



## FBI Heroes?



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There was a time when I was in elementary school, the big heroes on TV were Zorro, The Lone Ranger, and the FBI. Things sure have changed. Now the kids in middle grades play with their handheld devices and TV no longer produces heroes. Parents control the TV. Of course, they have five or six sets. In my conversations with middle school kids, they don't know any heroes with masks, like Zorro and the Lone Ranger. There still are several shows with FBI in the title but these are not heroes. The middle school kids I talked with said they are not even in the top ten of their choices.

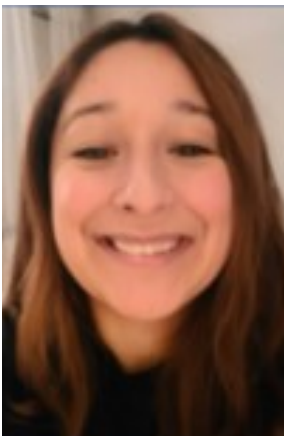
Much of the news about the FBI is not good. Several agents have testified that the agency has asked them to do things they felt were illegal. You could read about this with a simple google search. The most recent I have read about was an expose by Michael Shellenbarger and then followed up by Judicial Watch.

This journalist found emails dated February 10, 2021 that a Twitter employee told Twitter's Deputy General Counsel "we have collected \$3,415,321 since October, 2019". This was reportedly for the time that Twitter spent processing FBI requests.

Since Elon Musk began looking into the censorship requests, it is reported the money was to slant articles for pharmaceutical groups and censor articles and make them slant left. There have been numerous other complaints and it does appear that many consider this illegal.

Over the years, as a principal, I have met and worked with several FBI agents. The Chicago office even provided my school with 9-11 Assembly speakers. They all seemed like average and knowledgeable men and women who represented their profession very well.

## Apple Award For Teaching Finalist



K. VARGAS

Karen Vargas of Namaste Charter School, 37th pl. & Paulina is among 12 CPS educators named finalists for the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

These educators are

## Opportunity Fairs For Teenagers

The Chicago Park District will conduct Teen Opportunity Fairs at Truman College, 1145 S. Wilson on Saturday, March 9th; Kennedy King College, 740 W. 63rd st. on Saturday, March 23rd and Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd. on Saturday, April 6th, all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Teens ages 13 to 19 can explore summer opportunities in parks, including job openings (ages 16+ and readiness programs (ages 13-15).

Job interviews will be offered to eligible candidates. Chicago resident and at least 16 years old by June 17th, 2024.

Numerous roles are available attendees will learn about recreational programs, interact with professionals from diverse fields and explore educational programs and services.

Register at [chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/teen-opportunity-fairs](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/teen-opportunity-fairs).

## 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](mailto:brightonparklife@aol.com).

Opinions expressed by guest editorials may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park - McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

## 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.

The 30th annual Sor Juana Festival will kick off March 2nd and continue through May. The festival honors Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, a 17th century Mexican nun who was a celebrated playwright, mathematician and poet.

The achievements of Mexican women feature film music and literature. Noa Sainz will perform a musical concert on Saturday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

A contemporary dance performance inspired by Frida Kahlo for Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz will be offered by Silvita Diaz Brown on Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Stitches of the Soul: Quilting Series will be conducted Saturdays in March and April from 12 to 3 p.m. Join textile artist Carina Yezpez on an eight-week series on the foundations of quilting through applique, discuss topics on identity and ancient garments. The class fee is \$360 and includes all materials. Space is limited, to register email [dolores@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](mailto:dolores@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org) or call (312) 433-3938.

A performance of "Wilma" is scheduled for March 22nd - 24th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

"Wilma" narrates the story of a girl who grows up as a foreigner in her own land, isolated by the racism and classism imposed by her grandmother, who forbids her to learn Maya and associate with Maya speakers. Suddenly, one of the worst hurricanes in history arrives on the peninsula. See this spectacular and unforgettable performance by actress, dancer, and stage director Itzel Razo.

*Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection* highlights the Museum's Permanent Collection to showcase the stories of Mexican identity. From ancient Mesoamerican and colonial artifacts to modern Mexican art and contemporary works.

*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.

Auxiliary Board in partnership with Onward House is hosting a donation drive to support recent arrivals. Donations of new and gently used items will be distributed to those in need. Visit [nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](http://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org) for a list of items needed.

