



Electric Cars and Zero Emissions



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Many people are looking into electric cars and zero emissions components of the Biden mandates. Very few do actual reading for themselves. Polls show that both left and right seldom read outside the mainstream media to seek the actual truth.

There was a "Nova" broadcast recently that I believe is very even-handed and explained many portions of the problem that many of us are unaware of. The science of emission control is doing well and has many systems for large buildings to be very efficient in carbon control. Now it is "very expensive". They gave cost by the kilowatt consumption, so I for one could not figure what the actual cost to people would be. Of course, big buildings write it off in taxes which helps the air but China and India are putting much more into the air than we now can take out.

are now being produced might be causing more problems than they are solving. We have many companies working on the problems that have been a problem for the scientists, that is the lithium batteries. It has been reported widely that there have been many fires caused by these batteries. Some manufacturers are quoted as saying "for safety, do not park in a garage that is attached to your home" because most people have been charging their batteries in their own garage.

These batteries are a significant problem if you want to take a long trip. The charging stations for a car on empty take from 30 minutes to overnight. If you pull in and there are several vehicles charging, it will take a very long time. Guess who we sold most of our lithium to -- communist China. Who has to find how to get rid of the waste which at this time is just being buried along with most parts of the windmills because of the many chemicals contained in these items? The USA.

The electric cars have added so much weight because of the batteries that there are reports of public parking structures sinking in the soil or collapsing. I am sure there are many scientists working to get rid of the lithium batteries. Sometimes they find the solution or they go to something else. Does the word, Hindenburg, mean anything to you? We can never tell what those scientists are working on, though I am sure the vehicles in the future will be much better for common citizens.

American Red Cross Seeks Volunteers

American Red Cross volunteers responded to 20 home fires in Chicago and suburbs.

Disaster Action Team volunteers provided assistance to 121 people, including 43 children, by supplying them with items to meet immediate needs after a fire, and additional support in the form of health and mental health services.

For assistance after a home fire or local disaster, call dispatch line: (800) Red Cross (800-733-2767).

According to a Red Cross survey, more than half of all Americans (54 percent) either can't swim or don't have the basic swimming skills. The Scientific Advisory Council recommend that everyone learn to perform critical water safety skills, referred to as 'water competency.'

The skills, performed in a sequence, include being able to: Step or jump into the water over your head. Return to the surface and float or tread water for one minute. Rotate in a full circle and find an exit. Swim 25 yards to the exit and Exit from the water. If in a pool, be able to exit without using the ladder.

Red Cross swim lessons help people develop skills and water safety behaviors that help them be more comfortable and safer when they are in, on and around the water. People can find age-appropriate water orientation and Learn-to-Swim programs for themselves and their family members by visiting redcross.org/takeaclass.

Free Skills Training For Construction Jobs

The National Latino Education Institute, 2011 W. Pershing rd. is offering free skills training. The Energia Project provides foundational industry knowledge and technical skills for entry to energy occupations and fields.

The Aprende Project is a free pre-apprenticeship 10-week training program for carpenter, electrician, plumber, painter and more.

Requirements include: be at least 18 years of age, have high school diploma or GED, have drivers' license, complete an assessment and interview.

For more information, visit education@nlei.org or call (773) 395-1924.

MPCA 50th Anniversary Outstanding Educators



Photo courtesy of Justin Kerr, McKinley Park News.

On April 23rd, the McKinley Park Civic Association celebrated its 50th Anniversary and announced their Outstanding Educators in the Community. Pictured in front row are Elena Concepcion, Evergreen Academy Middle School; Lucrecia Garcia, Blessed Sacrament Parish religious educator; Adriana Kenning, Nathanael Greene Elementary School and Dr. Peggy Burke, Aquinas Literacy Center. Back row: MPCA President Agnes Bednarkiewicz; MPCA Secretary Chris Bania; Tom White, DeLa Salle Institute; Edward Miller, Thomas Kelly High School; Zachary Manta, Namaste Charter School and MPCA Vice President Sue Pletsch.

'Reach' Sculpture Installed At O'Hare



Photo provided by City of Chicago/DCASE

Large-Scale Sculpture, by Coby Kennedy and Hank Willis Thomas, Latest Series of Works Installed Throughout MMF in Partnership Between CDA, DCASE.

The Chicago Department of Aviation and Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the installation of "REACH," a new large-scale sculpture by New York-based artists Hank Willis Thomas and Coby Kennedy, in the Multimodal Facility at O'Hare International Airport.

