigrants learn English. You do not have to speak another language, all tutoring is in English for 90 minutes per week.

The next tutor workshop will be conducted on Saturday, Aug. 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register in advance to begin tutoring. For more information, contact the Associate Director at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. The Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Midway C of C Plans Wing Wars

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct "Wing Wars 2023" during the Farmer's Market at Mayfield Banquet Parking lot, 6072 S. Archer ave. on Wednesday, July 26th from 4 to 6 p.m. Attendees will decide who takes home the coveted People's Choice Award. Tickets are \$10.

Register at <https://www.garfieldridgecc.com/event-5338290/> Registration.

Valdez Graduates

Jesus Valdez (60609), received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College of Clinton, New York on May 21st during a Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 211th year.

An Asian studies major, he completed a thesis titled "Learning with Manga: Japanese Honorific Speech."

Graduates At Albion College

Albion College recognizes Class of 2023 graduates, recipients of academic awards, and Dean's List honorees. Cristian Morales a graduate of Chicago Bulls College Prep High School graduated with a degree in psychology.

Eric Prieto a graduate of Noble Street Charter Golder, graduated with a degree in communication studies and was named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

Achievement Award For Cook County Assessor



Dan Snow, Director of Data Science, is presenting on PTAXSIM during ChiHackNight. January 17, 2023

The Cook County Assessor's Office received a National Association of Counties Achievement Award for the creation of a tool called the Property Tax Simulator, also known as PTAXSIM. This is a software code package implemented in the coding language R and is designed to recalculate changes to Cook County property tax bills.

It uses real assessment, exemption, TIF, and levy data to generate historic, line-by-line tax bills for properties in Cook County from tax years 2006 to 2020. Policy makers, researchers, and journalists can now create historical counterfactual scenarios to determine how policy changes could impact the property tax system.

"This award is a testament to our continued commitment to using modern tools to build modern transparency, trust, and educate stakeholders throughout the County,"

said Assessor Fritz Kaegi. "Researchers and policymakers can use PTAXSIM to analyze the whole system of appeals, exemptions, and tax levies - an unprecedented resource for academics, journalists, and policymakers."

Since its publication, PTAXSIM has been featured in a recorded talk for civic tech enthusiasts, received public suggestions for added data, used to produce five counterfactual analyses, and is currently in use by external policy researchers.

PTAXSIM is an R package that can be downloaded at www.cookcountyassessor.com/property-tax-simulator-tool. The CCAO Data Department welcomes questions at Assessor.Data@cook-countyil.gov.

For more information and to view the list of award winners, visit www.cookcountyil.gov/NACo.

Appointments To Board of Education

Mayor Brandon Johnson has announced new appointees to the Chicago Board of Education: President Jianan Shi, and members Mariela Estrada, Mary Fahey Hughes, Rudy Lozano, Michelle Morales, and Tanya Woods. They join current Board member Elizabeth Todd-Breland, who will serve as vice president.

The term begin July 18th to mark the last mayoral appointees before the transition to an elected school board in 2024.

The administration anticipates the creation of a Special Education Advisory Committee to help ensure the district has input from local leaders and experts as they look for new leadership and strengthen services and supports for students with disabilities.

Jianan Shi has served as Executive Director of Raise Your Hand for Illinois Public Education since 2019 and was a high school science educator at Eric Solorio Academy. He holds a Master of Education in Secondary Education and Biology from Boston University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Bachelor of

Arts in Psychology from Boston College. Elizabeth Todd-Breland is an Associate Professor in the History Department and affiliated faculty in the Black Studies Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, which is where she earned her Doctor of Philosophy.

Awareness Day For Glioblastoma

The fifth annual Glioblastoma Awareness Day will be observed on Wednesday, July 19th to recognize the most common, complex, treatment-resistant, and deadliest type of brain cancer. National Brain Tumor Society spearheaded this annual event in 2019 to support survivors and their loved ones, to remember those who are not longer with us and to honor leaders working toward a cure and better quality of life for those living with this devastating disease.

Leading up to July 19th, stories, information and ways to take action will be shared and on GBM day, video program will highlight patient and caregiver experiences.

14,490 Americans will receive a glioblastoma diagnosis in 2023, and 10,000 will succumb this year.

Four drugs have been approved by the FDA and one device, specifically for glioblastoma. For more information, visit braintumor.org.

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Penguin Chick At Shedd Aquarium



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Shedd Aquarium is celebrating a new arrival to the penguin colony. A rockhopper chick, the first for the species in eight years has hatched and is being cared for by its parents and the animal care team.

