



MWRD Board Elects New Officers



The new leadership of MWRD Board of Commissioners includes Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, President Mariyana T. Sprooulos and Vice President Barabara McGowan.

Commissioner Mariyana T. Sprooulos has been elected the new Board President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Commissioner Barabara McGowan was re-elected Vice President and Commissioner Frank Avila is the new Chairman of

Finance. Sprooulos was appointed to the Board in 2009 and was elected to a full term in 2010. She was elected as Chairman of Finance in January 2013. President Sprooulos served as Chairman of three Committees: Finance, Judiciary and Real Estate Develop-

ment. She also serves as the Vice Chairman for the Ethics Committee and the Public Health and Welfare Committee. In January of 2011, the Board appointed her to the Public Building Commission. Mariyana received her law degree from The John Marshall Law School and MBA from Loyola University Chicago. She also completed graduate work in American government at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Polar Plunge At North Ave. Beach



The 15th annual Chicago Polar Plunge will be staged at North Avenue Beach on Sunday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Last year's plunge featured Mayor Rahm Emanuel, "The Tonight Show" host, Jimmy Fallon, celebrities, VIP's and 3,400 plungers in the cold waters of Lake Michigan for the athletes of Special Olympics Chicago. More than one million dollars was raised to help fund the events, activities, transportation and sports equipment enjoyed by over 5000 athletes.

Registration is open by visiting www.chicagopolarplunge.org and will close once 4000 participants have committed. At the website, plungers will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising page to help jump-start their efforts. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$175.

Dean's List At UW-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

Honorees are: Xiuwen Chen, School of Pharmacy, Honor Roll; Yichao Chen, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List and Shu Xian Ruan, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three individual fundraisers; best three individual costumes; best team costumes; and largest team.

An all-new "Club" will be featured, offering plungers the opportunity to head to the front of the line during designated start times. Club members will also receive a VIP Chicago Polar Plunge Bathrobe. For VIP Club status, plungers are asked to donate an additional \$40.

Supporters will have the chance to get involved without leaving their homes by taking part in the "Virtual Polar Plunge." Participants are encouraged to fill an ice tub and jump in their own cold "lake" for Special Olympics Chicago. Once they have completed their plunge and raised \$175, those who share their photo or video on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook using the hashtag #virtualplunge will receive an official t-shirt and towel.

Plungers will receive free parking at Lincoln Park Zoo, or a free bus for groups of 20 or more; a souvenir t-shirt; warm towel when exiting the water; free photo downloads; and complimentary food at the "Melt Down Party" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is free and participants will receive free food and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available.

The Westin Michigan Ave. will be offering a \$129/night room rate for this year's event. For reservations, call (888) 627-8385.

For more information on the Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Chicago, call (312) 527-3743

Prayer Service For Respect Life

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Respect Life Committee will host a Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 3528 S. Hermitage on Thursday, Jan. 22nd at 7 p.m.

This is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade decision. All are welcome to attend.

Cervical Health Awareness Month

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is encouraging women ages 21 and older to speak with their physician or health care provider about cervical cancer screening and prevention during "Cervical Health Awareness Month."

"We recommend women have their first routine cervical screening at age 21," said IDPH Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "I also encourage women, along with young girls (ages 11 to 13) and their parents, to ask their health care provider about vaccines, which are effective at preventing certain forms of HPV."

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides free cervical cancer screenings to uninsured and under insured Illinois women between the ages of 35 and 64, regardless of income. Call the health line at 1-888-522-1282 for more information.

Lewis University Names Dean's List

Lewis University of Romeoville has announced students who attained the Dean's List for fall semester 2014.

Zip code 60608: Zachary Gozdecki, Air Traffic Control Management; Javier Guercca, Criminal/Social Justice; Jamie Hogan, Social Work; Ana Soto, Psychology and Anthony Valadez, Aviation Flight Management.

60609: Eric Aguilar, Nursing; Jonathan Arndt, Air Traffic Control Management; Francesca Castagna, Athletic Training; Richard Davilla, undecided; Alyssa Denger, Finance; Amanda Jones, History; Amulfo Luna, Criminal/Social Justice; Jessie Racinowski, Computer Science and Amber Schaar, Biology.

