



## Some Youngsters Respond to the Debate



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The debate has been over and everyone has heard nothing but it on the news and social media. In the minds of several Chicago area teens, I heard them respond on the radio that the results were not surprising. These students said that after a couple years of this Presidential cycle, they believe that the debate changed no one's mind. If their mind was changed, it was that they had never paid attention before.

The students stated that they knew no one that changed their minds about the first presidential election they would be able to vote in. The students expressed an idea that they heard nothing new. Some people may deny anything negative about their candidate and agree they had

friends who realized they would not change their minds so why waste the time. It was interesting to listen to these students break it down and realize they did not hear anything new.

The big points were that Trump did not seem as nasty as they were told to expect. Biden was not as incoherent as they figured he would be. All in all they, like many adults, could not remember anything about the issues that they did not already hear many times. Some of these young students indicated that the issue of age is a big one. The other issue they worry about is the open border. They said it is more likely to cost young uneducated minorities to lose jobs. The reason was, as one young lady stated, where do you think they will live to blend in.

It was nice to hear these students express themselves and we must all realize this is not a scientific professional poll. It is simply the retelling of an anecdotal record that may be interesting to some of our readers.

The students seemed to be okay with the format and while it was the first debate for many to view, they believed it was fair. Keep your minds open and your brain working. It is important that we help our young people separate fact from opinion.

## Scout Troop 1441 Holds Count of Honor



On June 27th, members of Boy Scout Troop 1441 of the Pathway to Adventure Council, sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Holy Name Society, held their Count of Honor to present Rank advancements and Merit badges earned. There are six ranks scouts must earn on their way to the prestigious Rank of Eagle Scout, with many Advancement requirements as well as merit badges that must first be earned along the trail. Pictured in front row are Demian Jimenez, Adan Moreno (First Class Rank), Lucas Kozel, (Tenderfoot Rank, Engineering M.B.) Alexi Ayala (Senior Patrol Leader, First Class Rank, Engineering M.B.), Andres Burgos (Scout Rank, Engineering M.B.) Gabriel Hernandez (Scout Rank, Engineering M.B.), and Luis Burgos (Tenderfoot Rank, Engineering M.B.). Back row: Ed Melkonian (Asst. Scout Master), Heriberto Burgos (Committee Member), Minerva Gonzalez (Committee Member), Marnee Burgos (Committee Member), Angie Kozel (Troop Treasurer) and Brian Konkoleski (Troop Committee Chairman). Any boys ages 11 to 17 who are interested in Scouting, can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for further information.

## Adults Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct a Summer Wine Fest on Friday, July 26th at 7 p.m.

The adults-only event features more than 50 varietals from 20 wineries. The zoo is an accredited arboretum, with more than 1,850 plant species, and you can enjoy the lush landscape along with animal habitats after-hours.

Your ticket includes: Twenty 3-ounce tastings, A souvenir glass, guided tour with horticulture experts and live music from The Prissillas.

Sound Meditation With Jay Taylor is scheduled for Saturday, July 6th. Relax to the sounds of singing bowls during this soothing and immersive meditation experience. An introductory price of \$25 is great for beginners.

Party in White at the

Zoo on Friday, Aug. 9th. Wear your whites before Labor Day at this adults-only event hosted by River North Fests. A DJ, karaoke, jazz band, and plenty of fun activities on the zoo grounds after hours.

Lincoln Park Zoo and Chicago AF will present Oktoberfest the alcohol-free, adults-only version of Germany's classic Oktoberfest celebration on Friday, Sept. 20th. Enjoy mocktails and good company.

Give your fall a Bavarian flair with Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Try a variety of German beers, enjoy some themed eats, and swing to the sounds of a polka band. Prost!

Event ticket sales help to keep Lincoln Park Zoo free and open to all. Visit lpzoo.org for tickets.

## Summer Events For Riverwalk

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announces summer arts and recreational programming taking place on the Chicago Riverwalk, a magnificent urban space and entertainment hub on the south bank of the Chicago River from Lake Michigan to Lake Street offering restaurants, wineries and bars, live music and performances, public art and urban recreation.