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

## Orchid Show At Botanic Garden



The Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook rd., Glencoe is presenting "The Orchid Show of wonders" through March 24th. Circus nostalgia is paired with the beauty of 10,000 blooms. Order tickets at [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org)

## DOH Program For Home Repair

The Home Repair Program is open to residents who own and occupy a 1 to 2 unit residential property and who earn up to 50% of the Area Median Income.

Formerly known as the Roof and Porch Repair Program, the Home Repair Program provides grants to income-eligible homeowners for improvements to their roof or porch. The amount of financial assistance is based on household need and available funding. A site inspection will determine the scope of work required for a roof porch and the repair cost.

Households earning up to 50 percent of area medium income may be eligible to participate in the program.

Income qualifications: (household size and income) 1 - \$38,630, 2 - \$44,150, 3 - \$49,650, 4 - \$55,150, 6 - \$64,000, 7 - \$68,400 and 8 - \$72,800.

Homeowners can register their interest in the program through Friday, March 6th.

Registering your interest in this program does not guarantee service. Callers will be prioritized based on Dept. of Housing priority areas. Department staff will contact you within a month of the registration deadline regarding the status of your registration. Visit [chicago.gov/housing](http://chicago.gov/housing) for more information.

## Community Expo At Kinzie School

The Midway Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Spring Community Expo at the Kinzie School Gym, 56th & Mobile on Saturday, March 16th from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Small business, crafters, vendors and more will display their products. Admission is free. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will conclude at the location.

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

## Monahan Honored

Loras College of Dubuque, Iowa announced that Emily Monahan achieved Dean's List status for the 2023 fall semester. Honorees must earn a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be recognized.

## Egg Stravaganza At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct Spring Egg-Stravaganza for ages 1 to 12 on Saturday, March 30th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each of 6 zones are given age and accessibility recommendations. Parents and non-egg-hunters over the age of 1 must purchase a ticket to enjoy all the other "egg"-cellent festivities taking place throughout the morning. Each \$25 ticket includes: Egg hunts with up to 12 candy- and/or toy-stuffed eggs per child. Photo op with a costumed character. Free rides on the Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure. Kid-friendly DJ on the South Lawn. Bubble activity. Animal chats from zoo experts, springtime activities, craft areas and games. Musical fun with Mary Macaroni and the Impastas. For reservations, visit [lpzoo.org](http://lpzoo.org).

## Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct 3rd Fridays Open Studio on March 15th from 7 to 10 p.m. Enter and check-in through the Atrium Entrance off of Racine Street. +21 wristbands are available at check-in for complimentary wine bar.

Park Yon-jae is a Korean visual designer who has been a professor in the Department of Industrial Design at Joongbu University for 24 years. Under the theme of "Return to Nature," his exhibition expresses human desire to return to pure nature through March 1st.

"Decadence Of Another Kind" will be on display through March 1st. Let art lead the way, as these 12 artists have cracked the code in presenting their true selves to the world as Black Artists. Their varied approaches to art include textiles, paintings, sculptures and installations that reflect historical and cultural significance.

The Chicago Ceramic Center is conducting pottery classes and hand-building workshops.

Onion City Memories, an art exhibition by Muddy AKA @MahmudTheMedium will be on display through March 1st. This exhibition will bring attendees into Muddy's world of Onion City, a futuristic alternate reality inspired

by Chicago and other places that Muddy has lived in and visited. Each piece will be a window into specific moments and memories of the original characters.

Artists are invited to participate in the 12th Annual Juried Art Competition that will be on display from May 17th to July 5th. Work must have been completed within 2021-2024 in a broad range of media and styles. Not eligible are functional pottery, jewelry, clothing, accessories, furniture, functional art, time-art such as video, sound, or film. Deadline is Wednesday, March 27th. Application fee is \$35. Prizes are \$3,000 - Best of Show, \$1,500 - 2nd prize, \$750 3rd prize and \$500 - People's Choice Award.

Register at [bridgeportart.com](http://bridgeportart.com)

## Recruitment For IDHS Employment

The Illinois Department of Human Services offers rewarding career opportunities in various fields - Business, Management and Administration, Medicine and Healthcare, Community and Social Services, Technology, Law, Administrative, Service and Public service. Join the next presentation and learn about career opportunities, employee benefits and tips on completing your online employment education. Bilingual is a plus.