60632: David Flores, Forensic Criminal Investigation; Stephany Garcia, Business Administration; Mariana Gonzalez, Biology; Thomas Liszka, Air Traffic Control Management; Kimberly Lopez, Environmental Science and Antonio Zamora Jr., Aviation Flight Management.

60638: Kamil Borowski, Theatre; Ashley Boswell, Psychology; Jenna Cairo, Biology; John Derby, Sport Management; Obeth Diaz, Sociology; German Flores, Business Administration; Eva Gonzalez, Psychology; Cristina Jakubec, Nursing; Chris-

Registration For A-M Little League

Archer Manor Little League will conduct their first registration for the 2015 season at the Archer Park Field House, 4901 S. Kilbourne Ave. on Saturday, Jan. 17th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 5 to 16 can register for baseball and girls ages 7 to 14 can register for softball. For more information, visit www.archer-manorbaseball.com.

IDPH Launches Updated Website

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck launched IDPH's updated website at www.dph.illinois.gov.

The updated website allows people to easily access health information such as immunization schedules or how to get a copy of your birth certificate. It also allows health care professionals to find how to report information to IDPH, or how licensed professionals, like plumbers and EMTs, can find license renewal information.

topher Ludes, Computer Science; Shannon Lukowski, Special Education; Natalie Palm, Psychology and Danuta Strus, Nursing.

State Promotes Day of Service

The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Serve Illinois) encourages residents to take part in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 19th.

The Day of Service will also mark the beginning of the Year of the Volunteer with the theme of "You are the difference." Volunteerism throughout Illinois will increase during the year by celebrating community service and connecting and strengthening the already extensive network of organizations involved in service.

Anyone interested in volunteering can visit Serve.Illinois.gov to find more than 100,000 opportunities. Volunteers can search based on location or area of interest, as well as by web-based, ongoing or one-time opportunities.

Zapata Honored

Carmen Zapata, a First Year Undeclared major at Ripon College, Wisconsin has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester.

She is the daughter of Juan & Silvia Zapata. Honorees must achieve a 3.40 grade point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

Blood Drive At Union Station

To kick-off the year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary, the Red Cross is partnering with ABC 7 Eyewitness News, Fresenius Kabi, iHeart-Media Chicago and Univision to host the 100th Anniversary Blood Drive on Jan. 21st from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Union Station, 500 W. Jackson Blvd.

Inclement weather and seasonal illnesses often result in fewer blood donations, increasing the need for donations during the winter months for cancer patients, trauma victims, and surgery patients.

Donors will receive a commemorative Red Cross 100th anniversary T-shirt and free gift bag, while supplies last.

To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767.

Volleyball Tourney at De La Salle



De La Salle Institute hosted "Spikin' with Santa," a volleyball tournament for second through fourth graders from Bridgeport Catholic Academy, Byrne, Mark Sheridan Academy, St. Bruno, St. Gabriel, St. Jerome and St. Richard on Dec. 20th. Bridgeport Catholic Academy edged out St. Richard for the championship. Mark Sheridan beat St. Gabriel to capture 3rd Place. Members of the championship team from Bridgeport Catholic Academy are: Francesca Giaccone, Ava Reyes, Madeline Bruening, Dalanie Gioia, Gabriella Levato, Victoria Mula, Sara Caulfield, Caitlyn Hughes, Francesca LaCoco and Coach Anna Giaccone.



Members of 2nd place, St. Richard team are Isabel Marin, Samya Brown, Maya Aponte, Amanda Aguirre, Mairead Kennedy, Ninae Gamino, Isabella Banuelos, Sophia Jimenez and Coach Sara Gonzalez.

Ice Skating At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road, will operate an outdoor ice skating rink through March 1st.

The schedule includes, Sundays - Open Skate from 12 to 6 p.m.; Hockey from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Thursdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays - Open Skate from 1:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays - Stick & Puck from 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Pond Hockey from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.; Learn to Skate from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Open Skate from 1 to 5 p.m.; Family Skate from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Cartoon Skate will be held on Sundays, Jan. 11th through Feb. 22nd from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The fee for all ages is \$3. Open skate will be available with favorite cartoon characters.