Highlights include Sounds of the Riverwalk, with its free music series through Oct. 6th on select Sundays at 1 p.m. in the Confluence (between Franklin and Lake Streets). July 14th - Sylvia Lopez (Salsa); July 28th - Del Pueblo Records (Vinyl Latin, Oldies, House); Aug. 4th - Character Fleadh (Irish/Scottish group); Aug. 18th - Alex Santilli Trio (Indie/Italian Folk/Jazz); Aug. 25th - Potomac Bombs (Bluegrass/Prairie Tunes); Sept. 15th - Codigo Verde (Corridos) and Oct 6th - Gerry Hundt (Blues).

ART on THE MART is on view twice nightly through Sept. 11th at 9 p.m.

The Park District Fishing Program will be available Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Jetty (between Wells and Franklin Streets). This

free family program offers visitors the opportunity to catch a fish, hold a beaver skull, and learn about the ecosystem of the river. Park District educators will be on-site 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday to Sunday through Aug. 27th and Saturday to Sunday from Sept. 2nd to Oct. 15th.

InstaGreeter Tours will be conducted from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. through Sept. 3rd. Greeters highlight the architecture, history and places to eat and drink on the Riverwalk and more. Visit chicagogreeter.com

## Bat Walks At McKinley Park

McKinley Park Stewardship will resume monitoring the bat population in McKinley Park this summer with a loan of equipment from Lincoln Park Zoo.

The group walks around the park at dusk with sonar equipment to track bats movements. All ages and abilities are welcome. This is a free community event, ongoing through the summer. Email mpkgarden@gmail.com to join.

## 2023 Tax Year Bill Analysis

The Office of Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas tax bill analysis reveals how the latest round of reassessments in the south and southwest suburbs shifted 4% of the total tax burden from businesses onto homeowners.

Taxes on businesses dropped by 7.8%, while homeowners increased by 15.9%. The median homeowner's tax bill increased by 19.9% - the largest increase in at least 29 years.

In 15 south suburbs - 13 of which have majority Black populations - the overall tax amount jumped by more than 30%. In Dixmoor and Phoenix, the median homeowner tax bill doubled.

Taxes overall in the south and southwest suburbs grew by 6.5%, mostly because of increases in the amount sought by

local taxing districts. In Chicago, tax increases were more modest: 2.8% overall, with businesses picking up more than half of the additional burden.

In the suburbs north of North Avenue, where homeowners last year received record-high 15.7% increase in the median tax bill, the median residential tax bill this year climbed by 3.2%. Overall taxes in the region went up 4%, with businesses seeing a 4.2% increase.

The total amount billed for Cook County for 2023 is more than \$18.3 billion. That is an increase of nearly \$706 million, or 4% from 2022.

It is at least the 30th overall consecutive annual property tax increase. After adjusting for inflation, the property tax burden has grown by 34.8%.

## Broadway Songs At Hale Park



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

Porchlight Music Theatre is partnering with the Chicago Park District for the fourth year of Broadway in your Backyard! This 60-minute family-friendly concert, features some of the best-loved hits from the Broadway songbook. The next performance will be at Hale Park, 6258 W. 62nd st. on Thursday, July 11th at 6 p.m.

## Exemptions Advice For Tax Bills

With the release of 2023 Second Installment Property Tax Bills, homeowners should make sure they are not missing tax-saving exemptions by reviewing the bottom left corner of the tax bill. The Homeowner Exemption, saves an average of \$950. Homeowners over 65 are likely eligible for the Senior Exemption.

Seniors and Veterans may also be eligible for further exemptions such as the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze and Veterans with Disabilities Exemptions.

Missing property tax savings may be applied for by completing a Certificate of Error to redeem exemptions for the 2023 through 2018 tax years.

Accepted photo IDs and documents required to apply are listed on the Assessor's website. Homeowners are

responsible for paying the entire tax bill to the Cook County Treasurer's Office by Aug. 1st.

To learn more, join a virtual workshop on Facebook or YouTube on the following dates: Tuesday, July 9th at 6 p.m. in English. Wednesday, July 10th at 6 p.m. in Spanish.