"REACH" consists of two arms, approximately 27 and 31 feet long, suspended between 9 and 34 feet high in the North Escalator Hall of the multi-modal facility. Viewers approaching the three-story hall through the tunnel from the public lobby will see a massive beckoning hand overhead. The experience will dynamically change for viewers coming from the upper levels of the parking structure, with the sculpture appearing at eye level from the top floors and towering overhead as they descend the escalators to pass through and underneath the iridescent arms.

8th District CAPS Meeting

CAPS Beats 815 & 821 will meet at the Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4915 S. Kilbourn on Wednesday, June 7th at 7 p.m. The districts cover 38th to 55th st. and Pulaski to Cicero.

For more information, contact (312) 747-8724 or email caps.008district@chicagopolice.org.

Co-Ed Youth Soccer Clinics

The Chicago Police Soccer Club will conduct free Co-Ed Youth Soccer Clinics for ages 5 to 16 at Normandy Park, 6660 W. 52nd st. on Saturday, May 6th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and at Scottsdale Park, 4637 W. 83rd st. on Saturday, May 20th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Contact Officer Reynoso, Office of Community Policing at (312) 745-5900 or email at jose.reynoso@chicagopolice.org.

This \$3.5 million project presents a unique opportunity to invest in Chicago artists and creative professionals while providing international visitors with a dynamic and welcoming first impression of our city. 19 commissions featuring more than 20 artists will be completed and unveiled in phases throughout 2023.

CDA To Host Expo & Job Fair

The Chicago Department of Aviation will host an Airport Expo and Job Fair at the UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt rd. on Wednesday, May 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Job seekers will have the chance to meet companies seeking employees of all experience levels for positions at O'Hare and Midway.

Local businesses will have the opportunity to learn about: Upcoming contracting opportunities with the CDA's Construction Managers at Risk. Hiring and contracting initiatives.

Requirements to obtain certification as an Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Woman-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise, and Business Enterprise Owned by People with Disabilities.

To learn more or register as either a job seeker or vendor, visit fly-chicago.com/airportexpo.

Scout Troop Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 1441 will conduct a Spaghetti Dinner at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Duggan Hall, 6424 S. Kenneth on Sunday, May 7th from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Take-outs will be available. For more information, contact scouttroop1441@gmail.com.

Summer Events At Public Schools

Chicago Public Schools are providing summer opportunities for children from Pre-k through high school graduation.

These include: Academic programs for students who need additional support, Enrichment opportunities for students who want to improve academically, including Summer of Algebra program that prepares students to take more advanced Math courses in high school.

Athletic programs and enrichment activities like the arts and STEM. Career and Technical Education camps that will give students in grades 6 - 9 the chance to complete hands-on career-focused projects and learn from industry professionals.

Specialized programs will offer students entering transitional grades a head start on beginning the new school year strong: 253 schools will offer Preview to Pre-k and/or Kickoff to Kindergarten programs to help youngest learners get familiar with the daily routines of the classroom.

81 high schools will offer Freshmen Connection to support up to 6,000 students who are preparing to enter 9th-grade.

Summer programs will run from June 26th - August 4th. Details and registration information for these programs can be found at cps.edu/summerprograms.

Other camps, activities, and job opportunities are available through One Summer Chicago, My CHI, My Future, Chicago Park District and Chicago Public Library.

Chicago Tomorrow is a District-run program that supports CPS graduates in earning their Bachelor's Degree in Education in 4-5 years. Students start by enrolling in the City Colleges of Chicago's SEED Scholarship program, then complete their degree at a partner university (Illinois State University, Roosevelt University, or Northwestern Illinois University), or at a four-year college or university of their choice. TCT offers generous financial aid, academic and career support.

For more information, email ajdennis2@cps.edu.

Lincoln Park Zoo Celebrates Arbor Day



Courtesy of Lincoln Park Zoo

On April 28th, Lincoln Park Zoo celebrated Arbor Day with free activities, including inviting guests to visit the nearly 300-year-old bur oak tree and bid it farewell before its impending removal.

Guests writing thank-you notes to the tree, viewed archival photos, played leaf identification and tree-ring counting games.

The tree's legacy will live on in partnership with the The Morton Arboretum, where 36 of its scions were grafted onto rootstock for propagation, preserving its genetics. Slices of the tree will be provided to the Illinois State Archaeological Survey to support dendrological and climate studies in Cook County.