Silver Skates Speed Skating competition for ages 7 and up will be held Thursday, Jan. 15th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Participants must wear gloves, long sleeves and bicycle or hockey helmet. Helmets and skates will be available free of charge. Top qualifiers in the children's division will advance to the Citywide Championship on Jan. 24th.

Rink admission for adults is \$3; children and students with valid ID free; seniors and military discount \$1. Skate rental: \$6 for all ages. Special - adult admission with skate rental \$7. Special - Family Skate Fridays 6:30 to 9 p.m. at \$10 per family (includes skate rental).

For more information, call (312) 747-5992.

Sewer Projects In Brighton Park

14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke is alerting local residents that a major sewer replacement project will completely close Kedzie avenue at 47th street for the seven weeks beginning on Monday, Jan. 19th.

The closure is necessary to complete extensive sewer improvements aimed at reducing flooding in the area. Local traffic will be allowed to proceed down 47th street at the intersection.

According to officials from the Department of Water Management, new sewers will be installed beneath: 47th Street, from Kedzie to Richmond; 46th street, from Rockwell to Fairfield; Fairfield, from 46th to 47th Streets; and Richmond near 47th Street.

Residents are urged to follow detour signs. The improvements are part of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's "Building a New Chi-

cago" program. During the coming months, further closures will occur as the project progresses.

The viaduct improvement project at 49th and Kedzie is scheduled to resume in early spring and be completed later this year.

For more information contact the Community Service Office at (773) 471-1414.

Computer Class At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer an introduction to computer workshop on Saturday, Jan. 17th at 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn computer basics: how to start a computer and how to operate the mouse and keyboard. This workshop is especially for seniors, but everyone is welcome. Call (312) 747-6082 to register.

On Dean's List

Brittney Stanford has been named to the fall semester 2014 dean's list at St. Norbert College of DePere, Wisconsin. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

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State Promotes Flu Vaccination

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck is encouraging everyone 6 months and older to get a flu vaccine.

Flu activity doesn't usually peak until January or February, and the season can last as late as May.

Symptoms can include

12th Ward Offers Winter Service

The 12th Ward Service Office has resumed its winter service by shoveling sidewalks, shuttling residents, providing jumps to dead batteries, spreading salt on front sidewalks and performing wellness check on seniors. Residents are encouraged to call the Ward Office at (773) 523-8250.

fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, but it is not typically associated with respiratory flu.

Antiviral drugs can make illness milder, shorten the length of illness and may prevent serious complications which can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions.

Pregnant women, young children, people 65 years and older, and anyone with underlying health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system are at greater risk of complications from infection.

WBDC Offers Free Webinar

The Women's Business Development Center will conduct a free webinar titled "GrowthWheel Series: Is Your Business Idea Clear?" on Tuesday, Jan. 20th from noon to 12:30 p.m.

While the objective of a business is to make money, it's mission is very different. Join the webinar to learn how to: 1) Build a broad, clear mission statement that resonates with you and your customers and provides value; 2) Utilize a tool to help you formulate the company's purpose and mission in the world; 3) Utilize a tool that will help you hone your description of your business idea, to make it easier to sell and receive feedback on your idea; 4) Describe your idea more fully and concisely.

For registration, call (312) 853-3477.

Art Exhibit At Prospectus Gallery



"Heroes on the Big Screen" by Hernandez and "The Addict" by Ruiz.

Prospectus Art Gallery, 1210 W. 18th st., will present "Urban Flashback," the work of Alfonso Piloto Nieves Ruiz and Ricardo Santos Hernandez, through March 1st.

Mr. Piloto is a self-taught artist from Queretaro, Mexico living in Chicago since 1997. He has been sharing his knowledge through workshops in community centers, parks and schools since 2004.