Register for the next virtual recruitment presentations on Wednesdays, March 6th, April 3rd and May 1st from 10 to 11 a.m. or March 20th, April 17th and May 15th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Spanish only speaking may apply on March 27th, April 24th and May 22nd from 2 to 3 p.m. Contact [Dhs.Recruitment@Illinois.gov](mailto:Dhs.Recruitment@Illinois.gov).

## Gorecki Honored

Drake Gorecki (60632) has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College of Clinton, Kentucky for the 2023 fall semester. Honorees must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

A senior majoring in neuroscience, Drake a graduate of Walter Payton College Prep School.

## First Installment Tax Bills Due Friday

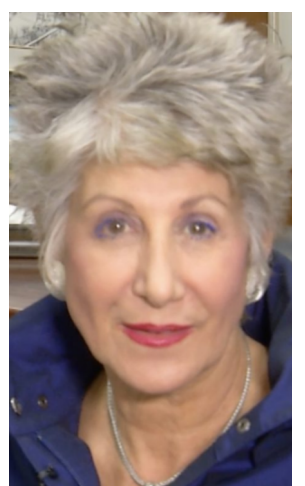
First Installment Tax Year 2023 property taxes are due Friday, March 1st, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas reminded taxpayers today.

Nearly 1.8 million bills were posted online at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) in December and mailed printed bills to taxpayers in late January.

Partial payments are accepted from those unable to pay the full amount. After March 1st, any balance due is charged 0.75% per month, as required by state law. Illinois lawmakers in 2023 approved reforms championed by Pappas that reduced the interest rate penalty from 1.5% to 0.75 per month, or from 18% to 9% annually.

To make a payment or download a copy of your tax bill, visit [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com): Select the blue box labeled "Pay Online for Free". Search by property address or enter your Property Index Number.

Follow the steps as



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directed; you will need to know your account number and your bank's routing number.

You can also use the website to: Search for \$93 million in available refunds; check to see if you are missing tax exemptions; and read the Pappas Studies, a series of research projects that includes a 20-year history of Cook County property taxes.

## Expert Tips For Spring Cicadas



Credit: The Morton Arboretum

Ahead of the historic spring 2024 emergence of periodical cicadas in Illinois, the tree experts at The Morton Arboretum are sharing tips on how to protect young and other vulnerable trees and shrubs from potential damage.

Large broods of cicadas will be found across a wide area of the United States this spring, with 13- and 17-year varieties emerging in May. Central and southern Illinois will experience 13-year cicadas, while 17-year cicadas will emerge in areas north of Springfield, including the Chicago region.

Damage to trees occurs when female cicadas lay their eggs in small slits on twigs, made with a long, knife-like ovipositor.

Before the cicadas arrive, cover small trees and shrubs, including those with few developed branches, with a fine protective netting, such as

tulle fabric. Close gaps in the netting with binder clips, clothespins or staples and gather the fabric around the trunk as near to the ground as possible.

Consider waiting to plant young trees with a trunk diameter of less than 2 inches until after adult cicada activity has ceased, or in the fall.

The Arboretum recommends that homeowners not use insecticides against cicadas.

Periodical cicadas bring some benefits. Nymph exoskeletons and adult carcasses will function as fertilizer as they decay.

For more expert tips, visit [mortonarb.org/cicadas](http://mortonarb.org/cicadas).

## Millikin U. Honors Scholars

Millikin University of Decatur, Illinois announces undergraduates who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

Josue Martinez attained the High Dean's List and Isabella Hernandez made the Dean's List.

## McGuire Honored

Scarlett McGuire, a member of the class of 2026, was named to the College of the Holy Cross of Worcester, MA Fall 2023 Dean's List.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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## Registration For Omega Delta

Omega Delta Youth Baseball and Softball League provides regular season baseball and softball at Hoyne Park from April until the end of July. Every player that signs up plays in every game.

Divisions are T-Ball Division (ages 4-5), \$75; Rookie Division (ages 6-8), \$90; Girls Softball (ages 8-10), \$100; Minor Division (ages 9-10), \$110; Girls Softball (ages 11-13), \$110 and Major Division (ages 11-13), \$120.

Register at [omegadelbaseball.org](http://omegadelbaseball.org).



## Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

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

Wednesday Book Clubs for Polish on 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m. and English 4th Wednesday each month at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Pick up copies at the circulation desk. No registration required.

Family Story and Play Time for ages 0 to 5 and caregivers is held on Thursdays through March 21st and Saturdays, March 2nd and 6th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sing and dance your way through an active story time filled with exciting books. Open play follows with giant blocks, puppets and make new friends.

Homework help is available from a certified teacher on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m.

Maker Mondays for ages 13 to 19 will be offered on March 25th through May 20th from 4 to 5 p.m. Spend an hour each week working on a fun art project. Materials will be provided.

Sit 'n' Stitch: Crochet and knitting Club for ages 13 to 19 will be held Thursdays, March 21st, April 18th and May 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. Learn new patterns or swap supplies. Bring your own materials, as supplies may be limited.

Technology Help for adults is available on Mondays, March 11th through April 29th from 1 to 2 p.m. Examples of help provided include: navigating the Internet or setting up an email. Help formatting a Word document. Downloading eBooks or eMagazines in library apps: hoppla or Libby. Accessing job resources such as Chicago DigitalLearn, LinkedIn Learning, or Brainfuse.

Gaming Club for teens will include video, card and board games on Thursdays, April 25th and May 23rd from 4 to 5 p.m.

An Adult Book Discussion of "Invisible Child" by Andrea Elliot is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Copies are available

for checkout at the circulation desk.

Craft Lab: Upcycled Decouped Jars will be held on Monday, March 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn how to decoupage on glass with a technique that allows you to upgrade everyday glass items, such as jars, vases or bottles. All materials will be provided. Adults and teens are welcome.

An Adult Social is held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to engage in activities like doodling, coloring, crosswords or a board game.

The Artist's Studio for families with kids of all ages will be held Monday, March 11th from 5 to 6 p.m. Projects are designed in partnership with the Art Institute of Chicago. This session we will be making "Patterned Portraits: Mixed Media Collage," inspired by the art of Bisa Butler.

LEGO Club for ages 6 to 13 will be held Wednesdays, March 13th and 20th from 5 to 6 p.m. Compete in new and fun challenges.

Watercoloring Painting for ages 3 & up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. Have fun exploring different techniques to create your work of art.

Avoiding Home Repair Scams will be explained on Monday, March 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. One out of five complaints received at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General involves disputes between homeowners and home repair contractors. Bring your questions, the presentation will be in English and Spanish.

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

## Nature Play Day At Ryan Woods

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct Open Nature Play Day at the Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th and Western on Wednesday, March 13th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

## Grey Seal Birth At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit: Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo announces its newest addition, a grey seal pup born on Feb. 17th. The male pup, who weighed nearly 35 pounds at birth, will remain behind the scenes with 11-year-old mother, Georgette.

This is Georgie's first time experiencing motherhood since arriving at Brookfield Zoo in 2020. As a pup, she was found stranded on an island in Georgetown, Maine, near the Atlantic Ocean in 2013. It was determined

that she is fully blind in the left eye and functionally blind in her right eye.

Even with her loss of vision, Georgie is a very attentive mother and with a keen sense of smell and repertoire of vocalizations, is able to locate her pup.

The sire, 23-year-old Kiinaq was also stranded in the wild and deemed unreleasable when he was only a few months old. Since arriving at Brookfield Zoo in 2018, he has sired three pups. Currently, there are only 22 grey seals in seven accredited U.S. zoos and aquariums. Brookfield Zoo has the largest group with six.

Since his birth, staff has been monitoring the pup, charting nursing bouts and developmental milestones, including alertness, mobility, and weight. In his first week, the pup has gained 15 pounds. A grey seal mother's milk is extremely rich in fat, and it is not unusual for the pup to gain several pounds a day.

## Symphony Center Schedules Concerts

Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan ave. announces its schedule of concerts.

Schubert & Beethoven, March 1st & 2nd; Jessie Montgomery & Curtis Stewart, March 3rd; Gil Shaham Plays Mendelssohn, March 7th to 12th; Eliades Ochoa, March 8th; Benjamin Grosvenor, March 10th; Herbie Hancock, March 30th; Klaus Makela & Yuja Wang, April 4th - 6th and Yefim Bronfman, April 14th, CSO xJazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, April 25th - 27th; Sheherazade, May 2nd - 4th; Montgomery & Bruckner 7, May 30th - June 1st; Hilary Hahn & Friends, June 9th and The Elements with Joshua Bell, June 13th - 15th.