The level of degradation within the tree's trunk will determine its ability to live on in other ways, but the zoo is hoping to dry, mill, and preserve slices of the tree for memorials, educational tools and nature play spaces.

A map of oaks, general arboretum tour, and list of the zoo's accredited hibiscus collection, along with a full database of plants on zoo grounds is available at lpzoo.gardenexplorer.org.

9th Dist. Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District Police Beat 921 will meet at the McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, May 10th at 7 p.m.

Residents may meet their beat officers to discuss problems. For more information, contact (312) 747-3501.

Mayoral Inauguration Set For May 15th



B. JOHNSON

Chicago Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson will be sworn in as the 57th Mayor, alongside City legislators at Credit Union 1 Arena (UIC Pavilion), 525 S. Racine ave. on Monday, May

15th at 10:30 a.m. The inauguration ceremony will cap off a full schedule of events taking place over the weekend.

"This was always a movement of, by, and for the people, and that's the spirit we're going to bring to Inauguration Day," said Johnson. "I want every single Chicagoan to feel that together, we're writing a new chapter for our city, because we are. The goal of this inauguration is to be as collaborative and inclusive as possible, because that will be the goal of our government in City Hall."

Public tickets will be available on the website on Monday, May 8th. An open house will follow at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle st., 5th floor at 2 p.m.

This event is open to the public.

For more information, visit www.chicago-forthepeople.org.

Pappas Shares Digital Expertise



M. PAPPAS

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas took part in the first-ever Cities Summit of the Americas in Denver to share her digital and automation expertise with city leaders from North and South America.

The U.S. government-led effort convenes city, state and municipal leaders from throughout the Western Hemisphere to focus on shared challenges and solutions. Speakers include a U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Kyiv, Ukraine, Mayor Vitali Klitschko.

Pappas, whose office collects and distributes \$16 billion in property taxes yearly, explained how technological innovation increased efficiency and reduced the number of government workers in her office by more than 75% since being elected in

1998.

"Digital transformation was the magic that allowed me to make my office efficient and transparent," Pappas said. "I've hosted officials from more than 100 countries in my office and they need magic, too. They want to see how we do things in Cook County."

Pappas has traveled the globe touting the digital advancements in her office. In 2021 she spoke to forums in Spain and in the Dominican Republic. In 2022, she hosted a property tax summit for representatives from more than a dozen countries from the American States.

She will address the Greek Parliament this summer.

ACR Combats Brain Cancer

The American Association for Cancer Research reports that some 24,810 people in the United States are expected to be diagnosed with brain cancer and other nervous system cancers. Brain and spinal cord tumors are formed by the abnormal growth of cells and may be either benign or malignant. Benign brain and spinal cord tumors grow and press on nearby areas of the brain.

Malignant brain and spinal cord tumors are likely to grow quickly and spread into other brain tissue.

When a tumor grows into or presses on an area of the brain, it may stop that part from working the way it should.

Tumors that start in the brain are called primary tumors that may spread to other parts of the brain or spine. Tumors found in the brain that have started elsewhere in the body are called metastatic tumors.

About half of metastatic brain tumors are from lung cancer.

For more information, visit aacr.org.

Registration For Park Programs

The Chicago Park District has scheduled seasonal registration and session dates for most parks and gymnastic centers.

Online registration is open for in-person and all virtual programs.

Summer programs, June 26th to Aug. 20th are posted online. 6 week day camp runs June 26th to Aug. 4th.

In-person registration begins May 6th.

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New Post



Deacon Juan Rosales has served Blessed Sacrament Parish in McKinley Park since being ordained five years ago. His next assignment will be serving at Immaculate Conception/ Five Holy Martyrs Parish in Brighton Park.

Parade Celebrates Polish Constitution



Chicago's Annual Polish Constitution Day Parade will step off at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6th from Columbus drive and Balboa st. and proceeds along Columbus to Monroe st.
 The Polish Museum of America will celebrate the 232nd anniversary of the Polish Constitution of 1791 by marching in Unit #12. The Great Constitutional Concert will follow at the Chopin Garden of Grant Park, 11th & Michigan ave. at 2 p.m.
 The Polish Museum will be closed on that day to participate in the festivities. Everyone is invited to march in the parade and wear white and red.

McKinley Play Garden Plans Clean-Up

The McKinley Community Play Garden at 3518 S. Wolcott invites volunteers for a Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 13th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Equipment and refreshments will be provided. Email questions to info@communityplaygarden.org.