The chick began pipping, the process of breaking out of its egg, on June 15th after developing for about 32 days. The chick currently weighs almost 2 pounds and is growing daily thanks to regular feedings.

The chick will spend time on exhibit with its parents and behind the scenes with Shedd caretakers, so guests might get a peek of the new arrival in Polar Play Zone.

Guests may recognize the chick's parents, Edward and Annie, two penguins that rose to stardom following field trip viral videos and were the subject of their own subsequent children's book.

The first few months of life can be crucial for the development of young penguins. The next big milestone will be increased socialization with animal care staff.

Shedd Aquarium cares for two species of penguin on exhibit, rockhopper penguins (*Eudyptes chrysocome*) and Magellanic penguins (*Spheniscus magellanicus*). The aquarium has had success in breeding both species in the past but has put a special emphasis on rockhopper breeding this year, as that species is underrepresented in zoos and aquariums.

Southern rockhopper penguin populations in zoos and aquarium are managed through a Species Survival Plan with 16 participating AZA-accredited facilities in the United States. The last rockhopper chick born at Shedd was Diego, who hatched in 2015.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging programs. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, Sept. 7th and Nov. 2nd from 6 to 7 p.m. The Community Policing Office will share crime statistics, teach crime fighting strategies and listen to issues. A "Kids Only" table full of crafts and other fun activities will entertain the little ones while the adults engage in the meetings.

Help with Homework from the Teacher in the Library program is available on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Family Story Time for children of all ages is offered on Tuesdays, July 18th & 25th, Aug. 1st & 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for picture books, stories, songs and a simple paper craft activity.

Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussions will be held on Thursday, July 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each month, read and discuss a graphic novel and a manga selection. Stay for the conversations that can be anything from the details of the book to the latest happenings in comic book culture. In

July, the club will be reading "The Good Asian", volume 1, by Pornsak Pichetshote and Monster, volume 5 by Naoki Urasawa.

Preschool Story Time with Mx. Dannie will feature stories, songs, and other fun activities to practice literacy skills on Wednesdays through Aug. 2nd from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Senior Mondays through July 31st from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. features coffee, crafts, device help and good conversation.

Teen Hideaway for ages 13-19 on Thursdays, July 13th and 20th and Aug. 3rd from 5 to 6 p.m. Play video games, design & create with a 3D Printer, chill with a good read or pick up a teen grab & go kit.

150th Art Workshop-Book Paper Marbleizing on Saturday, July 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Make beautiful, marbled paper to help tell your story. All supplies and instructions will be provided.

Artist Aram Han Si-fuentes will conduct Protest Banner Workshops on Thursdays through July 27th from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. and Saturdays, Aug. 5th to 26th from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Earthshakers Nature Club for ages 6 to 13 and their families is scheduled for Thursdays through Aug. 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This fun science and sustainability club will focus on ways to give your life more green.

"Anansi the Spider" with Improv Playhouse will be performed on Tuesday, July 18th from 6 to 7 p.m. A question and answer period with the cast will follow.

"The Biggest Problems with Utility Bills" will be explained on Tuesday, July 25th from 6 to 7 p.m. Kate Shock from Citizens Utility Board will show how to decode utility bills, spot errors and take advantage of programs designed to save you money.

Teen DIY: Denim Patches for ages 13 to 19 will be taught on Saturday, July 22nd from 3 to 4:30 p.m. All materials will be provided while supplies last.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Hyde Park Jazz Festival

The Hyde Park Jazz Festival announces the second annual Artists Corps Events Schedule. Artists-in-neighborhoods programs facilitate storytelling and community building; provide opportunities for healing and resilience.

The concerts are curated by three Artist Fellows chosen for their artistic excellence and work as community builders. This program is supported in part by the Walder Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts.

On July 15th from 4 to 8 p.m., participatory music coalition will be curated by Adam Zanolini at the Oakland Museum and Garden, 4116 S. Lake Park ave.

On July 28th from 6 to 8 p.m., Frank Morrison Quartet will be curated by Junaane Taylor at South Merrill Community Garden, 7030 S. Merrill ave.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

The Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, July 15th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the public may call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on CBA's website at www.chicagobar.org.

Obituaries



MARIA DE LOS ANGELES PEREZ DELGADO Delgado born in Veracruz, Mexico, passed away on Monday, July 10th at the age of 56. She was the mother of Ana, Ajanette, and Amber; sister of Jose and Carmen. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 16th from 3 to 8 p.m. at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, July 17th, 10 a.m. at St. Rita Church, 6243 S Fairfield.