For ticket information, visit [cso.org](http://cso.org) or call (312) 294-3000

## IDOT Schedules DBE Workshops

The Illinois Department of Transportation is hosting free virtual workshops as part of its Building Blocks of Success series for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms interested in strengthening their skills, growing their business and bidding on state projects. New and existing DBEs, as well as firms interested in becoming certified in the program, are invited.

March workshop dates and topics; all from 10 a.m. to noon, include: March 5th, Job Costing and Work-In-Process; March 7th, Overhead Rate Calculation - Construction and Professional Services, Part 1; March 12th, The Benefits of Using Accounting Software; March 14th, QuickBooks - Part 1, 2 and 3 Q&A; March 19th, QuickBooks - Construction; March 21st, QuickBooks - Professional Services; March 26th, QuickBooks - Suppliers; March 28th, QuickBooks: Trucking.

The program will continue through April. Workshop information, including dates and times, is available at [bit.ly/DBEworkshops](http://bit.ly/DBEworkshops). Advance registration is required. Questions can be directed to (217) 785-4611.

## Fundraiser For Iowa Hospital

Erika Coates and Lezly Andrade were among more than 1,100 University of Iowa students who participated in the 30th annual student-led Dance Marathon, generating more than \$1.4 million for the Stead Family Children's Hospital. The event has generated more than \$35.8 million in its history. Dancers and leadership fundraiser for 365 days to reach their fundraising goal.

## Polish Program At History Museum

Lira Ensemble Board Member Dominic Pacyga will participate in a discussion about Polish Chicago from 10:15 to 11 a.m. and a panel about Growing up in Chicago from 2:45 to 4 p.m. at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. on Saturday, March 16th.

To register and learn more about this free event visit [chicagohistory.org](http://chicagohistory.org).

## Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson will be held on March 14th at 6 p.m. "The Five Wounds" by Kristin Valdez Quade is scheduled for April 11th at 6 p.m.

Time for Tots Story time for ages 15 to 36 months and a caregiver is available on Mondays, March 11th to 25th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and a themed craft to take home. Early arrivals can color, build puzzles and play with toys. Great opportunity to socialize and learn how to share, take turns and clean up.

Stories & Songs for ages 18 months to 4 years will be held on Wednesdays, March 6th, 13th & 27th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Early arrivals can build puzzles. Free play follows each session. Children learn to share and socialize with their peers.

Chess for ages 6 to 13 will be played Wednesdays, March 6th to 27th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Play different opponents to improve your skills.

Craft ArtVentures for ages 5 to 13 will be held Tuesday, March 5th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. A variety of craft supplies will be provided.

Games People Play for adults will be enjoyed on Thursdays through March 28th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or use ours. Light refreshments will be served.

Senior Drop-In Games will be available on Saturdays through March 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join in card and board games, coloring sheets, word finds, crosswords, an ongoing jigsaw puzzle and more. Apply for a library card and find out about eBooks. No registration is required. Bring your knitting or crochet projects too.

Leap Day Story Time for ages 3 to 5 and caregivers will be observed on Thursday, Feb. 29th from 5 to 6 p.m. This day only comes once every 4 years, so don't miss your chance to listen to stories and have a great time with your friends.

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.

Knit Wits: Crochet Circle will meet on Saturdays, Feb. 24th through March 23rd from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your projects

to share or to help others finish. This is a meet-up not a tutorial - it's to have fun and talk.

Tote Bag Tuesday for teens is scheduled for March 5th from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn how to use our vinyl cutter and heat press. You can customize a tote bag or a beanie. Snacks will be provided.

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

Spring Crafts for ages 5 to 13 will be featured Monday, March 25th from 1 to 2 p.m.

UNO and other games for ages 5 to 13 will be played on Tuesday, March 26th from 1 to 2 p.m.

Play Time for ages 15 months to 4 years are offered on Wednesday, March 20th at 10:30 a.m. Trains, cars, trucks, puzzles, toy kitchen, dolls, Bingo dabbers, blocks and more are available for your toddler to socialize and make friends.