To see a full list of available exemptions, visit cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.

## Chavez Honored

Matthew Chavez was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Honors List for the 2024 Spring Semester. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering.

Students with a term GPA of 3.20 or higher, who are not on the Dean's List, are on the Honors List.

## CPS Announces Chief of F.A.C.E.

The Chicago Board of Education approved the appointment of Fanny Diego Alvarez to the role of Chief of Family and Community Engagement. With more than 15 years of experience in educational program management, she will bring strategic leadership to the department.

During 13 years at Enlace Chicago, a non-profit community organization based in Little Village, she led programmatic growth, eventually serving as Director of Education. Cross-sector partnerships were formed with neighborhood schools, faith institutions, and other community organizations, and more than 5,000 students and families.

Ms. Diego Alvarez previously served the Chicago Public Schools community as a Sustainable Community Schools project manager and recently, as Director of Learning and Leadership Development



F.D. ALVAREZ

at the Grand Victoria Foundation.

Originally from Mexico and raised in Little Village community, she is a graduate of Farragut Career Academy High School; holds a master of social work degree from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Illinois Chicago.

## Hank Roa Honored



Veteran Staff Sergeant Enricko Henry A. Roa has been honored for his service in the U.S. Army Signal Corp during the Korean conflict. A banner was erected at 7017 W. Archer ave. near his American Legion Central Park Post 1028 at 6945 W. Archer ave. A Brighton Park resident since 1958, he invites all veterans to join his Post. Call (773) 247-1522 or email mexfolroa@ameritech.net The 71st annual Korean Remembrance will be held at Kennedy Park, 11320 S. Western ave. on Saturday July 27th at 10:30 a.m.

## Music Festival In Grant Park

This week, the Grant Park Music Festival rolls out the classics with Richard Strauss, Haydn, Brahms and Stravinsky. Beat the weekend heat when the festival goes indoors at the Harris Theatre on Friday and Saturday.

Free and reserved seats are now available. Visit gpmf.org or call (312) 742-7647.

Violinist Ann Amiko Meyers will perform Angelica Negron, "Color Shape Transmission"; Arturo Marquez, "Fandango" and Pyotr Tchaikovsky, "Symphony No. 6, Pathetique"

on Friday, July 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Independence Day Salute led by Christopher Bell will feature John Williams, "Liberty Fanfare"; Leonard Bernstein, "Somewhere from West Side Story" and Robert Lowden, Armed Forces Salute from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

July 4th in Millennium Park will feature Family Fun Activities from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Live music, conducting Lab, instrument petting zoo, face painting, prizes and NASCAR Remote-Control Car Racing.

## "Books & Beats" At McKinley Park



Photo provided by the Chicago Park District

The Chicago Printers Guild will present "Books & Beats", a Night Out in the Parks series at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing on Saturday, July 20th from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Explore the art of paper-making and mono-prints with Angela Davis Fegan of Too Much Press. Marimacha Monarca Press will be hosting a zine-making station with live music provided by Chad Kouri and Radius Etc. Visit https://www.chicagoprintersguide.org.

## NASCAR Village At Butler Field

The NASCAR Chicago Street Race will partner with Chicago Loop Alliance and JoRand to expand this year's free, public experience in Butler Field throughout race weekend. A wide array of restaurants, retailers, official part-

ners, and interactive experiences will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 6th and 9 a.m. to the Checked Flag on July 7th.

The NASCAR Experience, an immersive display will include racing simulators, appearance from drivers, a Cup Show Car and more.

Displays will include Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marines, and The Field Museum. Radio partners will conduct live broadcasts from Butler Field and Paint the City will provide a racing-themed painting demonstration.

For ticketing options, NASCARChicago.com or call 888-629-7223.

## Dean's List At Bates College

More than 575 students were named to the Dean's List at Bates College of Lewiston, ME for Winter 2024. This honor is earned by students with a 3.92 grade point average or higher. Local scholars are Kevin Duong and Leslie Jimenez of 60632.

## Dean's List At Carthage College

Andrew Dakuras and Daniel Villalobos of 60638 were named to the Carthage College of Kenosha, WI Spring 2024 Dean's List in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement.