Mr. Santos Hernandez

was born in the border city of Nogales, AZ. His journey as a public school teacher transplanted him to Laredo and Austin, TX. It was in Austin at the age of 40 when he decided to study art at the University of Texas. In 1996, his Masters Degree in Painting and Drawing was received from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Urban Flashback is the new body of works that explore the physical and psychological effects of living in the big city.

Paid Positions For After School

After School Matters is accepting applications for its Spring program cycle. Programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of Feb. 2nd at Chicago public high schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community-based organization locations across the city.

Approximately 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities in more than 300 programs will be available to high school teens. Spring programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 10 weeks. Participants will be eligible to earn a stipend of between \$275 and \$425 (depending on the program level). Interns can earn \$8.25 per hour.

Teens can search and apply for Spring programs online at www.afterschoolmatters.org. Programs are free and open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and who are entering or currently enrolled in high school. Teens who have been in After School Matters for three or more sessions will be given priority consideration for internships.

As part of the application process, teens interview with program instructors to discuss and present their skills and interests. For questions about programs and applications, call 312-742-4182 or email info@afterschoolmatters.org.

Circuit Court Offers Tours

The Circuit Court of Cook County will mark Black History Month with public tours of the Richard J. Daley Center Courthouse, 50 W. Washington st. Monday, Feb. 2nd through Friday, Feb. 6th beginning at 10 a.m.

Highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a judge and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Savings Program At H-W Library

A financial literacy workshop with savings tips for college seniors and new employees will be offered in the video theater of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State sr. on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at noon.

Attendees will learn the importance of starting a savings plan early.

Picnic Permits Now Available

The Cook County Forest Preserve has begun selling picnic permits. Online sale is available at fpdcc.com/permits.

In person sale will be conducted at 536 N. Harlem, River Forest. Basic permits cost \$47 to \$115.

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Kelly 1965 Class Plans Reunion

The June 1965 graduating class of Kelly High School are planning a 50 year anniversary at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer on Friday, Sept. 18th at 6 p.m.

For reservations, contact Walter Krieger at (219) 922-0110 or email wckrieger@hotmail.com.

Free Tours of Mexican Museum

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W 19th st., will conduct free public tours on Saturdays, Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st, March 21st and April 18th at 12 noon in English and 1 p.m. in Spanish.

Art classes for ages 7 to 12 will be conducted on Saturdays, Feb. 28th to March 21st from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will create Alebrijes out of paper mache and other materials.

The cost is \$75. For registration information, call (312) 433-3908.

Grammy Camp At DePaul University

34 female high school students received free, expert training in Songwriting, Electronic Music Production or Audio Engineering during the Best Buy Grammy Camp at DePaul University Loop Campus on Dec. 13th.

Approximately 50 other applicants were chosen from high schools city-wide, as well as after school programs, such as those offered by the Best Buy Teen Tech Center at Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy and other Chicago City of Learning partner organizations like YOUmedia, Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, GlobalGirl Media, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and After School Matters.

Participants earned a digital badge, which shows the skills they achieved and is stored at

ChicagoCityofLearning.org in portfolios that can be shared with teachers or prospective employers.

The participants of this camp will have the chance to apply for a full scholarship to the summer residential Grammy Camp Program. Anyone interested in an immersive music industry summer experience is encouraged to apply to Grammy Camp at www.grammyintheshools.com before March 31st. For more information, call (312) 822-0505.

Recycling For Christmas Trees

The Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation will conduct live Christmas tree recycling at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing; Marquette Park, 6700 S. Kedzie and Wentworth Park, 5701 S. Narragansett through Jan. 17th.

Residents can also recycle old electronic devices and household chemicals at the City's Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility, 1150 N. North Branch st.

Free Course For GED and ESL

National Latino Education Institute has open enrollment for free GED and English as a Second Language courses.

The GED course has morning and afternoon start times and the ESL course is offered at four locations on the South Side.

Information sessions are conducted three times a week. To register, call (773) 247-0707.

Homework Help At A-H Library

The Teacher in the Library Program offers free homework help to students at the Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer on Mondays from 4 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

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Elvis Karaoke At Library Center

The Chicago Public Library will conduct Elvis Presley Karaoke at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Friday, Jan. 16th at 12:15 p.m.

