



Legal Voting



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The issue of only American citizens voting in Federal elections is considered very highly among the many who were polled on this issue. While Federal law prohibits non-citizens from voting in Federal elections, there are places that are allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections.

In the District of Columbia, all you need to vote is to be 17 and 18 by election day. You must have proof of residence for at least 30 days prior to the election. There are exceptions for those that are already registered in another state or those that a court has called them legally incompetent to vote.

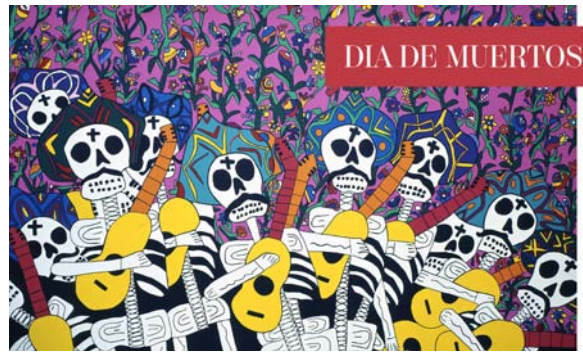
Some local election laws do allow non-citizens

to vote, included among these are San Francisco, Oakland, and a few cities in Maryland and Vermont. New York City tried this but a State Appeals Court ruled that it violated the State Constitution and, therefore, would not be valid.

As printed in "Verdict" the District of Columbia had a training event on April 10, 2024 entitled "Non-citizen voting education virtual training". It trained people to show non-citizens how to vote in the 2024 election. The process would limit the voting power of American citizens as there are no plans to increase the number of members in the House of Representatives.

Some think tanks have issued statements that it would possibly reduce the minority representation in the House of Representatives. At the very least, cause many elected officials to lose their seats when they would be distributed to other states who have higher counts of illegal aliens. It is said this could eliminate many members of the House with experience and may cost them their position in Congress. There are many sides to the issue, but the main point being who you believe has the legal right to vote to help determine your future.

Mexican Museum Offers Programs



Eduardo Oropeza (CA. 1947-2003). Échale (Hit It), 1989, serigraph /serigrafía, National Museum of Mexican Art Permanent Collection, Gift of Self Help Graphics.

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.

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 block artworks inspired by nature. \$15 registration fee includes all materials. Email angela@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org to register.

Mariachi Potosino - The Sound of Home in the Chicago Gallery through Nov. 10th.

The art studio that hosts education programs has been completely revamped to offer improved and varied classes. Plus, it features a stunning mural by artist Cecilia Beaven.

Día de Muertos, Where the Past is Present, dedicated to Ray Patlán (1946-2024), a muralist and painter from Chicago who died in April opens on Friday, Sept. 20th with a reception from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The 38th annual exhibition commemorates the

celebration of departed loved ones through ofrendas. Nearly seventy works from the Museum's Permanent Collection are part of this exhibition.

Contemporary *Casta* Portraiture: *Nuestra "Calidad"* by Delilah Montoya examines the multiracial life experiences of the Southwest U.S. and Mexican borderlands through photography.

Viva la Vida, a monthly workshop series tailored for creative ages, 55 & up are invited on Thursday, Aug. 29th from 1 to 3 p.m. for an art making activity followed by a visit to the galleries.

Coffee and treats will be provided. This program is free, but registration is required.

Early Bird tickets are now available through Aug. 30th for the tenth annual Día de los Muertos: Love Never Dies Ball on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Guests will enjoy culinary treats, restaurants, cocktails, silent auction, open galleries, dancing to live music and a DJ. After that, tickets will cost \$125 in advance and \$150 at the door.

The Selena Tribute Concert will be staged on Friday, Sept. 6th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, celebrating the legendary Tex Mex queen of cumbia. This free concert features the next generation of singers that honor her musical legacy while bringing their own approach to the music.

On Friday, Sept. 13th at 7 p.m. the Field Museum will commemorate the Guelaguetza Oaxaqueña Festival.

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

Back-To-School Tax Benefits

The Illinois Department of Revenue is reminding eligible taxpayers that they may claim back-to-school expenses for their K-12 students on their 2024 Illinois individual income tax returns.