Obituaries

JOHN E. DUSLACK, age 74, of LaGrange, IL, formerly of Little Village, He was the son of late Helene (nee Wilczewski) & late Raymond Duslack; brother of Raymond Duslack, Jr. & Richard Duslack; godfather of Barbara Foss; friend of Sheila Naughten; cousin of Mary Kay Thompson, Monica Dewitt, James Devane, Therese Zidron, Pablo Wilz, Richard Duslak, Frank (Dawn) Duslak and Kim Ackerson. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 4th from 4 to 8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 S. Archer ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Friday, 10:30 a.m. from the funeral home to the Church of SS. Cyril & Methodius, Lemont. Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. John was a longtime employee of ComEd/Exelon; former president of the Data Processing Management Association; member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity; proud alumnus of University of Chicago, St. Mel H.S., St. Casimir Grammar School, Boy Scouts and Sea Explorers.

MARGE THERESA KOREE passed away on April 18th at the age of 57. She was the mother of Kieth; sister of Pebbles, Patricia and Diane. Predeceased by Robert Szymanski, Shirley Burger, and James Koree. Visitation was held April 30th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.

LUTTY SANTOS passed away on April 26th at the age of 56. She was born in Naranjito, Puerto Rico to late Angel & Ada Rosa. Survivors are her husband Rudy Santos and siblings Lucy, Norberto and Efrain. Visitation was held May 1st at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, River Grove.

Art Competition In Bridgeport

Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will display its 11th Annual Bridgeport Art Competition and Exhibition in the 4th Floor Gallery from May 19th to July 7th.
 The competition is open to artists 18 years of age and older, at all stages in their careers, and who are living or working within 150 miles of Chicago. This juried competition accepts a broad range of art media and styles. Not eligible are functional pottery, jewelry, clothing, accessories, furniture, other primarily functional art, or time-art such as video, sound, or film.
 Opening reception & awards ceremony will be held on Friday, May 19th from 7 to 10 p.m.
 For more information visit www.bridgeportart.com or call (773) 843-9000.

Outdoor Activities For Wellness



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Route 53, Lisle offers options for escaping the indoors and reaping the benefits of nature.
 Explore 16 miles of trails and capture photos. Daily admission tickets are required in advance.
 Hikers will experience the healing and wellness-promoting effects of shinrin-yoku, the practice of bathing the senses in the atmosphere of the forest.
 The four-acre Children's Garden offers themed Woodland Family Hikes each month.
 Even on blustery cold days, out among trees and nature by driving the Arboretum's scenic nine miles of paved roads. Stay warm in your car while listening to a soundtrack of your choice, and hop out at one of the 33 parking areas to take a short walk or a picture of the Human+Nature sculptures, the many lakes, and beautiful landscapes.
 Deer roam the Arboretum grounds year-round, but are easier to spot in wintertime. Coyote, owls and others may also make appearances.
 Morton Arboretum is an internationally recognized outdoor tree museum and research center. Its 1,700 acres include 16 miles of hiking trails, a Children's Garden, educational exhibits, Visitor Center, and specialty tree and plant collections. Information about exhibitions, events and admission is available at mortonarb.org.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled an interesting schedule of programs.
 Time for Tots for ages 18 to 36 months and 3 to 5 years will be held on Mondays, May 8th and 15th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Toddlers will listen to stories, sing songs, learn rhymes and make a craft to take home. Early arrivals can color, play and build puzzles.
 The Spanish Adult Book Club / Club de libro will meet on Thursday, June 8th from 1 to 2 p.m.
 Painting 1..2..3! for ages 3 to 6 is scheduled for Saturdays, May 6th & 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Let your inner artist out and have some fun painting. Have child dress appropriately to get messy!
 Afternoon Story Time for ages 3-6 will be conducted on Thursday, May 4th at 4:30 p.m. Guest author and Chamber of Commerce president, Mary Ellen Brown will read one of her books and answer questions about the creative process. A fun activity follows.
 Preschool Legos for ages 2-5 will feature simple, timed challenges using colored patterns on Wednesday, May 10th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 The Sunflower Program on Saturday, May 20th at 11:30 a.m. will challenge ages 5-9 to plant a seed and record its progress.
 Adult Game Day on Saturday, May 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. offers Scrabble, cards, trivia, Quiddler, Yahtzee and more. A simple craft and refreshments will be available.
 Time for Tots on Mondays through May 15th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. has songs, rhymes and