Play Day ages 15 months to 4 years will be enjoyed on Saturday, March 16th at 11 a.m. Children can play with our toy kitchen, cars, blocks, Bingo dabbers, Duplos and more.

Bunny Tales for ages 18 months to 4 years is set for Saturday, March 23rd, 10:30 a.m. An Easter Bunny craft and lots of coloring sheets will be available.

LEGO Free build for ages 5 to 10 will be performed on Wednesday, March 27th at 12 p.m.

Spring Story Time for ages 4 to 6 will listen to stories and sing songs on Thursday, March 28th at 12:30 p.m.

Senior Saturday will be held on April 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature live music with "Bud & Marge" (from the 70s 'til now). Refreshments will be served.

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

## Community Meeting Explains Planning

The Chicago Department of Planning and Development will announce a new planning initiative for Brighton Park and Gage Park during an open house at the Park District Community Campus, 4830 S. Western ave. on Tuesday, March 5th from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit [bit.ly/stitch-dpd](http://bit.ly/stitch-dpd).

## Obituaries



**MICHAEL P. NADASKY** passed away on Feb. 17th at the age of 68. He was the husband of Jackie; father of Michael J. Nadasky; brother of Livia (Don) Rominski, Alicia (Jim) Wallace and late John (Linda Sowa) Nadasky; nephew of Annie (Ray) Vasilenko; and the son of late John & Lorraine Nadasky. A visitation and prayer service will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 2 to 5 p.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan Siedlecki, owner - director.



**GERTRUDE TARBOX** who was born on Feb. 21st, 1924 passed away Feb. 25th at the age of 100. Visitation will be held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave. on Friday, March 1st from 9 to 10:30 a.m. 11 a.m. funeral Mass will follow at St. Bruno Church, 48th & Harding. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.

## Devices 4 Disabled Seeks Donations



Devices 4 The Disabled reports that collectively, in 2023, they received 3,320 pieces of equipment donated from 523 individuals or organizations; distributed 3,363 pieces of equipment to 2,481 people and served 214 people in its Seating and Positioning Clinic.

The organization is powered by 10 staff and volunteers who perform the work required to fulfill its mission.

They accept used and new durable medical equipment in good condition, such as walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, hospital beds, and other mobility devices. Donations impact individuals with disabilities, providing them with the tools they need.

Financial donations and grant cover costs to collect, refurbish, and dis-

tribute the equipment. Volunteers are invited to provide their time, expertise and skills.

For more information, visit [devices4thedisabled.org](http://devices4thedisabled.org).

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C.M.

# Join CPD

**TEST DATES:** March 22nd and 23rd

**TESTING TIMES:** 8:00 am and 1:30 pm

**LOCATIONS:**

<b>Wilbur Wright College</b> 4300 N Narragansett Ave Chicago, IL 60634	<b>Malcolm X College</b> 1900 W Jackson Blvd Chicago, IL 60612	<b>Daley College</b> 7500 S Pulaski Rd Chicago, IL 60652
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Contact (872) 267-1388, email: [partyperpurpose@yahoo.com](mailto:partyperpurpose@yahoo.com) or visit [www.pppchicago.org](http://www.pppchicago.org).

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## McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. has scheduled interesting and informative programs.

Little Learners Story Time will be held on Fridays, March 22nd and 29th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will join Ms. Katie for songs and stories.

A film screening of "Woman King" (2022) is scheduled for Friday, March 22nd from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Suitable for age 18 & up. In the late eighteenth century, the Kingdom of Dahomey flourished as one of Africa's most powerful empires. Yet as European merchants encroached, seeking riches at the expense of its people, war-

rior Nansica takes a stand to uphold her peoples' freedom, inspired by true events.

Group Games will be played on Saturday, March 23rd from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Board, card and party games will be available.

A film screening of "Triangle Fire" (2011) is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Near closing time on Saturday afternoon, March 25th, 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York's Greenwich Village. 146 of the 500 employees had died. Many of the employees were women, some as young as 14 years old.

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

## History Museum Schedules Events



Photo provided by the Chicago History Museum

**City On Fire: Chicago 1871. A rapidly growing city built of wood. A summer-long heat wave. An exhausted and misdirected team of firefighters. Racial, social and economic tensions bubbling just below the surface. All Chicago needed was a spark. Open until October 2024.**

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. is featuring "Back Home: Polish Chicago" that features more than 90 artifacts and documents as well as more than 100 reproduced photographs to help tell the story of the Chicago area's vibrant Polish communities from the mid-1800s to today. Explore personal narratives, music, community involvement, as well as art installations from five local Polish artists.