The Illinois Education Expense Credit allows parents or legal guardians of a full-time K-12 student under the age of 21, to take a 25% tax credit on qualified education expenses over \$250 this year. The total credit may not exceed \$750, regardless of the number of qualifying students. For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2017, the credit is not allowed if a taxpayer's federal Adjusted Gross Income exceeds \$500,000 for returns with a federal

filing status of married filing jointly, or \$250,000 for all other returns.

Qualified educational expenses include tuition, book rental, and lab fees in excess of \$250 paid to the school where the student is enrolled on a full-time basis. For home schooled students - book rental and lab fees greater than \$250 are eligible when attending a qualified program.

Based on the latest final IL-1040 return data, over 203,000 taxpayers claimed the Illinois Education Expense Credit in Tax Year 2023. The total amount claimed was more than \$65.4 million, with an average credit of \$322.

Additional information can be found at tax.illinois.gov.

Hispanic Month At Morton Arboretum



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

Join the Arboretum for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th), to celebrate the cultures, histories, and contributions of those people whose ancestors came from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

Latin Grammy Award Winner MISTER G will perform songs from his children's albums in The Gerard T. Donnelly Grand Garden on Sept. 15th.

Follow Señorita Mariposa, a butterfly and her extraordinary migration from Canada to Mexico with an interactive story walk along Meadow Lake. This month long display is included with admission.

Experience the diverse cultures of Latin America, through music, dance, and food at *Celebración de los Arboles*, Sept. 28th and 29th.

Enjoy the fall weather and savor hard cider and seasonal beers from more than 30 breweries and ciders on Oct. 5th.

Explore a dazzling display of more than 7,000 glass pumpkins in traditional and unique colors, shapes, and sizes

Oct. 11th to 13th. Unearth your inner tree champion by taking on the Fall Color 5K Run and Walk on Oct. 26th.

Evergreen: The Gala for the Morton Arboretum, supports the institution's vision of a greener, healthier, more beautiful on Sept. 14th.

Learn to identify the migratory birds filling the air in Field Study: Birds of Fall Sept. 7th through Oct. 5th. Explore the relationship between nature and humans as expressed through Western art in Art History of Plants Sept. 7th, 14th, and 21st.

New parents, introduce your babies up to 18 months to the beauty of nature in Tiny Trekkers (Aug. 30th). Hop on the Acorn Express Adventures (Wednesdays at 11 a.m.) for a family-friendly tram ride.

Welcome the fall season with the Arboretum Cycling Challenge and enjoy the colorful tapestry of changing leaves. Each participant can take on the challenge to complete a 100-mile goal throughout September.

For more information, visit mortonarb.org.

Court Access Through Libraries

A new pilot program utilizing the state's public libraries to improve court access will offer guidance for Illinoisans struggling to navigate the legal system on their own.

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' office partnered with the Illinois Supreme Court's Commission on Access to Justice and The Chicago Bar Foundation to establish Court Access Library Centers in selected public libraries that offer space and dedicated equipment for residents without lawyers to appear in court remotely, obtain legal information and resources, and e-file and access court documents online.

The Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State is among 18 libraries selected for the

pilot phase based on the volume of litigants without lawyers, geographic or transportation limitations to local courthouses and broadband internet access constraints.

The Court Library Navigators' training sessions will focus on specific types of cases, including: divorce and child custody; domestic violence; wills, trusts and estates; housing; and consumer debt.

For more information about resources, litigants are encouraged to call (833) 411-1121.

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, Sept. 21st 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.

Body Armor For County Sheriff K9



K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,707 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$985 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,800, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call (508) 824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

History Museum Schedules Events



Walking Tour, Hyde Park Murals.

The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St. will conduct a Walking Tour of Humboldt Park on Saturday, Aug. 31st from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join professional guide Eduardo Orocho on a walk through home to Chicago's Puerto Rican community. \$25.

A Walking Tour of Hyde Park Viaduct Murals will be held on Sunday, Sept. 1st from 1 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join artist and educator Juarez Hawkins for a lively historical tour of the murals along the Metra underpasses linking Hyde Park Boulevard and Cornell

Avenue in Hyde Park. \$25.