Honors are accorded to students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given semester.

## 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. Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@aol.com.

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## Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Candy House" by Jennifer Egan is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 8th at 6 p.m.

Morning Stories for ages up to 4 are recited on the first Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Featuring a simple story, new song and familiar nursery rhyme. Playtime follows.

The Spanish Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m.

Baby Time will share books, songs and play on Fridays, July 12th to Aug. 2nd from 10 to 11 a.m.

Teen programs to age 18 are held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Saturday Stories and Play for ages 15 months to 4 with a caregiver will be held on Saturday, July 6th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees will listen to a simple story, sing songs and learn nursery rhymes. Children can then stay to play and make friends.

A Music STEAM program for ages 6 to 12 will explore music through a variety of art projects, science experience and more on Tuesdays through July 30th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Story Time for Tots on Mondays, through July 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Discovery Hour, Wednesdays, July 10th,

## Nature Programs At Play Garden

The McKinley Community Play Garden, 3518 S. Wolcott will conduct a free Nature Explorers Program for children 3 years and older during July.

The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum will offer programs on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on the following topics: July 13th on Plants, July 20th on Bugs and July 27th on Birds.

On Fridays, July 14th to 28th from 10 to 11:30 a.m., teenagers will lead a nature playgroup. On Aug. 4th, there will be a field trip to the Nature Museum.

For more information and to register, visit [lit.ly/mkexplore](http://lit.ly/mkexplore).

## Basketball Jam At Park 596

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Teens in the Park Basketball Jam at Park No. 596, 4830 S. Western on Thursday, July 18th from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event is an extension of the Windy City Hoops and Summer Teen League basketball program. Participants compete intramurally at local parks to qualify for this unique tournament. Giveaways, halftime fun and music are featured.



*"And the star-spangled banner forever shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"*

Francis Scott Key

As we celebrate Independence Day, we are once again reminded that freedom is not free. Just as America fought for independence in 1776, American troops continue to defend freedom around the world today.

July Fourth is a day to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our liberty.

It's a day to proudly celebrate our great country and the ideals it represents.

Happy Birthday, America - let freedom ring forever!



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## Mexican Museum Offers Programs



The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. has scheduled a wide range of programs for families that provides opportunity to explore the galleries while learning about Mexican art and culture.

A new digital guide is available for free on Bloomberg Connects, the free arts and culture app that features visual descriptions, supplemental videos, art highlights from the permanent collection, and more.

Families with children ages 4-8 years old can join us on Sunday, July 7th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Listo para el museo: Storytime. We're reading "Spanish is the Language of My Family" by Michael Genhart followed by an art activity. This event is free but registration is required with [angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](mailto:angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org).

Ancient Huasteca Women - Goddesses, Warriors and Governors in Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery runs until July 21st. Over 130 artifacts highlight several roles or women in the Mesoamerican civilization known as the Huasteca. This exclusive exhibition, from the National Institute of Anthropology and History in Mexico includes recently excavated sculptures that reveal ancient stories of female deities, warriors, governors and priestesses.

Mariachi Potosino - The Sound of Home recounts the story of José Cruz Alba (1918-2002) and his immigrant journey from Durango to Chicago. Archival photographs, video, newspaper clippings and family interviews trace his life's work.

Children ages 7-12 are invited to explore the galleries during a guided visit of *Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity*. Spend time analyzing "The New Awakening" and creating building

## Nature Play Day At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Open Nature Play Day for ages 3 to 10 with adult on Wednesday, July 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stories, art and exploration will be featured

block artworks inspired by nature. \$15 registration fee includes all materials. Email [angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](mailto:angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org) to register.

Arte Diseno Chicago II - From the Worlds Fair to the Present Day will be held through Aug. 11th.

This exhibition examines the 1893 Worlds Fair and features 19th century works of art from both sides of the border, along with contemporary artwork by Chicago-based artists who were born in Mexico.

Summer Wednesdays are set through Aug. 7th when the galleries will be open until 8 p.m. for guests to explore. The Teinda Tzintzuntzan will be open for your shopping needs. Mariachi Potosino - The Sound of Home in the Chicago Gallery through Nov. 10th.