This exhibition is a collaborative project and oral history initiative with the Polish History Museum (Warsaw, Poland), Polish Museum of America, and Loyola University Chicago Polish Studies program. Temporary exhibit through June 8, 2024.

A Day of Dialogue will be presented in partner-

ship with the Polish American Historical Association and the Polish Museum will be conducted on Saturday, March 16th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8 interns are needed to support the upcoming exhibition *Aqui en Chicago*, opening in fall 2025. Participants will conduct research regarding Latine peoples and communities in the Chicago metro area, learn how an exhibition goes from concept to reality, develop research and writing skills, and more. Positions are open ages 16-20 who are not yet attending university. Expected work time is 15 hours per week with payment of \$16 per hour for 8 weeks, June 17th to Aug. 16th. Applications are accepted through Friday, April 1st at [chicago-history.org](http://chicago-history.org).

## Fitness Centers At Area Parks



Photo provided by the Chicago Park District

The Chicago Park District offers fitness centers to motivate residents to increase physical activity by walking, swimming, weightlifting, running, yoga and more.

Parks are health hubs that offer opportunities for all ages and abilities to adopt healthy habits through programs, facilities and amenities.

Residents searching for a weight loss goal in 2024, may access the on-demand physical exercise routines and connect with wellness team about establishing healthy routines, habits and health goals.

Fitness centers have a variety of equipment to help maintain and/or improve one's cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility. Equipment features treadmills, cross trainers,

upright and recumbent bicycles, free weights and benches, cable cross-over, multi-station weight machines and core-focused weight equipment.

One-month, 3-month and year-long fitness center memberships are available to purchase from \$30-\$60. Accessible equipment for people with disabilities is available at 40 fitness centers.

Fitness and wellness options are available for a range of ages and abilities, including aquatic aerobics, cycling, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing, and strength training. Lap swim memberships are also available for purchase. Most winter session classes run through March 21st.

For more information, visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/fitness-centers](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/fitness-centers).

## Seek Nominations For Senior Hall of Fame

The Illinois Department on Aging is seeking nominations for the 2024 induction class of the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame, which honors the accomplishments of Illinois residents aged 65 and older.

Each year, four older adults are inducted for their work in the arts, sports, and entertainment; community service; education; or the labor force. Anyone may nominate an older adult for consideration.

Nominees must be: At least 65 years old and current or previous resident of Illinois for most of their

life. Posthumous nominations are also accepted, provided the nominee was 65 or older and living in Illinois at the time of death.

Completed nomination forms may be submitted electronically or returned via U.S. mail, fax, or email by June 1st. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/resources/news-publicationsandreports/halloffame.html>.

For information about the Department's programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/> or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Musical Tribute Honors Mothers

Three Chicago Cultural Treasures, Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago, Sonas de Mexico Ensemble and Cuerdas Clasicas will present a show titled "To Mom With Love" at the Athenaeum Center, 2936 N. Southport ave. on Saturday, May 11th at 6 p.m.

Tickets go on sale in March at [athenaeumcenter.org/events/](http://athenaeumcenter.org/events/)

## Game Shows At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. will conduct "Game Show" an intergenerational event for seniors and teens on Thursday, March 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A variety of game shows will be provided.

## Dog Advisory Council Mixer

The McKinley Dog Park Advisory Council announces its first Mixer at Whitner Beer Company, 1400 W. 46th st. on Thursday, March 7th at 7 p.m. Participants may lend ideas to this year's calendar.

## ASM Schedules Sneaker Ball

After School Matters will sponsor its Sneaker Ball at the Chicago Sports Museum on Saturday, April 13th at 7 p.m. The event will feature raffle prizes, teen talent and more.

Early bird tickets are on sale through March 3rd. Visit [afterschoolmatters.org](http://afterschoolmatters.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.

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.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, March 13th. 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.

Ladder Up will provide free tax return filing to low income on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 13th.

Teen Hideaway for ages 13 to 19 will be held on Thursdays through March 28th from 4 to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays through March 26th from 4 to 6 p.m. Design and create with our 3D Printer, button maker, vinyl cutter, play video or board games.