Explore stories of recovery from the 1871 Great Chicago Fire and the neighborhood at the center of Chicago bohemianism in the 1960s and 1970s. \$25.

A Walking Tour of Historic Old Town will be conducted on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Visit chicagohistory.org.

Economic Summit At Daley College

The Greater South-west Development Corporation will conduct an Economic Summit at Richard M. Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski on Thursday, Sept. 19th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature speakers, seminars, panels, industry leaders, entrepreneurs and policymakers. Early registrants will receive free headshots and chair massage.

Visit greatersouthwest.org.

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 Oct. 3rd meeting, residents will meet beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions, receive crimes stats and learn crime reduction strategies.

Bajzek Graduates

Missouri State University awarded 2,890 degrees during commencement ceremonies at Great Southern Bank Arena on May 12th. Todd Bajzek (60608) graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude.

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Civic Association will conduct a general meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th St. Local reator Maribel Castillo from ReMax will discuss the current housing market trends in McKinley Park and surrounding neighborhoods. New and old neighborhood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will follow

Annual 5K Run At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit: Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Brookfield Zoo Chicago's 1-mile Kids Dash is for youngsters 4 to 13 years old.

Brookfield Zoo Chicago is calling runners, joggers, walkers, and animal enthusiasts of all ages to join in its annual Zoo Run on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Sponsored by Revolution Brewing, participants have a chance to connect with nature while supporting the Zoo's mission. Proceeds benefit the Animal Care and Conservation Fund.

The 5K chip-timed race kicks off at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 1-mile Kids Dash, sponsored by Shriners Children's Chicago, at 9:30 a.m., for children 4 to 13 years old. Both routes wind through the Zoo, giving racers a unique opportunity to run past African lions, bison, giraffes, and Bactrian camels.

Participants are encouraged to bring fam-

ily and friends to cheer them on. Afterwards, runners and their support teams can explore the park.

An awards ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. in the Discovery Center parking lot, where the top three male and female finishers in the 5K and 1-mile Kids Dash categories will be recognized.

Registration for the 5K is \$40 (\$45 after August 31st) and \$30 for the 1-mile Kids Dash, plus a minimal sign-up fee. Registration fees include free Zoo admission and parking for racers and their family and friends, a sling backpack, a timed bib, and snacks and beverages. On race day, registrants can enter and check in at the North Gate entrance starting at 6:30 a.m.

To register or for more information, visit BrookfieldZoo.org/ZooRun.

Back To School Health Fair

State Senator Javier Loera Cervantes will present a free back to school health fair at the Brighton Park Community Campus, 4830 S. Western on Saturday, Aug. 31st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, health screenings and more will be available.

For more information call (773) 869-9050.

Taste of Chicago In Grant Park

The City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the food vendor and music lineup for this year's downtown edition of Taste of Chicago, Sept. 6th - 8th. Grant Park 40 food vendors and more than a dozen food truck offerings, free performances by headliners GRAMMY-winning singer, songwriter and rapper CeeLo Green, regional Mexican music trio Yahritza y Su Esencia and Australian alternative rock group Atlas Genius. The Goose Island Stage will showcase Gabacho, Asha Imuno and MJ Nebreda, along with DJ sets by Toyacoyah, DJ Hotrod and DJ Iggy. Guests will also enjoy family activities, special programming and free dance lessons.

For more information, visit TasteofChicago.us.

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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Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. has scheduled a wide range of events for all ages. Enjoy the summer sun outside with storytelling and art-making in the park, or discover tea techniques and preparations with experts.

3rd Friday Free Admission Night from 5 to 8 p.m. with **Tour** from 6 to 7 p.m. is set for Sept. 20th. The event offers wine and appetizers in addition to an engaging evening tour led by a museum docent.

For more information, visit heritageasian-art.org or call (312) 842-8884.

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). 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. 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

Ridge Library Plans Programs

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

An Adult Book Discussion of "True Biz" by Sara Novic is the topic for Sept. 12th at 6 p.m. "Hidden Pictures" by Jason Rekulak is the topic for Oct. 10th.