Most programs are free of charge; however, registration is required at [email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](mailto:angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org)

## Skateboard Camp At Grant Park

The Chicago Park District invites novice and experienced skateboarders to 'Go Grind', a free series of camps and Friday night skates at Grant Park Skate Park through Sept. 9th, except for July 5th.

'Go Grind' Camps are four-day instructional sessions at five skate parks that allow children ages 10 to 15 to receive guidance from skateboarding experts. Safety tips and style tricks are part of the curriculum.

Registration is available online at [chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com).

## Mobile App For Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo Chicago has launched a new mobile app available for free download on iOS, Android, and other major smartphone platforms. Guests can pre-plan their adventure day with a GPS-enabled map to plan itineraries, search for their favorite animals and purchase tickets.

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

## IHDA Programs For Homeownership

The Illinois Housing Development Authority has provided financial options and educational resources to help individuals achieve the American Dream of homeownership for 40 years.

In 2023, IHDA Mortgage saw its largest homeownership production, helping create nearly 10,000 new homeowners, 85% of those being first-time.

In 2023, IHDA Mortgage originated \$1.8 billion in first mortgage loans and provided \$67.6 million in down payment assistance. This year, IHDA Mortgage has provided \$143.9 million to create more than 720 new homeowners.

For more information about programs and resources, visit [www.ihdamortgage.org](http://www.ihdamortgage.org).

## GSDC Schedules eCommerce Class

The Greater Southwest Development Corporation will conduct an eCommerce Program on Tuesdays, July 16th to 30th and Aug. 6th.

Participants will create a profitable business brand and design a business website a Shopify. Register at [greater-southwest.org](http://greater-southwest.org).

## 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, July 2nd. Beat 921 from 6 to 7 p.m. and Beat 922 from 7 to 8 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.

Workshops with Brighton Park Poets will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month where participants discuss source poems, respond to prompts and share their work. The facilitator is bilingual (English, Spanish).

Story time with Mx. Dannie for children up to 2nd grade and their families are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for stories, songs and other fun activities.

Adult Book Discussions are held on the third Friday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Baby Story Time with Mx. Dannie features stories, songs and other fun activities to practice literacy skills and build a love for books on Wednesdays July 17th and 31st from

11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Family Story Time with picture books, stories, songs and a simple paper craft activity will be held on Tuesdays, July 9th to Aug 20th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Register by 5:30 p.m. the day before. A parent or guardian's email address is required.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DIY Crafts will be offered on Mondays, July 8th, 22nd and 29th at 4:30 p.m. Make a pen flute, sound sandwich or paper telephone.

A Pop-Up Musical School featuring Latin America for ages to 5 will be held on Friday, July 12th from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

A Wiggleworms Concert with Old Town School of Folk Music will be held on Wednesday, July 24th at 11 a.m. Families with children to age 8 will sing along to their favorites.

A Kid Olympics End of Summer Party is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3rd from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Play games like bags and hula hoop to win fun prizes.

A group singalong is planned for Saturday, Aug. 3rd from 2 to 3 p.m. Join artists from the Old Town School of Music to sing Folk & Pop Songs.

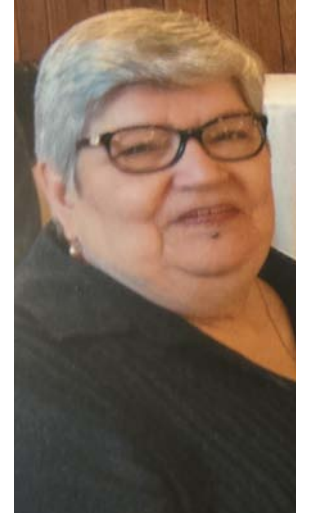
A Silent Disco for families will be enjoyed on Thursday, Aug. 8th at 5:30 p.m. There is music playing but the room is quiet.

Visit [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org) to register.