ADOLFO ORTIZ passed away suddenly on July 7th at the age of 23. He was the son of Esteban Ortiz and Jackeline Gongora; brother of Esteban, Mike, and K. C. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 13th from 3 to 8 p.m. at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, July 14th at 10 a.m. at Mother of the Americas, 2226 S. Whipple. Interment will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf rd.

SUSAN LYNN HAAS born on June 6th, 1968, passed away at the age of 55 at MacNeal Hospital. Survivors are her husband of 27 years, Keith; children, Ryan and Tyler; mother, Lorraine; brothers, Mark and Wayne. Despite facing the challenges brought on by a brain tumor and other health complications, Susan cherished life and remained a beacon of kindness. Services were entrusted to Ahlgrim Family Funeral Services, Lake Zurich-Palatine.



WILLIAM WEIKO HEIMONEN passed away on May 23rd at the age of 73. He was born to Weiko and Gertrude Heimonen on April 30, 1950. Bill grew up with eight sisters and one brother on the Southside of Chicago. After attending Daley College, he worked as a Chicago Firefighter with Engine 4, Truck 10. Survivors are children Karen Tobias, William Heimonen (Wendy, nee Cash), Debra Schramm (Robert), Verity Heimonen; grandchildren, Nicole Svoboda, Michelle Svoboda, Liam Heimonen, Zackary O'Connor, Jeffrey O'Connor, Lincoln Schramm and Evalina Schramm; brother, Joe, and sisters Gertrude Vergo, Marlene Harper (Harold), and Cindy Zastrow (Alan).

He is preceded in death by wife Kathleen, sister-in-law Pat Heimonen, brother-in-law Joe Vergo and sisters Elaine Bernie (Dennis), Lois Ketterer (LeRoy), Dorothea Balsamo (Jack), Marilyn Check (John) and Linda Stephens. Memorial service was held at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3116 S Racine Ave, on June 24th. Cremation was by Heritage Funeral Home.

Nature Skate At Dan Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will offer an Outdoor Nature Skate at the Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Friday, July 14th from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bring your best skating skills and routines or just roll along to the music. Skate on any non-motorized wheels such as roller skates, roller skates, skateboards and scooters. Skating skill contests will be held throughout the event. If you don't skate, bring a chair to enjoy the music and show. All ages are welcome.

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct a series of nutrition/exercise lessons will be taught on Tuesdays, July 18th and 25th; Aug. 1st and 15th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn about increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, cooking skills and saving money on food. No registration is required. Contact an adult librarian at (312) 747-6082 for more information. This is an Illinois SNAP-Ed program by the Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion.

Little Learners Story Time will be held on Fridays through Aug. 25th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will join Ms. Katie for songs and stories.

Baby and Toddler Play Group will socialize on Thursdays, July 13th and 27th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday Crafternoons for ages 3 and up will be held through July 24th from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Ramp Science for ages 5 & up will be explained on Wednesday, July 19th from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Learn about the forces of motion and create your own ramps and marble runs.

Little Learners Dance Party for ages 2 to 5 and caregivers will be staged on Wednesday, July 19th from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Scarves, bubbles and shakers will add to the fun.

Bill Hooper's Active Music for Children will delight ages 2 to 7 and caregivers on Wednesday, July 26th from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Songs about nature, feelings and adventures are interactive, encouraging audience participation.

STEM in Motion with Project Syncere is scheduled for Monday, July 31st from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 6 and up will participate in play-based challenges using life-sized tinker sets, LEGO kits, robotics, electronics and ramp to design, build and create.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Schedule For SummerDance

The City of Chicago and Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the lineup for Chicago SummerDance the summertime tradition hosted in parks across the city and downtown. From July 15th through Sept. 10th, the free festival offers 40 dance lessons by professional instructors followed by music and dancing. Five neighborhood events will include a variety of creative activities for the whole family. Dancers of all ages and skill levels are welcome to enjoy this free programming. The full schedule is available at ChicagoSummerDance.org.

Guests and participants will enjoy 30 dance styles, including salsa, swing, cumbia, line dancing, ballet folklorico and Steppin'. In the Spirit of Music Garden of Grant Park, Chicago SummerDance brings a variety of live music from a roster of bands including Carpacho y su Súper Combo, Outcast Jazz Band, and The Moe Fitz Project.

The festival extends into neighborhoods as part of the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks Series.