RITA HARAZIN (nee Drag) of Archer Heights, passed away at the age of 79. She was the mother of Denise (Mark) Williams, Jeanine (Scott) Bischoff and John Harazin; grandmother of Samantha Williams, Adam and Riley Bischoff; daughter of late Bernice (nee Butkiewicz) & late Frank Drag; sister of Justine (late Terry) Reilly, Judith (late Fred) Luna and late Carol (Conrad) Grisko. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 13th, 10 a.m. at St. Bruno Church. Inurnment will be at Resurrection Garden Mausoleum. Rita was a Member of St. Bruno Rosary Ladies Society, St. Bruno Seniors and St. Richard Golden Agers.

Workshops For DPS Services

The Department of Procurement Services announces that businesses will have the opportunity, information, and resources to compete for City contracts. Learn about comprehensive information on ways to grow your business, increase capacity, foster mutually beneficial business relationships, and be more competitive on City contracts. Learn about the Small Business Initiative, BEPD Incentive, M/WBE Mentorship Program, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE), and many more.
 DPS believes that everyone should have a chance to participate in the business of government. This includes participation by way of bidding on a contract, being a supplier, becoming a certified vendor, or learning about how to do business with the City.
 Visit www.chicago.gov/dps to learn about Current Bid Opportunities, Buying Plan, Procurement Resource Quick Reference Guide, DPS Workshop PowerPoints Rules & Regulations.

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Tournament For Mario Kart 8

The Chicago Teen Gamers Guild will conduct a Mario Kart 8 Tournament at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Saturday, May 27th from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 The event is open to all skill levels, ages 13 and up. Pre-registration is not required. Arrive early, there will be an entrant cap of 64.
 Friendly matches run from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by match play. The Gamers Universe Convention is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th.
 For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

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Art on the Mart Programming



ART ON THE MART, an innovative digital art project that transforms a Chicago architectural landmark into a larger-than-life canvas, will start its 2023 programming with a new commission by internationally renowned artist Derrick Adams nightly at 8.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. through July 5th. The projection of CPS seniors will be shown through May 14th. **ART ON THE MART** is free and can best be experienced from the jetty section of the Chicago Riverwalk on Wacker Drive between Wells and Franklin streets, where accompanying audio can also be heard. For more information on the 2023 season, visit artonthemart.com.

Summer Jobs For Young People

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services announced the launch of the 2023 *One Summer Chicago* application portal until June 2nd. OSC 2023 will provide in-person job and life-skills training for youth ages 14 to 24 from June 26th to Aug. 4th. OSC participants will earn \$15.40 an hour within all Chicago Departments.

Opportunities for Chicago youth ages 14 to 15 are also available through the Chicagoability workforce preparation program. Over the course of a 6-week period, young people will connect with public and private sector industries through site visits, trainings and will provide a weekly stipend. The Chicago Youth Service Corps, a year-round service-learning program, continues to welcome applicants at cysc.mychimifuture.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.

Bunny craft will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays through May 10th. Family Craft Night for ages 6 & up is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Craft for kids of all ages will be featured on Friday, May 5th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Dragon Craft for kids ages 3 & up will be available Mondays and Wednesdays, May 15th to 31st from 1 to 6 p.m. Use our craft cart to make your own fire breathing dragon. Drop in any time to make this fun craft to take home. Bunny craft is available on Mondays and Wednesdays through May 31st.

Adult Book Discussion "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henricquez is available in person and online Friday, May 19th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Earthshakers - Stories in Earth for toddlers, preschoolers and their families will be held on Saturday, May 27th from 10 to 11 a.m. Join Mx. Dannie for stories, songs, and other fun activities all related to our planet. Story time will be followed by an eco-friendly upcycled craft.