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 through Sept. 27th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Fun Club offers unique activities for families to engage with and afterwards kids can build with LEGO, play games and color on Wednesdays through Sept. 25th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Back to School Yoga Thursday, Sept. 19th from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Join Ms. Kim for preschool yogo fun. This is a monthly program. Registration is required.

Picture Book Round-Up, Saturday, Aug. 31st from 12 to 1 p.m. Help us celebrate our favorite new picture books in this hybrid story time and craft event. Ages 3 to 6.

Ms. Kim will conduct Senior Chair Yoga on Fridays, Sept. 6th through Oct. 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Register at (312) 747-6094.

Senior Coffee Hours will be enjoyed on Thursday, Sept. 12th, Oct. 10th and Nov. 14th from 1 to 2 p.m.

Music Listening Party will be enjoyed on Saturday, Aug. 31st from 2 to 3 p.m. Bring your favorite CD, vinyl, cassette tape or stream music from your device to share with others.

Connecting Stories At Archer Park



Photo by Alejandro Reyes

The Chicago Park District will conduct **Community Readings and Workshops** at Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn on Friday, Sept. 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. Author readings about personal experiences of environmental justice issues, invite attendees to respond to the stories. The events and related book highlight poetry, creative essays, which were developed by Southwest Side residents in 2023.

Fall Registration For Park District

As Summer Day Camp culminates and Public School students as well as college students return to the classroom for the start of the academic school year, and athletes begin Fall training sessions, the Park District's pools will begin a phased transition in preparation for the Fall season.

The next month is full of summer programs, Night Out in the Park events and Movies in the Parks showings. For a calendar of free events, visit www.nightoutintheparks.com.

Late Summer Camp opportunities and Sports Camps options vary by park.

Kayaking the Chicago River has benefits beyond the stunning views of wildlife and world-class architecture.

The Chicago Park District offers an extensive array of programs for fall season, including Park Kids After-school Program for kids, ages 6 to 12. Financial assistance is available.

Indoor pools will reopen on Sept. 3rd, after the Labor Day holiday, for open swim and lap swim. 22 beaches will remain available for swimming daily through Labor Day, while lifeguards are on duty, daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fall programs such as Learn to Swim, Aquatics Exercise Classes, Water Polo and more will begin the week of Sept. 16th. View and register for Fall aquatics programs at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Games People Play for ages 18 and up is scheduled for Thursdays, Sept. 5th to Nov. 14th from 2 to 4 p.m. Play Scrabble, UNO, Yahtzee, cards, trivia, chess, pinochle and mexican train. Bring your own game and a friend.

Teens will make Waffles on Thursday, Sept. 5th from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

WTTW Kids Learn & Play for ages 3 to 5 with adult Sunday, Sept. 8th from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Participate in fun, guided learning while developing school readiness skills.

Friday the 13th for teenagers will feature the creation of diamond painting coasters of iconic Halloween characters on Sept. 13th from 2:45 to 4 p.m. A round of Loteria or Uno will follow.

Read and Play for ages 2 to 6 is a fun, bilingual story time followed by open play time on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Pinata Making for ages 5 to 12 will celebrate the start of Latinx History Month on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Adult Planner Meet Up on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your own journal/planner, sticks, wash tape, gel pens and anything else to create a one-of-a-kind planner for the new year.

Artist's Studio Tuesdays, Sept. 3rd, 10th & 24th from 5 to 6 p.m. Come learn about different artists and then create some art based on their style. For ages 6 to 12.

Who IQ Trivia: What Do We Know About Big-foot? Monday, Sept. 16th from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us for a fun trivia and craft event. Registration required, ages 8 to 12.

Register for events at <https://chippublish.biblio/commons.com/events>.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

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

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, Sept. 5th. 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.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion for ages 13 & up is scheduled for Thursdays, Sept. 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 17th, Nov. 21st and Dec. 19th. During September, the group will be reading "Quick Stops" by film director Kevin

Smith and continue "Kaiju No. 8" by Naoya Matsumoto with volume 3.

Latin Hip Hop as a New Poetry is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26th from 6 to 7 p.m. Join Catalina Maria Johnson for this informative program, featuring video and lyric examples. The presentation, paired with slides and musical videos, is focused on participation, discussion and enjoyment. Suitable for ages 13 and up.