## Obituaries



**BERNICE KON-DRAT** (nee Koszulinski) age 95, formerly of Archer Heights. Wife of late Walter; mother of Richard (Lucyna) and Ronald (Denise) Kondrat; grandmother of Lisa Bogard, Brian and Robin (Joseph) Ruzella; great grandmother of Haley, Xander and Annabelle; daughter of late Katarzyna (nee Piotrowski) and late Michal Koszulinski; sister of Stella (Kazimierz) Mendrala and Kazimiera (Joseph) Gutierrez; sister-in-law of Wilhelm (Wanda) Kondrat. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 14th from 2 to 7 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 Archer ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Woods Church on Monday, July 15th at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.



**CONNIE LOU RUIZ** (nee Battin); of Nevada, formerly of Brighton Park; wife of Ambrose Ruiz; mother of Ronald (Maria) Ruiz, Phillip Ruiz, Matthew (Carmen) Ruiz and Amanda (Hector) Coronado; grandmother of Rebecca, Samantha, Matthew Jr., Edward, Jessica, Elizabeth, Christian, Mercedes, Julia, Marcos and Alexis; great grandmother of Natalya; daughter of Augustina Duron and late Jack Battin; sister of Rita Villareal, Hope Bialek, Paul Ramos and late Frank Ramos. Memorial Visitation was held June 29th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer ave.

## Midway C of C Plans Meeting

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct a General Meeting at the Wintrust Sports Complex, 5449 W. 65th st. on Tuesday, July 9th at 12 noon. Jim Longino of the Greater Southwest Development Corp. will be guest speaker.

For more information or to register, <https://business.midwaychamber.org>

## Program On Chicago River

Shedd Aquarium is presenting a free program on the ecology, history and future of the Chicago River at the Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Free Concert At Ping Tom Park



Photo provided by the Chicago Park District

Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic, will perform a free symphonic concert at Ping Tom Park, 300 W. 19th st. on Saturday, July 20th at 6 p.m. Students and community members of all ages and levels rehearse and perform free concerts with Chicago Philharmonic musicians. Visit <https://chicagophilharmonic.org/>

## Dental Society Conducts Mission

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation hosted its 7th annual Mission of Mercy in Peoria on June 28th - 29th and provided free dental care valued at over \$1.6 million to 1,306 patients who came from more than 55 counties and 3 states.

More than 80 veterans received priority care on the first day as part of the veteran-first initiative, a gesture of gratitude for their service.

This event brought together over 1,000 volunteers - including dentists, hygienists, dental assistants and students.

For more information on this annual event or other programs offered by the Foundation, contact [foundation@isds.org](mailto:foundation@isds.org).

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<p><b>Masses at St. Barbara</b> Bridgeport — 2859 S. Throop Saturday, 5 PM, Rosary: Sunday, 5:30 AM 6 AM &amp; 9:30 AM Sunday Masses <b>Weekday Schedule (Chapel)</b> Tue., Thurs., &amp; Sat. 8 AM Mass</p>	<p><b>Masses at St. Therese</b> Chinatown — 218 W. Alexander Sunday Masses 8 AM in English 10:30am Cantonese <b>Weekday Schedule</b> Mon., Wed., &amp; Fri. 8 AM Mass July 7, 2024</p>
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## Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

### ALL AGES

Technology Help is available Drop-in (first come, first served when adult librarian is on duty) or by appointment. Get help with your devices, computer questions, using online library resources (eBooks, databases, job resources).

Foam Party on Saturday, July 27th at 2 p.m. Dance in bubbles, play games and create crafts.

### TEENS

Magic Waffle Mondays at 1 p.m. (except Aug. 26th). Make a waffle with fun toppings and enjoy board games, coloring or bring your own book.

Teen Tuneful Crafternoons on Thursdays at 1 p.m. (except July 4th). A fun afternoon of crafts, socializing and snacks. Materials and snacks will be provided.

Teen DIY for ages 14 to 19 will be available on Tuesdays, July 9th, 23rd and 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. Projects include art, perfume rollers, block painting, patches and vinyl stickers.

### KIDS

Instrument petting zoo with Old Town School of Folk Music on Saturday, July 13th at 2 p.m. Ages 3 to 10 will discover sounds of instruments.