Youth Mariachi At Archer Park

The Chicago Park District will present a free concert by Mariachi Tradicional Juvenil, a Youth Mariachi Band from Little Village at Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Friday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Summer Events At Millennium Park

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announces the 2023 Millennium Park Summer Season artist lineups for the Summer Music Series, Mondays and Thursdays, through Aug. 21st features Big Freedia, Carla Morrison, Kurt Vile, PJ Morton, Yemi Alade, and others. This 10-part music series showcases a wide range of genres on the Jay Pritzker Pavilion's stage.

The Summer Film Series Tuesdays through Aug. 29th, includes *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*; *Top Gun: Maverick*; *Clueless*; *Barbershop* and *Everything Everywhere All at Once*. Films are shown on a 40-foot LED screen from the Pritzker stage with guests in the

seating bowl or on the Great Lawn.

The Summer Workouts return to the Great Lawn with a new offering of Cardio Kickboxing, in addition to Yoga, Pilates and Zumba, through Sept. 2nd on most Saturdays mornings from 8 to 11:45 a.m.

The Grant Park Music Festival's 10-week season runs through Aug. 19th one-night-only special performances showcase classical music, dance, opera, Broadway hits and more, performed by Lyric Opera's "Sunday in the Park with Lyric", August 20th, the Harris Theater's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Sept 9th.

See the full schedule of free events at MillenniumPark.org.

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Riverwalk Schedules Summer Programs



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The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announce a slate of summer arts and recreational programming on the Chicago Riverwalk that stretches 1.25 miles from Lake Michigan to Lake Street offering restaurants, wineries and bars, live music and performances, public art and urban recreation.

The Chicago Park District Fishing Program returns with interactive fishing and education opportunities. Details below and at ChicagoRiverwalk.us.

"Sounds of the Riverwalk" will feature a 9-week music series featuring musicians from the Chicago Band Roster. Concerts take place on Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Confluence, between Franklin and Lake Streets. The schedule includes: July 23rd, Mike Dangeroux; July 30th, Dawn Xiana Moon; Aug. 13th, David Chiriboga Spanish Guitar & Flamenco; Aug. 27th, Eiren Caffall; Sept. 17th, Bonzo Squad and Oct. 1st, Attack the Sound.

Art on theMART is on view twice nightly through Sept. 13th: 9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.; Sept. 14th - Dec. 30th: 7:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. The Jetty (between Wells and Franklin Streets).

The Chicago Park District Fishing Program is open Thursdays - Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jetty (between Wells and Franklin Streets). Visitors will take part in outdoor education activities and learn about the role the river has played in Chicago's history and future.

New for 2023, is the "Shed Aquarium" an on-

site storage facility with interactive offerings, a fish tank, microscope, and interactive worm station, educators will be on-site every Thursday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 27th and Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Sept. 2nd - Oct. 15th.

InstaGreeter Tours will be conducted through Sept. 3rd, 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Bridgehouse Museum Plaza.

Public art installations on display include *Kin Link* by Leonard Suryajaya; *Echo Hecho Fresco* by Alberto Aguilar at the Columbus underbridge; *The People in Your Neighborhood* by Dont Fret at The Confluence; *The Radiancy of Being* mural by Kate Lynn Lewis at the Community Marketplace; *The Riverwalk Gateway* by Ellen Lanyon; *Allium* by Carolyn Ottmers, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Make Piano Music At McKinley Park

Make Music Chicago is celebrated city-wide on the Summer Solstice and kicks off with Pianos in the Parks. This project builds community by bringing pianos to six Chicago Park District Parks including McKinley, 2210 W. Pershing rd. through Aug. 2nd. These pianos are intended to be open and free to the public's use throughout Field House hours - encouraging players of all ages and skill levels to make music in the park. Visit <https://classicalmusic-chicago.org/>

Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled an interesting schedule of programs.

Drop In Coloring for Kids and 3 & up is available on Saturday, July 22nd from 2 to 3:30 p.m. We have crayons, markers and colored pencils to use. No registration is required.

On Mondays through July 24th, check out a copy of "I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871" graphic novel. After reading it, draw and submit a picture of the Chicago Fire as you interpret it. Paint, sketch or color it. For kids 7 to 12 years, the winning entry wins a prize.