Visit chippublish.org to register.

Obituaries

LORRAINE GOFF who was born on Aug. 4th, 1937 passed away on Aug. 24th at the age of 87. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 4th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Jonathan Siedlecki, owner-director. Funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, 11500 S. Fairfield.

DINO V. HERNANDEZ longtime McKinley Park and Brighton Park area resident, passed away on Aug. 2nd at the age of 51. He was the father of Jared Gutzmer; son of Diane Spizzirri (nee Hogan) and step-son of Joseph Spizzirri; brother of Timothy and Robert Spizzirri; uncle of Frankie, Giuseppe and Ryan Spizzirri; grandson of Avis Hogan; nephew of Michael, Jack, Robert, Patrick Hogan and late William Ehrl Sr.; cousin of William Ehrl Jr., and Michael Hogan Jr. A Memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Wollschlaeger Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne ave.

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C.M.

Event Series On ARPA Programs

Under the leadership of Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County kicked off its "Community Voices" event series with the first of four community meetings this week.

Residents are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts on which American Rescue Plan Act programs should continue beyond 2026.

Community members may voice their opinions on the future of initiatives like the Cook County Promise Guaranteed Income Pilot, Medical Debt Relief Initiative and Violence Prevention grants. This input will influence decisions about long-term priorities as funding winds down.

The next regional meeting is scheduled at Kennedy King College 6301 S. Halsted st. on Wednesday, Sept. 4th from 6 to 7 p.m. Register at cookcounty.gov/info/4fx71X4

For those unable to attend the meeting, residents are encouraged to share their feedback by completing the Community Voices survey at arpa.cookcountyil.gov/survey.

Fundraiser For Homeless Pets



The 2024 Chicago Paws 5K Walk and Run will be staged at Grove 16, 400 W Montrose Harbor Drive on Saturday, Sept. 7th from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Animals lovers will raise funds and awareness for homeless pets. The day of fun includes sponsor giveaways, a dog agility course, pet massages, prize raffles, treats and surprises. Participants will receive a 2024 PAWS Chicago 5K T-shirt. Register at pawschicago.org.

Jazz Concert At Park No. 596



Provided by Chicago Park District

Yves Francois Rocambu Jazz Band will perform a free concert at Brighton Park Community Campus (Park No. 596), 4830 S. Western ave. on Friday, Sept. 6th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Festival At Northerly Island

The Chicago Park District and John Walt Foundation are hosting the 9th Annual Teens in the Park Festival at Northerly Island Park, 1521 S. Linn White Dr. on Saturday, Sept. 7th from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Singers, rappers, dancers, spoken word artists, musicians and poets between the ages of 14 and 24 will showcase their talent and compete for cash prizes.

Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com

Jazz Institute Offers Festival

The Chicago Jazz Festival will be staged at Millennium Park and the Chicago Cultural Center Aug. 29th through Sept. 1st with free programming.

For more information, visit ChicagoJazzFestival.us and Chicago.gov/DCASE.

Mustangs Run Club Invites Members

The Mustangs Run Club meets at the McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Saturdays at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Acquisitions At Lockport Gallery

New additions to the Illinois State Museum's art collection are on display at its Lockport Gallery through Oct. 12th, including exhibits by artists Glen Davies, Evelyn Statsinger and Barbara Rossi. Jaroslava Lialia Kuchma, and more.

The Gallery, 201 W. 10th St. in Lockport, is hosting four exhibits previously displayed in Springfield.

Glen Davies: Moment of Mystery; Evelyn Statsinger and Barbara Rossi: Picture Consequence; Jaroslava Lialia Kuchma: Tapestries and Collections Cameo: Recent Acquisitions.

Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free.

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A Salute To Hardworking Americans!

During our daily routines, we do business alongside other hardworking people. Even when we are outside of work - at the movies, the grocery store, driving on the highway - we encounter people who are working just as hard, even on weekends, night or at two jobs. Labor Day is a day to honor all of the men and women who work to provide for themselves and their families. Your efforts help keep our country and our communities strong, and we salute your commitment to a job well done. We hope you enjoy a great holiday weekend of festivities and relaxation.



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