The public is invited to come on stage and sing their favorite Elvis song to celebrate what would have been his 80th birth-

day (Jan. 8th, 1935).

Participants may choose two songs from the available catalog. The lyric sheet and CD music track for each song will be provided.

Selections are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (312) 747-4850.

Library Program On Architecture

Terry Tatum, former director of research for Chicago's Landmark Division will present a program on the City's Heroic Architecture in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State st. on Wednesday, Jan. 21st at 6 p.m.

Report Card For School

There are often discussions about the best schools for our children. When I surveyed parents, the things they look for were location, other parents' input, and student scores.

The Illinois State Board of Education has put together what promises to be a great assessment of all schools. This is The School Report Card of all public schools. It is true that this is not the first year for this report, but it has a new feature.

This year, we will not be looking at test scores for the year, but the improvement in test scores comparing their individual scores with the year before, in other words, what percent of the students actually made a year's growth in a school year.

Think about it. If we only look at one year's score no one can compare the CPS selective enrollment schools or St. Ignatius, those scores only prove those schools start with the highest ranking

Teen Programs At Library Ctr.

The Chicago Public Library will challenge teens with interesting programs at the YOUmedia Center of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

Fuse for Teen Techs will be offered on Monday, Jan. 26th at 4 p.m. Participants will explore hands-on challenges in technology and design. Try to complete challenges in operating solar panel cars, basics to Arduino programming, 3D design, 3D printing, and Android app development.

Rock U For Teens will be held on Wednesdays, through Jan. 28th at 4 p.m. Participants who want to play in a band but can't play an instrument will utilize an iPad to automate technical knowledge.



DR. R.J. PLETSCHE

students.

I remember going to a meeting in 1995 when I, as principal at De La Cruz, was one of about 50 schools receiving a citation for test scores, but when Whitney Young was announced, the audience bood.

Why? The principals there understood you could not compare these schools, not only did Whitney Young have the top students, but those students' top scores were not available to the local schools' totals.

We have been assured the scores will try to measure how many in a particular school made a year's growth. It might be exact this year, but they are finally looking at a more fair comparison. Take a look yourself on the website: www.Illinoisreportcard.com.

Founder's Day At Nature Museum

The Chicago Academy of Sciences and its Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon drive will celebrate 158 years of nature and science history and officially commemorate Founder's Day on Thursday, Jan. 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Illinois residents can enjoy free admission and view the Nature Museum's oldest specimen in collection, a Merlin (small species of falcon) from 1834.

Guests can travel through time and discover a unique specimen from each 30-year interval such as the Peregrine Falcon and Abert's Squirrel. Steve Sullivan, the Nature Museum's senior curator of urban ecology, will be stationed at the Beecher Collections Laboratory to discuss the specimens, provide historical context and answer questions.

Throughout Jan. 18th, there will be additional opportunities to see the specimens, participate in special activities and scavenger hunts, win prizes and discover more about the Academy's founders and legacy. Rare, historic photos of the Academy and its founders along with fun facts will be featured on the Nature Museum's blog, Facebook page, twitter and instagram.

A one-year membership for new members will be offered on Thursday (Jan. 15) for \$15.80.

City Assistance For Caregiving

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Service offers a variety of programs and services for families who are caring for their older loved ones.

The following programs and services are available to informal caregivers: Counseling, Support Groups, Workshops and Lectures, Respite, Legal Assistance, Caregiver Corners and Case Management. Some programs do have additional assessment requirements. Most are free, however, a slight donation is often requested. A few programs do have a sliding fee scale based on income and asset levels.

Topics includes counseling, support groups, workshops and lectures, respite, legal assistance, caregiver corners and case management.

For further information on caregiving, call (312) 744-4016

Obituaries

MALGORZATA BARANIAK, (nee Bylina) formerly of Archer Heights, passed away on Jan. 7th at the age of 52. She was the mother of Jakub (Maria), Wojciech (Monika), Agnieszka and Stanislaw Baraniak; grandmother of Bartlomiej, Maciej, Gabriela and Magda; daughter of late Bronislaw & late Wladyslawa Bylina; sister of Teresa (Jozef) Harmata; daughter-in-law of Maria and the late Jozef Baraniak. Visitation was held Jan. 9th at Zarzycki Manor Chapel, Ltd., Willow Springs. Funeral services were held Jan. 10th at St. Albert the Great Church. Interment was at Resurrection cemetery.