Preschool Story Time for children up to kindergarten and their families will be held on Wednesdays through April 24th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Join Mx. Dannie for stories, songs and other fun activities as we practice literacy skills and build a love for books.

Family Story Time with picture books, stories, songs and paper craft activity will be available on Tuesdays through April 30th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Middle Ground for

grades 6 to 8 is offered on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. through April 30th. Play video games on Nintendo Switch, make crafts or art and hang out after school. Earn service hours for attendance.

Workshops with Brighton Park Poets will be held on Sundays, March 3rd and 17th from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The community-based organization hosts a generative poetry workshop 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 to 7 p.m. for stories, songs and other fun activities.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are "Dead Romans" by Fred Kennedy and the 3rd volume of "Akira" by Katsuhiro Otomo.

An Adult Book Discussion will feature the classic "Daisy Jones & the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid on Friday, March 15th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This event is available in person and online.

LEGO and DUPLO Club will meet on Thursdays, Feb. 29th, March 7th and 21st from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Build your own design or try out a design challenge. Work on your own or as a team. We supply the bricks and you supply the imagination.

For families with children 3 years and up. Children in grades 3 to 8 are encouraged to attend STEM Agent Academy which runs at the same time.

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

## Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



Photo provided by Heritage Museum of Asian Art

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.

The Lunar New Year will be observed with a Special Exhibition: *Year of Dragon* featuring a preview reception, an opening ceremony and workshop series with an exclusive Jade Lecture.

3rd Friday Free Admission Night is scheduled for March 15th 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.

The Main Gallery displays artifacts from China, Japan, Korea, Cambodia, Thailand, India and other Asian countries.

The Ming Gallery features Chinese art from the Ming Dynasty, including statues, furniture, paintings, calligraphy, etc.

The Scholar's Gallery gives a glimpse into the lifestyle of a typical Chinese scholar in the Qing dynasty: their furniture, tools, and objects of contemplation.

2024 Resident Artist Irene Hsiao has created an interactive installation, performance, and workshop series called *If the Sky Could Dream* that combines drawing, painting, dance, found materials and found spaces. Because the dragon is a water deity in Chinese culture, this work also

features projections of the waters of Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, and the lakes, ponds, and lagoons of Chicago Parks. The schedule includes Friday, Mar. 15th, 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Mar. 16th, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Friday, Apr. 19th, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 11th, 1 to 3 p.m.

A free museum tour for children will be offered on Saturday, March 9th from 2 to 3 p.m. Discover, create and explore vibrant art and ancient traditions in an interactive setting designed for young minds.

A Korean Culture Workshop will be conducted by Young Kim on March 23rd from 1 to 3 p.m. Join this workshop for an exploration of Obangsaek, the colors of Korea and create your own collage postcards.

For additional information visit [heritagemuseumofasianart.org](http://heritagemuseumofasianart.org).

## Women Of Jazz At Garfield Park

The Jazz Institute of Chicago will present a free performance of the Marlene Rosenberg Quintet at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave. on Friday, March 22nd from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Quartet members are Marlene Rosenberg-bass, Lara Driscoll-piano, Camila Mennitte Pereyra-drums and Gabriel Wade-trumpet.

The opening act will feature the Jazz Linkin Ensemble led by McKinley Huffman and Victoria Flores. For information, visit [jazzinchicago.org](http://jazzinchicago.org).

## Spring Flower Show At Garfield Conservatory



Photo provided by Chicago Park District.

The Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave. will conduct its Spring Flower Show, "What's in a Name?", through May 8th. Plant names are an important way of communicating history, culture, and identity. In addition, because there are many plants with the same common name, or many common names for the same plant. Knowing the botanical name helps people know which plant is which. Learn about how to identify plants amongst stunning spring blooms like Tulipa 'Rococo', Lilium 'Josephine', Viola 'Matrix Yellow' and Anemone 'Giant Blue Poppy'. Reservations are required at [garfieldconservatory.org](http://garfieldconservatory.org).

## English Literacy Volunteers Needed

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

The next tutor workshop will be conducted on Saturday, March 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

## Police Beat 911 Plans Meeting

9th District Police Beat 911 meets at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer on the first Thursday of every other month from 6 to 7 p.m.

At the March 7th meeting, residents will meet beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions.



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