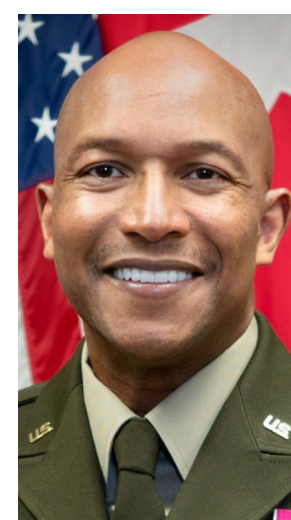
Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on the first Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Stop by to meet your beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions. Help with Homework from the Teacher in the Library program is available on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Open Play for children 0 to 5 with their parents or caregivers will be available on Friday, May 19th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Kids STEM Club for ages 6 to 13 will conduct experiments Thursday, May 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The LEGO Club for families with children ages 5 and up will meet on Thursday, May 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Build your own design to try out a design challenge. Work on your own or as a team, LEGO bricks are supplied. Family Story Time for children of all ages is offered on Tuesdays through May 30th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for picture books, stories, songs and a simple paper craft activity. Junior Justice League Community Service Club for teens ages 10 to 19 is available on Monday, May 8th from 4 to 5 p.m. Perform a craft project to benefit a cause while earning 1 hour for community service.

Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussions will be held on Thursday, May 18th 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. For 2023, we will be reading the first six volumes of the classic manga series *Monster* by Naoki Urasawa. Preschool Story Time with Mx. Dannie will feature stories, songs, and other fun activities to practice literacy skills on Wednesdays through May 31st from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Puzzle Club for ages 6 and up will be offered on Wednesday, May 17th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. New Parents Meet Up + Baby Play will feature open play time in the Children's room on Friday, May 5th from 10 to 11 a.m. Various toys are provided. Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Grand Marshal For Memorial Parade



Major General Rodney Boyd

The City of Chicago and Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events will announce the Grand Marshal for Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, May 27th at 11am at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington st. The parade will step off at noon and proceed south on State street from Lake street to Van Buren street.

Major General Rodney Boyd, Assistant Adjutant General - Army of the Illi-

nois National Guard and Commander of the Illinois Army National Guard, will serve as Grand Marshal. Originally from Chicago's South Side, he is the highest-ranking African American Officer in Illinois National Guard's 300 year history.

The City of Chicago will honor fallen heroes and Gold Star family members who have lost a loved one in the United States Armed Forces to combat operations or while on active duty. Approved by Congress beginning in 1947, Gold Star Lapel Pins and the Next of Kin Lapel Pins are presented to families as symbols in remembrance of their fallen loved ones and their ultimate sacrifice.

The Illinois National Guard is celebrating their 300-year anniversary by commemorating significant dates in its history. Founded on May 9, 1723, the Illinois National Guard continues to draw its strength from the community.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony at 11am will also be livestreamed at Chicago.gov/live. For additional information, visit Chicago.gov/DCASE.

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct Little Learners Story Time with Ms. Katie featuring songs and stories for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Fridays, through May 26th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Chinese Zither Performance will be enjoyed on Saturday, May 7th from 2 to 3 p.m. Presenter Menghua Guan will demonstrate the 21-string plucked instrument that has more than 2,500 years of history. It has a great impact on other Asian zithers, such as the Japanese koto, the Korean gayageum and Vietnamese dan tranh.

A legal pro-bono workshop will be conducted on Monday, May 8th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The presentation will address legal services for Powers of Attorney for healthcare and property, living will declaration, last wills and testaments, as well as information about real property transfer on death instruments. This is provided by the Center for Disability & Elder Law.

A series of nutrition/exercise lessons will be taught on Tuesdays, May 16th, 23rd and 30th; June 6th, 13th and

27th; July 11th, 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. Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

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, May 20th 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.

Performances At Mexican Museum

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 15th st. is featuring Sor Juana Festival performances.

The multidisciplinary festival honors Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, a 17th-century Mexican nun, celebrated playwright, mathematician and poet. Scheduled performances include Bidi Bidi Boom Boom: The Selena Tribute Dance Party on May 11th to 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming events include Listo para el museo: Wall Hangings on Saturday, May 6th from 10 to 11 a.m. Latino Writers Initiative on Tuesday, May 9th. Printmaking Workshop with Marimacha Monarca Press on Saturday, May 13th from noon to 2 p.m. Studio Saturday: Felt Plushies on Saturday, May 27th from

Midway C of C Plans Business Expo

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will conduct a Community Small Business Expo at Kinzie School Gym, 56th & Mobile on Saturday, May 20th at 10 a.m.

More than 60 local businesses, crafters, have based vendors will display their products.

For more information, visit garfieldridgecc.com.

10 a.m. to noon. New exhibitions are Los huecos del agua, Recent Indigenous Art from Mexico, Giving Shape: Yollocalli Artistic Practice Through the Years, and Yollocalli Class of 2022. Visit *Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity* from the Permanent Collection for a span of artworks from ancient Mesoamerican to contemporary.