Parents sign up your kids through age 13 for the Summer Learning Challenge "150" Birthday Celebration! through Aug. 5th. Register in person to get a booklet and McDonald's coupon. Read 500

minutes at home and complete 5 summer activities to earn a T-shirt and be entered into the Art Box Raffle. Features are weekly raffle prizes and giveaways, grab & go art kits, Brookfield Zoo tickets, weekly art programs, yoga, story times, Chess League, Lego Party, Little Miss Ann, MSI kits and more.

Produce Exchange will be conducted on Thursday, Aug. 17th from 2 to 7 p.m. Bring in your extra vegetables and swap with a neighbor.

Games People Play for adult will be available on Thursdays, Aug. 17th to Sept. 28th from 2 to 4 p.m. Join us for some fun games and conversation. Bring one of your own games or borrow one of ours.

Register for events at <https://chippublib.bibliocommons.com/events/>

Chicago Philharmonic At Ping Tom Park



Provided by Chicago Park District - Chicago Philharmonic

The Chicago Park District will present "Side by Side, Chicago Philharmonic" at Ping Tom Park, 1700 S. Wentworth rd. Saturday, July 15th from 6 to 7 p.m. Students and community members of all ages and levels bring their instruments and rehearse and perform free concerts with Chicago Philharmonic musicians. <https://chicagophilharmonic.org/>

CDPH Report Details STI Clinic Visits

The Chicago Department of Public Health released a comprehensive, 146-page report that details activities and demographic profiles of more than 42,000 patients served at the City's sexually transmitted infection specialty clinics over a five-year period between 2017-2021. The specialty

clinics provide confidential HIV/STI testing, STI treatment, linkage to HIV care and HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, and vaccination for mpox, COVID, and influenza. More than half of the patients seen from 2017-2021 were Black, 17% were Hispanic, and 15% were white.

The Specialty Clinics administered 49,659 chlamydia tests, 49,436 gonorrhea tests and 30,374 HIV tests.

CDPH's Syndemic Infectious Disease Bureau compiled and analyzed the data that went into the report including the proportion of positive chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HIV specimens, demographics, including sex assigned at birth, gender, race/ethnicity, age, MSM status, and visit type, stratified by clinic and presented as overall. The three STI Specialty Clinics currently operated by CDPH's SID Bureau are: Lakeview, 2849 N. Clark st.; Roseland, 211 E. 115th st. and South Austin, 4909 W. Division st.

For hours of operation and contact information, visit chicago.gov/SpecialtyClinic.

Book Fair At Newberry Library

The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton st. will conduct Chicago's most popular used book sale, July 28th to 30th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Browse through thousands of books, including fiction, philosophy, history, art, cooking, children's literature, and more. Many items are priced at \$3 or less. Admission is free, only debit and credit cards are accepted. For more information, visit newberry.org.

Nature Play Day At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Open Nature Play Day at the Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th and Western on Wednesdays through July 26th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring your little ones and help them connect with nature, enjoy stories, eat and exploration.

Martinez Promotes Restraining Orders



IRIS Y. MARTINEZ

This week, the Chicago Tribune published an article by Laura Rodriguez Presa that provided the horrific details of the murder of Karina Gonzalez and her daughter in a domestic violence incident with her husband and the father of her children. He also shot their son, who thankfully survived and is reported to be recovering. Ms. Gonzalez' story is heartbreaking.

Victims will not trust a system that will not protect them. Without the bravery of those who file protective and firearm restraining orders, both law enforcement and the court system do not have the tools to protect victims of abuse, their children, co-workers, neighbors, and communities. Many victims will never have the chance to become survivors.

Domestic violence incidents (as well as the increase in mass shootings) highlight the need for more use of our "red flag" laws, which are orders that allow law enforcement to temporarily remove firearms from an individual that poses a threat to themselves or others. Increased use would also provide situational awareness and increased safety for all criminal justice partners involved in the process. Waiting until a domestic situation escalates to a 911 call endangers everyone involved.

Although my office does not generally serve orders nor can my office arrest perpetrators, I am committed to providing the leadership needed to pursue a proactive approach for increased education and prevention. To begin, we will expand our law enforcement trainings on how to serve protective orders to augment the current system. We will provide information on how to seek these orders and ensure cultural competency and language assistance is available, and we will connect those seeking protective orders to critical support services.

I invite every stakeholder, advocacy group, and community provider to collaborate with us to increase access to housing, job placements, language assistance, mental health care, and other holistic services for victims, survivors, and their families.

During my first term as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, my administration has worked tirelessly to automate the two most antiquated, court record systems in the country. The two massive court systems, criminal and civil, required millions upon millions of files to be digitized and filed. This transformed the court sys-

tems top to bottom, and I am so proud of the work we have accomplished.