STEAM Fun with Marble Run on Tuesday, July 16th from 1 to 3 p.m., ages 5 to 13 will unleash creativity through Tunepad.

Music of Latin America with Pop-Up Music School on Friday, July 19th at 11 a.m. Sing, dance and learn about music from Ms. Magaly, for ages 0-5 with a caregiver.

### ADULTS

Music open mic on Fridays through Aug. 9th at 2 p.m. Play your favorite pieces on our acoustic guitar or keyboard.

The Ballad of "Deepfake Drake": Al and music on Monday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m. A lively discussion on a song generated

by A.I. Register in person to pick up a copy of the New York Times article at the Circulation Desk or register online and access the article through the link.

Musical Journeys: Irish Music Performance on Sunday, July 21st at 2 p.m. Featuring artists from the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Polish Book Club meets 3rd Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. July 17th title is "Niepokorne damy" by M. Janicki.

English Book Club meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. July 24th title is "Klara and the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Craft Lab Mondays at 6:30 p.m. July 8th: Tape Resist Watercolor Art; and Aug. 12th: Meditative Doodling. Register online or at the circulation desk. Materials will be provided.

Beading time on 1st Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. (except in November). Create jewelry and ornaments with beads and wire. Bring your own material or use ours.

Music documentary film screenings. Enjoy a movie and popcorn, while supplies last. Aug. 14th at 6 p.m. Live at Misters Kelly's! Big names in entertainment share how they succeed after performing at a Chicago night club.

## Piping Plover Eggs Hatch

All four of Imani and Searocket's offspring have hatched within 36 hours of the first chick at the Montrose Beach Dunes shoreline, near the newly named Monty and Rose Wildlife Habitat.

This is the 4th generation of homegrown Piping Plovers. These new hatchlings are a testament to the healthy environment that the Chicago Park District along with partners have created to help this endangered species survive in an urban setting.

The chicks will be monitored and joint efforts will help keep the protected area safe from predators.

## Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

**From India to Chicago: Mantras and Temple Life** by the Jangchub Choeling Tibetan Buddhist Nuns on Friday, July 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. Free with Suggested Donation to the Jangchub Choeling Nunnery.

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. offers 3rd Friday tours monthly at 6:30 p.m. Participants will explore the 3rd floor of asian art from the Main, Ming and Scholar's Galleries. Free parking, museum admission and appetizer will be available.

3rd Friday Free Admission Night is scheduled for July 19th from 5 to 8 p.m. Tour at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Explore the three galleries of the museum and the new special exhibition - Year of Dragon. Free parking, museum admission, tour and appetizer will be provided.

Guardians of the Earth and Sky: A Performance and Art - Marking Activity is scheduled for Calumet Park, Saturday, July 13th, 2 to 3 p.m.; Palmisano Park, Saturday, July 27th, 2 to 4 p.m. and Garden of the Phoenix, Saturday, Aug. 17th from 2 to 4 p.m. Free to the public. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes for walking approximately one mile. Dance, music and storytelling will be inspired by the four guardian animals

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Save These Dates  
Saturday & Sunday, July 27th - 28th - visit our booth at the Summer Chinatown Fair. Saturday, Aug. 17th - Vacation Bible School for ages 4 to 10. A fun day of Bible stories, arts & crafts, music and games. Saturday, Sept. 28th - Rummage Sale.

## McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. has scheduled interesting and informative programs. Hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Nightfall Story Time (online) Mondays, 6 p.m., ages 0-5, enjoy stories and songs. Online registration required. No story time on July 22nd.

Little Learners Story Time Fridays, 10:30 a.m., ages 0-5. Enjoy stories and songs.  
Being Bilingual Rocks! Family Concert with Mi Amigo Hamlet and Alina Celesta, Wednesday, July 17th at 6 p.m.

Family Magic Show with Scott Green, Thursday, July 18th, 2 p.m. All ages.

Family Story Time, Wednesday, July 24th, 6 p.m. Enjoy stories, songs and a craft.

Parents are invited to

discuss a book about parenting while socializing and enjoying snacks on Saturday, July 13th from 3 to 4 p.m. This month we will be reading "Fat Talk" by Virginia Sole-Smith. Contact Katie for help obtaining a copy.