For more information, visit nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/ or call (312) 738-1503.

Spring Concert



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Chicago Artopia, a team of artists, educators and aficionados is presenting a Spring Concert at West Lawn Branch Library, 4020 W. 63rd st. Luciano Antonio will perform Brazilian Jazz guitar and vocals on Saturday, May 27th at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Gads Hill Center Marks 125 Years

On May 3rd, Gads Hill Center hosted its annual Gala at the Hilton Chicago in celebration of its 125th anniversary. The theme, "Many Paths, One Dream," signifies the Center's storied past and promising future.

Commissioned artwork from renowned artist Alejandro Romero, a former Pilsen resident symbolizes the organization's mission to provide children and families with educational resources and opportunities for success.

To learn more, visit www.GadsHillCenter.org

Performing Arts Campaign Opens

Choose Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the launch of a new campaign to encourage visitors to experience live theatre, music, comedy and dance performances. People will be encouraged to #GoLiveChicago and visit any of Chicago's world-class performing arts venues.

For information on the latest performances, visit GoLiveChicago.org.

Bird Walks At Dan Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Bird Walks at Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western on Wednesdays through May 31st at 8 a.m.

Participants will join a naturalist to look for migrating and resident birds. A limited supply of binoculars are available for lending.

Chicago Launches Youth Programming

City Agencies announced summer youth opportunities available including the employment and life-skills training program. One Summer Chicago, The Department of Family Support and Services, Park District, Public Library and Public Schools announce summer opportunities.

One Summer Chicago 2023 will run from June 26th to August 4th, marking the return of in-person employment and life-skills training for ages 14 to 24. Young people can apply at OneSummerChicago.org until June 2nd.

Young people will have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience in technology, healthcare, media, finance and earn \$15.40 an hour.

Chicago Public Schools will offer a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic programs to keep students engaged and reduce summer learning loss. Programs are also available for students transitioning to a new academic stage, including preschool preview. Freshmen connection for incoming 9th graders, and alumni success initiatives for new and recent graduates.

The Park District will offer camps, sports leagues, teen clubs, movies, concerts and dancing. Registration is open for most programs that start June 26th and run through August 2nd.

More than 2,500 seasonal employees, will be hired including lifeguards, recreation leaders, attendants and junior laborers. To apply, you must be a Chicago resident, ages 16 and older, and most jobs do not require any previous work

Free Night At Asian Art Museum

The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan offers free admission every third Friday of each month from 5 to 8:30 p.m. English and Mandarin tours are available.

For more information, visit heritageasianart.org or (312) 842-8884.

Park District Offers Lifeguard Incentives

The Chicago Park District announces a one-time, \$600 retention bonus, that will be paid to year-round lifeguards and summer lifeguard candidates who successfully complete all required trainings, and fulfill their duties during the summer season. In an effort to encourage swimmers to apply for the seasonal lifeguard position, and help retain qualified applicants, the District is also providing incentives to candidates, which include tickets to Chicago Fire FC soccer home games upon completion of the Lifeguard Swim Test and a chance to win a one-day pass to Chicago's Lollapalooza concert, and a Divvy membership pass.

Only a portion of qualified applicants have completed the required skills-test and certification requirements. The \$600 retention bonus for lifeguards will further help encourage applicants to satisfy the conditions required to fulfill the onboarding process.

During the summer, the average current wage will be raised to an equivalent of \$17.45/hour for new and returning hires, and over \$18 for current year-round lifeguards. Bonus payments will be divided in two equal payments to be distributed with employee payroll checks during the season.

Summer lifeguards are highly skilled, must pass specific skill tests and be properly certified, and as a result have always been more highly compensated than most other District seasonal staff. This year, the District began soliciting candidates for lifeguards as part of the summer jobs campaign, "Your Perfect Summer Job," and has received a favorable number of applicants to operate one of the largest aquatics programs in the country, and to ensure visitors can enjoy our beaches and pools safely.

At the end of the Summer, seasonal lifeguards who complete their job duties with a favorable, supervisory review, will be eligible for a seamless transition to year-round employment as a Chicago Park District lifeguard. This provides a great opportunity for individuals who want to work at our parks part-time or looking to pursue lifeguarding as a full-time career.

Seasonal Lifeguards must be 16 years of age, pass specific skill tests and be properly certified. For more information to apply, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/lifeguards.



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