Besides efficiency in government, why is this important to all citizens? Because the transparency we can now provide to the public will lead to impactful changes and contribute to the improvement of our public safety and health in Cook County.

Those in the legal profession appreciate the ability to file cases online, but the biggest impacts of these efforts are still in progress. Previously, the lack of available information from our court systems impacted everything from research opportunities to the ability of our community providers to acquire grant funding and other financial supports due to the lack of data available. It is now time to leverage these efforts to collaborate, innovate and improve public service to our citizens. This work is imperative, and to begin, we will be focusing on some of our most vulnerable populations: those who are filing protective orders and firearm restraining orders.

In the fall, I will be in Springfield armed with new data, fighting for further reforms to our laws and proposing legislation to safeguard our communities.

My message to those who are struggling today with any form of abuse is one of hope. There are many survivors thriving in our communities, and I am committed to providing a pathway forward for you and your loved ones to be safe.

Iris Y. Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Polish Exhibit At History Museum

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. is acknowledging 200 years of Polish life in the city with the exhibit, "Back Home Polish Chicago" on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit chicagohistory.org.

Lost Pets At Animal Care

Chicago Animal Care & Control, 2741 S. Western urges owners of lost pets to visit petharbor.com/chicago/ to view the animals at the shelter.

Homeward Bound Partners may view the animals available for rescue.

Mariachi Band At Archer Park

The Chicago Park District will present a program by Mariachi Tradicional Juvenil, a Youth Mariachi Band from Little Village at Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Friday, July 28th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer scheduled a wide range of informative programs.

The Adult Book Discussion Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 26th topic is "Shadow Driver" by Robert Kurson.

Teen Tech for ages 10 to 19 is offered, Sunday, July 23rd from 2 to 3 p.m. Technologies like the 3D printer, vinyl cutter and more will be explored.

Celebrate Culture will be explored through crafts, games and play on Wednesdays through Aug. 2nd from 5 to 6 p.m. Pinatas, fireworks, balloons, festive costumes and more will be enjoyed.

Celebrate Stories & Play for toddlers and preschoolers will be conducted on Saturdays, through July 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids will sing and dance their way

through an active story time filled with exciting books, open play will follow where kids can build with giant blocks, use puppets and make new friends.

Celebrate Chicago for age 6 to 12 will be held Mondays, July 17th and 31st from 5 to 6 p.m. Make fun crafts while celebrating local history and culture.

Intro to Improv on Monday, July 24th from 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 8 & up. Features fun and lively performance games. Participants should expect to be on their feet for most of the session.

Bats & Other Misunderstood Animals will be explained Saturday, Aug. 5th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn about bats, rats, snakes, and spiders while interacting with these creatures. For families of all ages.

For more information, visit chippublib.org.

Morton Arboretum Schedules Programs



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle announces its calendar of events featuring *Of the Earth* art exhibition, *Summer on Tap and Arbor Evenings*. There are special events and in-person and online programming for all ages. All fees listed are for general public admission to the Arboretum and include free parking. For more programming information, visit mortonarb.org.

Concerts For Conservation At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo will host its Concerts for Conservation, presented by Meijer, on Fridays and Saturdays, July 14th-15th and 21st-22nd. Zoogoers can bring their lawn chairs or blankets to the East Mall while enjoying live music, food and drink offerings, and seeing the animals. Each concert night will conclude with a spectacular 30-minute light show and dance party.

Concert goers can reserve their spots on the Zoo's East Mall starting at 6 p.m. (VIP ticket holders at 5:30 p.m.). Performances, begin at 7:30 p.m., include: Friday, July 14th, Soul Asylum with special guests The Verve Pipe; Sat., July 15th, Macy Gray; Friday, July 21st, Vertical Horizon and Saturday, July 22nd, Plain White T's.

Guests can meet some of Brookfield Zoo's animal ambassadors from 6:30 to 7 p.m. They can stroll along the Big Cat walkway to see the African lions, Amur tiger, and snow leopards until 7 p.m.

Guests are welcome to bring along their own picnics (alcoholic beverages may be purchased inside the Zoo). Food selections are also available for purchase at the restaurants on the East Mall, including two food trucks.

General concert ticket price is \$45. The VIP ticket, which includes early access to the venue at 5:30 p.m. and free parking, is \$55. Concerts for Conservation is a limited capacity event and concert tickets are required for everyone. To purchase tickets, visit CZS.org/ConcertsforConservation.



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