HARRIET T. KORYCKI of Brighton Park passed away on Jan. 10th at the age of 89. Born Jadwiga Teresa Langner on Sept. 4, 1925 in Biezdziadow, Poland, she was the wife of late Walter J. Korycki, married 67 years; mother of Stanley (Helen), George (Callie), John (Stacey); grandmother of Kristine, Heather, Kimberly, Misty, Sam, Evan and great grandmother of Brianna, Taylor, Jordan, Dominic, Emily, Melanie, Abby. Harriet was a lifelong member of the Polish National Alliance, Holy Rosary Society, White Roses Society Group 33, Union of Polish Women in America. Visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 17th from 8 - 10 a.m. at Ocwieja - Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart, followed by 10:30 a.m. Mass at Five Holy Martyrs Church. Entombment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

EDGARDO T. CINCO formerly of Garfield Ridge, passed away on Jan. 11th at the age of 74. He was the husband of Louisa (nee Ortiz); father of Arnel (Dawn), Noel (Florence) and Edgardo Jr. (Eizel) Cinco and grandfather of Angel Noelle. Funeral services were held Jan. 14th at Zarzycki Manor chapels, Ltd., Willow Springs. Interment was at Good Shepherd cemetery.

NATIVIDAD (NATI) CHAVEZ long time resident of Brighton Park passed away suddenly on Dec. 31st at the age of 37. The daughter of Anabell Chavez Sotelo & late Martin Dino Chavez, she was the sister of Guadalupe, Melinda, Virginia and Juanita. Visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 17th from 3 to 9 p.m. at Ocwieja - Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.

TEODORA GUTIERREZ (nee Pena) of Archer Heights passed away on Jan. 7th at the age of 79. She was the wife of Enrique Gutierrez; mother of Francisco (Elizabeth) Gutierrez, Evangelina (Joseph) Madera, Gudelia (John) Cericola, Oralina (Sam) Villagomez and late Herlinda Gamboa; mother-in-law of Julian Gamboa; grandmother of 13; great grandmother of 5; predeceased by her brothers and sisters. Visitation was held Jan. 9th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd. Funeral services were held Jan. 10th at St. Bruno Church. Interment was at St. Mary Cemetery.

Teen Center At Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament Teen Center, 3530 S. Hermitage, is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 6:30-7 p.m. and some Sundays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. ACT preparation is offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

An appeal has been issued for couches, lazy boys, ping-pong table, pool sticks, Wii games and handyman help. Teenagers who require service hours may complete them at the youth center.

For more information, contact Jim Kozy at (773) 415-7193. The website address is www.bspteencenter.com.

Winter Break At Jones Prep.

Young Chicagoans 4-24 (and families) are invited to drop in on Destination: Chicago - Winter Break, a free festival of doing and making, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, between 11am and 4pm, at Jones College Prep, 700 S. State st. Partygoers can sample programs offered by dozens of youth-serving organizations. This Maker Party will feature hands-on activities and workshops to fulfill many interests, including robotics, nature, fashion, art, music, architecture, science, digital media, coding and more.

Youth will be entered into a drawing for an iPad Mini and other prizes when they complete the Winter Break Adventure Challenge between now and Jan. 19. Visit Chicago CityofLearning.org today!

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Tenor Vocalist At H-W Library

The Music in the Library program will feature tenor vocalist Anthony McGlaun at the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State st. on Friday, Jan. 23rd at 12:15 p.m.

The work of African American composers including a song cycle of Robert Owens and art songs by Leslie Adams and Harry Burleigh.

Credit Workshop At Library Ctr.

The Chicago Bar Association will conduct a program on Cleaning Up Your Credit at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Monday, Jan. 26th at 12:15 p.m.

A question and answer period will follow.

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