Kids' Karaoke, Saturday, July 27th, 2 p.m., ages 0-13. Love to sing? Show off your talents.

Baby & Toddler Play Group, Tuesday, July 16th, 10:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Aug. 1st, 10:30 a.m., ages 0-3.

Musical Games, Wednesday, July 10th, 2 p.m., ages 5 and up. Play sound bingo, musical chairs, and more.

End-Of-Summer Fun, Saturday, Aug. 3rd, 11 a.m., all ages.

The McKinley Park Music School Student Showcase will perform on Sunday, July 21st from 3 to 4 p.m. All ages are welcome.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

## Music Night In The Parks



Photo provided by Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District will feature the **composers Workshop at Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie on Wednesday, July 10th from 7 to 8 p.m. The program will combine poetry and music.**

## Open Nature Play At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Open Nature Play Day for ages 3 to 10 with adult at Dan Ryan Woods

visitor Center, 87th and Western on Wednesday, July 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stories, art and exploration will be featured.

## Latin Jazz Fest At Humboldt Park

The Jazz Institute of Chicago, in collaboration with the Chicago Park District, will present the Chicago Latin Jazz Festival at the Humboldt Park Fieldhouse, 1440 N. Humboldt blvd. on July 12th & 13th.

The festival kicks off on Friday at 6 p.m., featuring performances by Juan Pastor Chinchano followed by Paulinho Garcia Latin Jazz Quintet at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, enjoy Nythia Martinez and Friends at 5 p.m., followed by Brian Lynch and Spheres of Influence at 6:30 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and picnics, although food and beverages will be available from local vendors.

For more information, visit Jazz Institute of Chicago.

## Job Fair At Westside Inst.

12th District State Senator Celina Villanueva is collaborating with Central States SER to host a job fair at Arturo Velasquez Westside Institute, 2800 S. Western ave. on Thursday, July 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendees should visit https://tinyurl.com/SenatorVillanuevaJobFairRSVP to register. For more information, call (773) 739-6118.

## Humboldt Penguin At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit: Jim Schulz/Brookfield Zoo Chicago

A Humboldt penguin chick, who hatched on May 28th, was raised by foster parents at Brookfield Zoo Chicago.

A Humboldt penguin chick hatched at Brookfield Zoo Chicago on May 28th is thriving thanks to the care of a veteran pair of penguin foster parents.

Divot and Rosie, incubated the egg and cared for the chick after it hatched. The egg, originally laid at Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, was transferred to Chicago an incubator after the Ohio zoo's care team removed the egg to be placed with suitable foster penguin parents. Divot and Rosie were chosen as surrogates given their track record raising their own chicks in 2021 and 2022 as well as fostering another pair's chick in 2023.

Two other chicks hatched at the Zoo on May 19th and Feb. 19th. The biological parents are part of the penguin colony at Brookfield, but also needed foster parents to increase their chances of successfully hatching.

In the wild, Humboldt penguin parents typically stay and care for their chicks until they are 70 to 90 days old. The adults then leave the breeding ground and go off to sea, leaving their young to fend for themselves.

Native to the coasts of Peru and Chile, Humboldt penguins are classified as a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, with factors such as climate change and natural or

human-caused disasters threatening their existence.

You can help support the penguins through the Zoo's Animal Adoption program. For \$35, a recipient receives the Friend level adoption, which includes a 5-inch x 7-inch color photograph, a certificate of adoption, a fact sheet on the species, an Animal Adoption program decal, and an invitation to the exclusive Animal Adoption summer event. To purchase, visit BrookfieldZoo.org/AnimalAdoption.

## Program On Health Career

The Chinatown Branch Library, 2100 S. Wentworth will host a program on careers and opportunities in Health Sciences on Saturday, July 13th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Design your life after high school by exploring the wide variety of options available.

Online registration is encouraged at chipublib.org.

The first hour is open for industry presenter tables, programs, lunch and activities. The panel discussion with professionals and raffle of prizes begins at 2 p.m. Winners must be present.



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